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It is just one drive after another. Do your bit!

"Hypothrosis" sounds more imposing than "brain storm."

It will be the first dry Thanksgiving ever celebrated in Nebraska.

General Byng got a promotion. What the Bavarian crown prince got is not disclosed.

Turkey in Asia has been hard pressed, but turkey in America is right on the verge of succumbing.

It was Russian mobilization that furnished the excuse for the Kaiser to put the match to the war bomb and now Russia is the first to flunk.

Teutonic bells are silent, in spite of Russian provocation to clatter. Necessity belled them to the metal pot.

Measures already taken to insure an ample supply of seed corn reflects wise foresight. While the danger of a shortage may be exaggerated, being certain marks the safe course.

Perhaps President Roosevelt did not do such a good job, after all, when he forced the peace settlement that saved Russia from impending annihilation at the hands of victorious Japan.

Our congratulations to the new officers who have just won their new shoulder straps in the second Officers' Reserve training camp. We confidently depend upon them to make good.

Reports from Deming indicate a general rush for soldiers' insurance. In this fighting boys-to-be show commendable business sense and foresight. Insurance backed by the government is a sure thing and a good thing.

Thanksgiving hospitality to the khaki boys lends the flavor of home to active service. It heartens the host and hostess, cheers the boys and strengthens the ties binding home defenders to the unrivaled American home.

"The neighing steed, the flashing blade," immortalized in deeds and story, renewed their glory in cavalry charges on the plains of Cambrai. Three years is a long time to wait, but neither steed nor blade lost their fighting edge.

Cuban sugar planters compromised their differences with the United States and accepted \$4.60 per 100 pounds. The increase amounts to one-tenth of a cent a pound over the price originally agreed upon and reflects credit on the patriotic moderation of the planters.

The response to The Bee's offer to make the arrangements for hospitable householders to entertain a soldier from Fort Crook or Fort Omaha for Thanksgiving dinner has been fine—quite up to expectations. Anyone else who wants to get in on the invitation list will have to hurry.

History maps Italy as the graveyard of Teutonic ambitions. Every imperial free booter from Hunland found the country too hot to hold. Some retired alive; others were carried out in a box. History has a way of repeating itself and the heroic Italians are writing the foreword on the Plave.

Fairly definite assurances come from Washington of the delivery of Liberty bonds in ample time for Christmas shopping. The magnitude of the task of printing the bonds far exceeded the capacity of private shops, and taxes the far greater resources of the government printing working triple shifts. The treasury plans to have bonds ready for delivery to subscribers on the next payment day, December 15.

In his Western Laborer Frank A. Kennedy, who has been serving his country as a patriot in the laborious exemption board job, asks: "Why don't Senator Hitchcock wake up and give us a law providing for the shipment of the pro-Germans back to Germany for them to feed?" Oh, pah! Why ask such foolish questions? Wouldn't that be a nice measure for Senator Hitchcock to champion after his effort to earn an imperial red eagle by championing the Kaiser's bill to make the United States helpless by putting all our munition plants out of business!

Spirit of the Soldier

Omaha gave Leonard Wood a great ovation when the general went there recently in response to an appeal for help from the people of that middle western city in their second Liberty loan campaign. His ten speeches in a single day to tens of thousands of people increased Omaha's total subscription by a quarter of a million dollars. But the telegram sent by the Liberty loan committee to the secretary of war thanking him for General Wood's assistance failed to include any mention of this incident observed by one of the committee. A Grand Army veteran made his way to the platform after one of the big meetings, and stopped the line of handshakers long enough to say: "General, it makes my blood boil when I read about the war they are waging on you in days like these. I wonder how you feel about all the insults that have been heaped upon you." "Comrade, you ought to know that it is impossible to insult a soldier going into a fight," was Leonard Wood's reply.

National Responsibility for War Damage.

Influential men in England are moving to secure action by Parliament that will result in the indemnification of owners for all property damaged by air raids. The chancellor of the exchequer has applied the principle of national responsibility in part, extending to cover losses of 500 pounds or under, regardless of insurance; over that amount uninsured losses must be subject to adjustment by the government under the provisions of the insurance law. It is this latter feature the movers for general indemnity object to. They do not question the government's intent, but they want the burden of loss to fall on the nation and not on the individual. Personal injury is included with property damage.

