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Happy New Year to one and all!

What an opportunity the 1918 chronicler has to immortalize himself by writing "peace" across

Look over Omaha's record for the last year very closely and you will find many reasons for Wall street finds a happy New Year ahead,

with Uncle Sam at the throttle and dividends guaranteed. No complaint is heard from the ice man as to a shortage in crop. His kick is reserved for

Following the experience of other unions in war times, Nebraska lawyers are adopting a new scale of wages.

New York shows up with an unofficial record of 69 degrees below, a mark that will make sunny Calgary shiver with envy.

"I am a democrat," says Mr. Hitchbranch, elucidating his many otherwise inexplicable changes of mind. Explanation accepted.

Guatemala has had another terrific shaking up, but it is only a slight jar compared to what the world has sustained during the last three. vears.

Stubborn juries may find a little justification n the fact that the lawyers themselves could not agree on a course of action concerning the selection of candidates for the Nebraska supreme

Pooling rolling stock, road bed and terminals will accomplish much, but the pooling of man power will be needed to produce the full benefits of railroad consolidation under government

German subjects domiciled in America are to held to stricter rules in the future. Subjects Emperor Karl will do well to note the steps Uncle Sam is taking to safeguard his own citizens at home.

Peter of Serbia addresses his people with words of encouragement and thanksgiving, aroused by the presence of the United States on the battle front. He sees a hope in this that can be found nowhere else.

South American neutrals are to hold a war puncil, the outcome of which ought to help President Irogoyen to make up his mind, unless Von Luxburg was right in his estimate of the Argentinian statesman.

Colonel George Harvey calls for a real war council made up of the biggest men in the country, regardless of politics, instead of just a sociable meeting of bureau heads wearing a new label. It will come in time.

Cuban sugar is coming in, so the food administrator takes off some of the restriction. However, the lesson of the last few weeks ought to be applied in some way other than indulgence, now that plenty is at hand.

Former Premier Goremykin is the latest victim of the Bolsheviki revenge, although his death will be charged as the work of robbers. Former leaders in Russia are not safe under the rule of "liberty" as interpreted by the mob.

The "pitiless publicity" which President Wilson prescribed for big business malefactors is just as good for profiteering food speculators. crooked army contractors and negligent and inefficient public servants. "Pitiless publicity" works faster than red tape or the slow machinery of prosecution in the courts.

One Year Ago Today in the War.

Russians started trench raiding

Berlin reported French battleship Verite torpedoed by submarine.

Teuton army of the Danube drove

Russians back on Matchin bridge-head after six days of severe fighting.

Rear Admiral Albert Gleaves, who

born at Nashville 1858.

Major General Clarence R. Ed-

wards born at Cleveland 1859.

The Day We Celebrate.

This Day in History.

### The New Year and the Old.

Omaha folks will look carefully over the record of the year just closed and then turn their attention to the tasks ahead of them. Close inspection of the balance sheet for 1917 will convince any that great progress has been made in all ways. Many things have been carried forward for further consideration and future action; not all the program laid out twelve months ago was accomplished, but enough was done to prove the capacity and determination of our citizens

In a material way the showing is gratifying; commerce and industry show such increases in totals as indicate how busy our merchants and manufacturers have been; bank clearings have risen to a height that keeps Omaha among the leading cities of the land; the building record is ahead of any former year, while the live stock and grain markets show satisfactory totals as a result of 12 months' operation. How much the coming of the war affected the community in its expansion can not be accurately told, but it certainly did have some effect. Many well considered projects for new buildings and extension of enterprise have been held in abeyance because of disturbed conditions incident to the war, but none have been entirely abandoned. Phese will be renewed in good season, for they are essential to the growth of Omaha.

Spiritually and intellectually, the community shows similar progress. No community in the land has shown a more spontaneous or generous response to the unusual demands made by the war; contributions of money and service have been promptly forthcoming, and citizens generally have vied in service to the government and humanity. Schools, churches and all forms of the higher life have had their full measure of the prosperity that has attended the year, and in them as always, the citizens have a justified

The new year has in it quite as much of promise and encouragement as any ever held. All business will be subject to war demands, but this will not prevent growth. Omaha will keep abreast of the great forward movement, and when 1918 is a closed incident, the local record will be one for which no apologies will be re-

