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To the kicker: If you must kick forward, like a man, not backward like a wile.

The next conversation order to be issued should be for a series of speechless days in Congress.

The American hen will tender vote of thanks to Mr. Hoover for that commutation of her sentence.

Up to date we have heard no word from Mr. Hoover that the hole in the doughnut should be made smaller.

The familiar restaurant order of "ham and eggs" is very appropriate these days. There is nothing doing after the "and."

The world may as soon one has asserted, except as at our own value, but we don't often catch it in a buying humor.

Probably the reason why lightning never strikes twice in the same place is because the place isn't there after the first strike.

It is so long since we have had our eye on Uncle Carranza that the old gink may be up to all sorts of devilment down there.

The fellow who is planning a war garden is likely to take issue with Mr. Hoover on the wisdom of prolonging the life of the hen.

The British must be good Old Kellogg. They have successfully traveled the road from Jerusalem to Jericho on a mission of humanity.

American troops on the Champagne front. They wish the folks back home to understand, however, that there's nothing in a name.

German authorities are said to be suspicious of Trotsky's actions. It was a noted politician who remarked "D—n a man that won't stay bought!"

A Chicago lecturer says that bow legs are not so common as they appear. Didn't know any one had such poor taste as to fake bow legs.

Austria tired of war! Well, it isn't the first time in history that an individual or a nation has started something that they could not stop.

Germans are said to be wearing clothes made of paper. The Kaiser should be able to furnish them some raw material if they can utilize "scraps."

Any fool may criticize. But criticism is not a remedy, that requires constructive ability. So unless you possess this, better hold your tongue and saw wood.

In deciding on a renewed German offensive perhaps Hindenburg concluded Petrograd would be a more suitable place than Paris for that April fool dinner.

If the critics would spend the same amount of energy in the effort to prevent the Government making mistakes that they spend in denunciation, the per cent of errors would be much smaller.

The farmer, who in these times would feed wheat to hogs, is an altogether new specimen of animal that we have not yet classified. Of all the utterly incomprehensible beings that this war has brought to public notice, he is easily the least. If not an avowed friend of the Kaiser, he may be simply an animal in the form of a man with a grunt where there should be a heart.

The reports from General Pershing's boys are the thing that...

America and is such as to cause a feeling of the most intense satisfaction throughout the country. Our boys are proving themselves fully equal to the task before them and have already taken the measure of their foe and are going after him.

They are also dissipating the hitherto world-wide dread of the German bogey, and proving him to be by no means the superman he would have us think him. They are demonstrating that German defenses can be shattered and German troops routed and German discipline thoroughly disorganized.

And what after all, is this dread German bogey? Nothing but iron discipline working with thoroughly plastic material. Given unscrupulous leaders fired with the lust of conquest, and a docile and tractable army the results must inevitably be a dangerous machine—a machine without scruple and without conscience. But on the other hand it is a machine devoid of intelligence and without initiative save in its leaders.

And it is in this latter quality, or rather lack of quality, that it will meet its Waterloo at the hands of the American army. The American soldier is not merely a cog in a fighting machine. He is also a sentient, pulsing, dynamic human machine in himself—quick to think and trained to act upon his conclusions. Men of this class are to be trusted with the most dangerous and delicate missions. They are not only reliable in the mass, but are thoroughly to be depended upon as separate human units.

It is the German contempt for all things not German, that has helped largely in impressing the nations with a false estimate of German prowess. This contempt is fast being unmasked, and made to stand out in its true light—ignorance. Pershing is teaching us that it is by no means the result of superior knowledge, but rather of arrogance inspired by the belief that German knowledge is of a superior order. Nothing but bullets and shrapnel will shake this arrogance, but these are being manufactured in this country and sent to our boys over there, and they can be trusted to place them where they will do the most good.

Germany has stigmatized us as a nation of dollar chasers. Well, we have chased the dollar successfully, and we will show her that we can turn those dollars into bullets for her undoing. Her contempt is the best possible spur to our troops. It is urging them to show to the world that the great German bogey is but a man-made affair after all, and a man who can and will be whipped before we are thru with him.

**DON'T KNOW AMERICANS**

German papers are gloating over the sinking of the Tuscania, expressing the conviction that the incident "must unfailingly dampen the spirits of Americans."

If evidence was wanted that Germany is lamentably ignorant of American character, the above is sufficient. Americans are the last race on earth to be given to crying over spilt milk. Probably no nation in history has grown to commanding influence in the world over greater opposition than has the United States. Opposition is the bread of life to our people, and your red-blooded American has a mild contempt for any occupation that contains non of the elements of danger or chance.