It is argued, with much more force and show of right, that the damage is the consequence of a war in which the entire nation is involved, the exposure resulting from this fact, and therefore compensation should be on the same basis. In other words, it is but the extension of the principle that provides relief for those who are injured in military service or for property taken for military uses. The committee has anticipated one of the most extensive features of all the war problems, temporarily in the background, but certain to demand careful attention, that of rehabilitation of devastated regions. France already has taken hold of this work, the government assuming the burden, and is proceeding on a wide scale to restore war-torn areas to usefulness.

The task is one of tremendous size and its final accomplishment may be long postponed, but the principle involved seems founded in justice and equity alike, and therefore should prevail. The ruin of war is a matter of concern of the whole nation and not alone of the few who are accidentally caught in the red path of the destroyer.

Young Officers Deserve Their Honor.

The new class just sent out from the officers' training school at Fort Snelling contains the names of a number of Nebraska boys who have won commissions in the United States army. To these, as to all those who have similarly been distinguished, The Bee offers its most sincere congratulations. Theirs is a real achievement, for their appointment comes on merit alone. Actual and thorough tests of physical and mental fitness, of temperament and capacity to command have been substituted for old-time favoritism and political pull in the selection of commissioned officers. For many weeks these young men have been devoting long hours every day to study and drill, mastering the details of the work and duty required of officers. No longer does a royal road lead to the responsibilities of command; work well done is the only way by which the honor can be attained. Selections have been carefully made and those who have been chosen deserve the distinction that has come to them and the country looks forward to them with confidence. Those who tried and failed need feel no humiliation. To them, too, the nation has gratitude, for they have proven their willingness to be of service. Our new army will be better, because it will have officers of a high grade of fitness, chosen by methods that determine quality and capacity for important work.

Urgency of More Systematic Money-Getting.

That the same problems often bring out similar suggestions for their solution in widely distant places is evidenced again in the matter of what we have called the free and easy, hit-or-miss, irresponsible solicitation of funds for war activities and relief work.

Just at the time The Bee was proposing a more systematic and centralized control of these money-getting campaigns, a plan was being put into effect in the little Wisconsin town of Kenosha, in substance underwriting all of the requisitions made upon the community for these purposes and providing for meeting them out of a single community fund made up of weekly contributions equal to a half hour's earnings of every inhabitant engaged in gainful occupations. In a word, the Kenosha plan answers the demand for business methods by cutting off outside solicitation altogether.

The necessity of some better way than generally prevails for organizing the generosity of the public is also pointed out by the Wall Street Journal, a progressive paper with viewpoint extending far beyond Wall street, citing as a horrible example one "patriotic bazaar," which, out of \$71,475 taken in, absorbed for promotion and expenses all but a trifle under \$755 which was left to be applied to the worthy object for which the appeal was made.

Perversion of the philanthropic spirit is not likely to occur, perhaps, on such a large scale in small places, but the effect of a few such episodes in repressing the openhandedness of public spirited people can easily be forecasted. Wherever the subject has been given attention by thoughtful folks but one conclusion is reached—that strictly business methods and thoroughly responsible control must be enforced through some one recognized authority.

Disfranchising Conscientious Objectors.

The British House of Commons, by a very large majority, has adopted an amendment to the electoral bill taking the vote from the "conscientious objector." This may seem a rather harsh measure, when added to other penalties, including imprisonment, which have been visited on these noncombatants, but English patience has been sorely tried by the pacifists. The irritating presence of a considerable body of men who have evaded war service through immunity granted those whose scruples, religious or otherwise, against shedding blood are insurmountable, has been one of the problems of the United Kingdom from the very start of the war. Public temper now has reached a pitch where it proposes to exclude from active share in government those who will not fight to defend that government. The logic of the action is incontestable. Woman has been extended the franchise on a limited scale and her opportunity for attaining the unrestricted privilege is greatly improved because of her assistance in the war; therefore men who have steadfastly refused to aid in the emergency or who have hampered action by their conduct are to be stripped of what has been looked on as the final achievement of manhood, that of the vote. The slacker is highly unpopular everywhere just now and is likely to become more so as time passes.

Enemy airplane propagandists feed the Italians with plain airy pamphlets proclaiming the benevolent intentions of the thrust into the vitals of Venetia. Just beyond Venetia lie the opulent plains of Lombardy, the richest agricultural section of northern Italy. No doubt vast stores of foodstuffs are there, besides stores of metals drawn to the industrial center of Milan. Looking in that direction whets the benevolent appetite of the half-famished Teutons.

