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Friday was a poor day to preach fuel 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

Call for cornmeal at reasonable prices is becoming general. Our folks are getting so they

The kaiser has withdrawn his peace proposals, but not until they had been pretty well show

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

full of holes.

the rest of the world.

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

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

Bolsheviki Performances Mystifying.

In some particulars the Bolshevik resembles Artemas Ward's monkey-"He is an amoosin' 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. His playing at peace-making with Germany is accompanied by empty threats of a continuation of war if he does not gain his point. While his collapse as a fighting factor has placed an added burden on his former allies, he demands that they come in and join with him in making a farce out of democracy's hopes. Pretending to loyalty to the cause of the people and hinting at further purpose of fighting, he admits he has not the means wherewith to prosecute a war either of offense or defense and asks for help from the nations he has abandoned. This impudent request is supplemented by a declaration that all his obligations to these countries are to be repudiated. Debts contracted by Russia will not be paid, says the Bolshevik, this being to encourage the proletariat to firmer belief in his victory over the bourgeoisie. If Germany is wholly smitten with what Prof. Jastrow calls "mania Germanica" Russia exhibits every symptom of the disease that once overwhelmed the French, which Thomas Carlyle denominated "eleutheromania." Only on such hypothesis can the mystifying performances of Lenine, Trotzky and their followers be accounted for.

Vote on Suffrage Amendment.

"From the depths of a swelling heart," shouts the World-Herald in its ecstacy, "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 twothirds 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 bun-

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 olidarity 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 says the terms proposed can be accepted only by a defeated Germany.

That an element of the German people realize 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 | the peace of the world, men or classes of 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.

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. Under the court's ruling a stock dividend is not subject to income tax, it being held to be merely a change in form of assets retained as capital in the business and not a segregation of profits accruing from that business. The Treasury department had ruled that a conversion of surplus capital into stock and the distribution of the stock amounted to a dividend. Against this the supreme court points out that the transaction does not produce any profit nor add to the value of the stock outstanding and therefore does not provide anything against which an income tax can be levied. The logic of this is apparent, since if the capital were permitted to remain as surplus it could be employed continuously in the business without being taxed and therefore merely to issue stock certificates against the accumulated surplus, absorbing the latter into the enlarged capital of the company, does not actually add to the value of the capital nor produce a profit. This decision is one of the most important yet given in connection with the income tax law and will necessitate a considerable readjustment of schedules filed within the last two years. It will very materially reduce the revenue, since the transactions of the kind were mainly such as bought them well within the upper brackets of the surtax.

Kaiser a Receiver of Stolen Goods Astronomical Instruments Pillaged From China Front Potsdam

Director W. W. Campbell, Lick Observa- No. Foundations were built for them on tory, in New York Times.

minds of astronomers of many nations for of the well-known Orangerie connected with and tons of coal and yet not hamper years and the time has come, in the "Sans Souci" palace of the kaiser, my opinion, to give the facts as wide pub-licity as possible. The kaiser is literally and knowingly the receiver of astronomical instruments plundered from a helpless na-

he walls of the City of Peking was an obstic taste, constructed in France, and taken come in? China several hundred years ago by the and cast in massive bronze. Eight or nine of these instruments were dismounted from the Peking wall by officers of the German

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 Walderin chief of all the forces, Count von Walder-see, the German general, against the re-kaiser's character in connection with the moval of the astronomical instruments from looting of Peking. Here is part of the chickens know any more about the the city wall. Those who were interested in kaiser's speech to his expeditionary army at chicken business than I know about the events of the Boxer rebellion will recall Bremen on the day that the punitive forces that the actual fighting was essentially over, started to Peking, from and perhaps entirely so, before the arrival Zeitung of August 2, 1900: of Count von Waldersee and the German ex-

