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**FOOD, WAR AND PEACE**

Why is it that in times of war a government can take most radical steps to safeguard the lives and health of its citizens and in times of peace cannot take the same measures, vital and sane as they may be, without evoking howls of hostility. Lloyd George at the present time is employing the most arbitrary kind of restrictions on commerce that Great Britain has ever seen—and rightly so.

But are the lives of citizens of no import in times of peace? Food is as important to peaceful people as to warring. A suggestion that we place an embargo on foodstuffs to feed our own people would not be regarded as traitorous or as wrong if America were at war. Yet an embargo on foodstuffs at present would be met with unyielding opposition, although women and children in New York, Chicago and Philadelphia are crying, "We want bread."

Why protection from starvation in times of war and not in peace? Perhaps the answer is that in war a populace unprotected from the rapacity of those who control the food supply would refuse to fight to protect not only the rights of the country but—the business.

The people may also grow weary of being starved in days of peace.

You can't make bricks without straw, but it is still possible to make war without reason.

The small boy will now have to reconstruct his ideas of warfare, and battle frogs instead of the fence-posts in the back yard.

**WHAT OWNERS CAN DO**

All civic improvements should not be made directly by the city. That is, the city should be aided in its work by the citizens. Civic pride is the result of a clean and well-kept residence and business district. Columbia might have a great many more beautiful homes and business houses than it has, and it would still be more unattractive if any more filth or dirt was accumulated in conspicuous places.

The city can't be expected to do all the cleaning up. Property owners should see to it that their property is kept attractive. A carefully kept lawn, premises free from unsightly sheds, trees properly trimmed, buildings painted and a general air of orderliness about the house, building or even a vacant lot—these add dollars to value and are causes for a feeling of civic pride.

Officially, the city can't paint your house, clean your lawn of rubbish and repair your fences. That falls to the owner of the property. While waiting for the city to begin its work on needed civic improvements, let all enterprising Columbians start a general house-cleaning as soon as the weather permits.

Darcy, the Australian boxer, came over to America looking for a scrap. Evidently there is a large distinction in his mind between the European fight and a prize-fight proper.

**"CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED"**

"That governments derive all their just powers from the consent of the governed" has been the basis of American legislation for nearly a century and a half.

We still stand firmly upon that foundation, and Americanism today means unity of thought, feeling and sentiment upon this issue—as well as others which confront the nation today. President Wilson has eloquently brought this fundamental doctrine of Americanism "the consent of the governed," to the attention of the American people and the world. He has awakened in the citizens of the nation a more profound sense of their

obligations and duties, of the value of things worth living and striving for—if need be, worth dying for—and the most vital of all of these things is the right of self-government.

With this conception of government in mind, the President fitly said in his second inaugural address, with reference to co-operation of purpose under these circumstances: "It is imperative that we should stand together. We are being forced into a new unity amidst the fires that now blaze throughout the world. In their ardent heat we shall, in God's providence, let us hope, be purged of faction and division, purified of the errant humors of party and of private interest and shall stand forth in the days to come with a new dignity of national pride and spirit. Let each man see to it that dedication is in his own heart, the high purpose of the nation in his own mind, ruler of his own will and desire."

On this basis our country still remains the home of the free and the land of the brave, where life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness continue unstained and untrammelled.

With the coming of the gardenette to fill the kitchenette, lowering prices and augmenting the exchequerette, several hundred more Fordettes should be sold next summer.

Although the New York World has declared war upon Senator Stone, the Democratic party has shown by the reappointment of the Missouri senator that it is not a high crime to differ from the President.

**229 Hunting Licenses Granted.**

Two hundred and twenty-nine hunting licenses for 1917 have been issued. The last one was granted this morning to T. J. Owings of Centralia. It is the third license that has been issued this month. According to C. W. Davis, county clerk, the number of licenses issued thus far is about the average for this time of the year.

**THE OPEN COLUMN**

A public forum for the discussion of things worth-while. Articles should be short and signed by the writer, as proof to the editor of good faith. Signatures will not necessarily be published.

**The Garbage Menace.**

Editor the Missouriian: Given open garbage cans, millions of flies and an ordinary population, a city has one of the most difficult and dangerous situations that it confronts. Flies and filth are true harbingers of typhoid fever.

Columbia has no system of garbage disposal. Refuse from kitchens is dumped into barrels or pails and is allowed to stand at the rear of houses, an invitation to flies and dogs. Owing to the number of boarding houses here, in addition to the homes of residents, the amount of garbage is much larger than in an ordinary city the size of Columbia. In most cases boarding-house keepers and housewives depend on negroes to cart off the refuse from the table and kitchen. These collections are made at odd times. In the meantime, the garbage stands in open buckets, a menace to public health.

There should be some system of collecting and disposing of this waste matter. The city could employ as many men as it would require to collect the garbage each day or two. Sanitary garbage cans with lids should be used to keep typhoid fever bottled up. The refuse could be burned, buried or disposed of in some manner. With hogs selling for \$15 a hundred, the city could almost afford to buy a few head, keep them on a vacant lot far from residences and fatten them on the refuse from the dining table.

S. A. E.

**SOCIETY NOTES**

Tau Omicron Alpha will give a dance March 23 at the Virginia Grill. Coach and Mrs. H. F. Schulte will chaperon.

Miss Virginia Wheat gave a chafing dish party at the Kappa Alpha Theta house last night.

The Kappa Alpha Theta sorority announces the pledging of Miss Wanda

Byram of Abingdon, Ill. She entered the University the second semester from Stephens College.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rollins gave a family dinner last night for Mrs. H. B. Kline of Chicago, who is visiting her mother, Mrs. Florence Gray.

Miss Ruth Rollins and C. B. Rollins, Jr., went to St. Louis yesterday.

Miss Jean Bright gave a slumber party last night. Her guests were: Miss Elizabeth Niedermeyer, Miss Elizabeth Spencer, Miss Mildred Bartlett, Miss Frances Lewis and Miss Ann Fulbright.

Mrs. W. R. Maxwell, 118 Westwood avenue, will give an informal luncheon Saturday for Miss Lollie Bass of Greenville, Miss., who is visiting Mrs. James Gordon.

The Kappa Alpha Theta sorority had as dinner guests last night: Miss Marguerite Rickert, Miss Marie Rickert, Miss Aurilla Brigham and Miss Christine Spencer, who teaches at Savannah and is spending the week at home.

The Phi Lambda Theta sorority of the School of Education gave a dinner last night.

The Phi Gamma Delta fraternity will give a dinner dance March 30.

**C. E. UNDERWOOD INCURABLY ILL.**  
**Former Teacher in Bible College Undergoes Unsuccessful Operation.**

Dr. Charles E. Underwood, a former teacher in the Bible College of Missouri, is incurably ill in a hospital in Indianapolis, Ind. An unsuccessful operation was performed two weeks ago. Dr. A. W. Taylor of the Bible College has just received word of the illness of his friend.

Doctor Underwood was president of Eureka College, Eureka, Ill., after leaving Columbia. He now occupies the chair of Old Testament literature in Butler College, Indianapolis. He received the degree of Ph. D. at Yale university.

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