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What has become of the old-fashioned heatless day? It is conspicuous by its absence down here in Florida.

Looking for some fellow to claim exemption on the ground that he has to support a Palm Beach suit. It's a mighty expensive thing to maintain.

The Washington correspondents continue to say mighty nice things about Congressman Drane. He has made a remarkable record for a first-termer.

As in all good and patriotic works, Lakeland is showing up well in the sales of War Savings Stamps. Lakeland always responds to every call made in behalf of humanity and patriotism, regardless of how frequent these calls are made.

From all over the country, but particularly from the Bartow and Ft. Meade sections, shipments of cabbage are reported heavy, and the prices realized for the most part, have been fair. That spells a goodly chunk of money for the growers of Polk.

Not to be outdone by Joe Earman, we will say that if William Randolph Hearst will come over to Lakeland and spend a while with us Crackers, instead of disporting himself with those Eastern plumes on the Palm Beach sands, we, too, will give him a nomination for President. We have quite a number of these nominations on hand, and are liable to give one of 'em to anybody who acts up handsome.

It's a strenuous business, this getting into some of the lodges. In Springfield, Illinois, relatives of two men are seeking to collect \$33,000 damages awarded them by the courts against a certain order, by reason of the claim that the men were killed by the initiation stunts. Most of the best orders and fraternities have cut out the rough horse-play in their initiations, and all of them should do so who want the new member to regard the organization with respect.

A gentleman over at St. Petersburg purchases an entire page of the Independent to print a petition to Congress telling the terrible evils of tobacco, and asking for a law to prevent its use. Of course, we did not read all the stuff, but we read enough to ascertain that all diseases known to science and all crimes categorized in criminology are caused by the use of the weed. It so happens that the writer has never used tobacco in any form; but he has known so many people who are good—if there is any goodness in this world—and who are absolutely healthful and robust, despite many years of habitual use of tobacco—that he is forced to take such extreme statements with a grain of salt. Perhaps all would be better off if the use of tobacco could be totally discontinued; but we believe that there are other evils whose overthrow might engage our efforts first. If we can get a man perfect with the exception of taking a smoke or even a "chaw" we may well be satisfied with the job.

Wavelets  
From  
The Deep  
C. Green

There are probably a dozen reasons why a Wyoming county farmer named a new apple after Mr. Rockefeller, the most logical of which being that "there ain't going to be no core."—Tampa Tribune. And then maybe the apple might be above the "Standard."

"Would take an almighty big tractor to 'clear' some titles."

One man upon seeing the Governor in military regalia, remarked that he looked like "Puss in Boots."

The man that takes an hour to decide whether he wants to go fishing or not de-bates before it is time to de-bait.

One moving picture exhibitor in advertising a feature, says "See Theda Bara, in five parts."

Restaurant proprietors would soon be broke if everyone should "settle" their dinner with a long walk.

We would like to know the name of the real estate agent that sold the Kaiser American dirt.

That burglar that tapped the Fort Myers postoffice, showed thrift in stealing war stamps. He surely will have a licking good time.

They say that Love comes but once, but the symptoms seem to rise and fall like the stock market.

Opticians have some eye-deal days.

They say money talks, but gosh! don't you have to listen a long time before you hear it?

Won't it be grand to see the Goddess of Liberty wearing a "one piece dress?"

"The people of Polk county owe a debt of gratitude to those whose progressive spirit is responsible for the magnificent system of roads that are now nearing completion," says the Lakeland Telegram. "Had the matter been deferred a year or two it would not have been possible to put the proposition over, owing to conditions brought about by the war. But Polk has her roads, and they are the best in the country, cost considered." It is a very fine thing to be able to tell of the fine roads in a county, and few things could be said that would attract more attention. Not only this, for when the people who are riding about come to the Polk county roads they will surely ask more about them, and be certain not to forget where they are.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

WAR COUNCIL APPROPRIATES  
\$500,000 FOR RED CROSS HOUSES

The War Council has appropriated \$500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to cover the cost of constructing and furnishing Red Cross Houses at camps and cantonments and general hospitals in the United States.

The average contract price for each of these houses so far placed is about \$20,000, with an additional \$3,000 or \$4,000 for furnishings. It is not yet known just how many of these buildings will be erected. Work, however, is about to be started in twenty-five different places.

Charles E. Fox, of Chicago, has been appointed Associate Director of Camp Service in charge of the construction of these Houses.

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## A REFRESHING VIEW

It is pleasant, once in a while to obtain an outside view of what America is doing and what the country has accomplished, in preparing for the war that was thrust upon us and the gage of which we were compelled reluctantly to accept one year ago.

Lord Northcliffe has recently given his impressions of the activity of our government in selecting an army, equipping it and getting it ready for the actualities of war. He is the leading newspaper man of Great Britain, is a keen observer of world events, and has resided in this country for many months, perhaps with the purpose of satisfying himself as to the real weight the United States will have in the European war.

