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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

When heart and intellect have accepted the doctrine of brotherhood, then, and not then, effective work can be done, and light will fall on every social problem.— Charles Sprague Smith.

A little sunshine weather could be tolerated for a few days.

There are some indications of peace. Efforts are being made in that direction.

If our appetite would only issue a moratorium, all would be prosperous.

Your sins may find you out, but not any sooner than your neighbor does.

Less than one hundred days till the holidays. Do your Christmas shopping early.

There is one thing about Nebraska. When it rains, there is no discount on its raining.

More often it is hard to explain just why the price that is raised should have been rising.

Here is the latest definition of a wedding ring. A circle used by some men to square their debts.

The trouble at this stage is that there are too many who try to imagine that business isn't good.

There is no doubt about the European war stiffening up the horse market in this country a bit.

We often times have wondered if those engaged in that "holy war" are singing "Onward Christian Soldiers."

The national house of representatives may adopt a forty-eight hour week, and pay the members by the hour.

On account of the European war it will be next to impossible to get faces, toy, etc., which are imported almost wholly. That being the case why not make them at home. Zion City, Illinois makes good faces, and there should be other Americans as clever as that old man Dowie, who started the Zion works. And toys can be made largely without any big outlay for machinery. Get busy.

President Wilson is doing a noble work in his efforts to bring about peace among the warring nations and from present indications he has been heard from the crowned kings, who are engaged in the conflict. They realize the fact that President Wilson is greatly in earnest, and in that true Christian spirit his prayer goes up every day and almost every hour for the cessation of hostilities. The nations of Europe fully realize that President Wilson desires the friendship of all of them and that he is sincere in the hope that his efforts may be crowned with success in obtaining in the true sense of the term, "Peace on Earth and Good Will to Man." No one can say that our noble president is not sincere in everything he undertakes.

LENGTH OF THE WAR.

Prime Minister Asquith has asked the British House of Commons to authorize the calling and equipping of a half-million more men for service in the war. Simultaneously come well-authenticated reports from Berlin that the German government is preparing to float a war loan of \$250,000,000. Washington official circles are said to have been advised, through Ambassador Page, that the British ministry can not consider any proposal looking toward mediation, or peace conferences, until Germany is decisively defeated. This conjunction of events appears to warrant the opinion of Rustem Bey, Turkish ambassador at Washington, that the war can not possibly end in less than a year and may continue a year and a half.

It may continue longer than that. A part of yesterday's news was that the Austrian government was known to be in the mood for making peace overtures, for itself. This rumor came out of two European capitals, Rome and Petrograd, but it might readily be believed if it emanated from Timbuctoo or Belochistan. Under the stress of continuing defeat, the want of esprit de corps and lack of a common patriotic purpose in an army of soldiers of alien breeds can not long be delayed in showing itself. None of the breeds most alien to the German stock in the conglomerate Austrian Empire would find their way into the kaiser's army. They would all gravitate much more naturally and properly into the army of the czar. But it is easily to be lieve that the soldiers of German and Hungarian blood, who must constitute a large find, under capable generalship in the German ranks, a field in which they could make their valor count for something nearer its real worth in any event, the defection of Austria, if it is to come, would be to Germany more of a gain than a loss. Austria has been thus far, in serving the ends of the Dual Alliance, a liability and not an asset. And there is apparently, not the least prospect of her becoming moer than that.

The time is at hand, no matter how the war results, to put the ancient house of Hapsburg off all thrones. It comes down to us from the time of the Caesars. It has seated sovereigns on many thrones, but for some generations past it has embroiled Europe in frequent wars to keep stiched the crazy quilt and patchwork of and empire over which a direct descendant of its house could reign. If it should make peace for itself with the allies, it could only be on condition of the perpetuation of a Hapsburg dynasty. And that is not a consummation devoutly to be wished.

The United States ought to be happy. It has two great consolations—moving crops and moving pictures.

The popularity of the peace movement will not be effected by any charges as to the sordid motives of its originators.

Do you realize the blessings of a free country now, when subjects of the crown must fight whether they care to or not?

