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March is just around the corner. Already his advance agents are among us.

Once in awhile Von Hertling intimates that he still has his weather eye on peace.

The railroads will never go back to private control if the Washington Times is any prophet.

There is not much doubt that the Germans will re-establish a monarchy in Russia if the chance offers.

No more freaks are coming into this country, says a circus man. Great! If we could only slip a few out!

A new species of elephant has been discovered in the Congo. The item does not state whether it is a white one.

Philosophically remarks the Jacksonville Times-Union: "Oh, well, carpenters can't drive nails without striking."

Now that warmer weather is prevailing, the miners have gone back to work, and coal production approaches normal.

The strain of the war situation may be inferred from the fact that nobody has so far had time to kill the peach crop.

Regardless of who is to blame, faults discovered should first be corrected, and responsibility discussed afterward.

The Kaiser seems of opinion that, while self-determination may suit some peoples, it is not to be permitted in Germany.

An Ohio man lost \$1,000 matching pennies in St. Louis. He can have one consolation: It was a slow way to lose it.

Ill winds continue to blow us good. William J. Burns is out in a statement that crime has become less as a result of the war.

When we hear anybody in the food business say food prices will be higher, we don't call that a prediction. We call it a notice.

Secretary Houston joins McAdoo in the opinion that there is no acute food crisis in the East. The odds seem to be against Mr. Hoover.

Developments in Russia suggest that fighting the Kaiser in Europe will accomplish a good deal more than fighting each other at home.

Grand Duke Nicholas may be guilty of treason, but it would seem that the expulsion of the Germans would be a matter of more immediate concern.

While waiting for the inauguration of the long-advertised drive, it would be a good joke if the allies should imitate Bob Taylor's mule and "blow first."

It is the Springfield Republican's unbiased opinion that the cutting out of the private car luxury is helping by so much to make this country safe for democracy.

Representative Fuller's opinion of his congressional colleagues is not very complimentary. He must have been mixing among constituencies of congress lately.

The Memphis Commercial Appeal indorses conservation, but it does not believe the shortage of cloth necessarily involves any further shortage of women's clothing.

The United States is already the financial center of the world. Senator Owen wants us to provide the necessary machinery for co-ordination. The movement is a timely one.

Railroad fares may be raised, say government officials. And, gosh, how the railroad companies dread it. Higher fares will make government ownership popular, won't it?

It would probably be appreciated if some enterprising correspondent should take it upon himself to keep us informed as to the progress of Henry Ford's libel suit against the Chicago Tribune.

The appointment by Gov. Edge of a senator from New Jersey of a man who will not be a candidate for the long term may be explained in various ways, among them that of playing the political game.

State prohibition would be defeated in a referendum in Massachusetts, according to the Springfield Republican, which, however, thinks the national amendment would be much stronger.

"CA IRA." MARCH ON!

"The country is in danger, march on," cried the revolutionists of France. The same spirit always has actuated free people. In the war of our revolution it required the travail at Valley Forge to bring about the birth of a free republic at Yorktown.

We are beginning in this country to awake to what this war means. What will go into history as the peace of Brest-Litvsk is as serious a menace to world liberty as was the peace of Tilsit, negotiated by Napoleon and Alexander on an island, and by which the conqueror's legions enforced their will on the continent from the Vistula to Portugal.

Only England and Russia were left to oppose Napoleon, but the sea power of the one, and the armies of the other finally swung the balance against France. Therefore we, with our sea power undiminished and our land forces unconquered and unconquerable may have courage.

Our situation today on land, it must be confessed, is unfavorable. The war must be fought, this year at least, largely by arms recruited in Europe. They must be supported principally by its economic resources.

There may have been differences in the minds of some as to the causes of the war. There may have been qualms over our own participation. It is no time to revive any of these issues. They are dead.

There is need to look facts squarely in the face. Nevertheless there is no reason for pessimism. The United States never failed, it will not fail now. No nation which seeks to rule the world is going to succeed.

PERHAPS ONLY ACADEMIC NOW. It is perhaps too late for Lord Lansdowne with any success to urge a negotiated peace. The evidences accumulated that Germany is fed up on the belief that "the good German sword" can hack its way through.

By a clean peace I mean a peace which will be honorable and which shall be durable. (Hear, hear.) All this now, of course, is largely academic. Germany might or might not have been sincere in asking for peace in December, 1916, when the allies declined the proposition.

Now Von Hertling agrees to the four great principles declared by our president, but in the application of these he indicates no such acquiescence and his statement evidently is intended to cause a breach between the allies.

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A local story in one of the Washington dailies indicates that the negotiations between the city and the government have not yet been consummated. A Chicago delegation is now in Washington at work upon the project.

"The fact is that the level of Lake Michigan today is higher than it has ever been, and instead of taking away from the volume of water, the Chicago sanitary board by its efforts would increase it.

"If the government remains obdurate it will mean that the taxpayers of Chicago will have to pay in many millions of dollars more than they are paying now—more than \$200,000,000, perhaps.

"We do not yet comprehend the question at issue. It is not explained just why the use of more water in the sewers of Chicago should lower the level of Lake Michigan.

"The objective point of my pedestrian tours not being the corner cafe, replied Mrs. Jarr, coldly, "I must decline."

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