General Chaffee aroused the ire of von Waldersee by making the pointed statement not committed by the men who had done that for 1,000 years to come no Chinaman the fighting and opened the way to Peking. but by the late-comers who had borne none of the brunt of the conflict or of the hardof the brunt of the conflict or of the hard-ships. General Chaffee's spirited protest was approved in principle by our government of you. Open the way for kultur once for the state of the kern raised authorities in Washington, but diplomacy all! Now you may go. Adieu, comrades!" be done the number of chickens raised had to be called upon to calm the ruffled. That was the treatment prescribed by Teuton temper. The subject was closed so powerful monarch for a defenseless people. far as our expeditionary forces and our gov-

ernment were concerned. Five of the astronomical instruments went to Germany, and three or four were sent to France. The French government refused to reading them Richter called them "Hunnen-receive its share of the pillaged property; briefe," or "Letters from the Huns." These it sent it back to Peking, where the instru- letters left not a shade of doubt that the ments were quickly remounted on their old kaiser's instructions to "give no quarter," foundations. Did the royal and imperial Ger- "take no prisoners," etc., were literally fol-

the lawn of the kaiser's palace at Potsdam, and the plundered Chinese instruments were fuct in a certain matter has rankled in the saw them there in 1905. They are in front a way in which he can save tons

What would we think of ourselves and of our government if those instruments had been brought to America and were now retail stores open until 9 p. m. each mounted on the White House grounds in When the soldiers of many countries were Washington? Could President Wilson sleep in China putting down the Boxer rebellion in with the loot on his lawn? The sentiment, 1900 there was much looting of art treasures "The king can do no wrong," still exists in by the army officers of several nations. On unexpected places in Germany: two German astronomers have sent me postal cards illuservatory containing many beautiful as- trated with the photographs of the Chinese tronomical instruments. These had been desinstruments in Potsdam as Christmas greeting their respective places of busingered in France, with the usual French arings! Where does the spirit of Christmas including Saturdays, for the duration

The pedestals for the five missing instru-Jesuit fathers. The instruments consisted of great globes, armillary spheres, astrolabes, and large circles divided for measurement of angles in the sky, all of heroic size ago agitated for the return of the loot to size or larger. We out-did them on China; but German diplomacy, so experi-enced in certain kinds of problems, was ap-front on the Young Men's Christian parently unequal to the task.

The looting of defeated enemy countries and French expeditionary armies and shipped to Europe as soon as the Boxer rebellion and the transporting of the loot to the thousands of tons of coal a year by capital of the victorious country was very common in Europe a century ago; but it will General Adna R. Chaffee was in command be a surprise to many to learn that the all-

We may learn something else about the

against a treacherous, brave, well equipped, old-timer in raising chickens, I do cruel enemy. When you shall meet him, re- not fall to their ideas at all. "* * * You know well you will fight n his letter of protest that the looting was ers must not be made, use your weapons so of feed at prices that are nearly prodare look askance at a German. Preserve even oats, the poorest feed that can be your manly discipline, the blessing of God given chickens, at nearly \$1 per bushe

That was the treatment prescribed by a Letters written home by the German soldiers in China at the time of the Boxer re-bellion were read aloud to the German poultry business I sold eggs every man government send its share of the loot lowed. It is interesting to note that those of us fellows who know all about back to Peking? No. Were these five inwho have spoken of Huns in 1914-17 have struments placed in the museum of Berlin? high German authority for the practice.

Where the German Shoe Pinches Future World Trade Depends On Negotiated Peace

graphs in the president's address to congress, that reaffirming our intention to fight until tion of war with Austria, there is another paragraph which will receive the earnest consideration of those who control the German state. It reads:

The sure-thing installment dealer, who tried his game on Omaha women and failed to deliver, knows now that some experiences are worse than war possibly could be.

The sure-thing installment dealer, who of course, Mr. Peck is far too modest to tell us how this piece of "unwritten history" came into his possession. But the commission would lead us to infer that he is very close to the object executive. So close, indeed, that Germany is defeated, and the recommenda-

they should still, after the war is over, continue to be obliged to live under ambitious and intriguing masters interested to disturb men whom the other peoples of the world could not trust, it might be impossible to York state, January 1. The end was peacepeace. That partnership must be a partnership of peoples, not a mere partnership of governments.