### Bolsheviki Peace and Its Effects.

The tentative peace terms between the Bolsheviki and the Germans, just made public, will be carefully studied by the Entente Allies, because of their possible effect on the course of the war. Declarations made at Brest-Litovsk show how far Germany has been able to impose its views on its late enemy. "Peace at any price" will cost the Russian extremists dearly in the long run. Terms made are to extend only to such sections of the disintegrating Russian empire as have given evidence of willingness to submit to imposition in order to avoid war. "Selfdefinition" referred to in the prospectus of the treaty is permissible only on condition of submission to the German plan first; for the countries held in subjection this right will be conceded only within limits already firmly fixed. "Independence" as prescribed by Austria or Germany is of doubtful value to any aspiring people. At present the declaration of independence by Bessarabia, Turkestan, the Ukrainian provinces and other divisions of the empire is an invitation to a continuation of the war in southwest-

The Bolshevik agreement to withdraw Russian armies now co-operating with the Entente Allies against Turkey also presents an interesting phase of the problem. Affairs are going against Turkey and the military situation in the near east is decidedly in our favor at this time. Some reason exists to doubt the ability of the Petrograd schemers to carry out their plans to abandon their share of the war on this front. In the end it would only prolong the task of forcing the central powers to terms.

Lloyd George announces his intention to consult at once with Clemenceau prior to replying to the Czernin proposals, made last week. The United States will doubtless have its word in this conversation. Every approach to peace from whatever source is significant and the Czernin program is interpreted by some as indicating a weakening of the junker sentiment in Germany. The kaiser's party just now seems to be in a bargaining mood and the victory over the Bolsheviki shows how cleverly the "shopping" has been carried on from Berlin. Terms so far offered are not such as can be accepted by the Entente, but the modifications already made in the original draft indicate that the central powers are not rigidly attached to a single view. Discussion of war aims will do little harm and honorable, definite peace is far more to be desired than a continuation of strife.

In the death of George E. Haverstick Omaha lost a really useful man we can ill afford to spare. Primarily a banker, he found time to interest himself in all the big things of city life outside of the counting room. His keen perceptions and his earnest sympathy made him valuable in ways little known to the general public. As president of the Commercial club, as member of the Ak-Sar-Ben board and as a leader in our commercial and industrial life, his opportunity for helpfulness was never neglected.

### When the Kaiser Visited Jerusalem Reminiscences of the Event by an Eye-Witness By Spencer Leigh Hughes, M. P., in London Times.

porters "a plentiful display of bunting."

It was at about 3:15 on the afternoon of Saturday October 29, 1898, that this curious obtained an interview, when the kaiser anparty into his cabinet.

The only trouble with this stateway such natives as had drawn near. Some long that it seemed likely that we should not by the Damascus gate, but that is not the ten or a dozen of us, acting together, hired a not only a strong democrat, but a To oblige their imperial guest the special train and thus we were able to romp rank critic of President Lincoln. Turks had made a breach in the historic and into Jerusalem about a couple of hours be-immemorial walls of Jerusalem in order to fore the curtain went up and saw a sight Quinby wants before Mr. Roosevelt Turks had made a breach in the historic and into Jerusalem about a couple of hours besave the kaiser from the trouble of turning worth seeing. an awkward corner-an outrage that may

have sometimes seen accounts of that impe- pens that I do not understand the German rial trip to the Holy Land in which it is said language-indeed, I am so ignorant in this rallways of the country we might see that the German thoroughness and efficiency respect that I was not always sure whether were shown by the perfection of the arrange- the imperial preacher was tackling a guttural ments and by the manner in which the time or clearing his throat. But the tone through- competence. table was kept. All these tributes to that out was that of a drill sergeant giving or- place, but the latter day banker has a perfection of arrangements are well deserved, ders. but the Germans had nothing to do with it.

had expressed the wish that we should not Turks.

More than 19 years have passed since I had get within 24 hours of him-either in adthe experience of seeing the kaiser enter Je- vance or following behind. We knew our rusalem, heralded, appropriately enough, by kaiser better than that, as he liked to travel blatant and brazen music and surrounded by "with a full band," as the phrase goes, One what is sometimes called by descriptive re- of our party, the late Melton Prior, had a letter of introduction from the prince of It was at about 3:15 on the afternoon of Wales, afterwards King Edward VII, and so thought of taking men of the opposite specimen of a pilgrim entered the Holy City, nounced that he wished all facilities to be armed to the teeth, escorted by troops, with given to the journalists. That made things ment is that it is not true. Turkish mounted police thrashing out of the more easy for us, but we had been delayed so accounts of the event relate that he went in get to Jerusalem in time for the show. But

