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## Thought for the Day

Selected by Katherine Morse

Look to this day-For it is Life, the very Life of Life; In its brief course lies all the varieties and real-

ities of your existence; The bliss of growth, the glory of action, the splendor of beauty;

For yesterday is but a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision;

But today, well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, And every tomorrow, a vision of hope.

- From the Sanskrit.

When in doubt, play safety first by calling

Cold wave flags wigwag a message of joy to

There is no mistaking the upward tendency of the powder industry. The Bee's advertising columns are the best

guide for January bargain-hunters. A lawyer who can "run like sixty" wastes his energy if headed for the federal bench.

Pretty good bunch of people in that exhibit of Omaha's bank directors, taking them all to-

Brother George W. Perkins is another loquacious statesman who does not seem to know when silence is golden.

Senator John Sharp Williams expressed regret that congress is compelled to meet at this time. The Mississippi senator senses the majority view.

At any rate Nebraska bulimoosers are not confronted with any factional differences as to who shall wear the delegate badges at a third party conclave.

"Our foreign policy makes us a laughing stock of the whole world,"-Ex-Senator Depew.

Yes, but it's no laughing matter and we believe the American people are waking up to the true situation.

An economic war of nations is predicted as an appendix to the present struggle. By that time the average consumer may be so habituated to war operations that an appendix will not yield a thrill.

More married than single men reported for service in Great Britain during the recent recruiting rally. Patriotism explains the difference in part only. Eagerness to learn new fighting methods no doubt supplied an impulse.

In less than two days after the allies backed away from Gallipoli the Teutons produced a statement of the cost of the blunder figured down to a pfennig. German efficiency and speed shine in the bookkeeping department.



A pleasant party was given at the Dancing academy, Eleventh and Farnam, in honor of the seventh wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. P. Carey, host and hostess of the Doran house. About forty couples were present and joined in the merriment until a late

Henry Rhode, former deputy county treasurer, is the recipient of an elegant testimental from Treasurer Rush in the shape of a gold watch as an expression of appreciation for his services.

F. S. Parmetee has returned from Sutton, Netwhere he was snowed in the last ten days. He says of South Omaha and Dundee, there must be he does not mind being snowed in that length of time when people have coal to burn, but cornstalks are too

Charlie Lord will represent the Omaha Interests at the convention to be held in St. Joseph to form a western base ball league.

J. D. King, formerly post office inspector here, now located at Denver, is in the city.

The strike of the ice men was settled by the conession of the demanded wages, and the river is alive with men at work cutting and storing ice. Among other appropriations in the estimates of the

grading and paving of the court house block.

rd is one for \$35,000 for the retaining wall.

That Harmony Mass Meeting.

The Lincoln Journal takes what seems to us the sensible view of the "harmony mass meeting" called to endorse a set of delegate-at-large candidates to represent Nebraska in the coming republican national convention when it answers objections by saying that meetings of this kind are in conformity with the spirit of the direct primary rather than in violation of it, as furnishing discussion and recommendation to enlighten

the voters in making their personal choice. Neither the editor of The Bee, nor anyone connected with this paper, has had anything to do with the call for the mass meeting, yet we are not disposed to condemn in advance any move that leads in the direction of solidifying the republican ranks into the united phalanx necessary to success in the battle of 1916. We are not so concerned as to the particular individuals who go to Chicago as delegates provided they are reputable, representative and trustworthy, for we are sure they will have pretty definite instructions as to what they must do there before they receive their credentials.

What is equally to the point, as the Journal reminds us, the voters have a veto on any "slate" by whomsoever put up and, if they do not approve, they can and will break the "slate" and register their preferences as they see fit as between all who may be running. So everything will depend on whether the "harmony mass meeting" makes wise or foolish recommendations-for if foolish they will be of no avail. For ourselves, we reserve judgment till the lineup is disclosed.

Dutch Disturbing the Doves.

Disquieting news comes from The Hague, where the doves who followed the flight oi Henry Ford and Frau Schwimmer across the rolling brine find their slumbers disturbed by the presence of Dutch soldlery. It is, perhaps, no intentional discourtesy, but the Dutch were certainly negligent in some of the essentials of that fine hospitality for which they have long been noted. They might at least have provided noiseless accoutrements and soft-soled boots to meet such emergencies as the present. It is wrong that the cogitations of the peacemakers should be upset by the grind and rattle of an artillery car drawn along a stony street. Why are not these cars equipped with rubber tires, or, better still, why not dispense entirely with these military demonstrations until the doves are a little more thoroughly nested and domesticated? They are due to stay in Holland for a long time, if they wait until peace is accomplished, and it's up to the Dutch to make them comfortable. Still, it would be just like the practical-minded inhabitants of the Netherlands to go right on, attending to their own business, regardless of the disposition of the voluntary guests.