The dove of peace seems to have at last alighted in Mexico, but a fellow has to breathe the announcement very carefully.

Who said "All is fair in love and war?"

Whether a battle is decisive depends on which side is liked.

There is a great demand for residence property in Plattsmouth.

It is not now a question as to who started the war, but who is going to stop it.

It is astonishing the way some republican newspaper pokes fun at Teddy Roosevelt.

Some of the war maps in the metropolitan papers are evidently drawn by cartoonists.

Japan has taken the Philippines so many times that we refuse to be alarmed over it any more.

We are with Austria. If reports are true the Austrians are now for peace, and so is the Journal

There is some curiosity as to just how many Austrian armies are left, after so many have been wiped out.

A soldier sees but a small part of a battle in which he is engaged. In reading descriptions of battles one should bear in mind Saxen's poem about the blind man and the elephant.

It is expected that congress will adjourn before October 1, in order to give those congressmen who expect to be re-elected an opportunity to go home and fix up their political fences.

The success that Roger Sullivan is about to achieve in landing the senatorial togo in Illinois in spite of great opposition to him, shows that in politics, as well as in other matters no one man can hope to dictate how other men shall do.

Congressman Slayden declares the European war will help the peace movement. Perhaps it will, as there will not be so many fighters left when it is over.

There is but one rule of strict morality that a man can adopt. That would be to live as pure and perfect a life as he would have his wife live, to avoid association, habits and language that he would have her avoid. The old idea of one scale of morals for the man and another for the woman is very wrong and until the young man is ostracized from society by the same act that would turn the young woman out in the cold world, social standing is but a farce.

The spirit of a school or college graduating class is one of rosy optimism. The obstacles of school life have been conquered. This gives courage and hope for the future. Inspired by the hopefulness of young people, in the bright lexicon of youth, there's no such word as fail. The graduates remark that they expect to meet difficulty and sorrow, but it seems never to occur to them that they won't surmount all such obstacles. It is an inspiring spirit. The observer who does not feel his enthusiasm stirred by it must himself be growing old. The reason why so many of these bright hopes are disappointed is mostly that people quit after one or two defeats. They conclude that success is impossible and settle into sullen acquiescence. But success is not due so much to genius as to grim persistence. The people who learn from their failures and keep trying rarely fail to reach a goal that is well worth while.

The lifting of the embargo on arms to Mexico does not literally violate neutrality, although Villa alone can be benefited. There still seems plenty of ways to skin a cat.

PRAYER FOR PEACE.

Even the man who looks at life with an interrogation point may well attend church on October 4, the day that President Wilson has set aside for prayer for peace. There are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamt of in the philosophy of some of us. The rationalist finds the old conceptions of prayer difficult to harmonize. Yet any thoughtful study of the literature of the subject will reveal a host of striking and well attested occurrences, indication of the efficacy of influence not accounted for on any material basis. If the nations of Europe could but look at their quarrels, either from the Christian or the business point of view, they would settle them and call off their armed men in a day. Seen either in the light of the teachings of Jesus, or from the most sordid money aspect, the war is both wrong and senseless. Those fighting powers are sensitive to American opinion. They began by hustling American tourists around in a most unceremonious way. Some one told them that the favorable opinion of the United States was going to be very useful to them before they got through. It was amusing to see the celerity with which the attitude toward our travelers improved. It looks as though this day of prayer for peace might be a regular "go to church Sunday."

The folly and crime and tragedy of this war will be dwelt upon. A wave of sentiment adverse to war, and a vast impulse of sympathy, will sweep over the land. If there are spiritual forces that play from heart to heart, of which so many intimations are found in human life, it would seem as if this outpouring of feeling must have its influence. One would think, also, that a common sense of shame and decent regard for the opinion of mankind would lead the powers to see in this demonstration the desirability of ending so shocking a condition of affairs.

Statesmen of all countries and all parties admit that arbitration is a good thing. It might likewise be conceded that arbitration is better before a strike than after.

