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State of Nebraska, County of Douglas, ss. Dwight Williams, circulation manager of The Bee Publishing Company, being duly sworn, says that average daily circulation for the month of March, 1914, was 51,641. DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 1st day of April, 1914. ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

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Anybody here seen Mr. Montrose's doctrine lately?

If mediation is good in Mexico, why not in Colorado?

Still, it's a trifle early to rush the open street cars.

It is an insult to the Filipino to refer to Villa as the Aguinaldo of Mexico.

As if that Colorado war were not had enough without Upton Sinclair butting in.

Conditions in Mexico are rapidly becoming normal.—News note.

Presumably, then, chaos still reigns.

There is too often some cynic ready to knock the poor devil who stumbles while he is trying to rise.

An exchange discusses "How to Break a Hunger Strike." How would it do simply to shut off the food?

Young Mr. Rockefeller may not blame some of the people, though, for failing to catch the force of his defense.

The question, "What is war?" is still being asked. General Sherman's definition seems to be the one most commonly accepted.

Maybe if the Colorado war holds on a little longer we may be able to transfer our troops from Mexico to the western battlefields.

No one will say that the mother who pleads for the home as woman's chief sphere of influence does not know what she is talking about.

No, woman suffrage has not prevented the labor war in Colorado, but neither has it brought it about. Yours for a square deal to all.

Senator Poindexter renews the old Doc Cook controversy in congress, evidently not content with Mexico and Colorado as sources of excitement.

If that regiment of New York peddlers does invade Mexico the Mexicans will have to get out their sharpshooters to get the better of the bargains.

Chicago's annual "Moving Day," on May 1, is said to be passing. Perhaps the cliff-dwellers are finding it cheaper to stick it out and pay rent.

It is time to remember that "big business" deserves the same respect and protection as little business so long as it does what is square and right, no more and no less.

Remember, just the same, that a great many more states are lagging behind Nebraska in the matter of scientific care and treatment of defective and dependents than have forged ahead of us.

Don't fool yourself! If the proposal to heat the city hall from the Bee building plant guaranteed to save the city twice as much as it does, the World-Herald would be vociferating against it, just the same.

Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha

After all-day conferences, General Manager Clark came to time with the strikers and issued an order reading the notice of wage reductions and restoring wages as existing prior to May 1.

Word from New York tells of the safe arrival of Mrs. George Heintz, for whom fears were entertained because the boat on which she was coming from New York was several days overdue.

Dr. J. Beckitt is the happy father of a bouncing girl baby.

Dr. Amelia Burroughs is home from a trip to Cleveland.

Miss Nora O'Connor, who has been visiting friends in Texas during the winter, is again here with her sister, Mrs. F. J. Shane.

Most of the Omaha delegation to the Knights of Pythias convocate at New Orleans is back, among them Dr. and Mrs. O. K. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. French, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Thrope and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Morwell.

Miss Ida Saxauer has gone to visit friends in Iowa.

Employees of the Garneau Cracker company were entertained by a complimentary ball given by the company last night in honor of the first anniversary of the opening of that institution.

Internal revenue collections for this district for April were \$7,186, the biggest month on record.

Cheap Notoriety Seekers.

The Upton Sinclair may always be relied on to seize advantage of such situations as the Colorado industrial war as the source of cheap notoriety for themselves under the guise of being altruists. As the leader of the band of irresponsible agitators, Sinclair has had himself imprisoned for carrying on a lot of tomfoolery at the expense of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., which could in no way whatever benefit the miners or ameliorate conditions in the disturbed regions. Its only possible effect could be to attract public attention and probably inflame otherwise irrational minds without giving them an intelligent insight into the real issues.

According to the reports, the sound of marching feet had a quelling influence in the mining districts, but if the federal forces had not gone in this pandemonium of the senseless crusaders away off safe in New York might have continued indefinitely without producing any but ill effects. Even though, in the opinion of many people, young Mr. Rockefeller should have gone much farther toward aiding in the restoration of peace, no benefit is to come from such performances as the Sinclairs have been carrying on. Yet it is generally the case that when a really serious industrial or social problem like this arises we find a lot of self-seeking agitators on hand to confuse the public mind, increase the disorders and stave off the solution.

How About Realizing On the Assets?

The first draft on the Nebraska deposit guaranty fund has been made, and it will be interesting to see how much of it comes back later through realization on the assets of the failed bank. In days when the depositors and other creditors held the sack for the deficit the stockholders, as a rule, slid out by hook or crook from their liability, and it was nuts for receivers, and receivers' attorneys, who usually managed to nurse a fat job for long years and ultimately to get away with the big end of what was left. Under the deposit guaranty scheme the salvage is to go back pro rata to the banks that supply the money to liquidate the deposit account, and with these vigilant financiers directly interested through their own pocketbook nerve, the net loss to innocent outsiders through a bank failure should be reduced to a minimum.

Autos and Civilization.

From the illuminating pages of our Daily Consular and Trade Reports we learn that American automobiles are exerting a vital influence in the orient by extending the outposts of our western civilization along the routes of modern good roads. Just now this influence is busily at work in the mountainous heights about Hongkong, where road-building heretofore has defied even the inventive genius and daring enterprise of the native Chinese.

