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### SENATORS

#### DON'T KNOW:-

Replies to Senator Hitchcock's speech assailing the conduct of the war. Senator Williams of Mississippi turned to his Nebraska colleague and said: "What do you know about running this war? You know less than I do, and I know nothing."

Senator William's question is timely and pertinent. What do these self-constructed critics know about running the war? They conducted an investigation for a few weeks which was devoted mainly to taking the testimony of disappointed contractors, and then without consultation with the president, with the secretary of war, with the secretary of the navy, with the chief of staff or of any other responsible party of the United States government, they suddenly presented a bill that wrecks the existing war machinery of the United States, deposes the president, reduces the members of the cabinet to the status of clerks and vests the conduct of the war in "three distinguished citizens of demonstrated ability."

It is apparent from the speeches of senators who are defending the measure that unless they are willfully deceiving the public they have never read their own bill and are as ignorant of its contents as they are of the general conduct of the war.—New Castle Times.

Clean the walks. A half hour's work at noon will make the sidewalk look better and so much easier for the pedestrian. It may save some one a broken leg or arm. We have slipped along over icy pavements long enough and right now is the time to clean up.

We call your attention to the article in this paper relative to your income tax. It may be worth your time to read this carefully for it's



—again we talk of Spring time!

And—it's with even more of the spirit of anticipation than last year—for we've more to show you than we expected!

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quite possible that you will have to file a report, though you may not have to pay anything. Anyway it won't hurt any to be posted on this very important law.

You are either for or against the government. You should be for it, from the bottom of your shoes to the crown of your hat for if this country loses this war you lose everything. It can't be any other way so no difference how you have felt heretofore you should right now get behind your government for all you are worth and in every way. To do anything else is to work against yourself and your loved ones.

The ordinary person can afford to buy a twenty-five cent Thrift stamp every day and ought to do it. It pays compound interest and in five years you get it all back. In the meantime you have helped your government and you have started a saving plan that may be of untold benefit to you and the children in years to come. We are making a special effort this week to interest you in Thrift Stamps. Go to your postmaster and get complete details and then start at once buying Thrifts. It's a great plan for you as well as for your government.

The government needs men to help build ships and they are asking that men in almost every line of trade volunteer for this work. It is just as necessary as to enlist in the army and men who do this will be placed in the deferred draft list. The ship yards need not a stream of restless apathetic shirkers but a band of enthusiastic, earnest workers, as eager to serve their country as the men who go to the trenches, need men who will rival each other to drive rivets, realizing that each rivet is a nail for the great cause of winning the war. Men should enlist in this ship building service right now.

The Pocahontas Needle and Knitting club will be entertained at the G. C. Steele home Friday evening by Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Henry Thomas, Mrs. Joe Cloud. The affair will be a valentine social. The club is in unity with the food conservation plan, so only "Hooverized" refreshments will be served.

A lovely valentine party of Saturday evening was given by Miss Vera Clark at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. D. D. Clark when she entertained ten couples of Fort Wayne friends. Festoons of hearts and cupids and arrow-pierced hearts decorated the home and the valentine symbols were also carried out in the supper that followed the games of "bunco." Both games and supper took place at five little tables. At the supper, the place cards were adorned with hearts and cupids, and the shades of the candles were valentine affairs. Prizes at games were taken by Gerald Holstein and Esther Dieter. The guests were Grace and Esther Herman, Margaret McCarthy, Agnes Getz, Esther Dieter, Marjorie Costello, Ethel Zimmerman, Margaret Huntine, Edith Kochs, "Jule" Dorlet, Frank Shannon, Howard Weifert, Fendall Ferguson, Frank Goetz, Herb Berg, Edwin Stahl, Gerald Holstein, Frank Pagler, John Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bohay, Mr. and Mrs. J. Harkenrider and son Joe, of Fort Wayne; Mrs. E. J. Bolay, of Columbus, O., returned to their several homes today, after a visit with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Will Klepper who gave a pleasant surprise last evening for her birthday anniversary. Social amusements and a birthday luncheon were enjoyed. Guests from here were Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Gass, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Harris, J. O. Fisher and children; Miss Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Amrine, Dr. and Mrs. D. Clark.

