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me, this 4th day of August, 1914.

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Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested,

Smash the Fontenelle slate.

Today is the day for the voting.

In the battle of the ballots let every patriot do his duty.

Looks as if those war maps would have to be enlarged

What's the prohibition of the law to a votechasing candidate, anyway?

The allied forces continue to shell Omaha's esteemed ball team "sump'in fierce." Note how the superiority of The Bee's special

war news service stands out in bold relief. The south considers itself all wool and a

yard wide when it comes to the cotton question. In the midst of it all, however, one cannot

help rejoicing at the thinning out of the dande-In Europe the "cost of dying" problem has suddenly taken precedence over the "cost of

In the possible event of German victory, little Japan might have occasion for regret at but-

Tested by experience, democratic platforms are about as binding as the average treaty, and

As a rule Nebraska election returns move s the Russian army. don't be impatient.

New for enforced withdrawal of all those surplus candidates in excess of one for each office on each ticket.

"What has Christianity to say?" asks the Denver News. Well, since Japan is into it, it might exclaim, "Why do the heathen rage?"

Yes, but will any of those high-salaried Water beard employes let loose of the public test if they are nominated for some other office?

It is our opinion that war breeds more lies in one

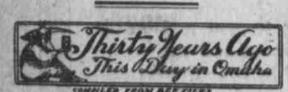
month than fishing ever has in a century.-- Houston Yes, and suckers, too.

Neutrality between the great warring powers of Europe is evidently something quite different from neutrality between the little federals and the bandit rebels of Mexico.

"Wake up, America," thunders a Hearst paper. If America has been ssleep, what, pray, has this battery of journalistic monitors been

Jee Balley of Texas evinces a desire to return to the senate, presumably in the belief that he may be able to catch folks off their guard with their minds absorbed in the war.

St. Louis is about to select a new water commissioner under the terms of its recentlyadopted charter. Now, what if St. Louis should steal ours away from us by tempting him with a bigger salary?



Two hundred First ward property owners held ar lignation meeting at Turner hall to protest against a raise in assessments over the figures returned by unsessor, William Doll. Charles Brandes presided and O. R. Nelson acted as secretary. C. Birkett reported a legal opinion obtained from Judge Lake, who explained it in person. Others expressing indignation were Mesers Kountze, Rush, Boyd and

During the severe storm lightning struck St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church, but without serious

George Canfield is to get back in the hotel business. He will reopen the old Canfield house with the assistance of J. B. Mulvihill as manager, and will also open the Union Stock Yards hotel at South Omahs, under the management of P. D. Yates.

Mrs. Fred Engie is home after a visit in the east. Mrs. S. B. Barnett and Mrs. Alexander of Des Moines were guests over Sunday of Rev. and Mrs. Detweller, leaving today for Days er, leaving today for Denver.

telegram reports that the Union Pacifics won led to Evansville, where they will contest with the

Mexican war veterans elected Philip Dore to attend the national rention of Moxican war voterans to be Japan's Ultimatum.

Japan's ultimatum to Germany ordering its withdrawal from far eastern waters and evacuation of its little colony in China at Kiao-Chou puts the mikado in the light of seizing the first opportunity of getting into the war. This action is based on what some experts consider a strained construction of its treaty alliance with Britain, and yet we may be sure that Japan is actuated by more far-reaching and selfish purposes, ultimately the extension of its mainland, According to report, the allies have entrusted to Japan the task of clearing the east of Germans, to accomplish which Japan hopes to take over half a dozen islands-in addition to Kiao-Chou -held by Germany and the United States, including our islands of Guam and Samoa. The plan also calls for the seizure of the Carolina islands to the east of the Philippine archipelago, which would help Japan to control an approach to our chief possessions in the Pacific.

Our government will continue, of course, to exert every effort possible to remain at peace with Japan or every other power involved in the war, nevertheless it is worth noting that our great and good friend in the east is not doing as much to keep on good terms with us. The land question is still unsettled, much to Japan's annoyance, although the United States is saying little. We have, reports say, even resolved not to protest in behalf of China's neutrality. War for aggrandizement to us is unthinkable, but our national honor never goes begging. If Japan looks far chough into the future to see the rival ambitions which its course may arouse in Russia, and even England, to say nothing of results in the event of Cermany's triumph, surely it will realize that it is to its interest to avoid complications with us.