"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 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, her overseas trade could not start again, and her land-borne trade would be confined largely to her improverished allies. This is a result commercial Germany has shown plainly that it dreads above almost everything else. And the president's words are given an acerbity they might not otherwise have by the establishment of a blacklist by our government of 1,600 firms in South America that trade with the enemy. man captains of industry know we can carry out this threat in the president's message. It is difficult to reach or convince the German people, for the German government acts as a nonconductor between them and the rest of the world. But the captains of industry in Germany will read the president's

speech and will understand its significance. them free to build up their business. They their hope of a negotiated peace were would not come with it.

If Germany wishes to do business with my friends

Besides the two most important para- | the rest of the world it must change its gov-

ing in tents are giving full proof of their patriotism these days. They'll have little to his fences. Or, perhaps, the critic came learn about some things when they reach by his knowledge through his con-Coroner jobs went out of business in New

admit them to the partnership of nations ful enough, but the pathos of parting which must henceforth guarantee the world's wrenched countless hearts wedded to the An Omaha woman joins her soldier ex-

spouse in pleading with the court to set aside decree of divorce granted before the war broke out. He's in khaki now, and that makes a lot of difference.

Sugar magnates of Cuba are rolling more wealth than Avarice dreamt of. Much of the juice of the cane fields reaches the of greatness. workers and makes for general prosperity. A trade hint from the island points to jew-for this I am truly grateful, that the elry as in great demand. Articles in that line popular colonel is a "has-been" and under \$50 draw like a bargain counter.

Colonel Welsh has resumed publication of his daily weather map, and thereby again fills in both our border and European tell by a lot of local experts, who put troubles. MICHAEL O'CONNOR. in quite a little time every day, studying isobars and isotherms and disputing over the highs and the lows just as they used to watch the war maps. The weather man fills a larger part of life every day.

One of the things smokers are wondering about is the steadily mounting price of "war Tuesday, January 8, in Wednesday tax" on tobacco. A few weeks ago the dealers made a slight advance in selling price, because of the war tax. Now another has gone into effect, and the users of the weed are further told that they are likely to be cut off the same and pity for the poor staff from their favorite brands. Why this should be so in face of the biggest crop on record is be so in face of the biggest crop on record is beyond understanding, but the only thing to —in fact, he must have left Omaha do is to submit and agree that Sherman said in such haste that he overlooked his

Whatever may be said of Tammany ticles which he should have had methods in New York the political Indians give an honest and correct report. have not staged in recent years a campaign of wasted boodle as did the fusionists last November. The latter had a campaign fund 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 less of investigation and probably went into the pockets of Tammany heelers. In the privacy of his retirement John Purroy Mitchel might properly exclaim, "Save me from realized their opportunity to renew business privacy of his retirement John Purroy Mit-

Pertinent Points

situation together on a farm?

Minneapolis Tribune: Now comes scientist with the declaration that a diet of corn bread makes for a fine pink complexion. The effect of such a statement should be felt in all the girls' schools.

pay allotments promptly is ascribed by Secretary Baker to "clerical con-This may be an explanation, but it is not an excuse. St. Louis Globe Democrat:

vote after they have taken out their first papers should modify their laws, to prevent the recurrence of such anomalies as now embarrass them. Brooklyn Eagle: The Rev. Anna Howard Shaw didn't really need to

tell a congressional committee that suffragists are not pacifists. Joan of Arc, not Patient Griselda, is the ideal at which the American woman is aiming, and she almost hits the mark. Louisville Courier-Journal: Dr.

enth," has finally passed away. Dur-ing its stay in the wicked world of that the increase of the illegitimate politics, the Seventh managed to cut birth rate to 10 per cent in Prussia is considerable ice, and from every in- "evidence of the moral healthfulness dication, its memory will linger long of the German people." If you don't enough to stir up considerable smell quite grasp this it merely means that in democratic affairs at the coming you are not yet qualified for a graduprimary campaign.



