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We entered this war because violations of right had occurred which touched us to the quick and made the life of our own people impossible unless they were corrected and the world secure once for all against their recurrence. What we demand in this war, therefore, is nothing peculiar to ourselves. It is that the world may be made fit and safe to live in; and particularly that it be made safe for every peace loving nation which like our own, wishes to live its own life, determine its own institutions, be assured of justice and fair dealing by other peoples of the world as against force and selfish aggression.—Woodrow Wilson.

TODAY'S BIT OF VERSE

TO A GIRL IN PINK.
It is not like you, comrade, not to care
When I go forth perchance to die—we played
In sand together, you a little maid
And I a brave, bold knight, who needs must dare
The giants that infested the land where
Our young imaginations those days strayed—
It is not like you—so I think you made
That bright gown, laughing, in the laugh a prayer.
You thought to deck your body in a gown
Of bright hue and your eyes in smiles,
While I go forth in khaki, miles on miles,
You thought thus pampered, some way, to drown
Your comrade's fears. Well, dear, I see and so
I can be brave, too, and all smiling—go!
—Flora Shufelt Rivola, in Springfield, Mass., Republican.

THE RISEN CHRIST.

The central fact of history is the career of the Founder of christianity. Whether that carer be considered from the merely historic or from the religious standpoint, is immaterial; it cannot be successfully disputed that His life was the most influential that has been known to mankind. The influence of christianity upon mankind is incomparably greater as well as better than the influence of any other religion, and that addresses itself straight to the teaching of the Founder of that religion.

It is the remark of adherents of other religions and of those who profess to be of no religion at all, that it is hard to understand how christians can worship a being who is dead, but the reply is that the God of christians is not dead. The central view of christianity, in a dogmatic sense, at least, is the resurrection and Easter is celebrated in Christendom as the memorial of the resurrection.

St. Paul perceived the central point of christianity when he declared from first to last that he preached Christ and Him crucified and risen; that is, he preached a risen, therefore, a living God. Faith, as interpreted according to the New Testament, is confidence in a person, nothing more and nothing less. In Mark Hopkins' famous simile the Founder of christianity comes to every person and offers to fill casnets with gold but on the single and uncompromising condition that each holder of a casket shall first empty it of stones so as to make room for the gold.

It is the feeling of the Founder as a living God that has animated the church from the beginning and that animates it now, even more than ever. The content of christianity is great enough and broad enough to satisfy every man, from the greatest to the least, from the most highly endowed to the humblest. It is christianity that is the driving power of civilization.

Nothing that men can do or say has power to stay the march of civilization under the banner of christianity, and the great reason for the victory of that cause is the personality of the Founder.

'ECONOMIC SERFDOM.'
In his letter to New Jersey democrats the president speaks of "men in the trenches who have been freed from economic serfdom." If Trotsky had said that or Haywood or the Goldman woman no one would have been surprised. But when the official head of the republic borrows that hackneyed phrase from the I. W. W., we can only wonder why he does it and what he means. Serfdom is bondage, the condition of being slavishly subject to extraneous control. Where are the serfs in our country who are transferred as personal chattels with estates? Where is any man in this country, outside of prison, whose service is compelled or who is forced to work at any work of any kind when he has the capacity and will to work at something else? Is work a serfdom? Are we serfs, who labor, as the vast mass of us do, at the work at hand or at the most fruitful work that we can find to do? Thoughtful men will not escape the feeling that the nation's chief executive should not have used this phrase. However well it seemed to fit into his letter, its employment by him was unwarranted and unfortunate from every point of view.

THE OUTLOOK FOR FOOD.

Hopeful news comes from Washington in regard to the crop acreage for the 1918 harvest. "If the law of averages holds good," writes Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Clarence Ousley, who has recently made an inspection visit to the great western and southern producing section, "there will be approximately as much land under the plow this year as last year and I am induced to believe that in the aggregate the acreage will be increased."

The acreage of winter wheat sown last fall was increased four per cent, and the prospect at this time is for an increase of spring wheat seeding of from five to fifteen per cent. Much land formerly devoted to truck crops will be planted to staple crops this year, owing to labor shortage; but the decrease in truck crop acreage will be made good by the larger development of the home garden movement.

