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**HEARST HYPOCRISY.** — Unless people have mighty short memories they'll not fall for the hypocritical slobber against war in the editorial columns of the Hearst newspapers. For they will remember how he hollered his head off for war with Mexico, and demanded that Uncle Sam send an army of 500,000 American soldier boys across the border. Hearst wasn't weeping then over the possibility of our boys being murdered while they policed Hearst's million-acre Mexican ranch. He was willing to risk the lives of hundreds of thousands then, but now he weeps about the horrors of war and pleads for peace with Germany. When Hearst was hollering for war with Mexico, Germany was interested in getting us into a mess down there that would keep us too busy to get in the fuss in Europe or make munitions for the allies. Now Germany wants us to keep out of the European war because she knows we'll not be on her side. And Hearst is playing the Kaiser's game now as he played it then, with the Chicago Tribune close on his heels. There is one difference—Bertie McCormick is trying to save the Trib's face now by getting his name in the papers in an account of a patriotic movement. Bertie seconded a motion. But he'll soon be interned in the army where

he'll have to keep his mouth shut and pass up the pastime of slandering President Wilson. Too bad the Trib can't be interned, too, or sent clean over to Germany.

**GERMANY'S CHANCE.** — If the German people would fire the kaiser and take charge of their own government nobody would want to lick the Germans or crush Germany. That illustrates the growing feeling in this country. There is no hatred of the German people, but there is a growing bitterness toward the crimes of the Hohenzollerns. There is a feeling that now is the time to finish the job of kicking hereditary kings off their thrones and making the world democratic. If there should happen now what happened in Russia when Nick Romanoff lost his job, a democratic world would demand a fair and honorable peace with a Germany controlled by the German people. The kaiser is making a stand for the old divine right thing and is up against the struggle for a world democracy. And that's why it was inevitable from the beginning that we had to get in it and do our share of the fighting for democracy. There is one way in which the kaiser might win a great victory, and that is by abdicating his kingship for himself and the whole Hohenzollern outfit and asking the German people to make their own government. As he won't do that, it's a job the German people might as well tackle on their own account.

### —o—o— SHORT ONES

**In England:** The men fight and the women win.

**Suggestion for the pacifist parade band in Washington:** Violins and oboes, instead of trumpets and drums.

**Vrooman, assistant secretary of agriculture, urges cultivation of "vacant city lots and yards" as a preparedness measure. No, he didn't mention golf links.**