Views, Reviews and Interviews

By Victor Rosewater

AMONG the many accumulating proofs that Omaha is steadily coming into its own and achieving a position of importance among cities, entitling it to more and more recognition, is the increasing frequency with which it is mentioned or referred to by outsiders. There is no question that Omaha is more firmly entrenched on the map and its fame more widespread among intelligent and well-informed people than ever before. We have had several novels published with the scenes laid in Omaha, Meredith Nicholson's "Main Chance" being perhaps the first to attract attention twelve or fifteen years ago, and Elizabeth Dejean's "The Tiger's Coat" being the latest, with more sure to follow. One of the chief editorials in the Saturday Evening Post a week ago, by way of an illustrating example, speaks of a bank transferring money "from New York to Omaha." When I picked up a copy of the Theater Magazine a little while back I found a story purporting to give personal reminiscences of a show girl, who had generously selected Omaha as the stage setting for the experience she was relating. Of course, the main factor is the regular day-by-day exploitation of Omaha's resources, progress and achievements by our own Omaha newspapers—the publicity which we give all the time and which is absorbed by strangers here and sent in continuous stream to far-away readers—a service in which The Bee has been foremost in rendering. The thought I am endeavoring to drive in, however, is this—that our efforts are beginning to tell and to command reader response, as everyone who will keep his eyes open may observe.

The noticeable material expansion of Omaha and the growth of its prestige abroad notwithstanding, as I have often pointed out, upon the substantial foundations so well laid by the pioneers of our city who are now being called to the great beyond in such rapid succession. This very day will witness the last rites in tribute to one of Omaha's pioneer women, the late Mrs. Caroline Sears Poppleton, who, in all that the term implies, may rightly be called one of the first ladies of Omaha. She was not only in point of time one of the first women to locate here, but during all of the formative period of the community she was one of the first in the numerous social and charitable activities that made the place livable and heated the good fire to delectable castles here and there. She was a woman of education and culture, always interested in every undertaking for the better welfare of other folks and always ready to assist, thoroughly posted upon current events, and mentally alert up to her last year. She had a remarkable memory for people and incidents of the early days, the days of hardship and privations, and must have derived intense satisfaction in being able to live to see the magnificent Omaha now built up on the spot that was a desolate, uninhabited wilderness when she first made a home here over fifty years ago. This we all want to remember—that except for Mrs. Poppleton and a few other noble women of the Omaha of today would have been impossible.

Another old-timer who has just taken a ride inside the horse on which he often occupied the driver's seat is "Jim" Stephenson, word of whose death came from Salt Lake City. There were other lively men here when Omaha was young, but for a long time the Stephenson stables were palatial as compared with the others. His big brick barn down on Tenth and Harney has long since been converted into the Rees printing establishment. Stephenson had all the fancy vehicles, with befitting horses, that the most fastidious patron might demand. He had carriages and hacks, coupes, buggies, saddle horses, band wagons, funeral cars, sleighs and a Concord coach that had been brought back from the Black Hills. He imported into Omaha the first "Hansom" cab that ever strayed west of the Mississippi river and it was not his fault that the "Hansom" did not become as popular on our streets as it was in London. "Jim" Stephenson was of the "rough and ready" sort, but kind-hearted and considerate—sometimes incongruous, especially when on dress occasions he insisted on himself handling the reins, clad in silk hat and stable clothes. He was a character of the town, to say nothing of having represented the famous Third ward in the city council for a little while. He, too, in his way, laid some of the foundation stones for Omaha's superstructure.

One who came a little later on the stage, and upon whom the last curtain has just dropped, was Thomas F. Boyd, who was our amusement purveyor for a dozen years or more. He was manager of the old "Boyd's Opera House" that stood at Fifteenth and Farnam, erected through the enterprise of his brother, later Governor James E. Boyd. When the new opera house was opened a general manager named Marsh was brought from the east to take charge of it and shortly after, if not immediately, "Tom" Boyd responded to a summons from his brother to come on from Philadelphia, where he was a printer on the Public Ledger, and become the box office assistant. Although already in middle age, he quickly adapted himself to the change and in a very short time became so conversant with the business that when Mr. Marsh's services were discontinued he was able to handle it without serious difficulty. Often when ticket sales were not particularly strenuous I used to visit with "Tom" Boyd in the box office cage, where I was an eager listener to his accounts of printers and newspaper men in the east, of whom I had only heard, while he had known them by personal association. Some of the most noted actors and actresses who ever played in this country gave performances at the old Boyd while "Tom" Boyd was running it.

People and Events

Secret service activities promise a permanent revolution in the vocal characteristics of Hoboken. It is now possible to hear the American language on both sides of the streets.