What struck me about the kaiser in Jeruave satisfied his sense of kultur. It may salem more than anythin else was his combe thought that any reflections I cast on plete lack of a sense of humor-a lack so those 1898 proceedings have been tinged by complete as to be hardly consistent with enhe fact that we are now at war with the tire sanity. The entry ceremony which I thiel performer and that what then appeared have mentioned showed the truth of the say- McAdoo to manage the railways of harmless now seems offensive. That is not, ing that there is but one step between the the country is in line with many however, the case, for at the time I wrote sublime and the ridiculous. For it was really other acts now being performed by an account of the event in which I described ludicrous beyond description and so were the present administration. To raise an account of the event in which I described the kaiser as the only rival of Barnum and in regard to the procession of German officity. I have never witnessed anything more than his appearance as a preacher. cers. Turkish pashas and the hordes of hang- really funny than his appearance as a preacher got to the money standard which was ers on I then wrote: Nothing like this has in a church in Jerusalem, when he took part endorsed by the democrats in 1896. been seen since Noah came out of the ark." in the dedication of a German Protestant Inflation has done this country more The kaiser had arrayed himself like a Cru-clurch there. He and his attendant officers, damage than any other political polsader as seen in pantomime—helmet, silk gigantic nen selected on the Barnum princi- icy. We have now got the 50 cent robe and the other usual trappings for the ple because of their size, marched up the dollar mentioned in 1896, and that 50 part. He appeared to be in a mood of exal-tation and saluted with almost epileptic fury. ture of the goose-step and the cake-walk, Indeed, it seemed to me that he imagined he while the choir sang a respectful anthem Price fixing should be established had captured the city by the sword instead of arriving there, as was the fact, as one acknowledged it with a military salute! As not by politicians. Had the adminis-Cook's personally conducted tourists. I Germany is not my spiritual home, it hap-tration placed a man of the ability of

As I came away I talked to a German offi- rooting in everybody's affairs, and in as the whole business, including the provid- cer who knew our language and our country most cases he is incompetent in any ing of money and the catering and transport, well. He said, "I know you make fun of our practical task. Keep the prices on a was in the hands of Messrs. Thomas Cook emperor in your country." I said that, of justment. McAdoo is no more competent to imagine a more British institute. possible to imagine a more British institu-tion than that.

Torted, "Oh, I know all about it; I see Funch," and then he added this discriminat-business men in Omaha. The de-It was only by chance that I saw this fa- ing remark, "Whatever you may say about mands that the railway brotherhoods mous entry, for, though I had gone out on him this at least is true—he is the greatest are making should be met by placing purpose to witness and to describe it, the commercial traveler in the world." That Turks, who do not appreciate the press, had seemed to me to be true at the time, but tried to keep the special correspondents at a his journey to Jerusalem and Palestine has distance. They assured us that the kaiser not turned out to be good business for the

ever, note that three men abreast compose

The ball at the top of the flagpole required

In the star at the upper left hand corner

It took 1,600 men dressed in white to form

The blue field required 3,400 men, while

At the appointed time on a certain day in

November lines of apprentice seamen and

officers marched to the parade grounds from

The drillmaster of the naval station stood

the white stripes on the flag; 1,900 men

dressed in blue to form the other stripes.

the stars required 1,800 men.

part of this picture.

tain nothing like them.

### That Wonderful Living Flag How It Was Made and Photographed

Many of our readers have doubtless seen | The flagpole without the ball measured the picture of the wonderful living flag at the Great Lakes naval training station. This flag was laid out by Conductor John D. Thomas, who is choirmaster of Zion City, for the pole to the top of the battom and six metastrates as large as squashes and coumbers as large as watermelons. I don't dare plant any pumpkins."—Judge. and photographed by Arthur S. Mole, Zion's feet in width at the top where it joins the official photographer. How this feat was accomplished and the details of the designing picture it was just the other way round; howof it make an interesting story.

