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Each good thought or action moves the dark world nearer to the sun.—Whittier.

"Mailing American Democracy Safe for the World" is a mighty good program to work out successfully.

Buy your Christmas gifts early. A thrift stamp will make a good present, and it grows in value every day.

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If you have more money than you know what to do with, just invest it in government bonds. The government will find a place for it.

There is not much money being expended in the political campaign in Iowa this year. This as it should be. In fact, this is as it should be every year.

If jail accommodations in the United States are not sufficient to take care of all the I. W. W.'s arrested, the thing to do is to build more jails. There must be enough to go around.

The dispatches say that shells from American guns are already falling upon the defenses of Metz. Good. May the reduction of the Metz fortifications be an easier job than has been expected.

Senator Lodge, republican senate leader, and Representative Foss, chairman of the republican congressional committee, were among the first to endorse President Wilson's reply to the Austrian peace note.

No, Percival, thirteen is not an unlucky number when it is used to designate the number of millions of fighting Americans that enrolled in the new draft last Thursday.—Mason Democrat.

It's unlucky for Germany, ain't it?

Mr. Hoover is going to have a census taken at once. He is going to count all the hogs in the country. If you are without government bonds or savings stamps it may be hard to convince the enumerators that you should not be included in this census.

Gen. Pershing is having more success in getting a lot of the Germans out of the trenches than Henry Ford did. Moreover, a large majority of the Germans Pershing gets out will stay out, owing to circumstances over which they have no control.

Wouldn't it be great if the allied armies in the Balkans could cut the line connecting Germany and Turkey? With that line cut, military death would follow just as surely as death would have followed the cutting of the link joining the Siamese twins.

The people of this country have the ballot to right political wrongs. It is up to them to study the situation and vote intelligently and independently to the end that majority sentiment may represent the mature and wise judgment of the electorate.

Well, of course, if we want to do business with Germany after the war and it is necessary that such business be transacted in any certain language, there will be no serious objections to the Germans learning the English language. Guess a lot of people had never thought of that.

Perhaps Debs is sincere in thinking his "cause" worth suffering for, worth going to jail for. There is no accounting for what some men think. However, there are millions of American citizens who think the cause that Debs was convicted of conspiring against is worth dying for.

The statements of men in charge of shipbuilding to the contrary notwithstanding, the Freeman-Journal believes the men wielding the saw and hammer will do more when the saloons are closed tight than they are doing now. A short period under the new order of things will suffice to prove who is right in this matter.

According to an opinion just handed down by the supreme court of California a man born in that state of Japanese parentage can acquire and hold property. It is surprising that the legislature of California would undertake to deny such a right. The Japanese in this country should be treated as magnanimously as peoples of other nationalities.

Why should there be any discussion about remitting war taxes on congressional and presidential salaries? The president and members of congress ought to pay the same rate of tax on their incomes as anybody else pays. That is democratic and inasmuch as we are fighting for democracy it is just as well to practice it here at home in taxation and everything else.

It is very unlikely that Eugene V. Debs, the socialist leader sentenced to thirty years in federal prison for "shooting off his mouth," will be required to serve long after the war is over. Such men as Debs are a menace to the welfare of the country in time of war, but they are harmless in time of peace. It is likely that Debs will be pardoned soon after peace is restored.

In order to conserve the use of copper and other metals, the government has issued orders to telephone companies to increase charges for installing new service. This is the first time on record that a telephone company, or any other company for that matter, was ever so slow in increasing rates that the government had to prod them.

Having some military wisdom left, the Germans, it is reported, are preparing defensive points between the old Hindenburg line and the Rhine. It might also be well for them to look to the defenses around Berlin. Although the allied generals have said nothing about it, they might take it into their heads to celebrate the next fourth of July in Germany's capitol.

For four years the military leaders of Germany have bragged that Germany has been able to keep the war out of her own territory. Indications are that they will soon be denied that pleasure. The allies are pushing the Huns gradually out of France and it may be expected they will be able to push them far back into Germany before they can be stopped.

"Hinky Dinky" Kenna, the noted Chicago saloonkeeper and alderman, is of the opinion that the saloons can make lots of money selling ice cream cones and soda water after prohibition takes effect. Just think of "Hinky Dink" selling such stuff! Then what will "Bathhouse John" do for inspiration on election day? How many of his supporters, do you suppose, can be enticed to the polls with only soda water and ice cream on tap?

Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador who represented Germany in this country immediately before our participation in the war, and who played double while here, is now at Constantinople, having been appointed to represent Germany there. The count certainly possesses in marked degree the sort of mind to properly represent such a country as Germany. He is capable of doing any vile thing his government may demand of him.