Troublous Times for John Bull.

In all their history the English people have faced no such crisis as that now presented to them. Division of sentiment on matters of policy is common enough among the inhabitants of the United Kingdom, and civil war has frequently been waged in settlement of questions not so momentous as those now involved. With reverses to the army abroad, disasters to ships at sea, and discontent verging on revolt at home. the government has on its hands a task that will require the wisest of statesmanship to adjust. The keenest of political acumen will not exceed the requirements of directing the present disforces into the harmonious action that must be had for the preservation of the empire.

Blunders may be forgiven if retrieved, and John Bull yet shas his chance. Recent misfortunes ought to awaken the British to a course less bumptious and more energetic than has yet been pursued. Patriotism is not dead among the people and will readily respond to a proper call. Politics seems to be the most dangerous symptom of the malady at present, and only when it can be allayed will the prospect of recovery be improved. The next few weeks will mark an important era in the history of the British empire.

Label on the Bottle.

The supreme court of the United States has just decided that the label on a bottle of medicine must not contain a patent untruth, or promise to cure a disease for which there is no known specific. This gives authoritative support to a practice already fairly well established. Promises to cure incurable diseases are certainly made with intent to deceive, and are not indulged in by reputable firms or individuals. Disagreements of doctors as to methods of medical practice are briefly considered by the court, and are left in the twilight zone, wherein individual taste or predilection may still determine choice of ways whereby to be cured. Some day the doctor who profess to perform miracles will be put in the same class with the vendor of nostrums now on the proscribed list. Common sense may never overtake beliefs in the matter of search for relief from misery and disease, but it can protect the helpless.

The New York World, staunch champion of the democratic administration, refers to Senator Gore of Oklahoma "as being more definite in his opposition to the president than any of his pro-German colleagues, except those like Senator O'Gorman and Senator Hitchcock." If the World keeps on this way it will make it awful hard for these worthy senators to pretend to their constituents to unswerving devotion to the cause of President Wilson and get away with it.

In reorganizing the School board committees, would it not be a good idea to recognize the usefulness of all the members instead of merely those elected on the citizens' ticket last year? With the enlarged scope and activities of the public schools following the annexation work enough to keep every member busy every minute he can devote to duties devolved upon

The only pity is that these wonderful congressmen of ours did not think to introduce their various bills "to make war impossible" before the present great war broke loose.

Doctors are too solemn to rank as humorists, yet they suggest that pressing the feathers is the best means of losing your grip.

## The Second Winter

New York Evening Post.

THE upflare of heavy fighting on the Russo-Galician frontier reminds us that winter in itself need not force a suspension of operations. There were big midwinter battles a year ago in east Prussia, in Champagne and on the Aisne. If there is a pause in the west and in the Balkans it may be because winter has not settled down on these regions as it has on Russin. But it is also well to recall that the conflicts of last winter, impressive enough by the standard of previous wars, do not measure up to the great encounters of the present. The decisive battles of the warthe Marne, Ypres, West Galicis-were fought in the fall or the spring. Ready though all the armies are for sacrifice, there are limits to human endurance, and on both sides the leaders have recognized that they must have suitable weather before they can call upon their men for the best that is in them. Winter, therefore, is the season of preparation. The new levies receive their final training. Guns and ammunition are piled up. Positions are mapped and studied to the minutest point. It was after a winter's preparation that the British delivered their first great assault of the war at Neuve Chappelle last March. It was with a phalang built up during cold weather that the Teuton armies shattered the Russian line in Galicia in May. Now that the war has become more than ever a test of engineering and mechanics, the trenches are for the time being of less importance than what goes on behind the battle lines.