This photograph of a flag waving in the the base, while twice that many are required breeze, taken on the mammoth parade at the top. grounds of the Great Lakes naval training | The flag measured 293 feet in length at station, shows nearly 10,000 bluejackets (9,650 the top and only 73 feet in length at the botto be exact). It is the first living flag ever tom, 428 feet in width at the left end and photographed with complete success. Many previous attempts had been made by various well-known photographers to secure a 66 feet at the bottom, 350 feet at the left picture of a similar character, but all had end and 184 feet at the right end. met with failure, for the reason that they had not been laid out according to natural laws. 250 men, while the pole itself required but

This flag was designed according to an ex- 700 men. act science based on the law of perspective. Everyone knows that the picture of three there were 126 men, while the one in the men, for instance, taken but a few paces dis- lower right hand corner contained but 12 tant would appear much larger and take up men. more space on a printed page than a picture of 12 men 200 yards away. This illustration presents the principle in its simplest form; however, it gives but little idea of the multifarious difficulties encountered in laying out the parts of this vast and intricate design. In planning the picture Conductor Thomas drew a flag as it would necessarily have to be laid out on the field, according to the law of per- every quarter of the naval station to form a

The actual dimensions of the flag as faid Thin strips of white tape covered the out on the ground seem almost incredible. ground, fastened there securely with the most Just stop and fancy, if you can, that the careful precision, and, guided by these, the right end of the canton, or star field, meas- men were thrown into the various positions ured 184 feet, while the right end of the en- assigned them. To the uninitiated the movetire flag itself measured but 128 feet; in other ments doubtless seemed weird and purposewords, the end of the flag was narrower than less; army and navy drill regulations conthe end of the star field.

Here are other dimensions equally as surprising; The ball at the top of the flagpole at a point near Mr. Mole until everything as actually laid out measured 237 feet in was in readiness. At a word of command the length and only 20 feet in width, yet in the bugle sounded "Attention" and instantly length and only 20 feet in width, yet in the bugle sounded photograph it appears perfectly round. Why every man stood motionless in place. The is this? For the reason that the men com- camera clicked and a picture had been taken. posing the ball, because of the distance, ap- Again the bugle sounded "Salute" and inpeared as a round mass instead of a long, stantly every man raised his hand in salute narrow, elliptical figure, but if the ball had to the flag, as seen in the picture, presenting been laid out round it would have appeared one of the most magnificent sights imagflat in the picture.

### Around the Cities

Two policemen of St. Paul mixed up in the syndicated activities of automobile thieves plead guilty to the charge and won an indeterminate sentence not to exceed five years in the state penitentiary.

State and federal authorities are steadily driving against profiteering in war chari-ties in New York City. Where one force falls down in an attack the other strikes at the flanks and scores. The federal forces at present center their attack on a group of Italians who staged a war relief bazar which netted \$60,000. So far only \$13,000 of the sum has been traced to the destitute families of Italian soldiers. The remainder stuck to local pockets or palms, which are undergoing a thorough search. The district attorney gave a heart-to-heart talk to a solicitor who held out \$130 of a contribution of the Elks' lodge to an ambulance fund.

### People and Events

A Missouri author of Bible stories has tarted suit for \$100,000 against Rev. "Billy" Sunday for alleged plagiarism. Sunday is charged with borrowing sentences from the Missourian's works to enrich his book of 'Love Stories of the Bible." The case will interest vendors of slang the world over. Should the Missourian win a verdict, Sunday will be kept busy defending his borrowings from other quarters. State and federal grand juries are

steadily grinding out indictments against alleged citizens of Minnesota for talking against the government and laws. Kaiserite yalty has been particularly blatant among cheap politicians and heelers in St. Paul and Minneapolis, and several will presently stand trial for disloyalty. The mills of the government grind slowly, but they are getting there there just the same.

Don't fail to replace cracked in-

Don't attempt to improve the elec-Don't meddle with the electric wir-

without proper oiling. Don't attempt to adjust electric

lamp sockets without opening the

trie wire as though it were alive.

bits of wire. The fuse is designed to protect you as well as the circuit. Don't forget that 500 volts, or less,

# The Bee's

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 29 .- To the Editor of The Bee: I notice a statement written by Mr. L. J. Quinby, in your letter box in today's issue, viz: That President Lincoln never

President Lincoln made Edwin M. Stanton his secretary of war, after Cameron, although Mr. Stanton had been in Buchanan's cabinet and was invited into the present cabinet, ! think he has it

CHAS W. RAINEY.

Running the Railroads.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 28 .- To the Edior of The Bee: The appointment of

Clifford Thorne at the head of some advantage in government management; but to place a banker in such position is the beginning of in-Bankers have their nose equal to that of the bird dog for have no more principle than the trusts. The chickens will come hom to roost. WALTER JOHNSON.