If asked to furnish proof to refute the insinuations of the Teutons that we would blanch at the dangers from their submarines, it is found in the fact that before the ink was fairly dry on the paper in this country giving the news of the sinking of the Tuscania, enthusiasts in all branches had jumped to records never reached before. Thousands are flocking to every branch of the service, many with the avowed purpose of avenging the heroes so shamelessly butchered.

Germany is due for a very wide awakening as to the real American character. She is due to discover that our aversion to war does not cover a craven heart, but arises rather from a national sense of justice and right. She is also due to learn that

German heart.

Germany, however, is merely whittling to keep up her courage, she has no doubt when our troops reach Europe in force.

**INVESTIGATION DEMANDED**

The most unfortunate incident that has arisen since this country's entrance into war is the dispute between the railroads and the Brotherhood of Trainmen and conductors. The dispute is fraught with much danger to the transportation interests of the country. The seriousness of the charges made by Messrs. W. G. Lee and A. B. Garretson, heads of the Trainmen and conductors, respectively, would seem to leave the Government no choice but to fully investigate the entire matter.

Messrs. Lee and Garretson allege that the freight congestion is the direct result of conspiracy on the part of the managements of the various systems to discredit government control and the eight-hour law. Not only is this serious charge made by both these great labor leaders, but it is substantiated by numerous other members of the two brotherhoods.

It is almost unbelievable that the heads of our great transportation systems could so far forget the first duty of American citizens as to exploit their country in this great crisis of her history, for purely selfish ends. On the other hand it is almost unbelievable that two such prominent leaders of the people should be deceived into laying a charge of such seriousness unless they were firmly convinced of its truth.

The country had shot that the graceful manner in which government control was accepted by the management of our roads, that all were in perfect harmony with the administration in the effort to bring the war to a speedy close. We were feeling proud of our transportation systems and pointing to them as evidences of the deep loyalty of all classes of our people. We had also rejoiced that the great labor organizations were standing so staunchly by the Government and would throw their great strength to the making of the world safe for democracy.

But this controversy is of too serious a nature to be passed by. It involves two of the most powerful interests of the country, and the very life of the nation is affected. If the charge is true, there is treason to deal with. If false, then two of America's greatest labor leaders have sadly fallen down on their jobs and have brought their organizations in bad repute.

Since the matter has gone so far, it is up to Congress to thoroughly investigate. No perfunctory probe should be tolerated, but the country should be made fully acquainted with every fact. The railroads are more than ever the arteries of the nation in this crisis, and consideration for no man or set of men should be permitted to interfere with their full operation.

Use the probe and probe to the bottom.

—WSS—

Prof. E. A. Ross, of the University of Wisconsin, who is just back from Russia, says the Bolsheviks know where they are going. Which is probably true, as the road to Germany is no doubt plain enough.

Figuring it right down to the last analysis, it is up to the people of this country to decide which they love most, their boys or their stomachs. One or the other must be denied. Which?

The day you had intended to stay home but made a trip to the store after reading an ad—was very likely a profitable and satisfied day to you.

—WSS—

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—Mrs. Chas. Lynch has been acquiring the services of a br...

—Read the Forum. For article in series on "Business Efficiency."

—One mail a day is the second Allegany County town receiving.

—W. S. S. means War Stamps. Buy them and halt the Kaiser.

—The Ir-As-Much Society of the M. E. Church meets with Harvey Thorne, Friday night this week.

—Dad Perry arrived at home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Perry Sunday, as a member of their family.

—Daisy, the three year daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Thompson, of Angelica, died 17th of broncho-pneumonia.

—Another meaning of "S. S." is "We Shall Sacrifice" less luxuries to help win the war by buying War Savings Stamps.

—J. E. Drake, proprietor of the Drake Pharmacy at B... has made an assignment for benefit of creditors. His net assets are estimated equal to his liabilities.

—Four or five cars filled friends and relatives drove Belmont with the boys who for Camp Upton Wednesday. The train was over three late, leaving Belmont about 10.

—Word has been received from R. C. White, that his son Edwin W. White, has been selected a captain's commission in the Medical Corps. Capt. White now located at Great Falls, Pa.

—It used to be advice to mail to the address quickest way regardless of cost. Now it is exactly opposite. Now wait for their mail. It costs anything to get it. It must make six million this year from the postal department.