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Friday was a poor day to preach food saving in Omaha.

Any conference between the republicans is troublesome to the democrats these days.

Sweden heaves in sight with a temperature record of 70 below. Who wants to go to Sweden?

Coal has the right-of-way over the railroads just now, but the cold wave does not travel that way.

Call for commeral at reasonable prices is becoming general. Our folks are getting so they like it.

The kaiser has withdrawn his peace proposals, but not until they had been pretty well shot full of holes.

Kaledines and his Cossacks are giving the kaiser more trouble than all the rest of the Russians combined just now.

Old Boreas and Jack Frost are doing some splendid team work, but their efforts are not altogether welcome hereabouts.

Nebraska does not especially relish the distinction of being the coldest spot on the map, but it is in keeping with the state's way of doing things not by halves.

The war must be won on the battlefield, says a German editor, who evidently has the same opinion of the kaiser's diplomacy as is held by the rest of the world.

With prohibition and woman suffrage out of the way, the house at Washington can now give attention to revenue legislation and other minor matters connected with the war program.

Our amiable Hyphenated contemporary is not above stretching its advertising bills against the city just as far as it can. Maybe a little more careful application of the law might change its views on the point.

"Charley" Lobeck saw a great fight after the president spoke on suffrage, but he missed his greatest opportunity to get into the real lime-light. If he had stuck he would have had the distinction of tying his party's vote. Another chance to be a hero gone glimmering.

Bolshevik Performances Mystifying. In some particulars the Bolshevik resembles Artemus Ward's monkey—"He is an amosin' little cuss." Just now, however, the world is not looking for amusement so much as a way out of a serious plight, toward which the Bolshevik is contributing only further confusion.

Stock Dividends and Income. The supreme court of the United States has reversed a decision won by the Treasury department in the district court of New York, involving the status of stock dividends.

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Enclosed find a 2-cent stamp, for which you will please send me, entirely free, "The Navy Calendar."

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Vote on Suffrage Amendment.

"From the depths of a swelling heart," shouts the World-Herald in its ecstasy, "we congratulate the United States on the democratic party." It might as well congratulate the United States on a crop failure or any other form of national calamity. So far as the vote in the house on the Susan B. Anthony amendment is concerned, the women who are concerned most in the matter have sense enough to see for what they have to be grateful to the democratic party. A two-thirds vote was required to carry the amendment. Two hundred and six democrats divided almost evenly, 104 voting for and 102 voting against the amendment. If it had not been for the 165 republican votes in favor as contrasted with 33 negative the day would have been lost to the women. In other words, while the democrats divided evenly, the republicans voted 5 to 1 in favor and saved the amendment for the women. These facts will not prevent the democrats from claiming all credit for passing the measure through the house. However, they put a very low estimate on the intelligence of the women if they think they can get away with this brand of buncombe.

The women also realize that it is among the unprogressive democratic states of the solid south that they will meet their greatest opposition and where the amendment is most likely to fail of needed endorsement. Democrats may point to Tammany's help to suffrage in New York, but the bulwark of the party's power lies in states that are frankly opposed to extending the franchise to women.

With Whom Are We Dealing? One of the points made in President Wilson's statement of war aims deserves larger attention than it has so far received. The president says it is necessary that we should know with whom we are dealing. Is his address directed to the people of Germany, or to the militaristic cult that is in control? Does the attitude of Germany to the world fairly reflect the sentiment of a majority, as expressed through the Reichstag, or is it but the will of a minority enforced by the sword? Only the Germans themselves can answer this question.

All experiences since the beginning of the war give affirmative response to the query as to the solidarity of the nation in support of the kaiser. Now and then some small note of protest has arisen, but it has quickly been silenced. As the conflict has continued the aspect of the war has changed; it was begun as a war of conquest, but for two years it has been a war of defense.

By reason of their sudden dash and splendid readiness, the Germans seized a large area outside their own boundaries. This they have sought to hold, using it for the most part as a basis for trades in connection with peace proposals that have been rejected. From their opponents have come only such terms as are contrary to the entire German program. On this condition hangs the belief uppermost in German minds that the fatherland is threatened with disruption if nothing more. Discussing Lloyd George's late speech, the German and Austrian press, reflecting the governmental attitude, flatly say the terms proposed can be accepted only by a defeated Germany.

That an element of the German people realizes the hopelessness of the situation for the Central powers is true, but how extensive or influential it is can not be said. That the hope of the military rulers is to obtain an advantage on the west front is equally plain. Russia and Italy are both out of the war, so far as any effective offensive is concerned. This strengthens the hope of the kaiser and his party. For this reason it must be clear to any who has studied the signs that we are still dealing with the war lords of Germany, and our action must be taken accordingly.

It might be impossible, also, in such untoward circumstances, to admit Germany to the free economic intercourse which must inevitably spring out of the other partnerships of a real peace. But there would be no aggression in that; and such a situation, inevitable because of distrust, would in the very nature of things sooner or later cure itself, by process which would assuredly set in.

In other words, if, as the Germans hope, they could finish the war without being defeated, the president promises them that neither we, nor any one else that agrees with us, will deal with them. If this were rigidly enforced by Great Britain and the United States, the coaling stations around the world would be closed to Germany's ships, and her land-borne trade would be confined largely to her impoverished allies. This is a result which commercial Germany has shown plainly that it dreads above almost everything else.

They no longer hope for a German victory, they hope for a statement in war followed by a negotiated peace which will leave them free to build up their business. They are now confronted with the fact that even if their hope of a negotiated peace were realized their opportunity to renew business would not come with it.

If Germany wishes to do business with the rest of the world it must change its government, for no one can trust the present one or any of its kind.—World's Work.

