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UNCLE SAM'S RAILROADS

The government has assumed con-
trol of the vast system of American
railroads, and the heavens have not
fallen. There is no excitement.
There is only a vast sense of relief.
The thing is seen to have been nec-
essary and inevitable. The railroads
had done pretty well, considering
their handicaps. Perhaps they really
did the very best they could. But
there were certain defects in the sys-
tem that could not be entirely rid of
by any process short of central con-
trol with absolute powers.

The Sherman act is now a dead
letter, so far as railroad operation
is concerned. What was wrong be-
fore is right now—because it is done
by the government, for all the peo-
ple, instead of by private interests
for private interests. Our railroads
are pooled. Our transportation is
made a complete monopoly.

This is state socialism. We may
deprecate that fact, but there's no
use ignoring it. And as a matter of
fact, there isn't much incentive to ig-
nore it. Nobody seems to care. Mer-
chants have lost their power to
frighten. We are in this war to win
it, and the public is reconciled to
doing anything obviously necessary
to win it.

We have put unprecedented powers
in the hands of the government,
and the public rests easy because it
knows that any administration which
abuses these great powers can be
called to swift and effective account-
ing. It knows, too, that when the
immediate urgency is past the old sys-
tem can be quickly restored if it
then seems desirable to restore it.

The railroad operators and direc-
tors and stockholders are not worry-
ing any more about it than the gen-
eral public. In fact, they seem
pleased with the new situation. Their
biggest troubles have been unloaded
on Uncle Sam, the giant who, though
he blunders more or less, has a re-
markable aptitude for blundering
in the right direction, and who has
enough vitality and common sense
to set all his errors right sooner or
later.

THE DANGER TO OUR
GERMANS

Judge J. C. Ruppenthal of Russell,
Mo., who describes himself as a pure
blooded German, all of whose an-
cestors for many generations have
been born in Germany and lived in
Germany, looks at the German-Amer-
ican situation from a new and inter-
esting angle. Giving advice to his
fellow German-Americans, he says:
"I would rather not take chances
for myself and my children as Amer-
icans on any treatment Germany
might accord us if it were ever able
to dictate terms of peace in or to
the United States. In that day it
will be better to be of any other blood
than German. For of all Americans,
I fancy, the American of German
ancestry is the most cordially hated
by the militarists of Germany. It
behoves all Americans of German
ancestry to be especially zealous for
our nation, for they have most to
lose."

Judge Ruppenthal probably has
good reason for this view. It is
well known that the Germans who
came to America were generally re-
garded in the Fatherland, before the
war, as a sort of renegade. The
Kaiser was notoriously scornful of
them. It was hard for the Americans
in question to appreciate this fact;
it is hard for them now; but accord-
ing to some of the most enlightened
of their own racial group, the best
thing for them to do is to face the
facts.

Their own relatives and friends,
the average Germans back in the Fa-
therland, do not hate them. But the
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before the blast, it is believed.

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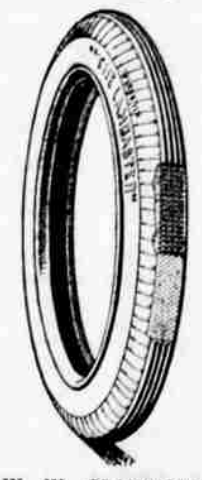
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