When Miss Veronica Anker returned from the young people's meeting at church last evening she was agreeably surprised to find the girls of her Campfire organization present. They spent a delightful evening. The birthday dinner served by Mrs. A. M. Anker was much enjoyed. The birthday cake was prettily patriotic for from its top waved fourteen silken American flags. At each place was a card bearing the name of the celebrant, the dates of the first and present years "1904-1918," the cards being tied with crossed-logs, the campfire symbol.

The Evangelical Ladies' Aid society will meet with Mrs. L. L. Baumgartner Thursday afternoon at 2:30. This will be the first meeting of the year and it is urged that every member be there.

The Young People's Association of the Evangelical church will meet at the home of Mrs. Charlie Hocker at 7:30 tomorrow evening. Every member should be present.

The following is the program for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union meeting Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. S. D. Beavers, of which Mrs. John Schug is leader and to which all the members and their friends are cordially invited: Song; devotionals, Mrs. F. F.

Thornburg; reading, "The Story of Alexis St. Martin"; Mrs. C. E. Hornier; reading, "Governor Hanley's Reasons for Hating the Liquor Traffic"; Mrs. John Vail; vocal solo, Miss Marie Patterson; reading, "Alcoholism and Industry"; Mrs. C. L. Walters; piano solo, Mrs. L. E. Keller; current events and temperance clippings, Mrs. John Schug; vocal solo, Miss Estelle Perkins; business period; piano solo, Mrs. F. F. Thorntburg; offering and social period. Associate hostesses are Mrs. J. C. Hanna and Mrs. Jesse Cole.

The Delta Theta Tau sosity will meet with Miss Laurine Keller Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Mosure, of Bluffton, were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mosure, of First street over Sunday.

Mrs. John S. Peterson will entertain the Mite society Friday afternoon.

John Elzey of Fort Wayne and Adl. Elzey, of Bluffton, were guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elzey yesterday. Another guest was Mrs. Elzey's sister, Mrs. J. A. Noonan of Fort Wayne.

The Royal Neighbors will have installation of officers next Thursday night. A good time has been planned and all members are urged to attend.

Mrs. Joe Johnson, of Monroe, will be sixty-three years of age Wednesday and the event will be celebrated with a family reunion at the home, when all of the children will be present. Mrs. Johnson has been in failing health for some time, but is able to sit up a part of the time. The children, whose presence will make the event a most pleasant one, are: Ross and Chester, of Gary; Sylvester, of Farmland; Walton and Mrs. C. E. Hocker, of this city.

The Catholic Culture club will meet tonight with Miss Georgia Meibers.

The Reformed Ladies' Aid society will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Fred K. Schaefer, 117 North Fifth street.

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Ray D. O'reaugh, Indianapolis. Archie McCracken, New Albany. Grover J. Rademaker, Marion. Lawrence C. Bell, Georgetown. Clement E. Eckstein, Jasper. Frank L. Czeszczycy, South Bend. Frank W. Pearson, Mooreland. Charles A. Campbell, Dubois.

ATTENTION UNION CARPENTERS

There will be a meeting at the hall Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock. All members are requested to be present. By order of PRESIDENT.

SON IS BORN

Eugene is the name of the boy baby born Saturday night to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gase of Union township.

FIRE DID LITTLE DAMAGE

Fire caused by a spark from the chimney caused a five dollar loss at the Henry Thomas home on North Fifth street at nine o'clock last night. It was soon under control. The fire was at the frame house in the same lot where Mr. Thomas and family live.

BAPTIST PRAYER MEETING

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## No Offensive For Two Weeks

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was characterized by the Cologne Volks Zeitung as remarkably gratifying.

(United Press Service)

Copenhagen, Feb. 11—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Three-fourths of Finland is now in the hands of the anti-bolsheviki forces, it was announced from headquarters of the White Guard today.

"The bolsheviki red guard, however, is still strong and is fighting harder than was expected," it was admitted.

(United Press Service)

(By J. W. Pegler, United Press Staff correspondent.)

