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State of Nebraska, County of Douglas, ss. Dwight Williams, circulation manager of The Bee Publishing company, being duly sworn, says that the average daily circulation for the month of AUGUST, 1914, was 56,554. DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me, this 15th day of September, 1914. ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

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Mark the Ak-Sar-Ben dates on your calendar.

The mediation larch string continues to hang out at the White House door.

Bringing this war slaughter to an end will have glory enough for all the peace makers.

In these days the war photographer has the only exciting job at the front open to a civilian.

But when Abe Lincoln appointed a day for peace prayers he did not put it three weeks ahead.

The president calls for peace prayers on one day, but an older command is "pray without ceasing."

Of course, if Colonel Starvation decides to go to war he will need the water-eyed goddess as his chief-of-staff.

The Society for the Suppression of Unnecessary Noises is due to reorganize for the fall season's work.

The candidates are discovering that the game of tag is just as adaptable to politics as it is to charity.

It's only a question of time when the up-to-date political campaigner will also hop from the auto into the airship.

To let turn-about be fair play, it is up to some brave aeroplanes to perform the brilliant feat of sinking a submarine.

For some inexplicable reason, those Japs have not yet gained the strategic front page position, even with the yellow journals.

If this keeps up each of our opposing candidates for governor will soon be accusing the other of stealing his political clothes.

With the home market nalled down, the American producer will have no trouble to get into desirable home markets of other countries.

"Beware of pickpockets" in Omaha as well as Lincoln—in city hall and court house as well as on the fair grounds and in the state house.

In Pennsylvania the third party progressives are threatening to fuse with the democrats. Just to show their undeviating devotion to principle, of course.

Those stock broker gamblers are taking an awful chance of keeping their exchange closed so long that people who used to play the game will never miss it.

Everyone concedes that there never was anything like the perfection of the German military machine. Also that there are others made in imitation almost as good.

Note that Uncle Sam is having much less trouble maintaining neutrality between these big warriors than he had in observing neutrality in the little fight in Mexico.



The Union Pacific wound up their series with the St. Pauls with a final victory, 7 to 2. It was given out that the St. Pauls would disband on their return home.

I. M. Appel of Denver was married to Rachael Goldsmith, the daughter of Meyer Goldsmith, the well known clothing merchant. The ceremony was performed by Rabbi Herford of Cincinnati in the new synagogue, and was followed by a reception to the bride party in Falconer's hall.

Mrs. Ludington, accompanied by her son, Paul, and her mother, Mrs. Porter, left for a two months' visit to friends in Cincinnati.

S. P. Morse is back from the east, where he has been buying goods.

Mrs. J. N. Phillips has returned from Lockport, N. Y.

Mrs. Major Alfred Morton, with her two sons, is here from Fort Bridger to visit her sister, Mrs. Clara Greenman.

The Bee acknowledges a serenade by the Harrison & Hart minstrel troupe.

The Nebraska Fuel company is advertising White-bread coal at the reduced price of \$4 a ton.

The Appeals to Public Opinion.

It is interesting to observe all the warring nations of Europe seeking to justify their acts in the court of public opinion. In this, as everyone knows, the allies, or rather the British, secured a long start by giving out the official correspondence of its foreign affairs office. Gradually the other powers have come to realize the vital help or hurt of the moral support or condemnation of neutral peoples and the documents in the case are coming forth until it is reasonable to expect that before the hearing is concluded, practically all of the evidence will have been incorporated in the record.

The significance of the undisguised effort to appease the public mind of other countries, however, lies in the recognition that belief in a righteous cause is to be a controlling factor, not only in the conduct of the war, but in the settlements that must come later. In other days it was "might makes right and we'll talk about where the blame belongs when we are done fighting," but today reckless defiance of the moral sentiment of the world, especially of those not directly concerned in the quarrel, carries penalties which even kings and emperors prefer not to incur.

Promising Career Cut Short.

The sudden death of Horace H. Philpott is a shock to his many friends and a sorrow to his former associates on The Bee, to which he gave years of loyal and intelligent service. As our special legislative correspondent through successive sessions, he enlisted a host of admirers by his absolutely fair treatment of men and measures. He was not to be deceived or imposed on, yet he commanded the implicit confidence of nearly every public man who figured in the state house panorama while he was representing us in Lincoln and we know everyone of them will testify that he never violated a confidence. So devoted was "Phil" to this paper that when he embarked in a journalistic venture of his own in a little Texas town, to make it conform to his ideal he named it "The Francitas Bee." That this bright and promising career should be ruthlessly cut short is one of those inscrutable manifestations that impress earth dwellers with a sense of their helplessness.

