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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

To be good is noble, but to teach others how to be good is nobler—and less trouble.—Mark Twain.

And the beauty of a get-rich-quick scheme is also only skin deep.

The weather continues beautiful, much to the satisfaction of the farmers.

There is a parasite that destroys mosquitoes, and thank God for that parasite.

Next Monday is Labor Day. The Evening Journal will not be printed on that day.

The average annual egg yield of each hen in the United States is 70. The record is 303.

Scientists report a lizard-like shape on the sun. Wasn't there enough to worry about without that?

In a current magazine a prominent doctor discusses the manner in which a cat carries disease. Scat!

This is sure a great country. When we are not bothered with candidates, flies and mosquitoes come in swarms.

This "Better to give than to receive" business sounds a great deal like a minority vote of the city council.

A young lady in Plattsmouth says she is in love with women's present fashions, because she can mobilize in half the time.

If we don't get a shower pretty soon, there will be a complaint of drought. It has been five days now since we had a sprinkle. And it seems strange.

There seems to be an agreement among the greatest powers of Europe that if they had not started the war when they did, Belgium and Switzerland would have attacked them and rendered them subjective.

Now, as seldom before, one should think of the patriotic slogan of that real American, Stephen Decatur, which is as follows: "Our country! In her intercourse with foreign nations may she always be right; but our country, right or wrong."

If the democratic officials in the state house don't quit their quarreling, there won't be one of them re-nominated, much less he re-elected. There are some of them that can't be elected, anyway, and perhaps these are the chief conspirators in all the trouble brought about.

There ought to be no special session of the legislature. It would entail an expense that the people ought not to be allowed to bear. There is no real necessity for a special session, because there is no excuse for the conditions that seem to require one.—Lincoln Star. Their's our sentiments exactly.

Governor Morehead has issued his Labor Day proclamation, designating next Monday, September 6, as the day set forth by law as a holiday, particularly for all who make both ends meet "by the sweat of the brow." And the Journal force will be off on that day, and consequently no paper will be issued Monday evening. Please remember this and govern yourselves accordingly.

STEPS TOWARD PEACE.

The German government, by written official assurance, has accepted the position of the government of the United States with regard to submarine warfare. Apparently that acceptance is unconditional, although it is well understood that Germany, having yielded much, expects the United States to take a positive stand against British violation of neutral rights on the high seas. That expectation is justified and there can be not the slightest doubt that it will be met in full measure by our government.

Simultaneously with the official announcement of a modified submarine policy, Berlin newspapers are reported as praising President Wilson and contrasting him to Bryan and Roosevelt to the discredit of those two eminent publicists. Berlin apparently is coming to realize, as the United States should realize, how great have been the services of the President of the United States to the cause of peace during the last few troubled weeks. From many and varied quarters, domestic as well as foreign, a vigorous campaign has been waged to force this country into the war as an ally of the allies. To that campaign the powerful metropolitan press of the country as well as a large proportion of the nationally circulated weekly and monthly periodicals have been, directly or indirectly, a party. It has enlisted support from the pulpit, from the colleges, from powerful financial interests planted on both sides of the Atlantic, and from some great industries that expected to profit by war. Theodore Roosevelt has been one of the loudest fuglemen of that campaign, and at the same time that he has been viciously attacking the president for "a spineless policy" other critics have sought to lead the country to think that the president was too militant. Raked by the firing from both sides Woodrow Wilson remained both placid and firm. While standing, as a patriotic American president, unyieldingly for what he conceived to be American rights, he resisted with all his might and all his influence the attempts to force this country into war with Germany. He believed that an appeal to German reason and to the German sense of justice would gain for America all that it was entitled to ask, and the event has proved he was not mistaken.

As the president is now about to turn to Great Britain with the insistent invitation that it, too, come in under the cover of international law, there are discernible favorable portents in the heavens. They are portents favorable not merely to the establishing of our contentions, but to an early ending of the war. The pound sterling sunk to \$4.50 in New York yesterday—a depreciation of 7 per cent. It is an unprecedented and astonishing thing. It tells, more eloquently than words, how dearly the war is costing England, and how nearly all the warring nations are approaching the jumping off place to financial chaos. In Germany the debt already incurred is such that the interest upon it alone will eat up all the ordinary revenue of the empire, and in the other countries the situation must be about as bad. Ruin and repudiation are staring the belligerents in the face. Winter is coming on—and after the winter, and for many winters to come, it will be settling day. If the present rate of suicidal expenditure and destruction is long continued, where will be found the means to pay? Delegations of London bankers may come to New York. By collecting the American securities held in England, and putting them up as collateral, they may succeed in obtaining a short time loan of a few hundred million dollars. That loan may steady, temporarily, the pound sterling. But it will be only temporary if the war is to go on. Even hundreds of millions will be nothing but a drop in the bucket. And the loan will have to be paid! What of a year from now—of two years from now, if the war should conceivably last that long?

Not since the war opened have all the signs combined to point the way to negotiations for peace as they do at this moment.—World-Herald.

The corn, most of it, ought to be safe from frost.

Some men waste their time arguing over the war.

It always rains state fair week, which opens Monday.

Perfect weather; whose fault is it, if one does not dress to match?

"Do your Christmas shopping early," will soon be the slogan.

Fewer people you know the less gossip you will hear—and scandal.

