

**THE WARD COUNTY INDEPENDENT**

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**THE DELUDED PEOPLES.**

The fact that the people of neither Germany, France, England, Russia, Belgium, Austria nor Serbia, had any voice as to the beginning or prosecution of this monstrous war, is something to think about.

The people of the various nations at war are furnishing the fighters and doing the fighting; they are dying by hundreds of thousands; they are paying the eighty-five million dollars a day which is the present cost of the war. For a hundred years to come, the people—the farmers, the artisans, the clerks, the shopkeepers, and their wives and children and descendants—will be paying for this war.

They don't want the war. They were never consulted about it at all. From the beginning it has been the people, the common, every-day, peace-loving, home-keeping people that have perished and paid. Their blood and treasure have been wasted and wretched over a hundred European battlefields. Their widows and orphans have been starved, terrified and persecuted. Their cities have been razed, their churches desecrated, their markets dismantled and their farms turned into graveyards.

And they don't know what it is all about. Who wished this war on the good people of the twelve nations now engaged in it? What power, what interest, what conceit, what arrogance, what miscarriage of government can it be which, at this day and stage of so-called Christian civilization, can plunge so many millions of rational people into so barbaric and futile a carnage?

No writer or statesman has yet given even a partial explanation of the cause and origin of this war. All we know is that the people of the countries at war did not and do not want war.

Some foreign diplomatic whippersnapper has achieved notoriety by referring to Americans as "these idiotic Yankees." "Idiotic" is an ugly word, but at this moment it seems to apply better to Europe.—Minneapolis Journal.

There are any number of degenerates in the city at the present time. We do not mean that all of the laboring men who are here to work are degenerates, for many of them are good bright fellows who would be a credit to any community. But there are others who work a few days and then spend their money "buying fun." It matters not whether their good

time lasts ten minutes or ten days, they spend their money lavishly as long as it lasts, and when the last cent is gone, they do not seem to worry. The writer called at the city jail the other morning. A score or more of these young men were behind the iron doors. They were singing merrily, with not a care in the world. One of the young fellow possesses a beautiful tenor voice and he might have led a respectable and useful life had he but kept in the straight and narrow track. Gambling, women, wine and dope have caused the downfall of practically all. One of the unfortunates in jail, who is addicted to the morphine habit, has to be furnished with quantities of the drug, so serious is his condition.

The life of the average farmer's wife is hard and somewhat lonely. She has little society and her life is spent in one perpetual round of hard work, which is never ceasing and which never lessens in amount. There are exceptions, however, but this is the case, generally speaking. The bankers should advance money for washing machines and other conveniences on the farm just as readily as they lend money to the farmers for threshing machines and silos. It is not half as hard to ride all day on a wagon from shock to shock as it is to stand over a wash tub, cook the meals, scrub the floors, separate the milk, feed the calves and chickens, and do a hundred other tasks. Hired girls on the farm are hard to get and harder to keep. Farmers' daughters, because of the drudgery, decide to leave the farms and take up easier work in the cities. Coffins are the most expensive commodity sold. It is better to invest in labor saving appliances.

There is no reason why respectable colored folks should be barred from our theatres and other public places, but most white folks do not care to be placed along side of them. At one of our theatres the other evening three colored belles were seated right in the midst of a number of the most respectable people of the city, who objected so strenuously that different places were found for those who did not care to be seated in too close proximity to the dusky damsels. Of course their money had been accepted and seats assigned to them, and you could not blame them in the least. Minot's colored population has grown to such an extent that it would be well to arrange for a section in our theatres for colored folks.

Pizzgers and bootleggers no longer dare to slip liquor to this city for fear of having their goods confiscated by our vigilant officials. Beer is shipped to near-by towns and hauled here during the dark hours of the night in auto trucks. Whiskey is secured in Montana, autos making tours to that state and bringing in whiskey at a cost of 34 cents a pint, disposing of it to the thirsty for a dollar and 12.5 cents a pint. It's hard to head off these offenders when the profits are so tempting and the buyers so numerous and willing.

**THE EVERLASTING ONION.**

Consider the everlasting onion—and plant it! You get the clusters of tiny bulbs from the seed man, and plant them in these still-warm days of early fall. Be sure to ask for the "everlasting." You plant each tiny bulb separate, but fairly close together, keeping the rows far apart. In a few days its delicate spear will shoot upward. They will thrive in the Indian summer sun. You will eat them on Thanksgiving. The winter will not phase them, if you plant deeply and warmly, and the fall bed will become a patch of spring onions.

Symbol of persistence and immortality is the everlasting onion. It divides, you pull one of its parts, and the remaining part continues; shoots of this onion are crowned in the late summer with lovely bronze colors of tiny bulbs, and these are yet topped with other clusters. If you do not gather them and dry them for later planting, they will drop to the ground, and make a new group.

While you plant the new bed for beauty's sake, the stout old one will continue to flourish interminably if you let it—for the everlasting onion demonstrates continuity or nothing. Plant the everlasting onion in your back yard, and you will have the fresh, tender relish for your table practically the year round forever—all for the investment of a dime!