Self-Seekers to the Rear.

The Bee's recent notice to the public that our Omaha school board needs re-creation and that the time to do it is at the coming election when eight of the twelve memberships are to be filled by the voters, has had at least one desired effect. The taxpayers and citizens generally are waking up to the fact that they are themselves responsible for whatever inefficiency or mediocrity secures lodgement in the controlling management of our schools and that the job of recasting the board can not be shoved off on the women or the children, because it concerns the men as much, and more.

But merely becoming aroused to an unsatisfactory situation is not enough. The schools cannot be put in charge of a better qualified board unless men of standing in the community consent to serve in this purely honorary capacity. The self-seekers must be sent to the rear—and by self-seekers we mean the men who want to edge themselves in for personal profit or perquisites, to saddle sisters, cousins or aunts on the school payroll, to award contracts for supplies by favor, to play cat's-paw for the book trust, or to promote some school site real estate deal. Omaha ought to have plenty of men, educated men, men of integrity and tried business ability, men free from selfish purposes, to fill all these places. Too often the voters have had only a choice of evils, when they should be called on merely to select between candidates, all of whom measure up to the highest standards.

The Bee's Suggestion Endorsed.

It is most gratifying to The Bee to find the New York Herald endorsing the suggestion which we made not long ago for a coupon postage stamp as a means of gathering funds for the work of the Red Cross. What we proposed was an adaptation of a method employed in France—to place on sale at every postoffice in the country a specially designed stamp for which an extra cent would be charged and turned into the Red Cross treasury, the purchase of the higher priced stamp being wholly voluntary. The Herald agrees with us that the widespread opportunity thus afforded to one and all to contribute to this worthy effort would evoke a general response and quickly produce the desired results.

The Short Ballot the Only Remedy.

Let it be remembered that Nebraska is not alone in carrying the burden of the long ballot, nor is it here only that the demand for relief takes the form of a cry for reducing the number of elective offices. The late primary election in Illinois brought out all the beauties of the overloaded ballot and furnished fresh argument for the short ballot movement. The Chicago Herald quotes a leader whose party had the smallest ballot, exclaiming: "This insane ballot is enough to drive anyone from the polls," and adds: "The plain truth is that intelligent voting has become impossible, even for the above-average man. The short ballot is the only remedy."

Incidentally, let no one be misled into the notion that the short ballot proposal aims at the primary for, where as here in Omaha the voter was called on to make fifty-eight cross marks to express his full choice at the primary, he will, at the election in November, have to make seventy cross marks, unless in sheer exhaustion he swallows it whole in the vote-harvesting party circle. Primary or no primary, "the only remedy is the short ballot."

The German minister to Mexico tells us the kaiser is determined to conquer France, not to hold the country permanently, but merely to crush the "menace of French militarism." Sir Edward Grey of Great Britain declares England will never quit until it has completely destroyed in all the world the "menace of German militarism." Now, if the rest of these "menaces" are as easily taken care of we shall be all right.

The city council has undertaken to declare "an emergency" in order to use money for Ak-Sar-Ben street lighting that belongs in some other fund. An emergency is supposed to be something that cannot be foreseen, whereas Ak-Sar-Ben street lighting recurs regularly every year. The only emergency we see is lack of available funds.



Brief contributions on timely topics invited. The Bee assumes no responsibility for opinions of correspondents. All letters subject to condensation by editor.

Would Voters for Women Stop War?

OMAHA, Sept. 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: We are told by suffrage speakers that there will be no war after women vote, but we note that while England is fighting its foes abroad, its peace at home is imperiled by the renewal of suffrage assaults on cabinet officers, having voluntarily pledged the government that they would cease hostilities following the declaration of war against Germany. The militants are at it again. Seventeen of them were arrested on August 17. Annie Kenny, the militant leader, who advises suffragists never to go out without a hammer in their pockets and urges them to keep up their work of destruction, is now in this country upon the invitation of the richest and most potential suffrage leader, Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont. Miss Kenny is here to deliver some lectures and undoubtedly to gather in some American dollars to carry on their war in Europe. Mrs. Parkhurst on her last visit to the United States was given \$30,000 with which to carry on her work of devastation. Suffragists in this country continue to excuse, defend, admire and finance these uncivilized warlike methods of their English sisters. In this country the suffragists are planning the defeat of the most able and experienced statesmen because they do not favor suffrage, for which they have raised a fund of \$20,000.

