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## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"Refuse to regard as unfortunate the treatment you receive from others. It stimulates you to deal more justly with yourself and with them."

Do your Christmas shopping early.

And be sure you do your shopping at home.

Elegant weather for the time of year. Cool and bracing.

Before setting out on a joy ride, it is shrewdness to prepare your alibi.

Those who put off their Christmas shopping till the last minute can't expect to get the best.

The man who exercises his jawbone and not his backbone, will soon have nothing but jawbone left.

The fellow who is always looking for something for nothing is himself an overgrown wad of nothing.

In all polite circles it is assumed that a prize husband sews on his own buttons. Where do you stand?

European powers have a thorough respect for moral ideas when they are well backed up by modern artillery.

The poor showing made by Yale at football indicates what will happen when a college goes in for such luxuries as study.

It is because we live in houses that we have colds in the head, they tell us. So let us be resigned, for we shan't quit living in houses.

Gene Debs says he won't run for president again. Gene has run more times than Bryan, and besides, his party thinks as much of him as ever.

How quickly the rear bow on men's hats got around to its customary place on the side. In the masculine world the men give the orders, not fashion.

There is a widespread feeling among the congressmen that preparedness is a mighty good thing provided their districts get their fair share of the increased appropriations.

The Plattsmouth idea of preparedness for Christmas is going out on a shopping trip the day before Christmas when every clerk has about ten or fifteen to wait on all at once.

The note to England about interfering with commerce contains 20,000 words, and the average citizen is giving intelligent consideration to its arguments by reading the newspaper headlines.

An Indiana man has a 185-barrel cistern filled with apple cider. More and more each year cisterns are being built for this purpose, and the revenue officers have not begun calling that moonshine.

Truth continues to nonplus fiction. In three automobile accidents at Columbus, Ohio, the other day, and in widely separate parts of the city, women whose first name was Edna, were hurt in such accidents.

We have read all about Dr. Koo's career in this country, but find little of his life in China, whence he is sent as ambassador. What we seek to know is, who's Koo in China? We already know who's Wau in China.

## WILSON'S CRITICS.

The retort courteous is ever the best. Never was the fact better exemplified than by the New York World recently in reply to a vindictive attack on President Wilson indulged by the New York Herald.

The Herald is one of the newspapers that assails the president almost daily because it believes, or pretends to believe, that he is kowtowing to Germany, just as other newspapers assail him for alleged subservency to Great Britain. In an editorial entitled "Is a Cargo of Pork More Valuable Than an American Life," the Herald said:

"Why is President Wilson so pre-emptory with the allies for inconveniencing trade and so submissive with Germany, who is murdering American citizens?"

"Is a cargo of pork more important than an American life?"

"The sinking of the Ancona with American passengers aboard is such a deliberate insult to us, as well as being an outrage on humanity, that the question arises, more insistently than ever—are we going to accept it as meekly as we have accepted Germany's previous insults and blood-thirsty crimes?"

"Are we going tamely to submit? Are we the vassals of Germany, to be brutalized or murdered as she deems fit?"

"President Wilson has sent a sharp note to Great Britain protesting against the inconvenience which our pork packers—would be blockade runners—are suffering from the allies' blockade. This note is more peremptory than any of the notes sent to Germany. Why. The allies' blockade has not cost the loss of a single American life. The German so called blockade is merely a record of murder."

And so on and so forth, to the extent of a column or more.

The World, in reply, did not even refer to the Herald. It did not so much as refer to the Ancona incident. It made its retort impersonal, and based on fundamentals, by saying:

"A great many persons are sorely dissatisfied because the state department, in six months, has not effected a final settlement of the Lusitania case."

"It took the United States government nearly eight years to effect a final adjustment of the controversy with Great Britain over the depredation of the Alabama. During four years of that time the president of the United States was Ulysses S. Grant."

"It would have been very easy for President Grant to break off negotiations with Great Britain and rush the two countries into war. Seldom has one nation had a clearer justification for war than the United States had against Great Britain over the Alabama case."

"There was much criticism of Grant's diplomacy on the part of people who thought that they were purer and nobler patriots than the hero of Appomattox, but history has never vindicated them at the expense of Grant's patriotism or judgment."

The parallel is plain. During any time for these months past it would have been easy for President Wilson to break off negotiations with either Germany or Great Britain and plunge this nation into war. Because he has not done so, because he has been patient as well as firm, because he has striven with all his might to save America from the vortex that is sucking Europe down to the nethermost depths of hell, he has been assailed as Grant was assailed and as, long before him, George Washington was assailed. But just as Washington's critics were not vindicated in history, just as Grant's critics were not, neither will Wilson's critics be.

World-Herald.

It is an easy matter to file for a nomination, and it is another matter to get the proposed candidate to stick.

About this time of year the national game is not baseball, football or poker, but a good old-fashioned indignation.

They ship booze into Tennessee in coffins. They will have it no matter how the get it. Tennessee is prohibition, you know.

Billy Thompson still has hopes of being appointed federal judge, notwithstanding his age runs several years above the limit.

