

What the Editors Say.

Speaking of higher education it is as Charley Chapin says, "there is no use educating an ignoramus, for he is a bigger fool when you get through with him than when you began."—Sheridan Sun.

When this war is over, the made-in-Germany imprint on any article will kill its sale and we may expect stores to emblazon on their fronts, "No German-made goods on sale here."—The Sentinel.

When Adam sinned he wasn't given the second chance. Neither does the Eugene Guard intend to give Allen Easton, University of Oregon professor, the second chance, having once shown his pacifist tendencies.—Sheridan Sun.

When that Kaiser thing stuck his face to within 4 inches of Ambassador Gerard's face and made his bluff statement, no doubt Mr. Gerard wished it happened in America. He would have knocked that kaiser things block off his shoulder. It plainly showed the low down principles of the big bluff.—Banks Herald.

The law tolerates no form of gambling and violators of this prohibition take grave chances unto themselves. The sport of tossing coins in denominations ranging from the lowly penny to the quarter, either at lines or for matching, is to the thoughtless youth an innocent pastime. Nevertheless it is a form of gambling and comes within the law, and the streets are no places to tempt the leniency of a public officer.—Sheridan Sun.

We glory with the farmer who gets \$2.50 for his wheat until we have to pay ten cents a loaf for our bread. France gets 35 ounces of bread for nine cents and England pays 11 cents for 35 ounces of bread. Another lesson America must learn from the war is that civilization does not include the food speculator. England and France are getting most of their wheat from America, and America pays close to three times as much for the bread that is made from it.—Seaside Signal.

Better catch up with your belated correspondence before November 1st. Commencing on that date the postage on letters will be three cents and on post cards two cents. It will also cost more to send a telegram, use the long distance telephone, ride on a passenger train, receive or ship goods by parcel post, express or freight. Even the moving picture shows will probably be compelled to raise their admission price to meet the additional cost of films and the war tax on admissions. Everybody will have to help pay the cost of licking the Kaiser.—Itemizer.

It is pretty hard at times to draw the line between over-zeal and mis-arrange of justice. If a Sheriff could at all times tell what a jury would do, he could sit in his office and administer the law without resort to legal machinery, thereby saving much expense. For example: A doctor left Polk County for Chicago a few weeks ago. The next day the wires burned until he was taken off a train in Idaho and brought back to answer the charge of illegal operation. The fact that he returned willingly might have indicated his degree of guilt, or, rather the lack of it. A jury last week said he was not guilty. The expense bill has been fattened however, and that is something.—Oregonian.

It is to be hoped that before a second quota of the draft is ordered advice of local exemption boards all over the country that all able single men be taken before those with families are drawn will be heeded. Under the first drawing selection rested entirely upon chance and the results was that in some districts married men have predominated while many without such responsibilities have been left free to go about their usual avocations. It is true that district boards were given power to grant exemption where there was dependency, but the theory was wrong and so it has turned out it would have been wiser to have first called the unmarried men and have only called those with wives when there was absolutely necessary.—Independent.

Official Germany is aroused to protest by the fact that French airmen have dropped bombs on open towns, and asserts that these efforts can only be considered the outcome of a blind desire for destruction. It is significantly added that "by such barbarities the will to preserve can only be strengthened among the German people." But for years the Germans have been practicing every form of barbarity their officers could devise. Unarmed liners have been sunk and hundreds of women and children drowned. Open towns in England and hospitals in France have been bombed of time and time again. Wells in the relinquished part of France have been poisoned. Frightfulness has been reduced to science. Do the German military autocrats have the effrontery to believe that in their hands frightfulness is a beneficial weapon for shortening the war, while in the hands of others it is a terrible weapon that will draw down the vengeance of God?—Oregon Register.

A special plea is made in the second Liberty bond campaign to farmers to invest in bonds. Heretofore the investments have been made for the most part by townpeople, and it is hoped and expected that the farmers will respond more generally this time. There is reason why they should. The government has guaranteed them a wheat price which would have been considered fabulous two or three years ago. Their interests have been well considered, as the government realized the production of food was one of the most important tasks before the country. It is time for the farmers to show themselves generous

and patriotic. If the success of the loan should be endangered through their indifference, the failure would be as much a menace to the farmer as to any other class. Every farmer who possibly can should buy a bond and have a part in this great patriotic movement of the American people to stand back of the government in guaranteeing future peace to the world.—Telephone Register.