The Duty of the Voter. It ought not to be necessary on the advent of each election to admonish the voter to exercise his right of suffrage. It is proved by experience, however, that without being drummed up or driven to the polls not one-fourth of those entitled to vote turn out, and that, with all the extraordinary effort, rarely do more than onehalf participate in the primary as compared with the number who come out to the regular election. The business of government is everybody's business, and at the ballot box each voter counts one regardless of his occupation, possessions or station in life. The ballot box is one place where all are on the same level. The stayat-home voter is self-disfranchised, and, barring exceptional cases, has no valid excuse for shirking his duty as a citizen.

Buying Foreign Ships.

The purchase by Americans of German steamships for transfer to American registry should be considered as nothing more than a business transaction. One of the owners of the Vaterland, the largest steamer afloat, together with the other German vessels, in response to an inquiry is quoted as saying: "As the war has forced all our fleet into temporary idleness, and as we now have in American waters steamers worth more than \$20,000,000, bons fide offers for the purchase of them are being considered."

While changing registry merely to get neutrality privileges might give basis for grievance to some of our European neighbors, the outright purchase of ships constitutes no such cause and comes within the scope of neutrality. Even England, which is said to be much exercised over these reported negotiations, admits that much. The United States is doing its best to preserve the peace and safeguard the diplomatic rights of the various nations at war, but it has some rights of its own and must not be expected to waive them under the circumstances.

Overworking the Letterbox.

Ingenious devices resorted to for the purpose of working the newspapers for free publicity for vote-chasing office-seekers is general, and not local: Here is the protest against this attempted abuse uttered by the Lincoln Journal:

No newspaper could publish all the communications laudatory of candidates received. The mails just before an important primary are burdened with them. When one is published every letter-writing friend of a candidate gets busy and the next day the aditorial deak is flooded. Press | bureau suggestions are found in plenty in some of the material received. Some of the letters are genuine tributes to a candidate's worth from real friends, but a large number of them bear resemblance to carbon copies

The Bee has been inundated for the last several weeks, as has doubtless every other newspaper of large circulation in Nebraska, with letters boosting favorite candidates in the primaries for which we have been unable to give free space for the obvious reason that to do so and treat all alike would require columns and columns needed for news to which the readers are entitled.

Registration and Population. Compilation of the official figures gives the total number of registered voters in Omaha and South Omaha as 28,788. Assuming that the number of unregistered voters is equal to 10 per cent, and that the men possessing voting qualifications constitute one in five of the inhabitants, the estimated population of Omaha and South Omaha would be 158,330. It is our guess that if we had an actual count this would prove to be not far from correct.

Those Congressional Fences.

To congressmen unable to get their fences in hog-tight order before the November snows fly, war will be all that Sherman found it if it serves to prolong the session much beyond the present. And yet broken or even missing rails might be overlooked if the folks at home knew that their hard-working representatives were too busy sawing wood at Washington to come home and repair them.

Some of the most industrious members have already put in a few good licks up and down their fields, but unless they were fortunate enough to win out at the primaries the work counts for naught, and even if they won, most of it will have to be done over again. This fence-building is, after all, about the biggest job a congressman has to do. Holding down a seat in the house, or even the senate, is child's play nowadays as compared with the skill and strategy required in landing a nomination and then an election. And anybody who thinks that the average congressman does not know that is being hadly misled by his thoughts.

Only fifty odd crossmarks for the intelligent voter to make to utilize his whole right of suffrage in our Douglas county primary. But there will be more yet in the November election.

Our Collapsing "Modern" Culture

BY REV. ADOLPH MULT,

Ho we were to live and see a period of history close, a new era begin, blood and tear-stained, murderous and awesome, yet truly a new era. The great commercial and industrial century ends by closing the bourses of the world-stupendous frony of existence,

All the mere dreams of "modernism." the proudly announced world-peace, the "brotherhood of man." humanism incarnate, super-culture, scientific organization of human life, the will-worshipping "superman and superwoman," the race-withering "feminism," philosophers that out-mankinded mankind and literary esthetes that gorgeously sucked all the marrow out of total life, in a night it all collapses: Gorgeous irony! remember the masterly demonstration of President Jordan of California before our city's Commercial club on the commercial and every other kind of impossibility of a great European war. I thought at the time as I weighed his "modernistic" arguments: Mastermind of contemporaneous thought, you have forgotten to reckon with the chief factor in the problem, namely, the perverse human heart. And he had! It must seem to him and all other pacificists a bitter disilluslonment of their optimistic world view.