But the winter of 1916 is likely to witness a kind of secret operations for which the time was not ripe a car ago. The men in the trenches will be thinking of peace, and peace will be in the minds of the leaders and the statesmen. It is time for invertorying and easting up accounts. Bethmann-Hollweg did not say the last word when he declared in the Reichstag a month ago that it must be the ailies who ask for peace. The allied statesmen did not say the last word when they relterated their determination to fight to the end, and reasserted the formula of no separate peace. That is part of the game. Unofficially, we may take it that some inkling of the terms on which Germany would be willing to make peace has reached the allied capitals; and the other way about. Precisely because winter is a time of feverish preparations for a continuance of the war, it is a time when governments may be induced to ask themselves what will be the advantage of going on. Germany says, in effect, "I have another half million men almost ready to take the field in April." England says, "Here is another million and a half men, volunteers and conscripts, whom I can throw into the scale." Rusals acts rather than speaks. Her armies, once more on the offensive, are the best reply to the German contention that Russia is out of it. And within the national frontiers the separate governments are engaged in heartto-heart talks with their people. Food, recruits, taxation, casualties, are the topics that press for attention in the long winter evenings.

Germany, as she balances her books for the year, the account stands somewhat as follows: On the credit side are her visible conquests in the west. in Russia, in the Balkans; and the unbroken spirit of her people. In the west she has reached the limit of her offensive; but it is not impossible that in the east and in the south she may pass on to fresh victories, On the debit side is her food problem-not insuperable but still a problem. There is the consideration that her strategic problem is not solved, but that the ring of her enemies is still unbroken, the Balkans after Russia, and when the Balkans are disposed of, Russia. Prospects of a separate peace have disappeared. At home there is a desire for peace to this extent, that a large section of the population does not think annexation of territory worth fighting for any longer, or desirable in any case. Germany is in the anomalous position of claiming a victory on points and at the same time asserting that she can hold out for years. A victory that needs years of untold sacrifice to be demonstrated is hardly a victory.

Among Germany's enemies the situation is still more complex. If talking of peace is a confession of weakness, they dare not venture on the thing publicly. It would confirm Germany's claims with regard to the military situation. For Germany, holding out is to some extent a matter of choice. For the allies, it is a matter of necessity. Time is undoubtedly with them But the time needed for a victory is so indefinitely long, and the sacrifices necessary are so definitely assured, that the allies may well think it worth while to bring about the meeting of minds in which the realities of the situation shall be recognized. The crucial facts are these: A decisive victory is in sight for neither party. "Victory," when it does come, will be measured by ahreds and fragments. Both sides speak of holding out. But the statesmen on either side must have some idea of what they are holding out for. Knowing this, they must be weighing the bitter cost of holding out against the risks involved in making overtures of peace.

On both sides there is a great longing for peace. An unemotional war critic like Major Moraht speaks of the desolation of the winter trenches, of the severe pressure on the souls of hundreds of thousands of the educated classes. Things are not very different in France and Russia. The feeling is not unknown in England. It may be only a question of seeking the way out. The present winter will find many people in Europe looking for it eagerly. Generals may be preparing for a drive against Saloniki, against Egypt, against the German lines in Flanders and Champagne But we take it that men are also preparing some kind of a drive towards peace,

## Twice Told Tales

An Ungallant Hobo.

A hobe knocked on the back door of a suburban home, which was opened by a large, muscular, hardfaced woman.

"Get out of here, you miserable tramp!" exclaimed the woman in a screechy voice, at the first sight of the "If you don't march straight for that back gate I will call my husband!"

"I guess not," was the calm response of the tramp. 'He ain't home.'

"Is that so, Mr. Tramp?" was the scornful rejoinder of the large lady. "How do you know he isn't

at home?" "Because," grinned the hobo, backing toward the aforesaid gate, "when a man marries a woman like you he is home only at meal time."-Philadelphia

## People and Events

Rope skipping is giving the tango a run for social popularity in New York hotels. The correct skipping costume is a fiannel waist and a short skirt, although bloomers are permissible.

A nervy crook pulled into court at Sacramento demanded a trial by a jury of his equals and sought to pick a jury from his fellow crooks. But the judge called the bluff and the crook backed up.

Major George N. Evans, disbursing officer of the Department of the Interior at Washington for thirtytwo years, has a record of handling \$400,000,000 without error or loss to the United States or to himself. One of many graceful compliments to William

Howard Taft, prompted by the supreme court vacancy, comes from Judge Benjamin H. Hill of At-Judge Hill was endorsed for the vacant seat by the Georgia bar, but suggested the greater propriety of the president naming dr. Taft. The region of Green Bay, Wis., is fairly cool at

all seasons, but it fosters a few warm members. Phil Haevers, son of a lumber plute, is one of them. In the springtime of 1915 the young man's fancy centered on Miss Cecelia Borman. One day he proposed to her. Next day he married another. The mittened maid wants \$5,000 to soothe her feelings.



