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A bond in every home is the only way.

'Over the top' on the bonds is Nebraska's record.

What's the matter? Some of the 'boys' seem to think Mayor 'Jim's' favor is not an asset.

President Wilson is assured a pleasant few moments if he will only listen while Omaha sings 'America.'

Increase in pay had the effect of bringing plenty of workers to the packing house gates. The magic that lies in good wages can not be denied.

Winter wheat is reported to be in splendid condition throughout the state and we have a lot more of it than a year ago, which is even better news.

Our Dutch friends are finding that the old game of 'playing both ends to the middle' is a risky one, especially when both dealer and lookout are watching them.

The grand jury's report had one effect, in that a lot of janitors and scrub-women have been dismissed from the court house. But is the wave of reform to dash no higher than the lowly position of these?

Why should it be necessary for Douglas county to sue its highest paid official to compel him to turn into the treasury fees he collects in his office? Fee-grabbing has been outlawed, but the incumbent of the clerk's office does not believe in such a law.

Rose Pastor Stokes has repudiated her confession of love for and faith in America, doubtless preferring the crown of 'martyrdom' to the quiet consciousness of right that comes to the good citizen. She is welcome to her choice, and will find time in confinement to reflect on its wisdom.

American Valor in the Field.

French soldiers and officers are generously warm in their praise of conduct of American soldiers under fire. They express the utmost admiration for the men, who have held desperately to their work, refusing to retreat, even when retirement was permissible, but who stuck to the positions and took heavy toll of the oncoming Hunnish hordes.

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NO EXTENSION OF THE WAR.

President Wilson again has checked a move to declare a state of war against Bulgaria and Turkey, setting up reasons that to him are conclusive. The president believes that the retirement of one or both of these countries from the conflict is imminent; also that to declare war on either at this time would put into jeopardy lives of American citizens who can not be protected if relations are entirely broken off.

Between Germany and Holland.

Strained relations between Germany and Holland over the transportation of war material through Holland to Belgium may possibly lead to a declaration of war on either side. The incident serves to emphasize the patience with which the United States and Great Britain have dealt with the Dutch through the last three years.

The Dutch government has sedulously and scrupulously sought to maintain its neutrality, but its people have believed the professions of the authorities. Food, clothing and other supplies have been sent across the border into Germany in large quantities, a trade legitimate enough, but decidedly to the disadvantage of the Allies.

When the shipping conditions became acute, and the Allies finally were compelled to commandeer Dutch ships that had swung idle for months in American and British ports, a note of protest came from Holland, with a threat from Germany. All the time the negotiations for the use of the ships were in progress the Germans were transporting sand, gravel and other war material over Holland canals, building permanent defenses back of their lines.

All this has been extremely profitable business for the thrifty burghers, and it has been stated that almost the entire store of gold in Germany in 1914 has found its way into Holland.

The exploit of the British navy at Zebrugge and Ostend compares with the singing of the beard of Philip by Francis Drake in the far-off sixteenth century. Drake, in defiance of orders, detoured his division of the small English fleet, and entered the harbor of Cadiz, where he wrought havoc among the mighty war-vessels of the Spanish king, achieving a fame unequalled in naval annals.

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Recruiting Boys for the Farms Maine's Method Approved for Nation at Large

Lawrence Taggart in New York Times.

The state of Maine last summer gave the country an important solution of the labor difficulties of the farmer. The Department of Labor has adopted the plan for the whole nation, and has begun a "drive," with an objective of 2,000,000 million boys between the ages of 16 and 21 years.

The city boy who had a taste of country life, appreciated it, and acquired himself well. O. A. Morton, who brought the idea to the Maine State Young Men's Christian association, believes it is easier to make a good farmer out of the city boy than out of one bred on the farm.

Governor Milliken based his first enthusiasm for the movement on three reasons. The assistance to the imperilled agricultural interests of the state would be valid at least if not professional. It would be a splendidly healthy summer diversion for the boys and might create a measurable movement from the city to the farm.

Recruiting began early in May, and the first 300 went into camp June 4. The experiment was not primarily for the sake of reform; boys of excellent moral character and excellent physical condition were desired.

There were also many schoolmen from all over the state who volunteered their services as leaders or captains of the squads dispatched throughout the state to recruit boys from the farms.

The farmer was dealing with a new kind of hired man, and it was a considerable relief to his wife. She did not have to have him in the house, for he lived in a camp, and only came in to meals.

What Excuse for Hitchcock? Some of the republican senators insist that if tradition is to be disregarded in selecting a chairman of the committee on foreign relations, partisanship as well as seniority should be swept aside.

Senator Lodge measures up to all the historical qualifications of a chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations. So does Senator Knox of Pennsylvania. So does Senator Borah of Idaho. So does Senator Williams of Mississippi.

But what excuse can the senate offer, except habit, for brushing aside any one of these four men and making Hitchcock chairman of the committee? Of all the departments of the United States government, is congress alone to be blind and deaf to its responsibilities in time of war?