Mayor Thompson's campaign for United States senator marks progress in Chicago. Big Bill's school board declined to stop socialist and pacifist meetings in public school auditoriums.

Atlantic City fishermen have thrown themselves into the food conservation movement with a will and a large stock of shark steaks. The latter is said to possess edible qualities surpassing white meat. It should be explained that the offering is genuine ocean shark, not the Boardwalk variety.

Enterprising women of Chicago plan a hotel exclusively for members of the sex. Mere man may look in but not get in. The number of women anxious to lead that kind of a lonely life is not large enough to warrant the fear that lonely men may be forced to go into training as porch-climbers.

Philadelphia sports offer large odds on the proposition that the war will shoot up the silk hat as a sartorial embellishment. The big topper, symbol of masculine dignity and prosperity, already shrinks from public gaze and those who persist in wearing it seek safety in closed clubs. The sign indicates an early revival of the Quaker cady.

The estate of the late Henry Flagler, standard oil magnate, foots up \$75,000,000, according to the tax appraiser's report. Approximately \$50,000,000 were spent in his Florida enterprises. Mr. Flagler started to make the huge fortune as a grocery clerk at Republic, O., switched to the grain business, and later hooked up with John D. Rockefeller in Cleveland. The size of his pile tells the rest.

A peculiarly odious system of swindling has been pulled off in Camp Devens, Mass. Recruits listened to the siren voices of crooks professing to be lawyers with a pull and paid generous fees for promises of procuring exemption from service. Some recruits put up from \$150 to \$250 and have not even a receipt to show for it. Easy money. Yes, but it will not be easy to hold it when the secret service completes the chase and rounds up the gang.

TODAY

One Year Ago Today in the War.

British naval planes invaded Bavaria. Greek provisional government declared war on Germany and Bulgaria. Austro-Germans drove Rumanians down the Alt valley and turned flanks of new position.

In Omaha Thirty Years Ago.

Articles of agreement were signed between Messrs. Ed Rothery and Patsy Fallon for a glove contest between Arthur Rothery and Patsy Carroll, the match is to be a public one for \$250 a third.

A corps of surveyors of the Duluth & Omaha road, who have been working for some weeks on the east side



of the river in the vicinity of Crossing City with a view of making a crescent to Omaha, arrived in town today.

Paul Hersch, clerk at the Paxton, has handed in his resignation to take effect December 1.

J. T. Clark, of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, arrived in this city last night.

A meeting of the committee appointed to secure the national republican convention for Omaha, was held at the Millard hotel.

The South Omaha Land company will erect 100 dwelling houses north of the stock exchange very soon. The buildings can be rented without any difficulty whatever.

The Lemp's western brewery of St. Louis is to establish a house in this city.

A meeting was held at the Castellor Street Presbyterian church in the interest of a public reading room and library. A large part of the evening was devoted to the subject of Thanksgiving.

Thomas H. Nast, lecturer and famous caricaturist, will appear at the Grand Opera house.

This Day in History.

1783—New York was evacuated by the British and the American troops under Washington entered the city.

1809—Adolph E. Borie, secretary of the navy under President Grant, born in Philadelphia. Died there, February 5, 1880.

1843—Ole Bull, the famous violinist, made his first appearance in the United States.

1862—Battle of Chattanooga or Missionary Ridge, the decisive battle of the Chattanooga campaign.

1867—A congressional committee recommended the impeachment of President Andrew Johnson.

1890—Two Brazilian warships arrived at New York, bringing a medal from the new republic to the president of the United States.

1892—"The Breakers," the magnificent summer home of Cornelius Vanderbilt at Newport, was destroyed by fire.

1894—Right Rev. W. B. W. Howe, Episcopal bishop of South Carolina, died at Charleston, S. C., March 31, 1923.

1914—British battleship Bulwark sunk by German submarine off Sheerness.

1915—Germans began evacuation of Hittau, their base on Riga front.

The Day We Celebrate.

Andrew Carnegie, capitalist and philanthropist, born at Dunfermline, Scotland, 83 years ago today.

Brigadier General Walter A. Bethel, of the judge advocate general's department, born in Ohio, 51 years ago today.

Brigadier General Alfred E. Bradley, of the medical corps of the United States army, born in New York, 53 years ago today.

Right Rev. Benjamin Brewster, Episcopal bishop of Maine, born at New Haven, Conn., 57 years ago today.

Dr. Elihu Perry, professor at English literature at Harvard, born at Williamstown, Mass., 57 years ago today.

