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A WISE PATRIOT—Mr. Schwab of Bethlehem Steel Co. announced that, in case of war, his great plant would be at the service of the government.

Hurrah! There's patriotism for you! There's the true spirit of Americanism! Run the stars and stripes up to the top of Bethlehem's tallest smokestack! Three cheers for Schwab!

Later: Bethlehem Steel Co. has just submitted bids for casings for the navy for \$42,000,000. Navy experts say that the government could make these casings for \$18,000,000. Schwab thus grabbing for only \$24,000,000 profit on this job.

Hur—well, patriotism's one thing and profit's another. Three cheers for—well, come to think about it, the party engaged in running up flags might use the skull and cross-bones on Bethlehem's smokestack aforesaid.

It is a wise patriot who knows his own flag.

HERE'S THE TICKET!—Congress knows exactly what to do about the food shortage. Trust those deep reasoners and thoughtful statesmen to meet such an emergency, every time.

Some folk think there should be a better distribution of food supplies,

some think the speculators should be routed and the monopolies broken up.

The statesmen know better.

What is really wanted to do the trick and make all things right with us is an investigation.

You bet. With a report handed down in 1919 and printed in 11 nice volumes, to be had of your congressman.

Here, indeed, is the real thing at last. The people that are rioting for food say they are hungry. Well, rats and mice eat books and seem to find them a tasty and attractive diet. Why should not human beings?

There must be nutriment in paper and bindings. At least as much nutriment as in some of the economy bills of fare that various highbrows are now recommending to the poor.

SHORT ONES

No, **Hortense**, when congress passes "pork" bills it is not reducing the high cost of living.

Mexicans may have got over the notion that Texas wouldn't let them lick the United States, since Callaway has been callaway.

Iowan has discovered how to plant potato peelings and make them grow. But when we have to eat potato peelings, how are we going to raise 'em then?

The increases in price of gasoline are due to decreases in the supply. Standard Oil Co. of Indiana made 100 per cent profit in 1916 on its \$30,000,000 capitalization.

Without free speech no search for truth is possible; without free speech no discovery of truth is useful; without free speech progress is checked and the nations no longer march forward toward the nobler life which the future holds for men. Better a thousandfold abuse of free speech than denial of free speech. The abuse dies in a day, but the denial slays the life of a people and entombs the hope of the race—Brandlaugh.