In the New York Times of recent issue appears the following quotation from a suffragist: "You American men think there is no militancy here, but just fall to give us the vote in 1915 and you will see militancy like England."

These are the women who assert that if they had the ballot there would be no war.

NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OPPOSED TO WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

A Grateless Sheriff's Office.

OMAHA, Sept. 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have been handed a nomination for sheriff of Douglas county, Nebraska, a nomination I did not seek, for an office I would not fill if the election were handed me in the same way except as an absolutely free agent. It has been suggested a number of times that each candidate for office set out briefly a sort of personal platform. If elected I will:

- 1. Cut out the feeding graft and all graft.
2. Cut out all noisy, tipped-off raids and enforce the laws quietly, sensibly and impartially, seven days in the week, fifty-two weeks in the year, all over the county, in favor of everybody and against anybody.
3. I will take orders from no man or set of men, will not use the office to punish one man or set of men or to help one man or set of men except in a legitimate way.
4. I will work with any man or any woman whether officer or not, or with any organization, municipal or otherwise, for the betterment of conditions looking to the care of criminals and delinquents in the city and county.
5. I will try to make the office an agent of the people for good government.

H. W. MORROW.

Letters from a Political Heathen—Mexico.

ROMEWHERE, Sept. 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: Madero had said that he would prefer to rule a nation of cowards and a country in ruins than to resign his office. His acts fitted his words, for he had shot several men on mere suspicion. Ruiz was not the only one executed without trial. Huerta was Madero's commander-in-chief. Madero had the jealousy of this old general that a little fellow has for a great man. The megalomaniac of Germany had the same feeling for Bismarck who had "dropped the pilot." In his dealings with Huerta Madero acted with the duplicity of Borgias or Medici. He had forced upon the old commander as a subordinate Francis Villa—a name beside which the names of Jesse James and Crawford Goldsby are respectable. His career should be written with the biography of Fra Diavolo and the history of the shafts of the French forest—the scoundrels whose names coincides with the innocent driver of an automobile. Huerta arrested Villa for insubordination and sent him to the penitentiary to await trial by court-martial. Madero furnished Villa with money and connived at his escape. Then the noble and patriotic martyr in future (sic) sent word to Huerta to look for Villa, who had threatened to kill him. Too frank himself to suspect such cowardly conduct, Huerta replied, thanking the president, but added that he did not fear the fellow. The obligation of Madero to Huerta need not be recited. But for Huerta, Madero could never have maintained his position as president as long as he did.

I will not claim for Huerta the character of an Epameionidas, a Washington or a Lincoln. To do so, men of justice will never consider his environment; it is possible for a strong man to be a little better than his surroundings—but not much. This I affirm: Huerta is the constitutional provisional president of the Mexican republic. But I am anticipating.

DER HEIDE.

Affairs at Home

Salt Lake Tribune: Bet there are several millions in Europe who would enjoy a trip to the United States.

Philadelphia Inquirer: The skunk may, as that scientist says, be one of man's best friends, but he certainly has a mighty peculiar way of showing it.

New York Mail: Was ever the office of secretary of state so degraded as on Tuesday, when Secretary Bryan formally and fulsomely thanked Villa for "restoring order in Sonora"?

Cincinnati Enquirer: Any congressman who feels sore because his salary is docked for absenteeism can punish a hard-hearted administration by resigning and leaving it to its fate.

Buffalo Express: President Wilson speaks wisely when he says that this country expects its officials to stay on their jobs in these trying days. He has decided to make no speeches during the coming political campaign.

Philadelphia Press: The idea which seems to prevail in some quarters that President Wilson is going to be sensitive about the one-term plank of the democratic national platform has no visible basis. He has not so far shown any conspicuous respect for any part of that platform, and it would be pretty late to begin now.

