



This country is now preparing to have peace.

Friday the 13th, 1300 men were enlisted in the Navy. That's Woodrow's lucky number.

Somebody deposes and says that Mexico's conduct thus far is too good to be true.

Even those who are too proud to fight can be pushed just so far. And everybody who fails to fight at the drop of the hat is not a coward.

Seven billion dollars to prosecute the war. That's some coin. Who thought that gay old boy with the striped breeches had it in his jeans.

The food speculator could show a patriotic spirit to our home government by cutting out speculation, until the war is over, and thus make a lot of ordinary folks happy.

Germany has been trying to hand-icup Uncle Sam a long time any way, it was understood in this country in 1898 that Wilhelm II tried to form a coalition of European Governments in support of Spain against us.

Food preparedness is being practiced by everybody in this section. Virgin soil will be used right here in Lincoln; spots of ground long on the waiting list already having been planted by gardeners of the amateur variety. But wait till the harvest.

We are in it, and the fellow who is still on the fence makes a fine target. We are no longer neutral, and those who want to cuss about this war should go direct to the spot and spend their wrath on the Kaiser, the cause of it all.

The family that sees that no food is wasted will be rendering a patriotic service during the war. There will be plenty for all if every one produces every bit of food possible and then sees to it that nothing goes to waste. It will be a blessing in disguise if the American people learn to prevent waste.

Establishment of 14 citizen camps where reserve officers and applicants for commissions in the new war army will receive military instruction was authorized Wednesday by Secretary Baker. Men from North Carolina who wish to be trained as commissioned officers for the new army will go to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. This is a great opportunity for N. C. men who want commissions. The training camps will be open May 8th.

Put William J. down also as a patriotic American. Colonel Bryan says he intends supporting the Government in "any war plan upon which it may decide," and in so doing he is setting an example for Congress, in case any member should at a future time be in need of an example says the Charlotte Observer. The Colonel will even give endorsement to selective conscription—and any one knowing his general sentiments, knows how badly that will go against his grain. But he is in for the whole program and will prove no shirker in the least particular.

ONLY A COMPARATIVELY FEW WILL GET ON FIRING LINE

In what way may I best serve my government in the present trouble is on the mind of every true American. There is one thing sure very few are going to have the opportunity of firing a gun at the enemy, this glory will only be for the privileged few. But every man, woman and child can help in some way.

One way those who do not wear uniforms can help fight the war is to do their full duty as civilians says the Montgomery Advertiser. What can a civilian do? Better say, what cannot a civilian do?

For one thing the women folks can keep an eagle eye on the family war chest and guard it against the imps of useless extravagance. Once a woman makes up her mind to be thrifty she can excel in the practice. She won't hesitate to argue about a nickel, nor to walk a block to save a nickel in a store. It is not a propitious time for poor folks to live like lords.

It is a time for the exercise of all reasonable care in the conservation of life's necessities. The first thing the American people have got to do to make their position secure is to eliminate waste, systematically and determinedly.

It all comes home to the individual in every walk of life. We must stand together and see the thing through. Comparatively few Americans at best will be required to shoulder guns—even if a million men are drafted. The great mass of the people will be at home, but on each member of that great mass rests a responsibility the like of which he has not seen in this generation.

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THE FARMER.
In war, as well as in politics, the farmer steps forward as the man on whom the eyes of Nations are turned.

BICKETT FAVORS SELECTIVE DRAFT.
Governor Bickett answering the New York American's telegram relative to the selective draft which Mr. Hearst has instructed all his papers to advocate, said yesterday:

"Equal rights entail equal duties. But men there be who boldly assert their rights and shrewdly forget their duties."

"A decent respect for the principle of equality of right and of responsibility, demands that in providing an army for the common defense selection should be made upon the basis of a common liability. No sane person would propose to finance the war with volunteer subscriptions. Even in times of war money must be accorded the equal protection of the law. But the volunteer system of raising an army works a tragic discrimination against manhood. The flower of our youth present their bodies as a living sacrifice to their country while baser breeds remain at home and propagate the race. The burning injustice of such a system is surpassed only by its nauseating stupidity. Men should be selected for service upon the basis of natural fitness. To be so called to the colors, ought, and when properly understood, will be considered a nation's stamp of distinction."