Sir Frederick Haultain, the new chancellor of the University of Saskatchewan, born in England, 59 years ago today.

Walter A. Watson, representative in congress of the Fourth Virginia district, born in Nottingham county, Virginia, 59 years ago today.

Timely Jottings and Reminders.

Colonel Roosevelt, it is said, will leave his home today for Toronto, where he is to speak in behalf of the Victory loan.

Today is the centennial anniversary of the birth of John Bigelow, famous in the last century as diplomatist and author.

Friends of municipal and public ownership of public utilities are to meet in Chicago today for a three-day conference under the auspices of the Public Ownership League of America.

Storyette of the Day.

Not for words would Mrs. Smith speak an unkind word about anyone. She was one of those charitable old ladies who try to think and speak kindly of everyone. If anyone asked her opinion of a person, and she did not particularly like the individual in question, she would express her feelings in such a quaint and original way that the sting would be quite lost.

"What a brilliant conversationalist young Mr. Jenkins is!" said a friend to her one day. "Do you know him? Really, it's an education to listen to him talking."

"Yes," said gentle Mrs. Smith, "I have met him."

"You must have found him very entertaining. Why, he can talk cleverly and wittily for an hour at a stretch."

"Then when I met him," said Mrs. Smith, with a sweet smile, "it must have been at the beginning of the second hour."—London Tit Bits.

HERE AND THERE.

For shipping perishable goods long distances a Russian has invented an artificial ice, made by freezing solutions of salt at various degrees of concentration.

SIGNPOSTS OF PROGRESS.

A combined chemical and mechanical process for recovering all the unmechanical fuel in furnace ashes has been perfected by Dutch inventors.

Although England's meat importations are very heavy coming from Australia and North and South America, 60 per cent of the supply is grown at home.

To save carpenters' time a nailholder has been invented which, suspended from a man's shoulders, feeds nails down into the right position to be most easily grasped.

A rod attached to a desk and terminating in a cup which fits under a child's chin has been invented in Europe for the purpose of compelling school children to sit erect.

The American consul general at Mexico City has transmitted the information that agricultural machinery of all kinds will be exempt from import duty after October 1.

The production of fuel briquettes in the United States last year exceeded 250,000 tons and was the greatest on record, being an increase of 33 per cent from the year before.

An Australian says he has discovered a new rapid tanning process with which sole leather can be tanned in seven days, calfskins in six hours and other skins proportionately quickly.

The Ohio State Pharmaceutical association instructed its council of administration to take over, and run without profit to the association, the business of all members who may be called to the service of the country.

All of the European armies have shoes without linings, and the new service shoe of the United States is made that way. It makes a better shoe, more sanitary, more comfortable and less likely to cause blisters.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Caller—Excuse me, can I speak to your typist one moment? City Man—You can't; she's engaged. Caller—That's all right; I'm the fellow—Philadelphia Ledger.

"No," remarked the determined lady to the indignant taxi driver who had received his exact fare, "you cannot cheat me. I haven't ridden in cabs these last 25 years for nothing."

"Haven't you?" he retorted, bitterly. "Well, you've done your best."—Brooklyn Citizen.

"Few of us get a chance to conduct a courtship in a conservatory, as they do in novels."

"It may be just as well. I guess a love that blooms on the front porch is better calculated to bear the cold winds of real life."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"I heard young Mrs. Stubbs make a cutting remark to her husband yesterday."

"Why, I thought they were just like turtle doves. What was it?"

"That the baby had another tooth."—Baltimore American.

"No, sir! I can tell you it doesn't take me long to get an idea into my head."

"Very likely not. But what does it do after it gets there?"—Life.

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A GODSPEED.

Mary R. S. Andrews in Scribner's God speed Old Glory when she takes the road to France! Through the thundering of the legions where the battles play advance. God speak: "The fight is mine. Carry you my conquering lance." God speed Old Glory on!

God send Old Glory first and foremost in the fight! Fling her far, O God of battles, in the van, for the right. Lift our hearts up to our freedom's flag of red-and-blue-and-white. God fling Old Glory far!

God guard Old Glory clean through battle grim and sweat! Consecrate the men who serve her so that none may ever forget. How the honor of the colors lies within his keeping yet. God guard Old Glory clean!

God bring Old Glory home in honor, might, and pride! Battle-black and bullet-glashed and stripes streaming wide. Gorgeous with the memories of men who bravely died. God bring Old Glory home! (Copyright, 1917, by Charles Scribner's Sons.)

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