Germany's Explanation

Full Text of Pamphlet Issued by the German Government.

Note Preceding Correspondence.

The following documents refer to the exchange of views between Germany and England immediately before the war broke out. It will be perceived from these documents that Germany was prepared to spare France in case England should remain neutral and would guarantee the neutrality of France."

Telegram of Prince Henry of Prussia to the King of England of July 30, 1914.

Am here since yesterday; have informed William of what you kindly told me at Buckingham palace last Sunday, who gratefully received my message.

William, much preoccupied, is trying his utmost to fulfill Nicky's appeal to him to work for maintenance of peace and is in constant telegraphic communication with Nicky, who today confirms news that military measures have been ordered by him equal to mobilization, measures which have been taken already five days ago.

We are furthermore informed that France is making military preparations, whereas we have taken no measures, but may be forced to do so any moment, should our neighbors continue, which would then mean a European war.

If you really and earnestly wish to prevent this terrible disaster, may I suggest you using your influence on France and also Russia to keep neutral, which seems to me would be most useful.

This I consider a very good, perhaps the only chance, to maintain the peace of Europe.

I may add that more than ever Germany and England should lend each other mutual help to prevent a terrible catastrophe, which otherwise seems unavoidable.

Believe me that William is most sincere in his endeavors to maintain peace, and that the military preparations of his two neighbors may at last force him to follow their example for the safety of his own country, which otherwise would remain defenseless.

I have informed William of my telegram to you, and hope you will receive my information in the same spirit of friendship which suggests them.

(Signed) HENRY.

Telegram of the King of England to Prince Henry of Prussia July 30, 1914.

Thanks for your telegram. So pleased to hear of William's efforts to concert with Nicky to maintain peace. Indeed I am earnestly desirous that such an irreparable disaster as a European war should be averted. My government in doing its utmost, suggesting to Russia and France to suspend further military preparations if Austria will consent to be satisfied with occupation of Belgrade and neighboring Serbian territory as a hostage for satisfactory settlement of its demands, other countries meanwhile suspending their war preparations. Trust William will use his great influence to induce Austria to accept this proposal, thus proving that Germany and England are working together to prevent what would be an international catastrophe. Pray assure William I am doing and shall continue to do all that lies in my power to preserve peace of Europe.

(Signed) GEORGE.

Telegram of the Emperor of the King of England of July 31, 1914.

Many thanks for your kind telegram. Your proposals coincide with My ideas Y and with the statements I got this night from Vienna which I have forwarded to London. I just received news from chancellor that official notification has just reached him that this night Nicky has ordered the mobilization of his whole army and fleet. He has not even awaited the results of the mediation I am working at and left Me without any news. I am off for Berlin to take measures for ensuring the safety of My eastern frontiers where strong Russian troops are already posted.

(Signed) WILLY.

Telegram of the King of England to the Emperor of July 31, 1914.

Many thanks for Your telegram last night. I sent an urgent telegram to Nicky expressing My readiness to do everything in My power to assist in reopening conversations between powers concerned.

(Signed) GEORGE.

Telegram of the German Ambassador in London to the Chancellor of August 1, 1914.

Sir E. Grey just asked me by telephone whether I believed to be in a position to declare that you would not attack France in a war between Germany and Russian in case France should remain neutral. I declared I believed to be able to give such an undertaking.

LICHNOWSKY.

Telegram of the Emperor to the King of England of August 1, 1914.

I just received your communication from Your Government offering French neutrality under guarantee of Great Britain. Added to this offer was the enquiry whether under these conditions Germany would refrain from attacking France. On technical grounds My mobilization, which had already been proclaimed this afternoon, must proceed against two fronts east and west as prepared; this cannot be countermanded because, I am sorry, Your telegram came so late. But if France offers Me neutrality which must be guaranteed by the British fleet and army, I shall of course refrain from attacking France and employ My troops elsewhere. I hope that France will not become nervous. The troops on My frontier are in the act of being stopped by telegram and telephone from crossing into France.

Telegram of the Chancellor in the German Ambassador in London of August 1, 1914.

Germany was ready to accept British proposal in case England guarantees with all her forces absolute neutrality of France in Russo-German conflict. German mobilization has been ordered today on account of Russian challenge before English proposal was known here. It is therefore now impossible to make any change in strategic distribution of troops ordered to the French frontier. But we guarantee that our troops will not cross the French frontier before 7 P. M. on Monday, the 3d inst. in case England will pledge herself meanwhile.