### LAUGHING GAS.

Black-He's a young lawyer and desper-White—Yes; he enters an appearance at the girl's home three nights a week, pleads his case, receives an adverse decision, and then appeals again!—Puck,

"How is the soil on your farm?"



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### Samuel T. Ansell, recently moted to be brigadier general, n North Carolina 1875. George E. Chamberlain, United states senator from Oregon, born at Natchez, Miss., 1854. John D. Reid, minister of railways as a New Year's gift. nd canals in the Dominion cabinet, on its new station at L street this orn at Prescott, Ontario, 1859. William Fox, motion picture man, orn 1879.

employes received cards of dismissa-The Burlington commenced work

week.
The Hebrew Knights of Charity, gave its first ball at Germania hall about 90 couples were present and 1735-General John Lamb, revo-\$100 was cleared. pary soldier and first collector of the port of New York, born in New York City. Died there May 31, 1800.

Just 30 Years Ago Today

Messrs. Murray and Monford, del-

egates from the Omaha Bricklayers' union, started for the national con-

vention of bricklayers, which con-

About a dozen of the stock yards

venes at Boston, Mass.

"Lumpaci Vogabundus," one of the most entertaining German comedies, was presented at the opera house. The Nellie Boyd Dramatic comTwice Told Tales

Having come down to see her sol-

with a badge of crossed Indian clubs. the scissors on his arm?" Seeing yet another man with cuffs decorated with stars, she asked: "And that one?

Oh, he is the battalion astronomer; he guides us on night maneuvers? "How interesting!" replied the maiden. Then, seeing her companion's badge, that of an ancient stringed instrument, she asked: "And does that thing mean you are the regimental liar?"-London Tit-Bits.

The other Monday afternoon voman rushed excitedly down an alley in a poor quarter of Manchester, and stopping at a house, knocked loudly Receiving no reply, she knocked a second time. Still no answer. A third time she knocked, and then window above was hastily flung

open and a woman whose appearance betrayed signs of a sudden awaken-

the reply, "is that all? 'Ow yer did The court holds that any lover might Don't forget that unnerve me! Ah thought it was that take the advice of his friends before is sometimes fatal.

### Aimed at Omaha

York News-Times: dier brother, who was on duty at teachers of the western part of the that time, she was being taken around state threaten to break with their old by his chum.

"Who is that person?" she asked, pointing to a gymnastic instructor and central parts of the state and lamp cords, in the home. propose to meet in Hastings for the "That is the barber; don't you see first convention. This secession move-e scissors on his arm?" the house unless you ment must be a great shock to the are an electrician.

> Beatrice Express: Omaha police methods are in for another probe due to a report made by the special prose-cutor who alleges that the police department of the Nebraska metropolis has been guilty of winking at violans of the state's prohibition law. It appears that Governor Neville will yet be compelled to step in and insist on the discharge of police officers who are failing to do their duty.

Reatrice Express: In dismissing a Handle it w 200,000 damage suit filed by a disapointed Omaha woman against heirs alive or not. of the man she expected to wed, the Nebraska state supreme court rules street. Even broken telephone wires 1810—Charles Ellet, who built the first wire suspension bridge in this country, born at Penn's Manor, Pa. Died at Cairo, Ill., June 21, 1862.

1915—British battleship Formidable sunk in English channel, with loss of 700 lives

The Windsor, where it will remain a few days prior to resuming its trip on the road.

George L. Plowman, a young evangelist, spoke very interestingly at the Young Men's Christian association.

The Nemic Manor, Was Jones, Was the reply, "is that all? 'Ow yer did unnerve me! Ah thought it was that take the advice of his friends before liable for damages alienation of affections.

### Electrical Don'ts

sulators, broken switches and worn Don't hang clothing, or anything else, on the electric light wires, or

ing. If you want it changed consult an electrician.

Don't run electric motors and fans

lamps with the current on. Don't use screw drivers, pliers and other iron or steel tools about electric

Handle it with care. You can't tell by looking at a wire whether it is Don't touch dangling wires in the

"Well, what is it?" she asked.

The woman below looked up and explaimed, with bated breath:

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Image is not liable for damages to the filted lover. The opinion was written by Chief Justice A. M. Morrissey, a bachelor, who states that "every a bite string overhead wire, even with a kite string.

Don't replace burned fuses with

Don't touch the electric lamps while

master switch in the attic Don't handle electric Don't fail to treat every loose elec-

that a person who urges an engaged are dangerous as they may be lying man or woman to refrain from marry- across a live electric trolley wire.