Omaha, Jan. 11 .- To the Editor of We would like to suggest

any business at all. You know that the city of Omaha past its childhood days and has outgrown all country town habits, except one, and that is keeping all the saturday in the year. This includes hardware, clothing, furniture, dry goods, millinery, jewelry, shoes and, in fact, all lines of retail business.

Now we would suggest that you call a committee of these business men together and let them see how they could save on light and heat by closof the war, and thus be patriotic. They would not lose any business if

association work; we did nobly on the two Liberty loans and all other calls,

LOYAL CITIZEN.

About Killing Roosters.

Omaha, Jan. 9.—To the Editor The Bee: I do not think some of these fellows who are being sent out the Illustrirte raise lots of chickens on high-priced feed, then advise that all roosters be

raising chickens to save meat with would be cut down instead of being chickens are raised from hatches of June and July.

poses and in 1917, with my limited number of birds, I sold eggs for hatching purposes from February to September. So these fellows who are ens had better get posted from some FRANK A. AGNEW.

Answers a Teddy Critic.

Wolbach, Neb., Jan. 9.—To the Editor of The Bee: The Bee of January 4 contains a letter making a sever criticism of Colonel Roosevelt as as commander of troops to France. Roosevelt's fitness, the critic assures us, "was passed upon by some of the

chief executive, so close, indeed, that Colonel House had better look after nection with the army, for does he not tell us very seriously that he was "formerly with Company E, Third 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 tell us in what capacity he was "with" the National Guard whether as high private or, like tha other military hero, "That Rascal Pat," a brigadier colonel. In either case he would be classed as a mili-tarist and, of course, entiled to hob-nob with the great and the near-great,

It is worth something to know, and Mr. Agnew a full-fledged humorist. Also that "watchful waiting" was the best possible brand of statesmanship

That Nonpartisan Meeting.

Fforence, Jan. 11.-To the Editor of The Bee: It was with a mixed feeling of amusement, indignation and pity that I read the report of the nonbecause of the way the report was written up, indignation because of the dishonesty and misrepresentation of out some time during the forenoon eyeglasses, ear trumpet and other ar ticles which he should have had to He stated that there were 29 present; the writer counted 62. I sin-cerely believe that the reporter meant speaker, Mr. Maxwell's late arrival

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due to delayed train and a conse quent late start, it was 4:30 eeting closed. These who left did because of urgent feeding and meeting closed. chore work at home and not cause they were not interested in the very able address Mr. Maxwell gave. The report goes on to quote or rather misquote some of the state-ments the speaker made. There were so changed and distorted as to make the reader prejudicial. It is not my practice or method to indulge in personalities, nor is it the principle of the movement at large to do so, but as one of the farmers present and seeing such an incorrect and misleading report I could not help but enter a protest. It is often said the best way to advertise something of this order is to unjustly criticise it. I trust that may be the case in this instance.

W. J. BOETTGER.

CHEERY CHAFF.

"That milkman of ours is a cheery sort of fellow. He was singing this morning when he delivered the milk."

"Yes, but I didn't like the idea of the

song he selected."
"What was it?"
"The Old Oaken Bucket That Rose From
the Well."—Baltimore American.

"How is your candidate running."
"He's making a loud noise."

'His friends are rallying around him."

"Naturally."
"But he hasn't yet been able to find a platform with a sufficient number of in-erchangeable planks."—Birmingham Age-

Teacher—Adding two different things to-gether doesn't make more of one. For in-stance, if you add an apple to an orange you don't get more apple.

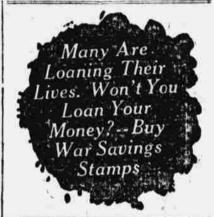
Johnny—But, teacher, if you add a piece of meat to a dog you get more dog.—Boston Transcript.