(Signed) BETHMANN HOLLWEG.

Telegram of the King of England to the Emperor of August 1, 1914.

In answer to your telegram just received, I think there must be some misunderstanding as to a suggestion that passed in friendly conversation between Prince Lichnowsky and Sir Edward Grey this afternoon when they were discussing how actual fighting between German and French armies might be avoided while there is still a chance of some agreement between Austria and Russia. Sir Edward Grey will arrange to see Prince Lichnowsky early tomorrow morning to ascertain whether there is a misunderstanding on his part.

(Signed) GEORGE.

Telegram of the German Ambassador in London to the Chancellor of August 2, 1914.

Sir E. Grey's suggestions were prompted by a desire to make it possible for England to keep permanent neutrality, but as they were not based on a previous understanding with France and made without knowledge of our mobilization, they have been abandoned as absolutely hopeless.

(Signed) LICHNOWSKY.

Note Following Correspondence.

The essence of Germany's declarations is contained in Emperor William's telegram to the king of England of August 1, 1914. Even if there existed a misunderstanding as to an English proposal, the kaiser's offer furnished England the opportunity to prove its pacific disposition and to prevent the Franco-German war."

Meat and Drink

Washington Herald: Some of the highest living is indulged in by low-bred people. Philadelphia Press: If congress is going to tax soft drinks, won't it have to skip grape juice? Baltimore American: Many warm and thirsty ones will regard that proposed tax upon soft drinks as hard luck. Milwaukee Sentinel: Those of us who do not own automobiles will not, at least, have to worry about the proposed war tax on gasoline. Pittsburgh Dispatch: Cuba hopes to get \$200,000,000 for her sugar crop this year. When she gets it she will undoubtedly enjoy her "place in the sun."

Philadelphia Ledger: The democrats have informed an anxious country that the new taxes are to "be strictly internal." Most people will view them as "simply internal."

Philadelphia Bulletin: "The high cost of living" will be materially increased if the government carries out the suggestion to put a war tax on soft drinks, sodas and sundries.

Troy Times: There are hints that some portions of Europe are already in distress because of the growing scarcity of food and other supplies. The war is only a month old. What will be the condition later and when a large part of the continent faces the prospect of a severe winter?

INTENDED TO BE FUNNY.

Yeast—Did you enjoy your trip through Milwaukee? Crimshaw—Did I? Say, there wasn't a dry minute in the entire trip—Yonkers Skittles—Well, not exactly, but he always acts as if he was a philanthropist when he refuses a transfer—Puck. "What's the matter with Willie?" "He's turned anarchist." "Anarchist? Dear, dear! What's turned him?" "He says he can't support any government that willfully sends ships to bring home straggled school teachers"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

THE FINANCES OF PRUE.

John Kendrick Bangs in Judge: She promised Sid, she promised Ned, she promised Sam and Jim; She promised Harry, Tom and Ted. Each one she's marry him. She promised Marmaduke and Bill; She promised George and Paul; She'd wed him with a right good will. When came the days of fall.

The happy swains in ecstasy. When each the truth he knew, Got up a prudience company. To see the traitor intruder; And 'stead of an engagement ring These heroes of my rhymes Gave her of whom my verses sing A set of golden chains— Which rung for each, and rung for all Against the coming of the fall.

Some cracking new ideas in the Gordon hat for fall. Really smart novelties that young men will appreciate.

Advertisement for FAUST SPAGHETTI. A Tasty Spaghetti Dinner at 10c or A Porter-house at 40c? A lot of folks would decide to take the steak, jumping at the conclusion that it makes the more nutritious meal of the two. That's not so. A 10c package of Spaghetti—enough to make a substantial meal for seven people—contains four times more nutrition than 1 pound of meat. FAUST SPAGHETTI is a food very rich in gluten—the bone-and muscle-building element. One of the main reasons why housewives don't serve Spaghetti is because they don't know the great variety of rich, savory dishes that can be made of it. Our free recipe book will open your eyes to its many uses—write for a copy. 5c and 10c pkgs.—buy to-day. MAULL BROS. St. Louis, Mo.

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