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Some folks believe it is just plain graft as well as airplane graft.

Germany demands a war indemnity of two billion dollars from Rumania. The kaiser must have sized her pile exactly.

If the Ukrainians don't look out Germany will have a pretty big expense account against them for settling their internal affairs.

Every man who feels an interest in his country's success in the war should buy war savings stamps. There is no better way of showing such interest.

The government's May crop report sounds like we will have a plenty to eat next year and a pretty good surplus to send to the hungry ones in France and Belgium.

Non-partisan politics seems to be applicable only in those sections where a nomination by one party or the other amounts only to a complimentary proceeding.

"After the war—what?" asks The Detroit Free Press. Reckon there are two crowned heads in continental Europe that are being bothered by the same question.

Secretary's Baker's parting words to General Pershing were said to have been, "Press on." To this the general might aptly have replied, "With your help we will."

Now they say there is going to be a scarcity of ice the coming summer. We have curiosity to know what substitute for the article Mr. Hoover is going to suggest to the people.

If General Foch knew as much about the situation at the front and the course that should be pursued as do some of his critics in this country the allied armies would be in Berlin by Sunday.

Uncle Joe Cannon may be a red-hot republican, but he is for America first, last and all the time. He is supporting the president in the conduct of the war while some democrats are all the time trying to throw obstacles in his way.

Putting together the result of the third liberty bond drive and the fearful loss sustained by the Germans in their drive on the allies it would seem the kaiser would find it better policy to withdraw his army of spies and propagandists in this country and fill the depleted ranks of his armies with them.

If you feel just for some way to spend your money patriotically because the liberty bond drive is over, we remind you that the war stamp and thrift certificate campaign is still on and the Red Cross drive will soon begin.

"Count Burian of Austria says his country still wants peace, that it has to fight, however, even though with the sword in one hand and the olive branch in the other. The trouble is that the olive branch is in their left hand and it seems to be paralyzed," says The Charlotte News.

While the attacks on Ostend and Zeebrugge were not as successful as was desired, they demonstrated the fact that German submarine bases can be reached by the allies' navies. Other and more successful attacks may be expected.

MR. LOVAT FRAZER.

Americans do not object to plain talk, as Lovet Frazer says, but there is a difference between ordinary plain talk and unjust criticism. It shows great ingratitude for any Britisher to criticize America at this day for not having "delivered the goods."

Mr. Frazer differs with Lloyd-George and other British leaders in belittling what this country has done for their cause. They declare that what the United States has accomplished is something remarkable. If America has not done all that Mr. Frazer thinks she should have done in aid of Great Britain he should remember that it is what she has done along that line which makes it possible for the British armies to be now fighting the enemy on French soil instead of on their own.

Those Mauser Rifles: If there be an ytruth in the report as to those million rifles and cartridges to correspond it is a serious matter and should be thoroughly investigated.

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IMPROVED SERVICE.

This Dispatch announces the addition of two new features beginning today, the Frederic J. Haskin service and the McCutcheon cartoons. In securing these services, The Dispatch feels that it has made provision for meeting a demand by the public which cannot be met by the average newspaper.

Through an arrangement with The Chicago Tribune, the McCutcheon cartoon service is available for daily use by The Dispatch.

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might cut the nets, the bombs would be exploded before the boats could get clear of the nets, the explosion being caused by the boats becoming entangled in them.

The prophecy that the man of the hour who was to come to the front "out of the north" during the war is slow in fulfillment, and conditions in Russia would indicate that he has not been born yet.

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The Flunkey Nust Go

By FREDERICK J. HASKIN. Washington, D. C., May 15.—America has no man power to waste in unnecessary occupations. With our allies calling for millions of men at the front, with a crop maturing which is beyond the capacity of our farmers to harvest, with almost every industry essential to the war suffering from a shortage of labor, the above statement does not seem to require detailed proof.

This point of view is expressed for the department of agriculture by Clarence H. Ousley, assistant secretary. "The flunkey nust go," is the way he expresses it.

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Stenographer DALE DRUMMOND

A Detriment to Good Work. CHAPTER XII. WHAT a queer life a stenographer led, I thought as I left Alice. What a difference in Alice with her sweet honey ways, her beau, her good position, the only one she ever had had, her kind employer; and then Milly and Betty, both, who had been so hardy tempted; Carrie and I who worked like dogs; and had only our pay envelopes. None of the consideration which Alice had thrown in to stimulate us to do our best.

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