FROM OTHER VIEWPOINTS.
No doubt the increasing scarcity of neutrals is also causing some uneasiness in Germany.—Indianapolis News

The German-Americans who profess fealty to the American flag so strongly could aid Uncle Sam a good deal in the work of rounding up Prussian spies, if they would.—Rochester Herald.

Men who say they want peace will do well to reflect that the only way to peace is through vigorous prosecution of the present conflict.—Milwaukee Journal.

Economists are wondering what is to become of Germany's export trade after the war, with all the world arraying itself against her. Well, there is one thing the "made in Germany" sign will still appear on, and that is the war.—Kansas City Times.

Chicago speculators, as well as pacifists, must be studied as possible sources of fair aid to Germany.—Washington Star.

That German raider in the Gulf of Mexico will not remain there long unless the hospitality of Mexican ports is extended.—Florida Times-Union.

Germany needn't offer any more peace terms; when she is ready for peace she can ask for terms.—Pennsylvania Record.

Wonders will never cease. Imagine Teddy the Terrible paying a peaceful visit to the White House.—Rochester Herald.

It must be a terrible shock to the ex-Czar to find that the world goes on just the same now that he is merely a private citizen in jail.—Kansas City Star.

Indianapolis News.
Those fellows who anticipate any difficulty in following Elihu Root's advice to "submerge all partisan feeling, forget they are Republicans until the war is over, and to be Americans only," should remember that there is not going to be much room for anybody but Americans in this country for a while now.

The news of the continued repulses of the Germans may be taken as an accepted fact. The long expected "Spring drive" is now under way, and the expectations of the British and French are manifestly materializing according to program. It is scarcely possible that information as to the extent of these reverses can be kept from the people of Germany, and reports of the kind are likely to breed unrest and discontent, so that it is possible there is some foundation for the reports of disorders and rioting in Berlin. In case these reports are substantiated, it may be taken as the actual beginning of the evil day for Germany.—Charlotte Observer.

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The Union Republican, rejecting a number of letters in protest against war, says they would have been timely before the declaration in showing expression of public sentiment regarding the momentous question, "but after a Nation has declared war there is a demand for patriotism and a respectful silence by those who oppose it." The editor of The Union Republican has a proper conception of the proprieties. The war is not political question. It is call to the patriotism of every American citizen, and polite reminders, such as The Union Republican has made, will serve a good purpose. Fact is, many of our people have not yet realized that the United States is at war, and have not brought themselves under the restraint which will come with realization. Some public speech indulged in by Americans since the declaration of war, and some of the articles which have been printed in newspapers, would, if uttered and printed in England or Germany, have called for the jailer or the firing squad.—Charlotte Observer.

New York World.
Last year it was Democrats, in the main, who were going to jail in Indiana for election frauds. This year 81 Republicans have pleaded guilty and thrown themselves on the mercy of the court. Do lapses of this kind really affect a man's social position in the Hoosier State?

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UNCLE WALT MASON A REJECTED PATRIOT

When first arose the talk of war, I offered to enlist. I said, "I'll gladly knock the tar from fifty foes, I wist." But Uncle Sam refused to take my offer; he cried, "Scat! A dandy soldier you would make, with all that load of fat." I'm doomed then to ignoble peace, while other laurels win, because I'm blessed with ample grease, and have a double chin. I must not flash my trusty blade, or don my suit of mail, because, they say, if I were weighed, I'd break the village scale. The beardless stripling may enlist, but there's no chance for me; and I could take him by the wrist, and throw him o'er a tree. My breast is filled with martial ire, I court the scrap and fuss, and I would gladly my lyre for sword or blunderbuss. But, no! I hear my country cry, "You can't enlist, that's flat! You're not allowed to bleed and die, because you are too fat!" The slender men must stand in line our spangled flag to guard. A melancholy fate is mine, because I've too much lard.

HOW ABOUT THE BOY?