Give us plenty of guns and the men to use them and it will lessen the danger of our ever having occasion for their use.

There shouldn't be much alarm about the danger of the United States being invaded as long as every farmer has a pitchfork with which to spring to arms and repel the foe.

You can't make a man out of a monkey, and neither can you make a respectable member of society out of a brainless idiot who gapes around on the street corners and makes vulgar remarks about every woman that passes.

There is not a more strict temperance man in Nebraska than R. L. Metcalfe, editor of the Omaha Nebraskan, and yet he is not in favor of the democratic party endorsing prohibition. He says the prohibition question can be settled by itself.

No use talking, the skirt is going out. In a New York paper that came to the Journal office recently were pictures of four women. One was in knickerbockers, one trousers with a riding habit, a third was in a negligee pose from the waist up, and two others wore—what do you think? Tights with fur topped boots. Not a skirt in the entire bunch.

From reports from Washington the indications are that congress will be overwhelmingly in favor of President Wilson's contention for greater national defense. This is just as it should be, and the members of either house or senate who attempts to make politics out of the matter, is not worthy of the name of an American citizen.

Advertising is always read quite as carefully as are the news columns. At this high tide of the buying movement, it is of double interest. The merchant does not have to create a want, he finds the public all ready to buy. The people are searching through each issue of the newspaper for the desired information, thus silently asking the merchants what they have to offer. Those who refuse to meet this desire for information in the public prints are lost in the shuffle.

## THE CASE OF THE QUAIL.

Mr. Farmer, however alluring as an object of sport, or dainty tid-bit he may be on the table, please remember that Bob White is worth ever so much more alive and sheltered on your farm. Protected, he will faithfully patrol your fields, capture and make away with your worst foes, including the devastating army worm, cotton boll-weevil, chinch bug, potato bug, which others of its kind scorn to touch. He is a splendid ranger, and raids close to the ground for the noxious seeds which form more than half of his diet. One Bob White was found with 400 pig-weed seeds concealed about his person. Another, 400 seeds of rag-weed. A third, in addition to other food, had consumed 550 seeds of pigion grass, and several had from 50 to 100 seeds of jewel weed. Every quail tenant which lives on the farmer's land is estimated to be worth \$25 to him. This would make a dressed quail weighing four ounces worth \$6.25 an ounce. Aglow with life, happy in his good service to you, the amount of good cheer and good fortune this mascot of the field will bring you cannot be estimated in dollars and cents.

## OUR LEADING PRO-AMERICAN

President Wilson's difficulties in adhering to a strictly pro-American policy in the present war are not equal, perhaps, to the difficulties of the government of a wretched Balkan state, yet they are very grave, owing to the intense pro-German and pro-British sentiment of separate groups of the American people. A pro-German mass meeting in Cooper Union, New York city, has again denounced the president and the Staats-Zeitung hails the event at the beginning of a definite and organized movement to drive the president from public life because of his attitude toward Teutonic powers. Men like Mr. Roosevelt, whose pro-British sympathies are exceedingly strong, condemn the president for reasons which run absolutely counter to the sentiments of the constituency of fatherland and the Staats-Zeitung. Mr. Roosevelt writes articles and grants interviews to British and French journalists which place his home government in a despicable light before the British and French people because of the neutral course it has pursued.

George Haven Putman, the publisher whose pro-British sympathies are especially keen, writes to the New York Times condemning the president for sending the recent note of protest to Great Britain concerning infractions of neutral rights—which have been very numerous, as everyone knows. It is enough, in his view, that "England has already expressed her readiness to accept the decision of the court at The Hague in regard to any losses that American merchants may have sustained or may yet sustain through her blockading policy." Meanwhile, the British government should be permitted to do anything it pleases to neutral rights, for "we should do nothing that might make it more difficult for England to carry on this fight." Mr. Putman demands "incisive action" of some sort against Germany and Austria-Hungary, but our neutral rights must run out to sea further than the three-mile limit in all cases in which Great Britain may be involved.

That it has happened that both the Teutonic powers on the one side and the entente powers on the other have had strong groups of violent sympathizers and supporters in the United States, with the inevitable result that each alliance has counted on a backfire against the president of the United States from among his own people in the controversies that might be precipitated. There cannot be the slightest doubt that the German government's policy was early shaped on the assumption that it could depend on the support from its sympathizers in America against their own government. Nor can it be doubted that the British policy, in dealing with neutral trade and in blockading Germany, according to methods unknown to international law, was shaped on the assumption that the American government's policy could be controlled by an immense body of British sympathizers in this country. Backfires against the neutral president were not only depended upon in both the belligerent camps aboard, the fires have been actually started as the occasion has required. What is the theory of those backfires? That the political terrorism of the president can be effected through the threat of his political extinction.