Pershing is only 58. The war will be over before he is too old for a presidential race.—Des Moines Register.

Although it is probably distasteful to Gen. Pershing to use his name at this time in connection with the presidency, it is possible that if he keeps on going in the direction he is now pointed, it will be as impossible for his opponents to keep him out of the White House as it was for the opponents of Grant to keep that great general out.

Naturally, the farmer of the northern and western states is asking why his wheat and wool shall be price fixed and commandeered, while that other staple, cotton, is left to climb the ladder of high prices over the shoulders of wool and wheat.—Times-Republican.

The farmers of the northern and western states are asking nothing of the kind. They know why the price of cotton has not been fixed, also why the price of mohair, produced in Texas, another necessary war product, is permitted to aeroplane so high.

Why wouldn't it be a good thing for the allies to call Austria's bluff and tell her she can have peace if she will demolish the Hapsburgs, give peoples held in subjugation against their will their freedom, pay for the damage inflicted on Serbia, Roumania and other allied countries, disband the Austrian army and give back Hungary the liberty of which the Hungarians were robbed by the Austrians a number of years ago, etc., etc. If it's peace Austria wants, she ought to be able to get it by fighting the wrongs she has committed and disbanding her armies, so she will be powerless to commit more deviltry.

The action of Gov. Harding in letting the Pierce matter go long enough that Pierce could resign from the state council of defense instead of being thrown out as he deserved to be is a disappointment to this newspaper as one of the governor's friends.—Atlantic News-Telegraph.

But the council wanted Pierce out for the good of the cause and not as a punishment to Pierce. That being the situation the desirable thing was attained when Pierce resigned. However, if those like the News-Telegraph, who evidently wanted gore, are dis-

appointed it is because they are too hard to please.

If the editor of the Des Moines Register knows that James Pierce has been guilty of sedition he should file charges with the federal authorities instead of making faces at Gov. Harding. Sedition is a crime against the nation and federal officers are supposed to enforce federal laws. But the punishment of Pierce is not what the editor of the Register is after. He wants to nag and harass the governor in every way he can, apparently. It is mighty small business for a full grown man to be engaged in.

The young woman who was shot by L. B. Shermerhorn is now suing him for \$100,000. Her body was paralyzed by the shot in the neck, but her mind is still working.—Register.

If she is permanently paralyzed, she ought to get the \$100,000. The crime committed by Shermerhorn was of the blackest type and he should be made to pay dearly for it. A life sentence in jail, on top of paying the girl \$100,000 damages, would be none too severe. He ought to be tried in Judge Landis' court.

According to Washington advices the president has issued a proclamation prohibiting the use of any food-stuffs in brewing beer and near beer after the first of next month, except malt and hops. After the first of December no brewing of any kind will be permitted. The food administrator says there will be enough beer in the vats and containers to last nearly six months and that the sale of this will not be interfered with. On July first next the manufacture of whiskey is to stop. My, but won't there be a dry time next summer?

Not only Goethals' success at Panama—which we know all about—but Goethals' success transporting soldiers overseas—which we know little about—will be written sooner or later into the biography of a most useful American.—Times-Republican.

Goethals is one of the big men of the country and is capable of doing big things as they should be done. By the way, Goethals was discovered by the man who made the construction of the Panama canal possible, as was Gen. Pershing and C. M. Scwab. Really big men have capacity for locating other big men.

KEEP OUT OF POLITICS.

Down in Missouri quite a furor was raised by the state council of national defense by some members who insisted upon making the council a political annex. Joseph W. Folk was a candidate for United States senator and the secretary of the council, W. F. Saunders made a bitter attack upon him, bringing his patriotism into question. As a result other members of the council were incensed, as they had a right to be, and some stormy scenes followed at some of the meetings of the council. Finally a resolution was adopted to the effect that hereafter "the council will not consider matters relating to party politics, nor will it permit its officers or members or employees to speak or act as representing it in any such matters."

The Missouri council is now taking the right course. There should be no partisan politics of any kind in defense councils.

A HARD NUT TO CRACK.

Although the American army is only eight or ten miles from Metz, the fall of that important German stronghold is some weeks away unless the enemy chooses to abandon it before he is forced to surrender it. Metz is one of the most important centers on the western defensive system of the Germans and it may be believed that it is strongly fortified, as strongly as military science can conceive. To lose Metz means that the enemy must retire along a long and important line and it is far from likely that he will give it up until unable to hold out longer.

The American people must not become impatient. They must not expect too rapid advances. They should not build up false hopes. It will take time and much hard fighting to capture Metz. The big guns will have to be brought forward and they will have to be moved in the face of heavy artillery.