Organized Treason.
The government was not a minute too soon in stifling the malodorous conspiracy of the I. W. W. The program of the organization was incredibly traitorous. Kerosene was to be poured into bakers' ovens, emery powder was to be thrown into the gears of all sorts of machines, locomotives were to be disabled and rendered useless.

In a letter written to one Rowan to Haywood on August 2 it declared that "the old bugaboo of 'patriotism' is being preached on all sides. We have the good will of the German people here, and we feel that they are in sympathy with our cause. We are going to carry our points if we have to stop every industry on the Pacific Coast." Talk about copperheads! Why they never dreamed of such propaganda as this.

But the leaders of the wreckers have been indicted. The machinery of the law will get them, traitors alike to their own associates and to their country. Before we get through with some of these people, even Benedict Arnold may appear to have been but a meek and mild traitor in comparison.—Philadelphia Evening Ledger.

BULLETS FOR TRAITORS.

New York Father Suggests Treatment for Sedition.
In every state in the union, including Washington county, fathers and mothers who have sons in the army will echo what Lemuel E. Quigg has to say in the New York Tribune concerning sedition and traitorous movements aimed to prevent further enlistments and to encourage slackers. He advises bullets as a remedy, which is a preception which appears to fit the case. His letter follows:

The mouth of sedition should be shut by a bullet.
I am not boiling with rage, Mr. Editor. I am not even excited. The point is this—my son, my only child, in prompt response to his country's duly sounded call, is today headed for the French trenches, there to be the target for German bullets. Every voice raised at home to discourage others from going to him increases the chance, already considerable, that he may never come back to his mother and me. I think that voice ought to be still before his has been. But this view is the very least of it. The great thing is that until the world rids itself of nations organized into beasts of prey, no man's home is worth building. No man's business is worth pursuing. No man's wife nor his cradled baby is safe from rape or death.

I have often heard it remarked that this war is unpopular. What war ever was "popular" except to the greed, lust and ambition that caused it? What war was ever popular with people who want to live in the enjoyment of peace, order and liberty?
The use of the word "popular" in connection with the war is despicable. But never before has there been a war where the principle of individual liberty, the right to go about freely, to do one's lawful business without interruption, to protest one's women and children against lust and murder, has been so definitely presented to the American people.

The reason we are standing these taxes, the reason we are handing guns to our young men, is because after patience against provocation unexampled in history, after hopes created one day only to be blasted the next, we have at least become convinced that the object for which the German armies were sent against France and Flanders and Russia means not their conquest only, but ours also—means that if that end is successful in Europe it is an everlasting menace to national organization and individual liberty everywhere on earth.

What is the use of trying to earn a living that will content your wife and educate your children if you have to spend half of what your labor earns, and, to the interruption of your business, spend years of your life creating military services in order to be ready to beat some ravenous beast that is watching for the right time to spring at you?

The German people are responsible. They don't have to have the Hohenzollerns and the German military aristocracy unless they mean what their godless rulers mean.

No blacksmith ever shod a horse, no farmer ever tilled a field to better result than is got when our president speaks the mind of the American people in his answer to the pope telling the German people that before this war can end the purposes for which they have permitted their armies to be sent out must be definitely abandoned.

The only thing that is before this country now is how to win this war with the smallest sacrifices of the arms, legs, lives of the boys; of the wealth that is sustenance of American industry that earns bread and butter to keep them in the field and to keep their wives and children, their fathers and mothers, their dependents and those on whom they may have to depend, from distress and starvation.

Only at the risk of life should any man be permitted to say or do a thing that imperils the success of our cause in the war—to say things or do things that tend to increase the sacrifices that our nation must now make in order to render the world "safe for democracy." Those of us "safe for democracy, who are not worth who are over 50, who are not worth drafting, who are absolutely unable to tote 52 pounds of ammunition and to equipment, who must remain at home in the office, behind the counter, or in

the factories, or on the farm, can still do something more—we can make it damned unpleasant for sedition.

WILSON CLAMPS FOOD LAW ON ALL DIET ESSENTIALS.

Manufacture, Storage and Distribution to be Under License.

Washington, Oct. 10.—Government control of foodstuffs is extended to take in virtually all the essential articles of diet by a proclamation issued tonight by President Wilson directing the food administration to license, after November 1, the manufacture, storage, importation and distribution of 20 prime commodities.

Many small dealers are exempted, as are farmers who were especially excepted in the food control law.