You are raising cotton and corn, you say,
As fine as the earth will grow,
You are raising cattle and hogs and sheep,
That win wherever they go;

You are raising wheat that is hard to beat,
And I know you are coining the mon,
But tell me this, oh, man of the soil:
How are you raising your son?

Do you take the time to talk with him
Of the things that he ought to know?
Do you show him the good and bad
Of life,
And teach him the way to go?

Does he trust in you as a son should do?
Do you make him your friend, or slave?
Will he stand some day with his fellow men,
Honest and strong and brave?

Oh, cotton and corn and wheat and oats
Are things it is well to grow,
And cattle and hogs and a bank account
Are good for a man, I know.

But the ribbons you take, and the money you make
Will bring but a mite of joy,
If you get to the top of the hill and find
You've made a scrub of your boy.

—Whitney Montgomery in Farm and Ranch.

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TRESPASSING PERILOUS PRACTICE.

Washington, D. C., April 13.—"Trespassing on railway property, at all times a perilous practice, involves an even greater hazard for the trespasser now that it has become necessary to place armed guards at strategic points to prevent possible interference with the country's transportation facilities through the depredations of enemy agents," said Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern Railway System and chairman of the American Railway Association's Special Committee on National Defense, calling attention to the importance of all loyal citizens' keeping off railway premises unless they have business thereon.

"In addition to the ever-present danger of being killed by a train," Mr. Harrison continued, "the man who now trespasses on railway property subjects himself to the peril of being shot, should he fail to heed the challenge of the military guard. Charged with the duty of protecting railway structures whose destruction would interfere seriously with transportation, the guards cannot afford to take any chances. Unfortunate occurrences can be avoided if citizens who have no business on railway property will keep off. It is especially

important that pedestrians who have been accustomed to walking tracks, rather than the public highways, should understand the added danger and recognize that they can perform a patriotic service by avoiding it."

Iron Station News Items

Owing to the late rains the farmers are behind with their work. There will be a greater acreage of food crops this year in this community.

Messrs. Willie Trott, Bob and Carr Wilson were visitors Sunday. They spent the day with Miss Wilson who is one of the teachers at Iron.

Misses Marion and Margaret McCarter returned to their home in South Carolina after spending a week with Prof. M. W. McCarter and sister.

Messrs. Lester and Hamp Boyd left Wednesday morning for Winnipeg, Canada.

The painters have just finished painting the school building. We have a school and a school building of which we all should be proud.

Mr. John Hamrick returned to his work at Charleston, S. C., after spending the week-end with his family.

Miss Bonnie Shronce entertained a number of her friends Friday night.

Mr. Dick Ballard of the U. S. Army has been visiting his brother, E. Ballard of this place.

There will be communion service at the Lutheran church the fifth Sunday. Messdames Matt Hamrick and O. C. Shronce were Lincoln visitors yesterday.

Quarterly Conference was held at the Methodist church Sunday. Rev. Kirk, the presiding elder preached in the morning and evening. He delivered two good sermons.

The Ironton Literary Society rendered an interesting program Friday afternoon. The program was as follows:

Song, "America," By Society.
Declaration: I'm an American, Roe Carpenter.
History of Our Flag: Maude Goodson.
History of America: Fred Abernethy.

Quartet: Juanita; by 4 boys.
Debate: Resolved that the United States were justified in declaring war against Germany. Affirmative: Victor Rhyne; negative: Iris Link.

A News office caller in discussing the admirable course pursued by President Wilson for the past few years in dealing with Germany ruthlessness, said that now and then, as Germany went on committing one outrage after another, he must admit that he grew somewhat impatient himself; but Mr. Wilson saw more clearly and farther than most of us. He went steadily on his way, and in the face of a great mass of criticism—most of it unreasoning criticism, because it lacked the essential basis of a full knowledge of the situation—he held firmly to his high purpose, and thereby furnished to the world an example of moral courage the like of which has rarely, if ever, been surpassed.

Capt. Fair of Cavalry Troop A has received orders to discharge all soldiers who have dependents, whether they desire their discharge or not. This means that all members of the

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