to meet the invader. If I do not
get to the war and the war is fin-
ished before I attain military
age, my chance for promotion
in this world is gone forever,
in vain shall I then plead youth
as my excuse: the answer will
be there were twenty thousand of
your age who unlike yourself went
and met the enemy. Besides my
going to the war will do no harm
to the country: I assist in any way
in furnishing food for the army
in the field, I consume, I do not
help to make. Besides do you
not think sometimes, that I must
picture to myself the future, when
perhaps I may have a family of
children, and when they shall
sit on my knees and look up
and say Father "Tell me all about
the war, and what they killed
each other for"? They may last
long enough for me to get out
and then again, at may tomorrow.