It will be hard for the historical families to make an impressive scene out of the modern commander sitting in an office and telephoning his commands to battle line 250 miles away.

If there is anything more than another would have a tendency to make a man driving an automobile feel like voting for prohibition, it is when he strikes a broken bottle along the highway every now and then, where some reckless boozers have thrown them, regardless of the damages they may do to horses or autos, or to other travel. And they should understand there is a law in Nebraska inflicting a heavy penalty upon the parties found guilty of such a crime.

Governor Morehead has done more for Nebraska than any other governor has done in the same length of time that he has been in office, and he is doing more every day, without blowing about it, too. The governor is a good, solid business man, and not a specialist. Omaha is the city of specialists. There they have special eye and ear doctors, special chronic doctors, and water works doctors, and it is one of the latter that expects to slide into the governor's office because he has made good showing satisfactory to some of the people of the metropolis, but it takes one who is a genuine all round business man to fill the position to the entire satisfaction of all classes of people—the farmer, the merchant, the banker, the laborer, and everybody. The man who fills the position to perfection is nobody but John H. Morehead.

Try a censorship on your self and see how you like it.

Even war is not all hell. Russia has increased tax on cigarettes.

Another good way to raise revenue is to tax people for arguing about the war.

With the scarcity of French briar and Austrian merchaum, there should be a boom in corn cob pipes.

All the warring nations appear to want Uncle Sam to umpire the struggle, but none would accept his rulings if he accepted the job.

Railroads may only be pretending that they are hard up, but if they have builders of paper roads fooled, nobody is promoting now.

All who are defeated in the great war across the big pond may conclude to take up their residence in "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

It is an assured fact that the democrats of Cass county made no mistake in selecting L. F. Langhorst for chairman of the county committee. He is a hustler, and if the candidates do their part, there is no question as to Lou Langhorst doing his part to perfection.

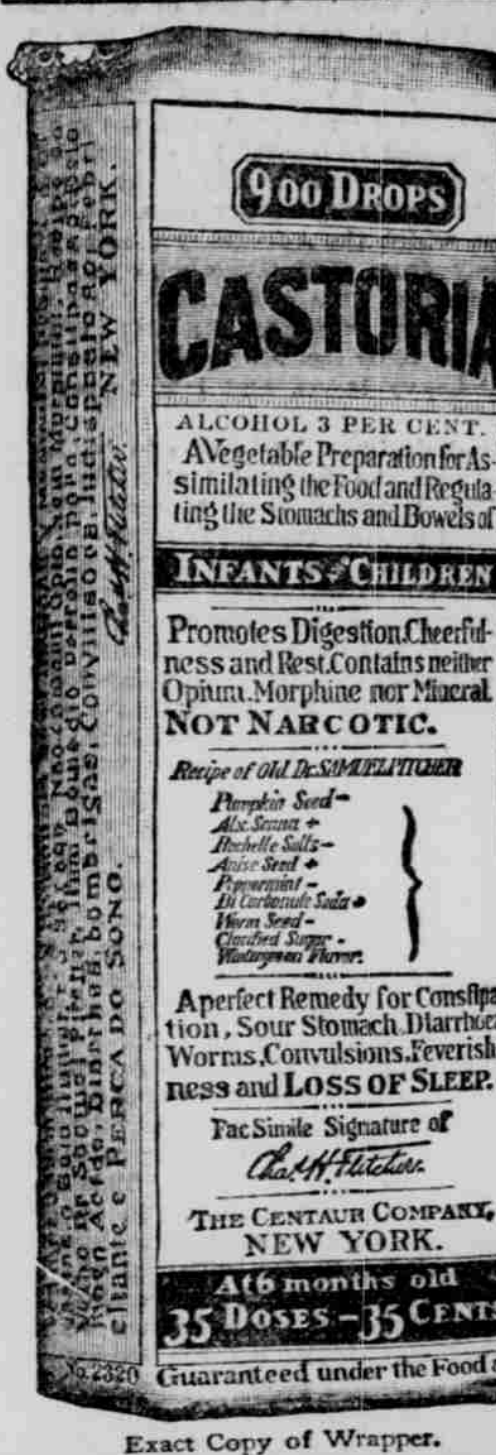
A special committee of the Nebraska Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, at Omaha, went out and collected \$3,230 for the Red Cross relief fund and mailed a draft for that amount to the national president. How much has the association favoring woman suffrage in Nebraska done in this direction?