The action of the United States senate in deciding the chairmanship of the committee on foreign relations will provide a convincing test of its sincerity in demanding efficiency in the conduct of the war.

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The Bee's Letter Box

Tom Marshall and Secession.

Omaha, April 22.—To the Editor of The Bee: Among the items in The Independent a weekly magazine, published in New York under the date of April 20, 1918, in a column entitled "Remarkable Remarks," I find the following: "Vice President Marshall has been able to dispense that constitutionally and legally the south had its right to secede."

THE BLOODLESS SPORTSMAN. I go a-gunning, but take no gun, I fish without a pole; And I bag good game and catch such fish As suits a sportsman's soul.

A War-Song of Freedom. Oh, it's joyous to battle for Freedom; 'Tis good to be healthy and strong; 'Mid the howitzers' crash And the great lights' flash;

BRIGHT AND BREEZY. "Hi, Bill, here comes a gas wave!" "Thank heaven, this toothache is almost killing me!"—Cartoons Magazine.

Why Not Nicholas Oils? "Do you find that poultry keeping pays?" "Well, no; I can't say that it pays me, but it pays my boy."

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TODAY

One Year Ago Today in the War. German weekly report showed 52 merchant ships sunk by German U-boats and mines.

The Day We Celebrate. Edward G. Clay, soliciting freight agent of the Union Pacific railroad, born 1872.

William Marconi, inventor of wireless telegraphy, born at Bologna, Italy, 44 years ago.

John F. Stevens, Panama canal builder, born at West Gardner, Me., 55 years ago.

Rev. Hugh Latimer Burleson, Protestant Episcopal bishop of South Dakota, born at Northfield, Minn., 53 years ago.

Maurice Daly, American authority on billiards, born in New York City, 65 years ago.

1818—Colonel George Armistead, who kept the flag flying over Fort Mifflin, which suggested "The Star Spangled Banner," died in Baltimore, Md., at New Market, Va., April 19, 1778.

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The uniforms for the Fort Omaha ball team were received by J. J. Hardin.

Interested parties are now circulating a petition for signatures of property owners who are willing to subscribe to defray the expense of grading Twentieth street from Dorcas to College park.

A small number of the democrats of the Sixth ward met to select delegates to attend the coming county convention. F. W. Lessentin presided at the meeting and the delegates chosen to attend the convention were: J. D. Rustin, Bernard Schaefer, F. W. Lessentin, M. F. Murphy, Martin Beck, L. J. Blake and Charles Storz.

Mr. Harry Hall and Miss Clara L. Dolan were married in Trinity cathedral by Rev. Dean Gardner.

Scientists state that a flowering plant abstracts from the soil 200 times its own weight in water during its life.

According to a Vienna physician insomnia can be cured if a person will grasp the head of his bed and pull backward until fatigue develops.

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A weed farm, operated by the University of Minnesota, provides opportunity for agricultural students to make a close study of weeds. The farm produces every weed known to the state.

A dense fog caused the blunder which lost George Washington the battle of Germantown, which historians assert, might have won our country's freedom at one stroke, averting six more years of war.

On account of the scarcity of kerosene and other means of making light, the Danish government is purchasing 400 tons of tallow from which it expects to make 5,000,000 candles, to be distributed at about 45 cents per pound.

Cavalrymen have a superstition of their own. A mounted man firmly believes that he will come through the deadliest charge unscathed if he carries on his person the tooth of a war horse, the only condition being that he himself has at some time been through a charge unhurt.

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Baltimore American: The German-American Alliance has died, leaving a vacuum in this country should follow suit, the expense of winding it up would be saved for shells.

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New York World: A race between Atlantic and Pacific coast shipyards to build the first steel battleship in the shortest time is promised. It is a spirit of competition to be encouraged by every means in the power of the government.

Brooklyn Eagle: Any anemic young man should dodge doctors and taboo medicines. If he will work 12 hours a day on a farm for three months, he will come back full of red blood and withiceps worth showing in a symposium.

New York Herald: Karlsruhe doesn't like it. Being bombed from the air gets on his nerves. Karlsruhe begs Berlin to make an agreement that this bombing can be done without cease. Nothing doing: "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth," and anyway, Karlsruhe is an important military center. It is useless to appeal to Berlin, for soon Berlin will be crying for help. We have just begun to fight!

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"I don't think I ever saw quite so many lovely presents," said Mrs. Smith. "Everybody seems to have sent something."

"Yes," responded Mr. Smith, "they have enough clocks and cut glass pitchers to stock an auction room. Then there was that \$5,000 check from the bride's father."

"By the way, Henry," interjected wife, "who was the man who smiled so broadly when he looked at that check?"

"That was the cashier of the bank, answered Mr. Smith."—Chicago Herald.

Taking His Cue. A small street urchin from the city, who was spending some time in a fresh-air camp, was the source of considerable entertainment to members of the fame at a farm where he frequently called for milk and apples.

"Whaddya think about the youngster, anyhow?" the farmer asked his wife one evening.

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