Thanks for Pollsh War Victims. OMAHA, Jan. 10 .- To the Editor of The Bee: We express our most sincere thanks to his Monor, J. H. Morehead, governor of Nebraska, and Hon. J. C. Dahlman, mayor of Omaha, for their appeal to the citizens of our state and city to help the poor and starving war vic-

tims of Poland. We feel profound gratitude to the local English press for the favorable comment and the publicity given this noble cause of helping the Polish sufferers.

And last, but not least, we thank all those kind-hearted people who in any way helped to relieve the sufferings of

the inhabitants of Poland ... THOMAS KOZIOL. Editor Western Star.

The American Viewpoint.

BROWNVILLE, Neb., Jan. 11.-To the Editor of The Bee: I must take exceptions to Henry Arp's German viewpoints in The Bee. That is the view of some of the Germans of the Boy-Ed brand, but not all by a long way. There are lots of people of German birth in the United States who are true Americans, but not all. They came to the United States to better their condition and keep their sons out of the kaiser's slaughter pens and not to pattern this country after the fatherland.

Mr. Arp makes over a column of charges against the English speaking people and does not prove one word of his charges. We Americans know what made this country and what it is and who has kept it as it was given to us. And thank heaven there are enough true Americans to keep it as it has been handed down to them.

I was in the civil war nearly four years. There were lots of soldiers that were of Jerman birth, but they were true Amercans and were fighting for their homes They were not affected with the kaiser itis. in those times. I wonder if Mr. Arp ever read the Declaration of Independence, the constitution, and the history of the United States. (I fear not.) It makes me tired to hear men talking about being German-Americans, and English, French and other kinds of Americans. If they are true they are Americans before everything; if they are not true they have no business here. The Arp talk is all hot air of the superheated variety. I want to tell him that President Wilson is an American from head to foot and the Americans will be behind him or any other president when the laws are to be enforced. The trouble with Arp is he has a bad case of the kalseritis, which has settled on the brain and an operation might help out. but I doubt it. F. M. HAIRGROVE

R. F. D., Route L

The Art of the Dance.

OMAHA, Jan. 11 .- To the Editor of The Bee: After paying real money to see the recent performance of Miss Gertrude Hoffman in our city, and seeing this said performance, I am at a loss to express my idea of it in Chesterfield-

If Miss Hoffman was the possessor of graceful lines, I could understand why she might appear on the public stage in the nude, i. e., for the sake of art, but ne doubt even Miss Hoffman is aware of the lack of this quality. If it was to illustrate the text that

weak woman could bring the mighty brute man to her subjugation by her charm and inflaming of passion in man, I think we poor mortals are pouring oil on the fires by patronizing such entertainments. Even I, as the tough-skinned repro-

bate I am, could not discuss this topic face to face with anyone, and as far as I can see, if Miss Hoffman cannot attract the crowds in any other manner, she had better give up her ambition in failure for the benefit of poor humanity AN ARTLESS MAN.

Why Bother the Postmaster.

YUTAN, Neb., Jan. 11.-To the Editor of The Bee: Since last Monday I have had a great deal of amusement in reading the articles of our new matrimonial agency in Omaha. We realize the fact that Postmaster Wharton is not in it for a money making proposition, but for the joy of making two hearts happy that would not have been made happy without his assistance. I am sure Mr Wharton is not aware of the fact that there are thousands of children throughout the United States that have a Tather or a mother in some neck of the woods, they know not where, and eventually the children become inmates of orphanages and are later adopted out to people that naturally hold their own offspring above the one adopted. As those children grow older they begin to realize the difference in the treatment of the children that really belong to the parents. Then they ecome dissatisfied and soon they hit the drift, and by the time they are is years of age they have made great rec-

Mr. Postmaster, don't you think you are making a mistake in your effort to furnish the Texas widow with a husband? First, I believe if the widow is worthy of a husband she would have no trouble in getting one in the largest state in the union.