The most serious difficulty in farming operations this year is the problem of farm labor, and this can only be solved by the united efforts of the government, the cities and the farmers. For years the cities have been drawing the boys and men from the farms. The time has come when every practical means must be employed to turn the tide of efficient farm-trained labor back to the farms. The labor employed in the production of nonessentials must be released to fill up the gaps in the production of food and other necessities. The farmers are not going to be slackers, notwithstanding the claims of a few loud-mouthed agitators. They will do their full duty in planting. The governmental agencies will do all that they can do and we can reasonably expect a normal season.

The latest report concerning the Japanese ship question comes by way of San Francisco and is to the effect that Japan has decided to let the United States have one hundred and fifty thousand tons of merchant shipping in exchange for American steel. The United States must bargain for ships in any quarter where they may be found, and Japan, with ships to spare, must have steel in order to keep her yards at work turning out new vessels, which will be needed in the service of the allies. There is no time to lose. More than a month ago Togo said that if the United States had carried out her contracts with Japan all the resources of the great Japanese ship-building establishments would have been utilized to "strengthen the allies on their weakest side—ships." Japan can build each year a million tons of ships. All that is lacking is steel, which this country can furnish in ample quantities.

Farm bulletin 948 of the United States department of agriculture, put out by the office of corn investigations, is so eminently practical as to have hit the popular fancy. The government has been swamped by calls for it, but new editions are out and the department or congressmen will now supply it on request. It gives a simple and effective method for testing seed corn and determining what seed will germinate, show vitality and be profitable to plant. Now if ever is a time when there should be no mistake about this, and every kernel that is planted should yield a thousand fold.

According to statement of an actualist, a child is born in this country every three minutes. Another reason why we should finish that job across the seas as soon as possible, in order to make the world safe for these children.

From Washington comes the statement that the United States has an unusually efficient ordnance board. So much being settled, all the country needs now is some ordnance.

Of course Wilhelm will do himself extra proud when he writes his Easter address to the Teuton tribal god.

EVENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR

[By Jasper Blines.]

The European war of 1870 was one of tremendous proportions and of far reaching influence. Two great kingdoms suddenly marched forth in battle array to engage in a contest involving the question as to which power should be allowed to dictate a question of international rulership. The struggle burst forth as a volcano whose fires of hatred had long remained inactive yet ready and awaiting the day of reviving. Then came the explosion. Reflect over how affairs of the greatest importance to nations and the human race all over the world influence and modify each other. From 1870 to 1918 is a long series of years, and looking into the past these forty-eight years, the discerning student sees an amazing event connected with the convulsion of 1870. But time is the great teacher. The people of the United States took spirited interest in the European struggle, the democratic masses arraying themselves in favor of Napoleon, while the republicans espoused the side of the Prussian nation. This party alignment here in America is one of the curious chapters in history. This preference in the two great political parties assumed a degree of energy away up to fever heat. Few indeed could give a logical reason for their positive stand in favor of Prussia or France, and in common the general people needed Daniel to interpret the handwriting on the wall of the pharaoh. The years of 1914 and 1918 were far away in the distant future.

The little nation of Spain had dwindled to a small concern and received but little attention during the periods including 1870. Alas! there is the source which brought on the fearful clash of two mighty powers. The prophet Daniel would have seen the iron hand which inscribed the message on the king's palace. The mask of 1870 disappeared in 1911, and the iron hand appeared in all its world wide eclipse. The sinister designs of the power have never been comprehended by the general people of the world. The attractions in the immediate foreground were most interesting to the populace whose vision did not extend far southward to the national jewel which was so coveted by the power of the double headed eagle. Prussia would have seen the source which brought on the fearful clash of two mighty powers. The prophet Daniel would have seen the iron hand which inscribed the message on the king's palace. The mask of 1870 disappeared in 1911, and the iron hand appeared in all its world wide eclipse.

The Dutch have taken Holland, Metz and Strasbourg too, and should they next take Paris, what would Napoleon do? Things look mighty scary. The way they now advance, and it looks as if the Dutch were about to take all France.