We have heard much from our own people in criticism of the government. It has been said that the administration has utterly failed. It is said that we have been lax in our purpose and inefficient in carrying out our program, and it is still being said by those who have nothing constructive to offer in the way of the better carrying on of the war. Perhaps it will be said again by the same class of people.

But on the whole, we prefer the testimony of a disinterested outsider whose only object is to get at the facts, and to tell them truthfully to a clientele whose interests are involved with ours.

From his standpoint, the American nation was a slumbering giant; when the war began, but that it surprised and speedily waked to the necessities of war, and that it has advanced with wonderful strides every day since the declaration of war was made. He points to the wonderful achievement in the building of sixteen immense cantonments, all fitted up to house millions of soldiers, the work being accomplished within a very few weeks. He is full of admiration over the results of conscription. He shows with what vigor the country went about raising the funds, not only to finance its own war but to help its allies in financing theirs. He tells about the Liberty motor, and how it was the work of men who had been in competition with each other in the production of automobiles, but who buried their own business differences to produce a standardized engine for the thousands of airplanes to be sent abroad. He tells how business has been classified, how men have given up important position to work for the government without pay. He

alludes to the wonderful spirit of the people of the United States, believing in their efficiency and in the ability of their government. He believes that we are getting at the war with all the virility and vigor of a forceful people, and that we are not losing any time about it, not as much time as the British people lost in getting ready.

He has one doubt, and that is as to whether we are building ships as fast as we ought and as fast as we planned but he has no word of criticism for our failure there, if we have failed in any respect.

All this is refreshing and will go far to satisfy the mind of the public on the prosecution of the war and to convince the people that much, very much of the criticism made by our own people is baseless.—Miami Herald

## PATRIOTISM SOMETIMES PAYS

Young James McLain has found that it sometimes pays in more ways than one to be patriotic. It will be remembered that James was the purchaser of the first war savings stamp sold here, using for the purpose some money that he had been saving for a pair of roller skates. It will also be remembered that James received rather severe injuries some time ago when the wagon on which he was riding was hit by an A. C. L. train. One day this week one of the railroad's claim agents called at the McLain home to settle for the damages although no claim had been put in. Officials of the road had read of James' patriotism and they were glad to do something for him. We understand that the handsome donation received by James from the road was immediately invested in a War Savings Certificate. There is a boy of the right sort. And we now learn for the first time that our winter resident, Mr. Samuel Jackson was so touched by this boy's self-denying patriotism that he presented him with a pair of roller skates that he might not be without the pleasure of having them on account of his sense of obligation to do what he could to help his country win the war.—Auburndale Advocate.

## SHOULD BE ACTIVELY AT WORK

A. A. Lewis, of Kathleen, manager of the corn club boys of Polk county, was transacting business in the community Monday. It is the opinion of

## RED CROSS WAR FUND

The attention of subscribers to the Red Cross War Fund is called to the large amount of overdue payments on pledges.

The last statement in February showed arrearages of \$800.50 up to and including January. The present statement shows arrearages of \$906.75 up to and including February, an increase of over \$100.00.

This is discouraging, especially in view of the fact that the local Chapter badly needs funds for the purchase of materials, and as 15 per cent of all collections is refunded to the local Chapter for that purpose, it is thus seen that they are deprived now of \$136.00 which would purchase some material the workers are anxious to make up into supplies for the men who on the front are gathering for perhaps one of the most terrible battles in history.

A number of the subscribers have completed all their payments and an earnest invitation is extended to all others who are able to do likewise. At any rate, let us try to catch up with the arrears before the next statement.

A. J. HOLWORTHY,  
Executive Secretary, Lakeland Red Cross War Fund.

Mr. Lewis that the members of the boys' corn clubs and the girls' canning clubs should be actively at work these days that enthusiasm for the work may not be permitted to wane in the slightest degree. As a matter of fact the work of these agencies never counted for so much as they will during the coming season. The great urgency of food conservation during the coming years opens a field for these organizations never before offered them. Heretofore their work has been largely a matter of pride in superior achievement for achievement's sake. Now there is the added incentive that every gain effected counts in the final winning of the war with the Kaiser. Each worker has the full knowledge that his or her individual efforts are not only appreciated, but urgently needed. This should spur them to the effort to discount all former records. The



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RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 778,786.94	Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
U. S. Bonds and Securities	147,470.62	Surplus	50,000.00
Real Estate	11,778.12	Undivided Profits	13,207.40
Overdrafts	596.84	Circulation	98,500.00
Banking House	62,000.00	DEPOSITS	1,111,081.15
Furniture & Fixtures	23,486.86		
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	4,500.00		
Cash and due from U. S. Treasurer	344,169.37		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,372,788.55</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,372,788.55</b>

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