Some of the members of congress, in their enthusiasm, have forgotten, apparently, that Metz is one of the strongest fortified cities on the German frontier, calculated to resist the fiercest and most determined kind of attacks. That it will fall may be believed, but that it will be taken easily is hardly among the probabilities. It is not wise to underestimate the resisting power of the enemy; nor is it advisable to overlook his ability as a fighter. Unless the unexpected happens, it will be many, many days before the Americans will have the privilege of inspecting the destroyed fortifications of this famous city and the folks here at home must not be discouraged at delays and vexations of various kinds that will be part of the campaign against the city.

Miss Sadie Hunter is assisting in the Amanda Johnson millinery store for a few weeks.

CANNING DEMONSTRATION AT EXPOSITION

Blairsburg Canning Club Will Demonstrate Here Thursday.

The Blairsburg canning club—Hamilton county's prize canning club—will give a demonstration at the Hamilton county agricultural exposition here next Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The work of this club has attracted much attention, they having taken fourth place at the state fair. The demonstration here will be at the McCollough factory.

Stock Fountain Patent.

H. J. Peterson of this city has just received patents on an anti-freeze fountain he has invented for use as a stock and poultry waterer. The Peterson product will be manufactured by the Dakota Iron Stores company of Sioux Falls, S. D., on a royalty basis and Mr. Peterson holds a place with the company as special salesman.

The features of the Peterson fountain are that it can be filled without removing the lid and that it has neither valves nor floats. It will be marketed through jobbing houses and dealers. Mr. Peterson will continue his residence in Webster City. His fountain is made in three sizes—60, 80 and 100 gallons. It will be held and sold in Webster City by the Webster City Implement company.

The Peterson fountain is said to be an invention which is bound to be popular and widely sold. It will probably be about Nov. 1st before any of them appear on the market.

Canning Club to Exposition.

Plans are developing for Hamilton county's girls' canning club, which placed fourth in the contest staged at the Iowa state fair, to participate in the canning demonstrations during the four days of the Mid-West Horticultural Exposition to be held in Des Moines November 5 to 8.

The state will be divided into eight districts and district contests will be held to select the eight contesting teams. These teams will be given free trips to the exposition. Hamilton county's winning team, which is composed of three Blairsburg girls and their club leader, Mrs. C. H. Robie, has not yet registered for the contest. However, Miss Florence Watkins, county demonstrator, is making an effort to interest the girls in continuing their demonstration work.

K. OF C. WAR ACTIVITIES.

Applications for overseas secretarial service in the Knights of Columbus will now be considered from non-Catholic men who are of good moral character and who are either 46 years old or over or are in a deferred classification. Men who are not likely to be called for immediate service who are 40 and over also will be considered. Information may be obtained from Joe McCormick, state secretary, Cedar Rapids, who has charge of the recruiting work for Iowa.

Thomas Harvey of Des Moines, who did K. of C. secretarial service for a time at Camp Dodge and who later was placed in charge of the work at Fargo, N. D., has been asked to report to New York headquarters for overseas service. J. M. Hutchinson, son of Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Hutchinson of Decorah, has gone to San Antonio, Texas, as a K. of C. secretary for one of the huts at Kelly Field. He gave up a good position in the Winneshiek county bank to enter K. of C. work.

The little town of Bernard in Dubuque county held a Labor day picnic for the K. of C. war fund and cleared about \$2,000. State Deputy J. H. Devaney of Cascade spoke in the afternoon explaining the war activities of the organization and in the evening talked again at a Red Cross program at Worthington.

Much favorable comment is being heard throughout the state regarding the proposed combination drive for all agencies doing war work. The Knights of Columbus in several of the larger Iowa cities have already perfected arrangements with other organizations interested in welfare work and will be ready for a vigorous campaign when plans are received from headquarters. It is proposed to raise a total of \$170,500,000 in one week, Iowa's quota being \$4,800,000.

A record of the number of Knights of Columbus in the service is being compiled by Joe McCormick, state secretary. Des Moines council has 200 stars on its service flag. Dubuque council 192, Cedar Rapids council 97, Sioux City council 100, Sheldon council 75 and so on. Of course the figures are being increased with each new contingent leaving for the various army and navy training camps.

Plans are being made to improve the main K. of C. building at Camp Dodge with a fine porch in front and on both

sides, the front to be screened in the same as the Y. M. C. A. administration building. The newest K. C. building at the Des Moines camp has a screened porch and it proves a popular resting place for the soldier boys.

Lieut. Lester W. Rothe, new camp athletic director at Camp Dodge, called a meeting recently of all football enthusiasts in the main K. C. building. He found some excellent material for a "go-getter" team and the boys of the Nineteenth division are anticipating some lively brushes with elevens from other camps as soon as they can round in shape.

Corporal Milo Foster.

