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In for it. The country is behaving admirably. It is steered to the war spirit. It says to Dr. Garfield: "Very well; we think you're making an epic blunder, but we submit. Now go ahead, show us that your powerful drug will effect a cure. MAKE GOOD."

Thrift. War savings stamps are not selling as fast as those who originated the idea expected they would. An idea, like a seed, takes time to germinate. The campaign thus far has been ably conducted and the people are thoroughly in sympathy—but this is a time of many things, and the fruits of effort will come in a continuance of the effort.

Heard Under the Dome. Establishment of a real legislative reference bureau which will aid in the drafting of bills and in gathering information for Congress on any and all subjects pending before it, is provided in the Smoot bill just introduced.

One of the Family. Here is a little story that was told at a social gathering by Senator Thomas S. Martin, of Virginia, as an illustration of how easily some people can back out of a difficult place.

Substitutes. They settle their quarrels By substitute law, Their substitute morals Cause deeds that are raw, Their car wheels are creaking With substitute greasing And now they are seeking A substitute peace.

Borland Talks. Geographically, it is not very far from Kentucky to Missouri, but there is a great distance between representatives from each of these States, judging from two bits of news which came from the House yesterday.

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double time while Congress is already speeding up so that its members can get home in time to repair political fences. He says the government has more clerks now than it knows how to handle. Of course that is the clerks' fault. "I know," he says, "that 60 per cent of the employees in the departments in Washington, properly arranged, could do more work than is being done now."

Why should his talents be wasted? By all means let him do this thing that he says is possible. Surely he can be spared from Congress long enough to straighten out the war work of the country.

He says that expert stenographers are being brought here and employed at work which could be done by an office boy. Look around, Mr. Borland, and see if you don't mean that the other way. From what we have seen, office boys are being brought here to do the work of expert stenographers. We know of messengers who are doing the work of clerks, in fact are clerks every day but those on which they draw their pay.

Get the boys to save their dimes and buy stamps, advertise where the stamps are on sale, interest the children and their elders will soon fall in line. Empty the nickel savings banks and make your pennies earn other pennies is the only way to save. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are tied up in petty savings banks earning no interest—and right under your little nose, children, is a chance to earn interest and help your country.

Mr. Garfield's order has heated up the public, at any event. There are a number of government departments that are not necessary to war activities. Why not include them in the new fuel proclamation?

Griffith & Sanders, undertakers, of Richwood, Ohio, are the merriest pair of whom we have heard in some time. They advertise in the Richwood Gazette: "We thank our customers for their courtesies and patronage of the past year and hope that our pleasant relations may continue."

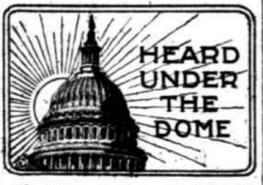
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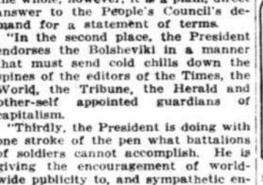
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Special Correspondent of The Washington Herald New York, Jan. — A man who knows the Broadway theater has commented on the passing of the old time comedian of the musical comedies. The comedic talent used to rest chiefly in a large putty nose illuminated periodically by a small red electric bulb or there were green whiskers, knotty legs or snapping ears.



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There is no much time taken by men talking about our "Dollar Patriots" which could well be spent in doing what is useful toward the conduct of the war. The rich men who have come into so many important places since the war began are not as bad as painted. In fact, many of them are creatures risen up in the minds of inferiors who, if they had the higher places, would speedily do all the things they accuse the present crowd of doing. Then, a very few are responsible for the attack on the many—a few indolent ones.

The rich men are human, of course, and there might be a chance, here and there, which they look to promote their own interests, or the interests of some firm in which they had shares. The cases have not become scandals, generally speaking, and were it not for unrestrained noise over the matter, the war going along quite well, in this respect, in view of the tremendous steps which have been taken in the comparatively short time we have been ground long in the path of good Americans.