From the United States there were present men of prominence who were to study military affairs and write history. In the newspaper files were Murray Halstead, Henry J. Raymond, Moncreu Conway and other writers and artists of high rank. General P. H. Sheridan was a guest of Bismarck some days, and witnessed the movements of the contending armies on the fields so crimson and fatally. In a few weeks the affairs began to form into decisive crystals. Bazaine and his army were driven into Metz, only to come forth as prisoners. Paris saw the coming of the clouds, and prepared for the siege and its own sad fate. In regular order the ill omened birds of ebony plumage hovered over proud and famishing Paris, and then came the end. Poor Napoleon and his royal reign and house passed away, the republic of France came forth, but the double headed eagle failed in its purpose of taking Spain.

Following is the historical account of the great crisis of 1870:
The Ems telegram was the cause of the Franco-Prussian war of 1870. The vacant throne of Spain had been offered to and accepted by a prince of the house of Hohenzollern, Prince Leopold. The negotiations were carried out with the greatest secrecy, but as soon as the acceptance was made known, the French government intervened and declared that the project was unsatisfactory. Prince Bismarck was away at Varzin, but on his instructions the Prussian foreign office, in answer to inquiries, denied all knowledge of responsibility. This was deemed necessary, because it would have caused a bad impres-

IOWA PRESS COMMENT.

Sioux City Journal: Nope, Newton, it isn't 3,000 miles away, nor even three feet. It's here.

Cedar Rapids Gazette: A New York judge has found that "there are few perfect husbands." Surprising discovery to all married women; who didn't believe there were any.

Burlington Hawk-Eye: One robin doesn't make a summer and one clerk doesn't make a store. But one robin gives a thrill of pleasure and one polite, attentive, on-the-job-sort of a clerk makes the whole store seem better and the goods more desirable while the other kind—but this is about robins and good clerks.

Des Moines Capital: The chamber of commerce of the city of St. Louis has declared that the official pronunciation of that city is Saint Lewis. St. "Louie" is taboo.

Atamosa Journal: The town loafer must go. The municipal government has begun war on the persons who have nothing to do but hang around the corners. Editorials in the county newspapers are urging the officials to give the loafers a "bit of time," if they won't work on their own, let them put to work on the roads this spring for the county without pay, urges one newspaper.

Marshalltown Times-Republican: When the smooth stranger comes along and desires to stop over night or for dinner and after the chores are done and supper disposed of brings up a scheme to separate the farmer from his coin that is a good time for the lady of the house to remark that the stranger's bed is ready and for Mr. Farmer to blow out the light. It is the safe way. And after breakfast safety first indicates that the best way is to say goodby without arguing the case. That's the lesson of history and history repeats itself.

Waterloo Times-Tribune: Editors of a Philadelphia newspaper, indicted for treason, made the plea that however objectionable their published statements may have been, they were not treasonable, because they were only words, and words can not constitute treason. Judge Dickinson, of the federal court summarily swept aside their contention.

Mount Vernon Review: What would you think of a corporation that had an investment of a hundred million dollars that they managed in such a way as to be of use but ten months in the year when twelve was possible. Pretty poor management, you would say? Well, how about the state of Iowa, that has an immense sum invested in pub-



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States would not go to war," said Dr. Holmes. "Since the United States entered the war I have had no such statement. Those German probably have twisted my utterance previous to the war."

IOWA HORSES FOR WAR WORK

Uncle Sam Needs Steeds for U. S. Army and Agents are Coming to State.

OTTUMWA, Iowa, March 30.—Uncle Sam wants horses for the use of the United States army. A government board will be here April 2 and 3. The number of horses needed is very large. All farmers and breeders who desire to do anything of their bits towards winning the war will assemble their horses at mules at Williams' sale barn, April 2 and 3.

The specifications for horses wanted are as follows: Blacks, browns, chestnuts, roans and grays, geldings; from 6 to 19 years of age, 15 to 16 hands, weighing from 950 to 1,200 pounds. No horses under the minimum height and weight will be accepted. A very limited number of mares will be purchased.

Specifications for mules wanted are as follows: Any color and sex, from 10 to 15 years old. Wheel mules—15.3 to 16.1 hands, 1,150 to 1,250 pounds. Lead mules—15 to 15.3 hands, 1,000 to 1,150 pounds.

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Pardon is Recommended.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 30.—The state board of pardons today recommended to Governor Goodrich that a pardon be granted to Rev. William E. Hinshaw, serving a life sentence for murdering his wife and one of Indiana's most notorious convicts.

All of the war orphans in Montreuil, France, a little town near Paris, are to be taken care of by students at the University of Wisconsin.