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Victory loan? Sue, it's going over.

Germany has decided to send ministers and not messengers to Paris.

Bavaria has flopped again, if you still can work up interest in the politics of that region.

If Keith Neville were governor yet, do you think the "code" bill would be such a dreadful thing?

Kansas already has in an application for 120,000 harvest hands. Some of them may be needed.

It is easy enough to invite nations to a peace conference, but to make them agree is something else.

If the transatlantic flyers do not get started pretty soon, folks will quit paying any attention to them.

That midnight air raid was only the passing sign of old Jupiter Pluvius getting on the job right.

It might be worth while for people owning safes to open them now and then to see if the contents are intact.

Bela Kun said he had the people with him, but he had some difficulty when it came to convincing the police.

The Turk did not have to go far when he turned bolshevik. He had not advanced a great way in civilized life.

Great Britain has just borrowed 75,000,000 pesetas from Spain, if you want to know what heights a neutral nation can rise.

Germany wants to submit the Paris treaty to a referendum. In the end her plenipotentiaries will find the dotted line without trouble.

If those tanks tear up a battle line the way they do asphalt pavement, it is easy to understand why the Germans caved before them.

Federal Reserve banks report great enthusiasm for the Victory loan. Some of this may be due to the fact that it is to be the last of its kind.

If "Gene Huse keeps on he will have a wave of migration setting in towards Norfolk that will swamp the town. Some of them may be on Gus Hyers' payroll, too.

What an awful thing it is to have a lot of republicans holding office in Nebraska, and then not taking orders from the Omaha Hyphenated; 'snoutrage, all right.

Another postponement of the conference on steel prices is announced, and maybe by the time the board gets ready to meet the ordinary course of trade may have answered the question.

Senator Sutherland has heard the call of his constituents, and is now a candidate for nomination by the republicans for president next year. He at least has the distinction of waiting to be asked.

The Limerick strikers might profitably spend a portion of their idle time reading Diederich von Knickerbocker's "History of New York," particularly the chapter devoted to an explanation of the periwinkle currency.

"Contents of container" must come up to government requirements, or trouble will ensue for someone. Short-weighting packages, the most despicable form of profiteering, has finally been reached, and is to be done away with.

Federal Wheat Director Barnes sees a drop in the price of wheat not very far ahead, but none in bread. He may be right, but he will also hear quite a howl if the public keeps on paying famine prices for bread after the wheat quotation has got back onto the world basis again.

Nebraska republicans promised the people of the state they would do certain things if given the opportunity. The people took them at their word, and the legislators faithfully redeemed each pledge. It is this careful attention to business that has aroused the ire of the democrats, who promised nothing, and have done nothing but kick.

Feeding the Bolsheviks

If Mr. Hoover's plan for feeding Russia through neutral agencies becomes a fact, it is not in exchange for bolshevik gold that American food can go into Russia, but in exchange for a rational and civilized bolshevik policy. It is with Russia as with Germany. We are sending food across the Rhine for the purpose of encouraging order and the establishment of a government with which the Paris conference can talk in the comprehensible terms of one nation speaking with another nation. Food relief for Russia will not function if the transaction is to be between the entente, or America, on the one hand, and a "revolutionary internationalism" on the other. Does Lenin stand ready to abandon his warfare against "western imperialism"? Is the recognition he solicits to be recognition of a government or of a crusade? Or is war to continue under a new aspect—us striving to kill bolshevism through the offer of food and Lenin propaganda working to undermine the "capitalist imperialism" which feeds him? Mr. Hoover's proposal of food for Russia is not unconditional. The least he can ask for, and apparently does ask for, is that the Russia which clamors for food in order that it may go about its business shall restrict its business to its own confines.—New York Post.

CODE BILL AND REFERENDUM
The referendum law was adopted in Nebraska that the voters might have an opportunity to pass upon any act of the legislature directly. The old form was changed, and all our laws now start: "Be it enacted by the people of Nebraska." This is to take the responsibility home to the sovereign source of political power in the state. And the rule works both ways; good laws as well as bad are subject to its operation, and it may be used as well to obstruct as to forward public interest.

It is now proposed to invoke the referendum to retard the enforcement of the co-called "code" bill passed by the legislature. Such a course is clearly within the right of the voters; if a sufficient number of them ask for submission of the measure to the popular judgment, the vote on it must be taken.

However, the new law should not be measured by the yardstick of its partisan opponent. It was enacted in pursuance of a pledge made by the republican party to the people of Nebraska in its platform of 1918. No deception was then or is now connected with the measure. It was not conceived in the dark, nor brought forth from a secret conference, nor is it designed to inordinately expand the personal power or foster the political ambitions of the governor or any other single citizen of Nebraska.

Chiefly, and solely, it aims to give the state of Nebraska better government; to secure more efficient administration of the public business; to place responsibility for the conduct of affairs squarely on officers charged with carrying out the work, and to get 100 cents worth of service for every dollar of public money expended.