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tack near Lake Ochrida. Severe weather caused lull in activities on the western front. Petrograd claimed, that German of ing December 31, 1887. It was the fensive in Roumania had been halted

One Year Ago Today in the War. Serbians made an unsuccessful at-

The Day We Celebrate. Frederick Baird of the law firm of Purdy & Baird born 1885. E. A. Conway, attorney-at-law, born Howard G. Kelley, president of the Grand Trunk railway system, born in Philadelphia 60 years ago today. Robert Underwood Johnson, who

has been unusually successful as a poet and man of letters, born in Wash-ington, D. C., 65 years ago today.

tober 8, 1793. 1777—General Hugh Mercer, a fa mous American com nander in the revolution, died of wounds received at the battle of Princeton. Born in Scotland in 1720.

1876—Jack London, celebrated story writer, born in San Francisco. Died November 22, 1916.

Just 30 Years Ago Today

The board of county commissioners granted \$6,000 to County Attorney Simeral for the coming year. He has appointed W. F. Gurley as his assistant at a salary of \$1,800.



This Day in History.

1737—John Hancock, first signer of the Declaration of Independence and first governor of Massachusetts, born at Quincy, Mass. Died there October 1720. Captain U. S. Jones celebrated his 53d birthday by giving a banquet to his friends at Higgins restaurant. Covers were laid for 12.

The railroad lines leading east from Council Bluffs have come to an agreement with the Union Pacific whereby the bridge tolls are to be included in their rates on freight shipped to

There was filed with the county Died November 22, 1816.

There was filed with the county any kindness, but the one kindness 1915—French assumed the offensive between the Meuse and Moselle Peterson certificate of partnership, ful for, is that of the man who brings the general nature of which is the my husband home at 3 a. m. with begun the evacuation of Bakowina, ice in the city of Omaha.

There was filed with the county any kindness, but the one kindness clerk by E. Weymuller and Rassmus I can never succeed in being gratering. Full for, is that of the man who brings the general nature of which is the my husband home at 3 a. m. with begun the evacuation of Bakowina, ice in the city of Omaha.

Twice Told Tales Thomas Was Right.

A chauffeur had applied for a position with a new-rich family which the nation. aspired to be considered top-notch socially, and was being interviewed by the mistress of the house.

"We call all our servants by their st names," she announced. "What last names," she announced. "Wha is your last name?" "You had best call me Thomas ma'am," replied the applicant. "No; we insist that you be willing to be called by your last name. Otherwise you won't do at all."
"Oh, I'm willing, ma'am, but I don'

What is your last name, then?" said his prospective employer, somewhat coldly. "Darling, ma'am-Thomas Darling."
-London Tit Bits.

The Neutral Idea.

Senator Simmons said, apropos

part of Holland:

piece of freindly neutrality on the

think the family would like to use it."

"Neutral countries—Sweden, Hol-land and the rest—are continually doing us these kindnesses—and the war is prolonged. "We feel toward these dear neu-trals like the lady who said:
"I'm a Christian through and through, and I'm always grateful for any kindness, but the one kindness State Press Jabs

Hastings Tribune: Nebraska can pride herself on having one of the most efficient food administrators in Table Rock will dedicate a theater next Monday and give \$10 in real gold money to the reserved seat ticket holder who suggests an acceptable name for the show house.

Beatrice Express: "'Of all sad

words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these, it might have been."— Soliloquy of Lieutenant Governor Edgar Howard, Nebraska's political Maude Muller. Plattsmouth Journal: Kenyon of Iowa has introduced a bill reducing the pay of senators and representatives \$2,500 a year. We mention it at this time so you will know about it. Don't forget it, for you'll

never hear of it again.

Grand Island Independent: Were we permitted to become the spokesman for the Nebraska Bar association, with reference to a more complete statement of its present war we should unhesitatingly unqualifiedly indicate that such aims are Judge Hamer. Beatrice Express: After a linger-

ing and painful struggle, the Seventh Nebraska regiment, "the Lucky Sev-enth," has finally passed away. Durprimary campaign.

Washington Post: The United States will not make peace as a loser. Washington Post: What has become of the old-fashioned married couples who used to advertise for a

Philadelphia Ledger: The failure of soldiers' families to receive their

states that give aliens the right to