Once again, as through time's millenjums, sounds the cry of the Kingdom of God: Sin is a people's de-"Without God in the world," again it is shown to be "without hope in the world." . The bald materialism of the eighties and nineties, softened and corrupted into the neurotic "superman" culture of the last decade. The old giant nations of the earth have had internal spasms of fearsome unrest long, long. The "superman" cries of the late German philosopher, Nietzsche, and of the army of Nietzsche-agents, Strauss in music, Ellen Key in feminism for instance, have really been paroxysms of the soul-life, not simply expressions of life. In fact, there has been such rich expressing of a life that was furiously wished. but not owned. Men cried "Peace, peace," though there was no peace. Once again the eternal truth of the Church and its Word of God lives forth, that without God, men's ways and men's culture perish. Where are now the little silly fancies of the Bernhard Shaws, the Strindbergs, the Brandes, the Nietzsches, the Hackels, the Macterlineks, the wild men and the wild vomen of feminism, these leaders of a corrupted civilization and culture that defled God so long, but now no longer? The wonderful literature, music, education, science, philosophy, social dreams of peace and brotherhood, pleasure organized into system, commerclai prowess in mighty Mammon worship, the "greatest century of human history?" Oh, our heart would break as we see this "broken reed" of human dependence on humans pierce the hand that has leaned on it as a stay perpetual! The culture-drunk and selfdrunk age in a day waxes undeceived and disillusioned, maddened with disappointment, paralyzed in fear, grim, bloody, inhuman, tiger-like in purposes. The great and grand "superman' era of history neurotically and then feroclously collapses into the long-dreaded "world war." We turn from the Church of Christ and ask the sceptics and culturists: Where now are your gods? And we hear Elliah on the breeze-swept heights of the Carmel of "modern" culture taunting the Bualites of the twentieth century: "Cry louder, cry touder," for Baal may perchance be asleep, on a journey, or too busy!

Wars must come when nations begin to forget their God. No culture saves from that. Wars always came when iniquity was ripe. If arguments of peace fail, arguments of chastisement may not.

The French era of the eighteenth century, in vital aspects so akin to ours, refused the eternal. The Napoleonic age followed and seized upon the hearts of nations, wringing earnestness from them who had been giddy toward the eternal. The present collapsing era had dinned its denials into the ears of the world with desfening roars. Cultured immorality preyed on the world literature this last decade and was the fashion of the day. Neurotic, spasm-like, wilful heedlessnors carried the masses on bedliv. And now the voice of the Mighty of Nations speaks in chastisements. For the cultured idolaters of the age may taunt God's goodness. His lash will not taunt. What a sorry anachronism, what out-of-date expectoration is not now the emasoulated speech of Oscar Wilds ("Salome"), Bernhard Shaw, and the rest of the loud "superman" tribe!

"World peace" without God peace, truly the din of battle on the broad fields of Europe is the ironic reply, in massive historical developments, to man's vain imaginings. When God withdraws His hand from a Godforgotten era, it totters, and reels, and falls. Collapsing "modern" culture-marvel that it-did not collapse before! The inner parts of the structure were alarmingly decayed, glorious as many forms of "modern" culture were. But it is the heart back of culture that after all is the worthful and abiding thing. If it be corrupted, the culture itself is little worth. This era falls "and the fall of that house was great," 'n the words of our Lord's parable. The most cultured nations and the more barbarous make "ententes" with grewsome harmony of action, England combining with Russia, for instance! Instead of the natural alliances, say, of the Germanic nations of Europe, we have a bastard combination and resultant brutal horrors. So collapses the glory of "modern culture."

The idolatry of "modern" culture had grown successfully defiant toward all Christian truth. So the sceptics undermined faith in God. The atheists taunted and scorned. The materialists built worldly towers of Babel. The effete culturists gorged themselves with the honey of progress. In philosophy, in art, in literature and education, in religious teaching, in ideas of home and marriage, sex and love, in all forms of life the elegant scorn of Christian truth lifted its cracked. Voltaire-like voice and laughed its cold laugh. When men's hearts are taught cultured blasphemy, a thing "modern" culture has been guilty of for soon a generation, then culture itself at last turns men into tigers. "There is nothing crueller than culture," a German has well said. The era of Voltaire and Thomas Paine before the French revolution and the commercial "superman" era now closing and collapsing through the European struggle, were both of them eras of culture-idolatry. They prepared directly for national horrors. Culture alone makes men cruel. Culture without saving faith in God matures the spirit of ferocity in man.