Then, too, a man who has to wait for an opportunity of this kind to get a wife from a far-off country undoubtedly has something marked against his past or he would have no trouble finding a nice, respectable woman in his own home territory that would make him happy and without bothering Mr. Wharton so shortly after the holiday rush, which has kept him working until late hours W. H. W., R. F. D. 1.

## Editorial Snapshots

Louisville Courier-Journal: This year woman proposes. Man disposes. Chicago Herald: If Mr. Taft is ap-

pointed to the supreme bench the bench will gain a great judge and politics will lose a poor politician. Brooklyn Eagle: The boy who gets up

at midnight to run four miles to a fire and falls into a well, breaking a rib, and lies there helpless until discovered some hours later, gets about all the trench warfare worth while around Hempstead. Boston Transcript: What with gold flowing here form Europe, and our mines greatly increasing their output, gold promises to become so common in this

good brass on the outside of it. Cleveland Plain Dealer: Having raised their social status by a meager increase in salary, the Pullman company appears to have made larger tips to porters necessary. It is a rare madness that has no

country that they will soon be putting

method in it. Pittsburgh Dispatch: General Sherlap ahead in the race of wordy patriots.

Springfield Republican: The rumor that Emperor William is suffering from cancer will recall the fact that his father, Emperor Frederick, died of that disease at the age which the son has now reached. But perhaps that fact has given birth to the rumor.

Red Cross says how far preparedness sell for national defense leads to preparedness for national aggression is a question. It is a question easily answered in a nation whose whole national ideal and public opinion are opposed to aggression bome would not be safe; your house might be destroyed, your wife and chiland with whom the military idea is a subordinate proposition in the govern-

#### LAUGHING GAS.

Mrs. A.-I met Mrs. Swellton, the president of the Home for the Aged, today and gave her \$10 for it, which I couldn't well afford.

Mrs. B.—Heaven will reward you.

Mrs. A.—It has already. She invited me to luncheon.—Boston Transcript.

madam?" lought to, sir. We've just moved, and my husband has been laying the carpets."—Topeka Journal.

KABIBBLE -KABARET DEAR MR. KABIBBLE, MY FIANCE MEYER WAMS YO BUY ME A BULL DOG - SHOULD I ACCEPT IT? YES - IT'S A GOOD THING TO

The newspaper humorist went courting. He stayed late, very late, so late that the old man called down to his daughter, "Phyllis, hasn't the morning paper come yet?"

HAVE AROUND IN CASE YOU

JILY MEYER

'No, sir," answered the funny man, we are holding the form for an impor-

"Oh, yes. It wouldn't do at all for a

wood calls the defense program "crimi-nal foolishness without sanity or ex-cuse," which should put him at least a Star,

the rumor.

Now, wife, if we are going into the Baltimore American: The head of the Poultry business here is an opportunity. Neighbor Wombat has some hens he will

sell us cheap."

"Oh, I wouldn't get second-hand fowls.
Better start with new models, I say."
Louisville Courler-Journal.

dren-"
Pacifist-Say no more: I'll call up my
insurance agent at once.-Life.

#### THE JESTERS.

Don Marquis in New York Sun.
We cannot help it, we are cursed
With an incorrigible mirth:—
Although we too have saddened with the
clouds that shadow
The disconsolate Earth:

The disconsolate Earth:
Although we too have mourned with all mankind the disillusions of the barren years;

Although with all mankind we drink the acrid tears;

Although we too have stolen cowering through the nethermost
Dim crowded hells
Where in the common terror of doomed multitudes
The vague ghost cringes, huddling toward his neighbor ghost,
And each finds each the mirror of his sins;

sins;—
Although we too have sought beyond the outmost bounds of space
A god of our imaginings.
He will, his form, his face,
To sink again with baffled wings
For that we only found familiar riddles
there.
Still, in our ultimate
Numb moments of despair,
Still, in our desolate
Bowed anguish here beneath the whips of
fate.

Bowed anguish here beneath the whips of fate.

Still, when we reach the dark way's darkest end
And by the blind wall drop with none to friend,
Then, of a sudden,
Some perverse humor shakes us, and we laugh!

Some trick thought will grip us, and we laugh!

"we are holding the form for an important decision."

And the old man went back to bed wondering if they would keep house or live
with him.—Boston Transcript.

Some rebel mood win street
laugh!

Ho, Jove! loose all your peevish lightnings from the height.

And slay me, Jove!—but in the end some
brother clown

Jove the street of th With desperate mirth will laugh your foolish godhead down!

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