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 "There is not a Way, Cut a Way."

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"Long may it wave!"
 Hear him buzzing again? Swat him!

Plant to the limit, and then plant some more.

It seems to be a race to see which will arrive first, war or spring.

"Gentle Spring" may not be quite so gentle if our guns begin to pop.

Well, anyway, rice hasn't advanced much. But who wants rice? We're no think.

It is easy, you know, to recognize the intelligence and good judgment of those whose opinions agree with ours.

When a fellow punches you on the nose that may or may not be an "overt act"—according to the way you view it.

There is no comparison between the high cost of living and the high cost of investigating the high cost of living.

The town knocker, we note, never thinks of changing his place of residence as a cure for the ills of which he complains.

Hogs, we read, are quoted at \$15 and hard to get, and yet there are a few in Andover we would like to give away.

Indications point to the fact that the back yard will be about the most valuable part of the premises this year. About, face!

In the good old days to call a man a "cabbage-head" was to invite an immediate scrap. Now you win his undying gratitude.

A fashion note says the prevailing style for the summer will probably be shorter skirts and lower necked dresses. G-o-o-d-b-y-e!

The fellow who is loudest in the contention that "charity begins at home" is usually the one who is most unwilling to make a beginning.

A news item states that there are more than 130 species of bats known to scientists. Shucks! There are more than that in Congress alone.

An exchange suggests that highwaymen could make more money as respectable food speculators. That editor's nutty! They're getting it all now.

A dispatch states that \$39,000 worth of liquor stored in Georgia has been sent to Secretary McAdoo. What a colossal thirst, even for bone-dry District of Columbia!

An exchange says that a paste made of wood ashes and kerosene will hurry the fire without danger to the user. But what is more needed is something that will hurry the slow cook without peril to the hurrier.

At last the Confederate slogan, "On to Washington!" is to be carried out. Funds have been provided for their reunion in that city in June and none will bid them a more hearty welcome than the "Yanks" of the North.

A Missouri editor refuses to publish obituaries of people who do not take the paper. His view is that people who do not take their home paper are dead any way and their passing has no news value. Shake, brother!

IT IS WAR

No one can doubt any longer. It is to be war. Even before these lines reach you the government may act, the word may be spoken.

We have reached a point where there can be no turning back. The movement must be united and it must be forward.

Some will forsake the emblems of trade and follow the flag, wherever it may lead. Others will till the soil and supply the food that sustains an army in the field. Still others will make arms and ammunition and the thousand and one things that are vitally necessary to a nation engaged in deadly strife with a powerful foe. A duty in the premises confronts each and every citizen, and that duty should be performed courageously and to the limit of efficiency.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? Will you line up and put the power of your personality in support of the government? Will you use your influence and your voice to enhance the loyalty of your community and its love of the flag of our country? The News believes all its readers will.

The press has assured the President that the country can see nothing but war ahead for us—expects nothing else—and is ready to meet the shock. Men of national reputation in all parts of the country are demanding prompt action on the part of the United States.

But we have not heard of any action on the part of the rural population, the small town citizen. He is hitching up his trousers and tightening his feet, but saying nothing.

When Rubin does get ready to speak his pieces however, there will be no uncertainty as to his meaning, and it will be in tones perfectly audible to the world. No more loyal Americans live today than those who form the country districts.

The authorities of the Town and Village of Andover should pass resolutions pledging the loyalty of our citizens to the government in this hour of danger, and forward these resolutions to the President and our members of Congress without delay.

Forget that there is such a thing as a Republican, Democrat or Progressive. We are all Americans to-day. Let's be Americans.

AN UNSCRIPTURAL DOCTRINE

War is at our door, and this fact impels the writer to remark that those extremely pious pacifists who look with such horror upon it, and who regard the word soldier as synonymous with Satan, should read their Bible a little more understandingly.

Nowhere within its covers is the Christian compared to the mollicoddle or the milksop, but always to the brave and trained soldier. In fact from beginning to end of the scriptures the efficient servant of the Most High is not only likened to a soldier but is declared to be a soldier of the Lord.

Even Moses, the type and pattern of meekness, trained and disciplined an army that later, under command of his lieutenant, Joshua, conquered a great people and won a home for a nation.

The peace-at-any-price and swat-the-other-cheek pacifist will have to rewrite the scriptures before he can reconcile his policies with the plain word of God Almighty.

An exchange says the next thing we know they will be forcing congressmen to stand competitive examinations. "They? Who?" Surely our brother doesn't imagine that Congress will be so saddle-pated as to wish such a calamity on itself!