Threshing has been delayed since Friday by drenching rains, much to the disappointment of our farmers, who have not completed fifteen per cent of their threshing in this section of the state. Not one farmer in twenty has completed his threshing, although a large number have threshed more or less of their crops. In the eastern part of the state, threshing will soon be over, and we expect a good many of the machines to be moved to this locality, some bringing crews. The grain is so unusually heavy that it is not possible to rush the work. It is generally predicted that unless we have an unusually late winter, all of the crop will not be threshed. A few farmers have started to stack their grain. While the work is somewhat slow, they can rest assured that the grain once in the stack will be safe, no matter what brand of weather we may get later.

Hundreds of our farmers are going to be able to pay all or a large portion of their indebtedness from this season's crops. One of our prominent bankers said to an Independent representative: "After this season's crops are marketed, the banks will be in a position to make loans to a large number of our farmers without asking them for any security except their personal notes. The banks welcome these prosperous conditions. A bank would rather make loans at a less rate where they are certain their obligations will be met promptly, than to get a much higher rate on notes that are considered a little risky. In the east it is seldom necessary for a farmer to give security on his chattels and the time is fast approaching when such requirements will not be made from our North Dakota farmers."

Our friends who joined the Non-partisan League, are expected to make good on those checks given in advance and dated Oct. 1, 1915, or take the consequences. The organizers carried a bundle of checks from the various banks when they made their campaign last summer and those who joined were given their preference of banks. If they had no money in the bank, they were instructed to fill out the check and then pay the money in by the first of October. Some who became sorry for what they had done, stopped payment on the checks before Oct. 1, and in such a case, no criminal proceedings can be instituted if they do not make the deposits. After Oct. 1 it will be too late to stop payment and all that can be done is to fork over the money. The Independent does not believe that any criminal actions will be started, even if anyone should refuse to make the deposits, yet according to our North Dakota law, it is unlawful to give a check on any bank unless there are sufficient funds to take care of same.

If every hunter stopped to think that every year-old-hen killed now means a loss of practically a dozen of next season's birds, he would probably refrain from slaughtering any more during the present season. Very few young birds have been killed. There were but few young grouse this year, owing to the cold wet spring, and an examination of hunters' bags reveals mostly old birds killed. The prairie chickens and grouse, when once gone, will be gone for good, for they cannot be propagated and turned loose like quails. The Independent believes that it would be a very wise thing for the legislature at the next session to amend the game laws, by reducing the bag limit from ten to six in any one day, and twenty in a season. We can afford to quit hunting them for a short time, for if we keep at this sport a short time longer, we will have to refrain from it for all time to come.

United States Treasurer Burke makes a rather astounding statement against the Ninth Regional Reserve bank when he declares that the proper efforts are not being made to furnish six per cent money to the farmers in order to allow them to properly market their grain. When a United States official makes such a statement, he should be pretty sure of his ground, for if he should happen to be in error, this will react against him with tremendous force. As Mr. Burke is about to enter the fight in North Dakota for the senatorship, he probably weighed his words well before making them public. If he can prove his case, he will be a stronger political factor than ever.

Now that Mr. Burdick of Williston has announced his intention of becoming a candidate for Governor on the Republican ticket, the question of who will be in the race for Lieutenant Governor is of interest. Mention has been made of J. E. Davis of Sheridan county, who has now served eight years in the State Senate and who is well known in practically every part of the state, being a University graduate and a resident of the state nearly all his life.

Many friends in this locality would like to see J. E. Davis nominated and elected to preside over the Senate, where he has so ably worked during the past eight years.

The City of Minot has outgrown its police station. With room for twenty-two prisoners, forty or fifty are often crowded into the cramped quarters. At the present time, Hotel de Dougherty should be large enough to accommodate a hundred. With hundreds of men walking the streets every night, unable to secure places to sleep, the only wonder is that there are so few crimes committed. The city hall is located in the business center of Minot. The property could be disposed of to excellent advantage, and it might be well to look around and secure a larger lot before values become too high.

Colonel Roosevelt would become the Progressive candidate for president in 1916 if he could be sure of winning, according to a statement made by Victor Murdock, the great Kansas Bull Mooser. But as Teddy is not certain that he can win, it's a pretty safe bet that he will not sacrifice himself as he did in 1912. Murdock says the Progressives will not join forces with the Republicans.

Ben Franklin was wrong when he said, "Have something to say, say it, stop talking." If Ben was living in these days he might have written, "Have something to say, say it, and say it again." In other words, if you get very far in business, you must foot your own horn and keep on tooting it.

In Austria the express companies are called "Lebensmitteexportexpress-zugesellschafts." In spite of that an occasional jug gets through safely. Perhaps it might be well to adopt this name for the express companies doing business in Minot.

John D. Rockefeller may wear his old shoes this winter. Last week he sent a pair of shoes back to his shoe maker in New York, stating that he objected to paying \$18 for them, for he had never paid more than \$15 the pair.

The receipts of hogs in the South St. Paul market this year will exceed 2,000,000, most of which come from the northwest, and largely from North Dakota. Years ago Iowa furnished most of the hogs for this market.

A thief escaped the clutches of the law at Carpio last week, and Sunday night the pastor of the Methodist church preached on the subject, "The Thief that Escaped." Quite apropos.

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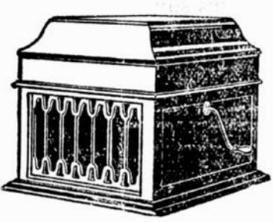
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