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Director W. W. Campbell, Lick Observatory, in New York Times.

Knowledge of the German kaiser's conduct in a certain matter has rankled in the minds of astronomers of many nations for 16 years and the time has come, in my opinion, to give the facts as wide publicity as possible. The kaiser is literally and knowingly the receiver of astronomical instruments plundered from a helpless nation.

When the soldiers of many countries were in China putting down the Boxer rebellion in 1900 there was much looting of art treasures by the army officers of several nations. On the walls of the City of Peking was an observatory containing many beautiful astronomical instruments. These had been designed in France, with the usual French artistic taste, constructed in France, and taken to China several hundred years ago by the Jesuit fathers. The instruments consisted of great globes, armillary spheres, astro-labes, and large circles divided for measurement of angles in the sky, all of heroic size and cast in massive bronze. Eight or nine of these instruments were dismantled from the Peking wall by officers of the German and French expeditionary armies and shipped to Europe as soon as the Boxer rebellion was over.

General Adna R. Chaffee was in command of the American expeditionary forces, and he not only excluded looters from the district of Peking under American control, but he made vigorous protest to the commander in chief of all the forces, Count von Waldersee, the German general, against the removal of the astronomical instruments from the city wall. Those who were interested in the events of the Boxer rebellion will recall that the actual fighting was essentially over, and perhaps entirely so, before the arrival of Count von Waldersee and the German expeditionary forces.

General Chaffee aroused the ire of von Waldersee by making this pointed statement in his letter of protest that the looting was not committed by the men who had done the fighting and opened the way to Peking, but by the latecomers who had borne none of the brunt of the conflict or of the hardships. General Chaffee's spirited protest was approved in principle by our government authorities in Washington, but diplomacy had to be called upon to calm the ruffled Teuton temper. The subject was closed so far as our expeditionary forces and our government were concerned.

Five of the astronomical instruments were taken to Germany, and three or four were sent to France. The French government refused to receive its share of the pillaged property; it sent it back to Peking, where the instruments were quickly remounted on their old foundations. Did the royal and imperial German government send its share of the loot back to Peking? No. Were these five instruments placed in the museum of Berlin?

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No. Foundations were built for them on the lawn of the kaiser's palace at Potsdam, and the plundered Chinese instruments were set up permanently on those foundations. I saw them there in 1905. They are in front of the well-known Orangerie connected with the "Sans Souci" palace of the kaiser.

What would we think of ourselves and of our government if those instruments had been brought to America and were now mounted on the White House grounds in Washington? Could President Wilson sleep with the loot on his lawn? The sentiment, "The king can do no wrong," still exists in unexpected places in Germany: Two German astronomers have sent me postal cards illustrated with the photographs of the Chinese instruments in Potsdam as Christmas greetings! Where does the spirit of Christmas come in?

The pedestals for the five missing instruments are still preserved in good order on the wall of Peking. It seems that somebody in the German government 10 or 15 years ago agitated for the return of the loot to China; but German diplomacy, so experienced in certain kinds of problems, was apparently unequal to the task.

The looting of defeated enemy countries and the transporting of the loot to the capital of the victorious country was very common in Europe a century ago, but it will be surprising to many to learn that the all-powerful monarch of the land of kultur is the living vestigial representative of the practice.

We may learn something else about the kaiser's character in connection with the looting of Peking. Here is part of the kaiser's speech to his expeditionary army at Bremen on the day that the punitive forces started to Peking, from the Illustrierte Zeitung of August 2, 1900:

"You know well you will fight against a treacherous, brave, well equipped, cruel enemy. When you shall meet him, remember, quarter is not to be given, prisoners must not be made, use your weapons so that for 1,000 years to come no Chinaman dare look askance at a German. Preserve your manly discipline, the blessing of God be with you, the prayers of an entire people, my wishes accompany you, each single one of you. Open the way for kultur once for all! Now you may go. Adieu, comrades!"

That was the treatment prescribed by a powerful monarch for a defenseless people.

Letters written home by the German soldiers in China at the time of the Boxer rebellion were read aloud to the German Reichstag by a member, Herr Richter. When reading them Richter called them "Hunnenbriefe," or "Letters from the Huns." These letters left not a shade of doubt that the kaiser's instructions to "give no quarter," "take no prisoners," etc., were literally followed. It is interesting to note that those who have spoken of Huns in 1914-17 have high German authority for the practice.

Answers a Teddy Critic. Wolbach, Neb., Jan. 9.—To the Editor of The Bee: The Bee of January 4 contains a letter making a severe criticism of Colonel Roosevelt as a statesman and soldier and giving that as a reason for his being turned down as commander of troops to France. Roosevelt's fitness for the position, as "passed upon by some of the most able military men in this country and Europe."

Of course, Mr. Peck is far too modest to tell us this piece of "written history" came into his possession. But the commission would lead us to infer that he is very close to the chief executive, so close, indeed, that Colonel House has better look after his fences. Or, perhaps, the critic came by his knowledge through his connection with the army, for does he not tell us very seriously that he was formerly with Company E, 10th Nebraska Volunteers of the Spanish-American war?

Quite a formidable title, I'll admit. But it is to be regretted that the gentleman didn't state in what capacity he was "with" the National Guard, whether as high private or, like that other military hero, "That Rascal Pat," a brigadier colonel. In either case he would be a classmate of a military and, of course, entitled to a nob with the great and the near-great, for such is the penalty—or reward—of greatness.

It is worth something to know, and for this I am truly grateful, that the popular colonel is a "has-been" and Mr. Agnew a full-fledged humorist. Also that "watchful waiting" was the best possible brand of statesmanship in both our border and our European troubles. MICHAEL O'CONNOR.

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