LUCY STONE CLUB

The Lucy Stone Club will meet with Mrs. Mary Driscoll, Tuesday afternoon, April 3rd.

"TO HELL WITH THE PEOPLE"

We are not mining words in this article, but are stating facts exactly as we see them, without fear or favor.

"To hell with the people," seems to be about the attitude of both labor and capital. And, being of the people, ourself, we object.

By the skin of our teeth we have just missed a disastrous railroad strike—missed it because the railroads themselves bowed to the demands of the brotherhoods as the country totters on the brink of actual war.

The railroad executives declared that they would fight to a finish before they would surrender to the demands of the brotherhoods. In turn the brotherhood chiefs swore they would paralyze the railroads of the country in order to win their point.

In vain did the press and people of the country urge mediation, compromise, postponement anything to avoid the calamity of a strike. But the pleadings of the people, the prospect of untold suffering, even the national danger itself, fell upon deaf ears.

It was a case of "to hell with the people" with both sides joining in the chorus. But when the emissaries of the President of the United States disclosed the national peril to the contestants the railroad presidents threw up their hands and granted the demands of the brotherhoods, granting them because they knew the government would seize and operate the roads if they did not grant them.

It will cost the roads approximately \$100,000,000 a year, but this will not come out of the pockets of the railroad corporations. No, indeed! The people themselves will have to pay the freight in the shape of increased charges on their freight.

We are not championing the cause of the railroads, nor are we pleading the cause of the brotherhoods, but we ARE asking for justice for the people, for those who will have to foot the \$100,000,000 bill. But where that justice is coming from we don't know.

Everywhere we turn it seems to be just a plain case of "to hell with the people."

Capital disregards them, labor disregards them, and even Congress disregards them—after the vote is cast.

Prices are mounting up on everything by leaps and bounds. Living conditions are becoming intolerable, and no one seems to be able to call a halt.

We have a Congress which is sent to Washington to make laws that will insure just and equitable treatment for all of our people—for the capitalist, the laborer and for the "people."

But Congress shirks its plain duty. Apparently it does not even recognize that a duty exists. It could regulate big business; it could regulate the brotherhoods and other organizations; it could fix minimum and maximum prices if it would.

But it don't. It simply shouts hot air and hits nothing, and never intends to hit anything.

It encourages existing conditions by its refusal to regulate. The favored ones win out and the people pay—as they have always done.

One side or the other must give in, and since neither is willing to pay the freight the helpless people perform must do the paying. And they do.

And it will always be so until the people wake up to the fact that they are the masters and not the servants.

One by one our delusions are shattered. We used to hear the sage advice of the economist tell us to "eat dried apples for breakfast, drink water for dinner and swell up for supper." But the impossibility of any economy now in the menu can be seen when we remember that apples have gone up to five cents per pound. Fortunately the fellow who coined that word is dead, and has no means of knowing what a delusion that word is today.

CHEESE FACTORY MEETING

The patrons of the Kellenburg cheese factory will hold their annual meeting at the factory Saturday afternoon Mar. 31st, at 2 o'clock.

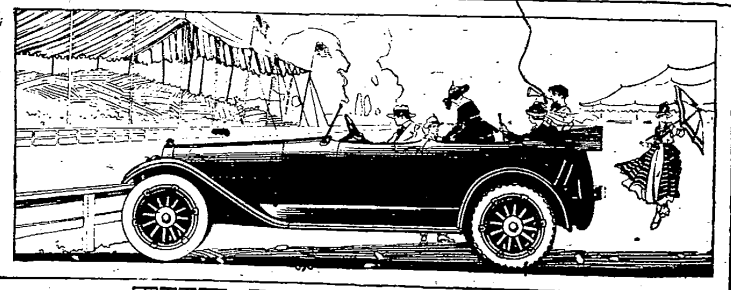
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The awakening of Spring is indicated by the new things in this store. Every stock reflects the spirit of Easter. Newness everywhere! And best of all, the prices are moderate compared with those asked elsewhere.

- Ladies' Coats and Suits**
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- Easter Waists**
 New styles, characterized by a touch of Broadway, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2 and \$2.50. Tailored styles at \$1.50 and \$2.
- Ladies' Dress Accessories**
 New Collars, 25c to 59c. Silk Gloves, Keyser Tipped, 59c. New models in Corsets. Royal Worcester \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2. "Filler" styles, 59c to \$2.00.
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