We are willing to make the statement that in no country of the world has any war ever been fought with so much freedom from graft as in this country at the present time. Moreover, we add to this that in no war ever before fought in the world has there so much money been expended as by this country, and in no previous war was there so much of an opportunity to graft, if our people were to yield to it.

If this isn't good enough a record to make we would like to know what kind of record the people are looking for—and we would like some of those who are critics of things as they are to come out and take even a moderate hand at the game so we see if they can improve on its purity.

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It was a bright idea on the part of one of the great cinema directors. He engaged Irene Castle—she declared—and then got David Belasco—he of the Corinthian curves—to direct her in a screen play. After this they employed a shrewd press agent and Mr. Belasco issued an order that hereafter the nimble-footed Irene must go through her rehearsals without her South American monkey, a creature which has already become a familiar figure to New York's many night-frequenters of the great white ex-planade.

Seen around the town: A Belgian opera singer working as a tube conductor. Mayor Hylan laughing at a newspaperman's story on the City Hall steps. A celebrated sculptor helping boys model a snow man in Central Park. A department store sign reading: "Patriots will carry their bundles home." A woman carrying a basket of coal in a limousine.

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Appropriations for increased marine hospitals in various cities throughout the country have been asked of Congress by Surg. Gen. Blue, of the navy, who asks \$1,450,000 more to increase the number in remodeling and repairing old buildings. Several new buildings and additional quarters will be constructed under the proposed plan.

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Have You Something to Say? If So, Write to The Herald's Open Forum. All of us at times have some problem or idea which we wish to share with the world. You may share yours by writing a letter to The Herald. Write on any subject whatever, but try to keep the communication within 300 words. Also write on but one side of the paper. No attention will be paid to anonymous communications. If you do not wish your name to be made public, make the request in your letter.

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TRANSPORT EXPERTS IN NEW QUARTERS. Quartermaster Department Division Moves to Georgetown University. The transportation division of the Quartermaster Department of the army has moved into the new part of the law school building of Georgetown University, Sixth and E streets northwest. Six class rooms and the main auditorium have been turned over to the government for the period of the war.

Sly Shots at the Solons. By THE OBSERVER. The Filipino themselves are anxious to go to war for Uncle Sam, according to the views of their leaders. They are ready for the passage of the Chamberlain bill giving them permission to be called by Uncle Sam, so they insist.

Training of men for duty as seamen will be continued by the Lake Carriers' Association at the request of the Navy Department, it was determined at the recent annual convention of the association in Detroit.

Influenza or "shipping fever" caused the deaths of 4,771 army mules and horses during the last six weeks, it was announced yesterday. The animals were valued at \$25,575. Losses of mules and horses in the British army in the last six weeks of the war have amounted to about 10 per cent. Losses of horses and mules bought here by the French and Italian governments have been great. In the United States the number of horses and mules owned by the army has jumped from 66,145 to 344,000.

The present service now has a strength of 300 officers and 11,000 enlisted men. It formerly consisted of one officer and four civilian clerks in Washington and a small field purchasing force.

Twenty-two Democrats voted for the Hitchcock resolution asking for the five-day suspension of the Garfield coal order—and only sixteen voted against it. The party whip, as cracked by Senator Jones, of New Mexico, apparently had little effect. Or by Ham Lewis.

BE EXPLICIT, PLEASE. Simpson gallantly escorted his Boston hostess to the table. "May I be asked, 'sit on your right hand'?" "No," she replied. "I have to eat with it. You'd better take a chair."

A LINE O' CHEER EACH DAY O' THE YEAR. By John Kendrick Bangs. DREAMS. What blessed gifts indeed are dreams. Wherein we travel fancied steams. Thro' strange romantic lands and seas. And then now off our visions rise. Out of the long gone Yesterdays. The figures of Life's Storied Page—The King, the Fool, and the Sage—And make the humblest seem to be. With them in full equality. And friends long lost to mortal sight. Come smiling to us thro' the night. And make us feel the very life. Of some old-time companionship. That helps when we wake again. With smiles to bear some cross of pain.

OPHELIA'S SLATE. A FROWN IS A DIGGER. A DIGGER IS A FROWN. Illustration of a woman digging with a shovel.