One of the finest compliments that has recently been paid to the United States government was that of a German ambassador sent on a mission to Mexico. When he reached New York, he stated that he would never enter Mexico as ambassador until that government shall have been recognized by this country.

Talk about times being hard and money scarce. Bosh! In today's bank statements you can see how well this community stands financially. With almost \$500,000.00 in the banks it looks like we live in a very prosperous community and that the farmers and citizens have laid up a competency for a rainy day. Anyway, most of our people can pay their bills.

The door of opportunity will some day go shut in the face of the man who is never ready to take advantage when the chance comes along. Young manhood and womanhood, boyhood and girlhood is the only time to get our education. The girl or boy who is not at school every day he or she is physically able to be there is broving away great chance for an education that will assist them in a business career through life.

There should be no delay in the Commercial club taking up the matter of more residents in this city, and endeavor to induce those who are possessed of capital to erect a few more cottages. If we want more people in Plattsmouth something must be done to provide some place for them to live. We are informed that a couple of gentlemen were in the city Tuesday looking for residences, but could find none and went away with the promise of one of our real estate men, that he would try and fix them out in a couple of weeks. But applications for houses to live in is an every day occurrence. While it shows that the city is greatly on the boom, we hate to see people go away because of the lack of houses to rent.



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THE STATE UNIVERSITY.

In exhibiting some of its work at the state fair this year and in illustrating there the field, it is designed to cover, the state university has taken another step toward closer contact with the people of Nebraska. It has opened up an entirely new channel for publicity of the big school. It has also indicated that in the future it will endeavor not only to cater to its students, but actually reach out and grasp ordinary taxpayers and compel them to listen to information about the higher educational side of the gigantic corporation in which they are stockholders.

The interest taken in the exhibit shows that there was an immediate manifest response on the part of those whom it was intended to reach. Many learned more than they ever knew before about the university. They so expressed themselves fully and frankly. They appeared to be delighted with the opportunity of obtaining this information. Many who viewed the exhibit in fact became interested enough to visit the university itself later on. Scores of men and women denoted astonishment at the variety and thoroughness of the courses offered and at the multiplicity of activities present in such an institution. Many of these men and women were parents of boys and girls who are students now at the university or who have graduated. And the greater share of them admitted that their previous knowledge of the school and its life had been very limited. They promised to keep in closer touch with it in the future. Their interest was obviously stimulated or entirely re-created by the exhibit.

This year's exhibit was in the nature of an experiment. If the heads of the school are wise, if they have listened to the com-

ment and commendation of those who saw it, they will continue it year by year in enlarged form. There is much to gain from such an exhibit—both on the part of the university and the students to come. The more the people know about the school the more intelligently will its needs be met and the more readily will the taxpayers be responsive to changes which will better enable it to carry out its mission in state life.

The university is of increasing importance to the people of this state. The sooner all the taxpayers become acquainted with its possibilities and the principles under which it must be conducted the sooner will it be removed from the field of uncertainty. The school has a secure place in Nebraska hearts. Its future means much to those who have passed out of its halls as well as to those who are destined yet to enter them. When Nebraskans know their institution they will do nothing to endanger its prospects. Its life will then be of more serious concern to them than that of any other governmental institution.—World-Herald.

Senator Ollie James of Kentucky, will stump Nebraska in the interests of the democratic ticket. Senator James is a great orator, and will certainly do just good for the party.

Before it is all over the republicans may be claiming that the democrat promoted the European war to direct attention, and thus destroy the good result of the new tariff law.

In peace or war, Plattsmouth continues to be the best and safest place. Stick to Plattsmouth and if you do right, the citizens of Plattsmouth will stick to you.

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