Discussion of the "code" bill will progress from time to time, as its operation shows its merits. When the public is made familiar with its details, judgment may be sincerely passed upon it. In fairness, it should stand or fall on its merits or its lack of them, and not on the prejudiced assertions of those who seek advantage through restricting Nebraska to the unsatisfactory and wasteful methods of an inadequate and out-worn system of state administration.

Italy Firm for Fiume.

Mr. Wilson has encountered a stubborn obstacle in his great work of fixing political boundaries in Europe. Italy firmly declines to abate its demands for the great Adriatic port of Fiume. To this, as to other portions of the Adriatic coast, the Jugo-Slavs lay claim. It is a question of which has the better right. The president has apparently made up his mind that the Italian claims are not well founded. Thus a deadlock has developed between the United States and Italy on the Adriatic question. Baron Sonnino has entrenched himself behind the secret treaties made between Italy and England, France and Russia, and the president reminds him that the United States was not a party to those treaties.

In his "fourteen points," given to the world in January, 1917, Mr. Wilson made this his 9th: "A readjustment of the frontiers of Italy should be effected along clearly recognizable lines of nationality." In his 11th point, dealing with the Balkans, he set out: "Serbia accorded free and secure access to the sea." At the time it was not anticipated that the Austrian empire would be dissipated. The Jugo-Slavs were to have Montenegro and Serbia, with access to the sea assured. More than this is not expressed.

The whole question turns on the interpretation of the generalizations contained in the president's language. The Italians are resolute, relying on national history; the Jugo-Slavs are quite as determined, basing their claims on the infiltration of former Italian communities. Sentiment among well informed Americans leans to the Italian side. Whether Mr. Wilson will be able to modify his attitude on this point remains to be seen, but at the present he seems to be unfortunate in his effort to give practical meaning to the phrases he used two years ago. Moreover, he is coming into personal contact with some of the difficulties presented in the Balkan question, and may be able in the future to view with a more sympathetic eye the efforts of diplomats of other days in trying to harmonize the interests of that region.

Germany and the Peace Covenant.

Just suppose Germany does not enter the League of Nations; what then? For the present the enemy nations are excluded from the pact, and the bar is not to be lifted until the nations within are content with the behavior of those without. In order that the League of Nations may fulfill its destiny, it is necessary that Germany eventually become one of the parties to the covenant. But the Germans have not yet shown any desire for such membership, nor do they evince any great interest in it, other than as it may adversely affect them. In considering the future, will it not be wise to make calculations against such a possible contingency as that the peoples now excluded may decide to remain outside, or at least not to be bound by the terms of the covenant? It is a matter of history that the Hague conventions came to nothing because of German refusal to be bound by them. Acceptance of the principle was not sufficient to vitalize it, nor will such action now give life to the peace that is to come out of Paris. The better way to secure the future is to adopt such reasonable safeguards as are supported by experience, framing any experiment that is to be tried in such fashion as will not leave the world helpless if it fails. Every right thinking person in all the world wants permanent peace, but our dear-bought knowledge of the German mind should teach us its workings are not in line with the thought that is embodied in the League of Nations. France has to look ahead to a future where an unrestricted Germany is an unlimited threat, and so she asks to be relieved if possible from the situation.

You may have noticed that the man who finally flew from Chicago to New York without stopping didn't waste time talking about his plans. He just started his machine and made the flight. Several morals might be pointed by this, all of them obvious.

"An apple a day" will mean a little something more to the consumer in the future, the apple having joined with the orange groves in a combination to maintain prices and pool profits, especially the latter.

Mr. Wilson cables an Illinois congressman that he can not say when congress will be called together, for he does not know himself. Now, go on with your checker-lying.

Points On Victory Loan

New York Evening Post.
Recollection of the varying moods that attended the Liberty loan "drives"—high optimism at the outset, fears of partial failure when the campaign was half completed, and reviving confidence in the days just before the closing of the lists—has doubtless influenced the financial community not to hitch its predictions too high regarding the outcome of the canvass which begins on Monday. Nevertheless, the terms of the "Victory loan issue" announced at the beginning of the week, being distinctly more favorable in nearly every respect than the public has been led to expect, furnished an incontestable ground for hopefulness.

The favorable opinion has already become thoroughly familiar. Instead of the \$5,000,000,000 or \$6,000,000,000 forecast in January and February as the amount to be asked for only \$4,500,000,000 is required, and oversubscriptions will not be accepted. This clearly carries the possibility that should the notes be in active demand on the day of their issue, the return on the 3-3-4 per cent issue, or for other cause, subscriptions may be filed in excess of the amounts actually wanted by investors. The interest borne by the tax-exempt notes is actually somewhat above the yield on the outstanding tax-free 3-1-2s; and if it is objected that the rate of 4-4-4 percent on the partially tax-exempt feature of the 3-3-4 per cent issue, or for other cause, subscriptions may be filed in excess of the amounts actually wanted by investors. 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