Bananas, yams and breadfruit grow without culture in Haiti. The people, likewise.

If we are not prepared for war why try to rush us into one, Mr. Roosevelt?

A man who knows the ten commandments by ear may not know them by heart at all.

How severe life is when it might be like the sort you see portrayed in the movie shows.

Don't forget that Monday is Labor Day and that the Evening Journal will not appear on that date.

There are still some tourists who refuse to cross the ocean under the American flag, as it is too safe.

We approve of the fried-chicken holiday, but once a year is not enough. Why not have fifty-two of them?

A news dispatch reports a large sunflower crop in Arkansas. But how did the sunflower get away from Kansas?

Many motorists hate to turn out, as it might be thought they could not steer within an inch of the other machine and yet avoid a collision.

They have about given up the idea, as some fears are entertained that the members of the legislature might make a bigger botch of it than they did in the first attempt. 'Tis well to call off the special session idea.

The Iowa republicans have inaugurated a boom for Senator Cummins for president. They evidently don't take into consideration that it takes a big, brainy and level-headed man to serve as president in these United States.

Clarence Harman, the coal oil inspector, is now in the "muss," too. It is a very cold day in September when Harman does not get into any movement in which the prime movers become notorious. What the democrats can see in Harman that would commend him for any position within their gift, we have been unable to perceive. He has got the big-head so bad now that he wants to be governor. Governor, remember. Why, he couldn't get to first base.

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In regard to the condition of affairs in this country, and President Wilson particularly, Senator Sherman of Illinois talks like an American patriot should, as follows: "I am not a member of the democratic party and have no affiliations with that party. President Wilson is not a republican and I am not a democrat, but I am an American. As a voter in the United States I shall stand behind Wilson as long as he takes the stand that he has taken between the United States and Germany. The people should be non-partisan in a situation of this kind."

THE PRESS A SAFETY VALVE.

Former President Taft has not enhanced popular respect for his views and opinions by a recent outburst of his against what he termed "the trial of cases by the newspapers."

He referred to the fact that many of the big cases that are submitted to the courts are discussed with freedom by the press. Without doubt he referred primarily to such cases as involve the large corporations and big money interests, as these interests have themselves sought from time to time to chide the press for affording publicity to their operations and iniquities.

Taken as a whole, the American press is beyond criticism as to its motives. It is true that in the large eastern cities many potential newspapers are owned by wealthy and powerful interests that are often at fault, and therefore at enmity with the public. These big subsidized papers are often heard speaking the thought that Mr. Taft has repeated after them like a parrot. But they are not the American press, and do not represent it in any way. They rather misrepresent it.

The substantial structure that can be legitimately known as the American press, from which the subsidized organs of big business must be excluded, is just as zealous of the public welfare as can be Mr. Taft or any other politician, has-been or would-be. It is not given to trying cases involving public interests in the newspapers, however much it may desire to give the public the facts. It would not jeopardize either individual or public interest knowingly, and in its entirety it is believed to have some intelligence to discern the justice and wisdom of its course.

The utter and absolute servility of the real American press to the general welfare has been demonstrated continuously during the war in Europe. It has counseled with admirable unanimity that this government should keep its hands off. Only a few newspapers, and they in the big cities and under control that is open to suspicion, have counseled war. The great majority of newspapers, big and little, and it takes them all to deserve the name of the American press, have sturdily stood for the peaceful and neutral course for which the president early disclosed a determined preference.—Lincoln Star.

NATIVE BORN CHILDREN.

A farmer at the convention held by the bankers and farmers in Chicago, when discussing immigration laws, called attention to the fact that as soon as the immigrant landed in a great city and founded residence, the government began to look after him. Its officers pointed out to him that the people had built a great school house for the education of his children that cost all the way from one hundred thousand to a million dollars, that it was well built, well equipped, well ventilated and sanitary arrangements were perfect. He was invited to send his children to that school and informed that the people of the city would pay all expenses for an education through the grades and High school, which was equivalent to what a college education was fifty years ago. If the invitation was not accepted by the immigrant an officer of the law was sent to see that the children went to school.

Then he pointed out that such advantages were not offered to the native born children in the country, where the basic industry of the nation was carried on. The children there tramp down a muddy road to a little, bare, two-by-four school, that has no pictures, no books, no equipment, with a young teacher burdened with a multiplicity of duties, trying to instruct pupils in many different grades, all mixed up together in one room. He was of the opinion that the native born children in this country should have the same opportunities to secure an education as those who come from foreign countries. Who will say that his logic was faulty or that his conclusion false?—World-Herald.

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Barbed wire is another American invention employed in the present conflict. The belligerents would have little to fight with if it were not for American inventions.

We note a testimonial in a patent medicine advertisement from a woman who says she was cured three times by its use. Well, well, well, ain't that funny?

Christmas comes on Sunday this year.

A Manhattan undertaker complains that his business is rotten under democratic tariff. Well, don't that cork you?

A special session of the legislature is up to the members. If they want it, Governor Morehead will issue the call. It's a safe bet that a majority of the body will favor a special session, as \$10.00 per day is quite a temptation in their eyes, and is \$8.00 more than most of them can make at home. When the people learn to elect men to represent them who know how to make laws that will stick, there will be no need of special sessions to correct mistakes.

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