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PARTISANSHIP ABOVE PATRIOTISM

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The biggest German drive in this country is being made by men like the editor of the Voter whose patriotism is subscrvient to their partisanship. They are for the jepublican party first and all the time and for the govornment only when it is administered by republicans. The editor of the Voter knows, if he knows anything at all, that it is the fault of no political party that this country was not prepared for war. Our people are not a
war like people and the republican party, in power threefourths of the time since the civil war begun ip 1860 , built up neither army nor navy. The democratic party did no Wm. Cetter in its short periods of power except that Secretary the real foundation for our present effective ocean fighting machine, brought to perfection hy Secretary Daniels upon whom the editor of the Voter and misreprestin him and seeking to discredit his work, in the same man ner they are seeking to undermine President Wilson the present time.
President Wilson war with Germany was declared, resident Wilson toured the country as far west a Kansas City speaking on the necessity of "Prepardnes
for What did the Voter and other republican papers say then? that the president was playing politics of course, and urged the people to pay no attention to his warnings--and no attention was paid to it!
The editor of the Voter knows the facts in the case but he prefers to play party polities instead of playing his part as a real American citizen. And he is helping to smash the republican party to smithereens because th people are back of the government in this as every other great crisis and the objectors and critics will be swept aside or ridden rough-shod over as war conditions become more pronounced with the increasing gravity of the situation.

General Maurice will probably be court-martialed and made to answer for his unwarranted attack on the British war adminsirtation. Which only indicates that if we ha some of the European efficiency that so many malvelt Chamberlain, and a lot of irresponsible senotors congressmen, politicians and editors, would be talking hrough prison bars absing the American right free speech at a time in the nation's history when talk is pure evil and deeds are wanted. If they were on the pure evil and deeds are wanted. If they were on the service than they are rendering now, presumably withou being paid for it.

The kaiser in commenting on the surrender of Rumania disposed to give God some of the credit, but it is plain palace in the main, and his soldiers and his "brave commanders" come next to him in the way of credits. He thus places God in the light of what a politician or horseman would call "a bad third.'

War makes the sentimental give place to the practical and the stories of the rains throughout the Northwes yesterday did not speak of them as "raining violets," but mentioned the fact that the crops were benefitted a least ten million dollars. It wasn't raining violets but pouring down a shower of golden wheat. The weather man is doing his bit toward winning the war.
A headline in the Telegram reads: "Tied to a tree and ordered to leave." It looks as though the fellows who di the tying, ga
their advice.

## LADD \& BUSH, Bankers

Second Installment of Twenty Per Cent on Third

Liherty Bonds will be due May 28, 1918.

That was good advice minority leader Mann gave his olleagues yesterday when leaving for home on account demn the prosecution of the war too hastily, because legislative mistakes as well as executive have been made." He added: "The American people do not need to be miswin the warer-optimism to keep up the determination need to have the facts of losses or defeat kept from them to keep them from weakening in their determination to arry the war to a successful conclusion.

The Sherman law is pretty badly shot to pieces when the four great express companies of the country combine and this with the consent and by the advice of the governstraint of trade are found to be quite a different thing straint of trade are found to be quite a different thing when the
expenses.

The queen of Rumania refuses to recognize the peace Asrangements made between her country and Germany. ng, she is quite right in not considering the peace as an greement.

Senator Hitchcock was yesterday selected to fill the another patriot of the negative kind.

The American gunners are making a reputation with heir allies and their mark with the Germans.

## Rippling Rhymes <br> by Walt Mason



## We lately had a Pay Up Week, when folks squared up their ancient bills, and coin was

 flowing, like a streak, to all the local merchants' tills. I settlei for the wooden legI bought nine years ago last May, and Jones and Smith and Brown and Gregg paid up for groceries and hay. I long had shunned the busy streets, and through the alleys took my way, consorting with a lot of beats who couldn't or who wouldn't pay. Alas, I for fountain pens, for calico men 1 owed for fountain pens, for calico and Irish lace,
for poodles and for setting hens. It filled for poodles and for setting hens. It filled ust ahead; and I would hide behind a fence on hearing jinks the butcher's tread. I owed this man and that a slid around, and made my journeys after dark. But Pay Up Week brought strong appeals from dark. But Pay were needing dust; they handed out most potent spiels o men who had abused their trust. And so, by conscience vell advised with cash to creditors I speed; the merchant princes were surprised, but only one fell over dead. And now in me; no matter who I chance to meet, I do not hide
behind a tree.


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Everyone Should Drink Hot Water in the Morning
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