It is easy to denounce this or denounce that as "weakness" or "indecision;" it is an American citizen's constitutional right to grumble at Wilson and sneer at his "note-writing," just as it is the British subject's inalienable privilege to pillory Winston Churchill as "the duke of Antwerp and Galipoli," to snarl at Kitchener because of his lack of military foresight, and to growl at Asquith because of his alleged muddle-headedness. There is no one in the world today in high and responsible position who is not assailed. The president of the United States at least has been pro-American—a fact proved by what the extreme pro-Germans and pro-Britishers say about him—and therefore he is "strong" with the American people.—Springfield Republican.

Only twenty-four days now till Christmas.

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The best Christmas a man gets is the Christmas he gives.

Christianity may save the world, but the biggest guns will rule it.

No cause to fuss with the pacifists; they're not regarded as anything.

King Constantine is not yet at the extremity of having to beck to his wife's folks.

Don't make a mountain out of a mole hill; make a mole hill out of a mountain; or let George do it—at Panama.

In spite of the vast number of men that have been hunting for the past two months, few people's bills for butcher meat has been appreciably decreased.

When a war dispatch states that nothing eventful occurred during the last twenty-four hours, that means a lot of poor devils were killed for no purpose at all.

Cyclone Davis of Texas will never agree to larger taxes or a bond issue to build a navy. But he will favor the government printing a few bales of greenbacks.

"London has a League for Marrying Broken Hearts," which may be new in London, but the same organization has been doing an extensive business among American heiresses for years back.

There seems to be considerable truth to the report that Uncle Sam hasn't a friend in England. That's nothing new. England has no use for anyone she can't use, and long since she learned she couldn't use Uncle Sam as she pleased.

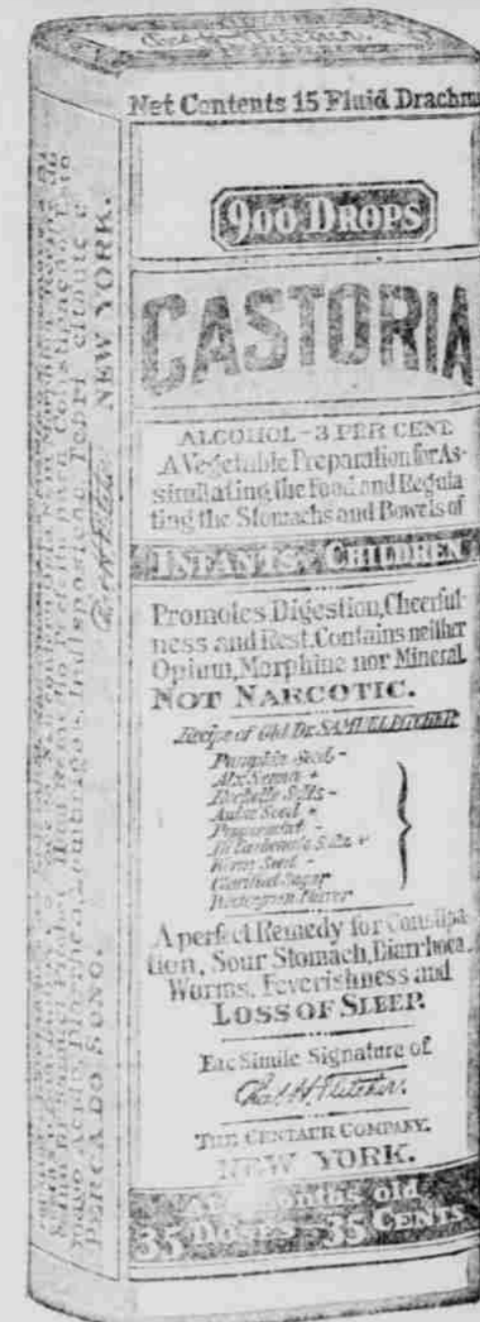
Senator Hitchcock has been in Washington several days getting ready for business. A faithful servant is always on hand when constituents' interests are at stake. Senator Hitchcock is one of the ablest members of the senate, and the people of Nebraska know it.

We recall reading somewhere that Matthew Arnold shuddered at the American towns where nothing ever happened or ever will happen. Comparing this sad situation with that of England and other European towns, we can't materialize a shudder for the American towns.

According to a London, Ontario, news telegram, former President Theodore Roosevelt has been offered the command of the City of London Regiment being organized there. Former Mayor C. M. R. Graham, who has charge of the organization, wired the offer to the colonel.

It has come to a pretty pass, when they begin to hold up editors. Clark Perkins, editor of the Aurora Republican, was held up Thanksgiving night and relieved of \$10 and some small change. An editor has no business to have that much money, anyway. It is a very cold day in August that we would have that much money on our person.

The United States agricultural department has just issued a bulletin on the small farm proposition in this country which clearly shows that the small farm is not as profitable a business as the farm of 160 acres and that while the small farm of 40 acres showed a profit of \$240 for the year's labor, the 160-acre farm showed a profit of \$1,575 or a greater gain per acre than the small farm. Of course there are exceptions to both these rules, but the showing is a good one, as it practically settles that the unit of a home on the farm in this country, to show profit over and above the cost of machinery and labor, should be not less than the quarter section.



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