Once more the earnest preaching of God's word has been gigantically demonstrated as truth. Once more the Christian and Biblical view of human life and national existence is evidentially proven. Once more scepticism, overculture, idolatry of man's power and progress, and worship before the shrine of the human heart crumble. They never falled to do so in all periods of over-rips self-dependence. The scriptural Church of Christ has majestically proclaimed this all along. In all ages of human history the cultureidolatry and idolatry of progress became the prejude to inhuman devastations. Cultured man became a butcher. Nothing is more cruel than mere culture.

God help this collapsing era of human history and ead out of the wreckage of culture-worship and self-worship. The need is to bend the heart before the eternal God and His Christ.

Even this awesome collapse of modern culture will by the God of History be forced to serve some final purpose of world rule, world life and world hope. With the optimism of Christian hope, we can be assured that the present orists can not end only in the chastisement of culture idolatry. It will on its part be obliged to aid God's bigger and ulterior plans. Not to believe that were tragic possimlem. But Christian faith is not pessimistic. Its last word is hope, hope in secordance with the clear teaching of the eternal word of God.



topics invited. The Bee serumes no responsibility for spinious of correspondents. All letters subject to condensation by editor.

OMAHA, Aug. 17 .- To the Editor of The Bae: Dr. Hans Huldriksen criticises women for being interested in pugilism and suggests that women confine their activities to housework and to bearing children. Describing a prize fight he says there were present "maids and matrons who should have been attending to their

duties." Men are willing that women should stay at home, to the end, that when the lord of the house returns he may find everything arranged for his comfort. Dr. Huldriksen says, "The Roman matron who would not take up the arduous duties or raising a family to fight the battles of Rome." Raising sons for war! Is not that a nice occupation? Those who profit by war are willing women should devote their lives to raising soldiers. If all women were economically free they could prevent all wars by refusing to bear children. The free woman of the future will hold the peace of the world in the hollow of her hand. Whether the free woman bears children or not will depend upon whether the potential mother believes the future has for her child VIOLA KAUFMAN. worth living.

A Socialist's Peace Plan OMAHA. Aug., 17 .- To the Editor of The Bee: I auggest the following plan for stopping this real hell now going on in Europe:

First. Set aside neutral territory, preferably on the seaconst of each of the warring countries, old men and other nonwomen, children, old men and other noncontestants at these points,

Second. The Red Cross Society of the World take charge of these peaceful sones and the neutrality be guaranteed by the nations at peace.

Third. The nations at peace to show their humanity must feed, clothe and shelter these noncontestants and charge same to the nation whose noncontestants were assisted Fourth. Under no conditions shall we

allow one ounce of food, clothing or anything else to go to a soldler or their masters. Fifth. No fighting within one hundred

miles of these zones allowed. Sixth. No peace treaties to be complete without the provision to pay off the debt incurred through the feeding clothing and sheltering the women, children and other noncontestants.

JESSE T. BRILLHART. 2961 Pacific street.

Tolstoy's Prophecy and Another. OMAHA, Aug., 17.-To the Editor of The Bec: The publication in The Bee of a prophecy by Tolstoy brings to mind some remarkable statements made in a book published in 1889 by Charles Taja Russell, in which he gave it as his opinion from a close study of Bible chronology and prophecy that a great time of trouble would suddenly start in 1914 and it would come without any warning and would be world-wide.

The gentleman seems to have made a pretty close guess. It would be the greatest time of trouble ever known, it would be world-wide: it would come auddenly; and in 1914.

Since he has seemed to hit it on these points, it will make the war news more interesting if we keep in mind some other particulars he mentions, to see if he is The trouble would end in the destruction

of all nations; all civil and ecclesiastical systems would be destroyed; and on their ruins Jesus Christ would set up his kingdom and reign on the earth. According to Mr. Russell's view, some prophecies seem to indicate a general revolt among the armies of the nations. This would seem to be a very remote

possibility, but suppose the soldiers should get the idea that is now being so generally expressed everywhere, that they are only pawns in the game of war being played by the aristocracy? OBSERVER.

America's Peace Mission. SCOTT'S BLUFF, Neb., Aug. 15 .- To

the Editor of The Bee: During the present turmeil of the world, America should "As some tall cliff that lifts its awful form,
Swells from the vale, and midway leaves
the storm.
Though round its breast the rolling clouds

Eternal sunshine settles on its head." The President of Peace and his no less Secretary of Peace will stand as immortal as Goldsmith's famous lines. An embargo on gold, on war materials and the like, supplying the struggling world with foodstuffs, raiment and Red Cross nurses, is today's mission of our country. G. L. SHUMWAY.