With the American Army in France, Feb. 10—(Delayed)—(Special to Daily Democrat)—An American sergeant, with a boche bullet in his chest today, possessed the only intimate knowledge of how United States patro, was ambushed in No Man's Land on Friday evening with the loss of five killed and four missing.

The sergeant is the only survivor of the patrol. He is in a critical condition and until he recovers the story of the encounter can not be told.

The enemy, it is known, suffered some losses, as there are indications that the patrol fought fiercely before it was wiped out. The American artillery also laid down a heavy barrage behind the Germans, through which they had to pass in returning to their trenches.

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PROFITS ON FLOUR—Wholesalers in flour shall not take more than fifty to seventy cents per barrel profit. Retailers shall not take more than eighty cents to \$1.20 barrel profit. Flour shall be sold in broken packages for not more than one cent a pound profit and the flour substitutes shall be sold at a reasonable profit over the actual purchase price.

IN ENFORCING THE FIFTY-FIFTY RULE YOU

MUST NOT EXTEND THE LIMIT TO ANYONE. AS THE SUPPLY OF SUBSTITUTES RUN SHORT LIMIT MORE CLOSELY THE SALE OF FLOUR. IF THE GROCER HAS AN INSUFFICIENT QUANTITY OF SUBSTITUTES TO EQUAL FLOUR SALES IN 1/8 BARREL QUANTITIES, LIMIT THE SALE TO TEN POUNDS OR EVEN FIVE POUNDS TO A CUSTOMER.

THESE STILL SEEM TO BE A BELIEF THAT THE FOOD REGULATIONS DOES NOT APPLY TO THE FARMER, BUT NOTHING IS FARTHER FROM THE TRUTH. THE MAN WHO HAS A FULL PORK BARREL OR WHEAT BIN SHOULD OBEY THE LAW AS FAITHFULLY AS THE FLAT DWELLER, AND ANY VIOLATION OF THE FOOD REGULATION IS JUST AS DISLOYAL AN ACT IN COUNTRY AS IN THE CITY.

NOW REMEMBER THAT ONLY OUR DENIAL WILL SAVE OUR SOLDIERS, OUR ALLIES AND OURSELVES FROM A BREAD FAMINE BEFORE ANOTHER HARVEST, AND I WOULD FURTHER SAY THAT NO PATRIOTIC AMERICAN WILL TRY TO AVOID THE ABOVE REGULATIONS.

S. E. HITE

Federal Food Admin. for Adams Co. 2 or 3.

OSRO BUTCHER DEAD

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Roop and Miss Elva Edington are among those who have gone to Bryant to attend the funeral of Osro Butcher, brother of Mrs. Roop, whose death occurred at Kalamazoo, Mich. The body will be taken to the home at Bryant either today or tomorrow. He was about twenty-six years of age.

LENTE BEGINS WEDNESDAY.

The season of Lent opens Wednesday at the Catholic church. The services on Ash Wednesday morning will begin at 7:30, when the distribution will take place. On every Tuesday evening at 7:30 there will be a sermon and benediction. On every Friday evening at 7:30, the way of the Cross.

## Big Offensive Is Last Card

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the masses to a point where they will support unprecedented losses in a terrific attempt to drive through the Franco-British lines.

The other is the people's party, unorganized, but to which 90 per cent of the population at heart belong.

They oppose another big offensive and call for conciliation and peace—claiming even the capture of Paris and Calais, were this possible, would, on the contrary, prolong it.

Dr. Dornburg, among others, is of this view.

The war party says peace can only be secured by fighting. They promise early peace if the people will follow them.

Thus, the offensive being prepared by Hindenberg and Ludendorff is positively Germany's last card. And only on the promise that it will bring immediate peace do the people agree that it be played.

The French of Verdun and the British of Ypres hold the trump card.

Behind them, America has a fresh hand.

I repeat—the Central must have peace soon, one way or another, or the masses will force the government's hand.

It's up to France, Great Britain and the United States.

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO ALL GROCERS IN ADAMS COUNTY.

While I am in personal touch with all grocers in Decatur, those outside have to depend mostly on the press for their information. While I desire to give the widest publicity to all food control regulations, I cannot accept the responsibility to serve notice upon every one.

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