Meaning Fully Defined.
The proclamation says: "It is essential, in order to carry into effect the purposes of said act, to license the importation, manufacture, storage and distribution of necessaries to the extent hereinafter specified."

"All persons, firms, corporations engaged in the business of either (1) operating cold storage warehouses (a cold storage warehouse for the purpose of this proclamation being defined as any place artificially or mechanically cooled to or below a temperature of 45 degrees Fahrenheit in which food products are placed and held for 30 days or more); (2) operating elevators, warehouses or other places for storage of corn, oats, barley, beans, rice, cottonseed, cottonseed cake, cottonseed meal or peanut meal, or (3) importing, manufacturing (including milling, mixing or packing) or distributing, (including buying or selling) any of the following commodities:

- "Wheat, wheat flour.
- "Rye or rye flour.
- "Barley or barley flour.
- "Oats, oatmeal or rolled oats.
- "Corn, corn grits, corn meal, hominy, corn flour, starch from corn, corn oil, corn syrup.
- "Rice, rice flour.
- "Pea seed and dried peas.
- "Cottonseed, cottonseed oil, cottonseed meal.
- "Peanut meal or peanut oil.
- "Soy bean oil, soy bean meal, palm oil or copra oil.
- "Oleomargarine, lard, lard substitutes, oleo oils or cooking fats.
- "Milk, butter or cheese.
- "Condensed, powdered or evaporated milk.
- "Fresh, canned or cured beef, pork or mutton.
- "Poultry or eggs.
- "Fresh or frozen fish.
- "Fresh vegetables or fruit.
- "Canned peas, dried beans, tomatoes, corn, salmon or sardines.
- "Dried prunes, apples, peaches or raisins.
- "Sugar, syrups or molasses.

Exceptions Named.
"Excepting however the following: "Operators of all elevators or warehouses handling wheat or rye and manufacturers of the derivative products of wheat or rye, who have already been licensed.

"Importers, manufacturers and refiners of sugar and manufacturers of sugar syrup and molasses, who have already been licensed.

"Retailers whose gross sales of food commodities do not exceed \$100,000 per annum.

Common carriers.
"Farmers, gardeners, cooperative associations of farmers or gardeners, including live stock farmers and other persons with respect to the products of any farm, garden or other land owned, leased or cultivated by them.

"Fishermen whose business do not extend beyond primary consignment.
"Those dealing in any of the above commodities on any exchange, board of trade or similar institutions, are defined by section 13 of the act of August 10, 1917, to the extent of their dealings on such exchange or board of trade.

"Millers of corn, oats, barley, wheat, rye or rice operating only plants of a daily capacity of less than 75 barrels.

"Canners of peas, dried beans, corn, tomatoes, salmon or sardines, whose gross production does not exceed 5000 cases per annum.

"Persons slaughtering, packing, distributing fresh, canned or cured beef, pork or mutton, whose gross sales of such commodities does not exceed \$100,000 per annum.

"Operators of poultry or egg packing plants, whose gross sales do not exceed \$50,000 per annum.

"Manufacturers of maple syrup, maple sugar and maple compound.

"Ginners, buyers, agents, dealers or other handlers of cottonseed who handle yearly, between September and August 31, less than 150 tons of cottonseed.

Must Secure License.
Those not excepted "are hereby required to secure on or before November 1, 1917, a license, which license will be issued under such rules and regulations governing the conduct of business as may be prescribed.

"Applications for the license must be made to the United States Food Administrator, Washington, D. C., license division.

"Any person, firm or corporation or association, other than those hereinbefore specified, doing business after November 1, 1917, without first securing such license will be liable to the penalty prescribed by said act of congress.

The penalties prescribed for violation of the act are a fine of \$5000 or imprisonment of not more than two years.

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An Example for Canada.
Canadian public men have much to learn from American public men, who in the war, have shown a readiness and a determination to sink party feeling that are admirable indeed. Though the last presidential elections fought in November, were bitterly contested, and although the thought, whether silent or unexpressed—"He kept us out of war"—helped largely to decide the issue in favor of Presi-

dent Wilson, less than four months later he had declared that a state of war existed between the United States and Germany. What a temptation to his political adversaries to taunt him for his great campaign slogan! No one, so far as close attention to American newspapers discloses, indulged in that pastime. The cry went up: "We must all stand behind the president."—Toronto Mail and Empire.

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