Some Aspects of the War. OMAHA, Aug. 17.-To the Editor of The Bee: In these days when all Europe is engaged in the greatest war in history, it is the duty of all good citizens of this country, regardless of nationality, to re-main calm and not to come to rash con-

But just to keep history straight let us remember that France's cry for revenge is based upon the assumption that Germany took away French provinces, while facts are that Germany also demanded back provinces taken away when it was too feeble to resist. Alsce-Lorraine is and was German. Its people and towns are German.

Who is responsible for this terrible calamity, this hell of carnage? Surely not Germany, but rather Russia, or rather its autocrat, the cear and his advisors, on the pretext of protecting their brothers. the Siave.

Now why is England in this unholy usinese? Is she there from high motives? Certainly not. She is there and solely so, in order to destroy the merchant marine of Germany and to kill its commercial ascendency. That, and that alone, is her motive.

Germany is today fighting for her very existence, and if got for that, she certainly is fighting against Russia to prevent that empire from extending its sway over more territory; preventing Russia. from extending her barbaric rule over civilised people and nations. A country in which 10,000,000 Jews have no rights whatsoever; a country which alone can produce a Bells trial; a country which immediately imprisons 100 advocates who dared to raise their voices in behalf of liberty and civilization. That is Russia. Is she a fit comrade in arms for a nation of the type of intelligence, civiligation and morals which England claims to be.

and boasts of? Having no use for caars, kings, emperors or potentiates as such, still, if I were forced to live under such a gov-

Russia.

placed where it belongs, namely: Russia, first; England, second; and France next. The first fighting to extend its barbaric rule, the second for mercenary objects ought to be conder ned by every American, whether native or naturalized.

H. FISCHER. Letters of Political Heathen, Mexico. SOMEWHERE, Aug. 17.—To the Editor of The Bee: I pass the reign of Porficio Diaz. For good or for evil that period has passed into history, but it has nothing to do with my purpose in writing these letters. Before we pass to what follows, let us take a resume of the causes of disaffection between Mexico and the United States of America: First, we rob her of his breath, more than one-half of her territory, Boston T. enough to make twenty European kingdoms, with no more right than had Philip of Macedon in his conquest of Olynthus and Thebes, and with none of the excuses given for the partition of Poland. We, a great slave-holding power, wrested from a republic which had abolished slavery, empire to be devoted to the fostering

ernment, I would prefer the German em- 000,000) dollars or 2 cents an acre, for this peror rather than the czar; I would pre- steal, with punic faith we trumped up an fer German ideals and civilization rather imaginary counter claim. than those characteristic of darkest Mexico's great president, driven to her border was hanging upon her eyebrows, I believe the American spirit of fair refusing to quit her soil, and later, when play will prevail in the end and the the Hapsburg adventurer was deserted by blame for this terrible holocaust will be Bonaparte, our secretary of state toyed

with Mexico's evil senius and sought to place Mexico under the rule of that worthless scoundrel Santa Anna. Why should Mexico love us? She owes us nothing. We have done that to her only, the third for revenge, each of which which is past forgiveness. Thomas Paine once said that there were crimes which nature could not forgive, or she would

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cease to be nature.

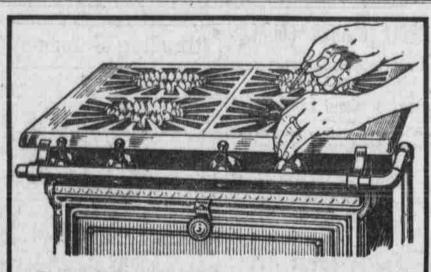
Philadelphia Records Alas for that ubiquitous "Made in Germany"-it now has a terrible meaning.

DER HEIDE.

Washington Star: The kaiser moved so quickly that he scarcely gave the "I-told-you-so" expert a chance to catch

Boston Transcript: The lithographs of a German manufacturer posted in France as sign posts to guide the kalser's soldiers to Paris seem quite unnecessarythey know the way.

Indianapolis News: In conrection with the kaiser's renewal of the Order of the Iron Cross it is noted that practically all of the vilest institution that ever dis- the nations of Europe are prepared to graced a modern state. Second, after give the German soldiers a chance to agreeing to pay her fifteen miliion (\$15,- Win the decoration.



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Despite the fact that not every good citizen of the district has always agreed with all the policies of the board, I challenge any citizen to say that such policies were, at any time, dictated by selfish reasons or by any other motive than a desire to best serve the interests of all the patrons of the Metropolitan Water District of Omaha.

These I believe to be the motives which have prompted the actions of each of my fellow members, and know them to be the ones which have governed my own actions as a board member. CHARLES R. SHERMAN.