Now it is Corporal Milo Foster, according to a brief note received by friends here today. In an apologetic explanation as to the reason he has not been heard from for some time, he says: "We have been very busy, as you probably have guessed. At present I am in a hospital recovering from diphtheria, which I have in light form." The hospital he describes as a fine place in a pretty location, where he is receiving the best of care. The title "corporal," he says, is a new acquisition.

Car Turns Turtle.

Yesterday afternoon while out for a drive, Dr. A. C. Swanson had the misfortune to have his car turn turtle over an embankment. He was driving up a hill south of Homer and, finding that the brakes of the auto wouldn't work, turned the car crosswise of the road and it backed into an embankment, tipping over. Paul Sterling was with the doctor but neither was hurt.

N. M. O'Connor Called.

N. M. O'Connor, who recently enlisted as field secretary in the Knights of Columbus for overseas service, received a message this morning from the war activities board, instructing him to report at the Park Avenue Hotel, New York, as soon as possible. Mr. O'Connor expects to leave for New York Sunday evening, Sept. 29th.

Locates in Webster City.

Woolstock Correspondence in Eagle Grove Engle: M. H. Hirt has accepted a position as bookkeeper and accountant for the Webster City sieve factory. He expects to move to Webster City as soon as a suitable house can be secured. In the meantime he will drive the jitney back and forth.

Williams Girl to Washington.

Miss Leah Johnson of Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Johnson, has received a call to a position in the wireless service at Washington, D. C. Miss Johnson will resign her position in the Mason City schools and expects to leave for Washington soon.

Safe Overseas.

Mrs. Ray Wilson this morning received a cablegram from her husband, saying he is safe in France. He went from here to Camp Gordon with the July 26th contingent of selectmen.

TRILLS OF THE REVELLE.

My Mother Land.

Thou art my Mother:
All I have and all I hope
I owe to thee!
Nought thou canst ask—
Wealth, sons, or life—
Repay the gifts
Thou gavest me.
Some have the bliss
To fight and die
For Mother land
And Liberty:
But I, who stay,
May fight as well
If I but lead my All to thee!

"The period of preparation is ended: the only thought of America now is to win the war and there will be no slowing up of her efforts until that object is attained." * * *

Let's not give the lie to their promise.
Buy the fourth Liberty Bonds to the limit.

France spent one billion pounds in wars that produced no better result than the sending of Lafayette and Rochambeau to help establish Liberty on the American continent. Our national wealth now is a hundred times greater than that of France then. And this is our turn to save Liberty for mankind.

Liberty Bonds do the fighting.

"Our Jack"—General Pershing—delivered the grandest oration pronounced on the continent of Europe since Danton's five-word speech that saved France from the "Coalized Kings." But Pershing's speech was shorter still:

"Nous voici, Lafayette!"

"We're here, Lafayette!"

Well, then: Are we there with the cash? Have we "got there" with all the Liberty Bond buying power each one of us possesses?

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Let's "be there" on September 28, when the fourth Liberty Loan comes out.

Buy to the very limit.

Sow wheat and buy Liberty Bonds. Put the Liberty wheat harvest over and make a successful fourth Liberty Loan drive both a threat and a promise that the kaiser will understand.

Word has been received by relatives of the safe arrival overseas of Fletcher Hanson. Mr. Hanson formerly lived in and near this city, but enlisted from Minnesota. A brother, Henry Hanson, now lives at Jewell.

Letters from Camp Gordon, Georgia, indicate that the Hamilton county selective servicemen sent there for military training have gone overseas, with the exception of fifteen chosen for officers' and non-commissioned officers'

TRAINING. Fy

cal men were in. They ar vis and F. B. Word from t now in France tel ing been attacked by a stu en route across.

To Jefferson Barracks.

The following Hamilton county boys will be entrained for limited service on one of the five days commencing September 30th, and will be sent to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri: Marion C. Robson of Kanmar, order number 709; John Hanson of Webster City, order number 605; and Randall W. Strain of Webster City, order number 151.

Storage Batteries.

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C. H. Brown, former sheriff, has several acres of sorghum cane he has been unable to cut, owing to the illness of his father who needs constant care. He telephoned to Food Administrator Crowley in this city this morning and the latter is trying to find someone to send to the Brown farm.

The W. R. C. will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. E. Green, 110 Willson avenue, to attend funeral services for Mrs. R. P. Layne. A short meeting will be held in the hall immediately following the services. Mrs. Alice Allen, president.

F. M. Zenor's Big Type Poland China sale, Wednesday, October 23, Woolstock, Iowa. 9-14d-f-to10-14

The Webster City Glee club will meet with Prof. Schaub at his studio tomorrow evening for practice.



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