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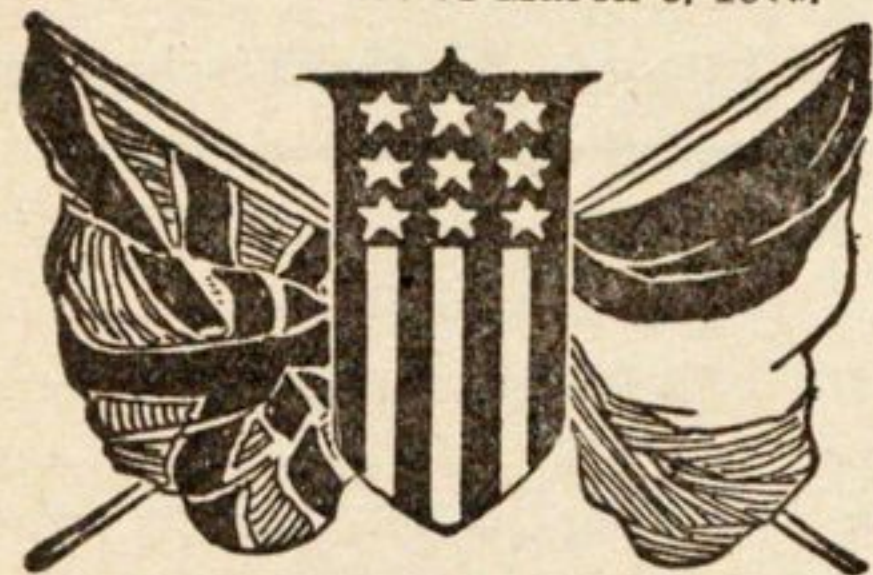
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### A Sensible Conservation Measure.

The policy of extinguishing half the lights on Michigan boulevard after midnight as a conservation measure is one that might well be adopted along the whole length of the drive from Chicago north.

The artistic effect of the system of lighting would suffer somewhat from the turning off of a part of the fixtures, but the safety of the people would not be jeopardized in any way and the fuel which it is important that now be conserved would be saved in no small measure.

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### Sobriety a War Measure.

More than twelve hundred saloons closed in Chicago since the beginning of the enforcement of the Sunday closing law and the institution of the regulations which have gone into effect with the threat to the business occasioned by the passage of the federal law prohibiting the manufacture of distilled alcoholic beverages, is a record to bring joy to the hearts of the prohibitionists.

Many things have contributed to the failure of these twelve hundred vendors of liquor to renew their licenses,—the federal tax, the increased cost of distilled liquors, the persistent campaign which is being waged against it by the prohibition workers, the growth of public sentiment against a thing which impairs the efficiency of the workers of the country and hence weakens it for the prosecution of the work of preparation for war. Effective service in the industrial plants is necessary for the equipment of the Army and Navy with supplies, munitions, ships, everything but the man power, for carrying on a war upon the present scale of efficiency, is an essential. Such service is incompatible with the free use of alcohol and this the nation has realized.

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### The New Cataloguing of Man Power.

The new plan applying to registrants for war service is designed to effect "a more perfect organization," according to the words of the President. It is intended to find out not only whether a man is fitted for service in the fighting forces but whether he is more valuable in another capacity, whether men not qualified to serve in the trenches or on other sort of active duty, may yet be useful to the government in another department.

Through the questionnaire which is being sent to every registered man the talent of the manhood of the country will be thoroughly listed and

later tabulated in the war department. By it it will be possible to call into service men who are equipped to do a special bit of work, training and equipment which, under the old system of registration and draft, went to waste. It is a sensible bit of economy which is being put into practice, a piece of efficient management and attention to detail which is worthy the quality of the foe which we have to meet and defeat. With a similar cataloguing of the talents and training of the womanhood of the nation through the recent registration, the United States will have at hand information upon which to draw for any industrial need which may arise.

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### Other Than War Interests.

Interest in the enemy which is declared, which manifests itself in the recognized ways of warfare, runs high in America. We recognize the ill that the Germans may do to us and exert our every effort to prevent the success of their attempts.

Just because our concern for the conditions which have been developed by the war is so keen there is danger that we may neglect conditions which are common to our lives every year and the necessity grows to bring and to keep before the public mind the constant needs of the community. One of these needs is the care of the tubercular in our own state, lest the hard conditions incident to the war make more acute a situation which under any circumstances is threatening to our national safety and our national development.

We must keep in mind the needs of the men at the front. We must keep our hands busy with war work. We must maintain all the agencies which are operating for the benefit of the soldiers and the sailors, but we must not, under this stress, forget those demands which were made upon us before we were thrown into war. We must remember those unfortunates who are with us always and supply those needs which are constant and keen.

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### Food Between the Lines.

There are many interesting facts to be picked up through reading between the lines, both in the letters which come from the men at the front and from the newspapers of the countries more nearly associated with the war than are we at present. In these days of discussion of the general subject of the conservation of foods and the prospects of a general shortage of the countries where people are allied with us, anything which throws light upon the food situation abroad is of unusual significance.

In a recent article upon the conservation of certain materials which appeared in the London Times, the people of England were urged to use no bread with their midday and evening meals, no tea except with the tea meal, and no bacon or ham except for breakfast. It is a comforting assurance which comes with this intimation that our English cousins are still enjoying their four meals a day, that there is still sufficient to permit the observance of the afternoon tea function, that there is no general suffering from hunger there while we are enduring no real privation, no shortage of the things which we are accustomed to have, and no adequate foundation for thinking that the people of Britain are facing famine.

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### Preparedness.

Bernard, three years old, overheard his father saying something about a new bumper for his auto. Running to his sister, he said: "Pa is going to get a new bumper so some old pumpkin trasher won't run into him."

### LAWS RESTRICT PERSONS IN KEEPING EXPLOSIVES

A Federal license is now required in the United States for the legal possession of explosives, any person having explosives and not holding a license therefor being subject to a fine of \$5,000 and imprisonment for one year.

Only citizens of the United States and friendly countries may obtain licenses. The purchaser of dynamite must state definitely what the explosive is to be used for when obtaining his license, and will be held accountable for its use as stated and the return of any that may be left.

With the strict enforcement of this law the Federal authorities hope to prevent explosives falling into the hands of evilly disposed persons, and to put a stop to all further dynamite plots.

### U. S. MAY PRINT THEATER TICKETS WITH TAX COUPON

Uncle Sam may soon go into the business of printing theater tickets. The object of the government would be to furnish a protection to the public against the boosting of prices by motion picture houses and theaters. The method would be to print the regular ticket with war tax coupon attached. Julius F. Smietanka, collector of internal revenue, told of the plan under advisement.

### MORE CAVALRY FOR U. S.; ARMY TO BE 3,000,000

War Department estimates, which provide a large increase in the percentage of cavalry units, are being hurriedly completed for presentation to Congress, it was declared this week.

The calculations are made on the basis of an army of 3,000,000 men in

all branches. If the war continues beyond another eighteen months the fighting forces may be expanded to 5,000,000 or even 7,000,000, it was said. One of the army staff said the idea of forming large cavalry reserves became insistent from the time the news was received of the work accomplished by British tanks in the advance on Cambrai.

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