But an auto demands a good road. Yes, but why the auto in such a country? Well, one just happened to slip into Hongkong and opened the way. Like other American manufactures, it called for more. A few weeks ago an order came from a few Hongkong capitalists for ten American cars, with which a garage was opened in Kowloon, mainland section of the city. Now Hongkong's topography is so rough and rolling, attaining in one place an altitude of 1,800 feet, that auting comes with just a little effort. As our veracious Reports says: "The extension of the automobile trade in Hongkong is entirely a matter of extending the possible use of such machines in the colony." That is, it all depends on reducing grades and curves and smoothing out the surface of the earth.

To date, since the arrival of the first auto, sixty miles of roads and bridges have been built in the city proper; thirty-eight in the island of Hongkong outside of the city and seventy-four miles of population, aggregating 172 miles of modern American roadway in all. There is your western civilization in concrete form. And the auto is responsible for it. Speed away, speed away, on your mission of light. To the lands that are lying in darkness and night. The song of the gospel might do the auto.

Vagrancy and Graft.

A man is convicted as a vagrant and sent to jail for sixty days. That may be no punishment at all for him, for he gets his room and board for sixty days free, and the penalty is often a premium on vagrancy.—World-Herald.

Perhaps, but it is a premium on something else, too. Under the benighted system of jail-feeding graft, which a supreme court decision threatens to force on us again, sixty days for a vagrant is just a handout of \$30 to the sheriff for feeding him, of which about \$20 is pure profit, or, rather, impure profit.

The more vagrants, the more graft for our reform democratic sheriff.

How long will our people stand for it?

Slow But Sure.

The California State Railroad commission finds among other things as the result of a six-months' inquiry into the rules, regulations and practices of car corporations that the Pullman company by paying its porters only \$27.50 a month, forces them to gouge the already highly taxed patrons for the larger part of their living wages. While there is nothing new in this condition, there is just one word that properly describes it and that is, "outrage."

The porters have to live, and they cannot live on what their employers pay them. It is the custom and very easy, anyway, so they get most of their earnings in tips from the traveling public. Nor, according to the commission's finding, do these tips bring extra service. The report lays emphatic condemnation on the "inattention of employes to patrons." But in casting up accounts, let the balance of censure fall, not on the porters, but the system that forces them into this polite practice of extortion.

It is remarkable that in all this sweep of reform, touching not only the making and administering of laws, but the operation of private industries, we should have overlooked this glaring abuse. Our reform lawmakers have gone too far with their interpositions in the affairs of private business to leave ground for saying that they must not take hold of this question.

Yes, but who is to have the naming of the next Omaha postmaster—the senator, the congressman or the secretary of state? Mayor "Jim" may want to have the answer to this question before he does any trading.

In Other Lands

Smuggling Guns into Ireland.

Two different reports from opposite points in northern Ireland early in the week described with much detail the landing of two cargoes of arms and ammunition for two opposing "armies," the Ulster Volunteers and the Irish Volunteers. The former is said to have received 8,000 rifles and 100,000 rounds of ammunition from Germany and to have unloaded and cached the whole cargo between sunset and sunrise, a remarkable achievement even for trimly humorous Irishmen. The second cargo of war material was consigned to a mythical organization, and was evidently put on the wires to divert government sleuths from ascertaining the real truth. There is a basis of truth for the Ulster Volunteers report, but it should be well sprinkled with salt before taking. King Carson's publicity bureau has an imagination department as finely equipped as any in the world and is particularly felicitous in overtime literature. The achievement is rather new nor remarkable. In April, 1907, a New York sailing ship, named "Erin's Hope," carried a cargo of guns and ammunition, with a crew of fifty men, mostly Irish soldiers of the civil war, to Sliago bay, intending to help a Fenian uprising. The ship easily eluded the vigilant coast guard, but the cargo was not landed because the Fenian rising proved abortive. Erin's Hope cruised half way around the island, landing a portion of its crew in order that the remainder would have enough provisions to bring the ship back to New York, which was done. Two of the landed party were apprehended, convicted of treason and sentenced each to fourteen years' imprisonment. If the greater offenders of Ulster are dealt with in like manner the Fenians of yesteryear will have occasion for sending pleasantly phrased resolutions of sympathy to fellow sufferers in Ulster.

The Vanishing Mongols.

The Asiatic Institute of New York has made public the first of a series of reports from W. W. Rockhill, former United States minister to China, on conditions in Mongolia, the newly launched buffer state with Russian support. Mr. Rockhill penetrated the eastern end of the "roof of the world" last winter and secured first-hand information of the once powerful Mongol race which severed relations with the republic of China. The last limits and boundaries of this race, which sever the continent nearly the whole of Asia and part of Europe, have begun to disappear, says Mr. Rockhill, in the crucible formed by Japan and China on the one side and Russia on the other. "Seven hundred thousand rather dull people is the existing remnant of the Mongol empire," he says. "They know their helplessness, and that for the present their fate is sealed." In his opinion that Mongol nation will founder completely through the co-operation of Russia and China. Its only hope of existence is in being a "buffer state" and becoming the head of that necklaces of small unadvanced vassal nations bordering the present-day great Asiatic empires. As such, if it succeeds, he says, it will be as a "damp course" between the powder magazines of Russia, Japan and China. "Except for the use of things brought them by the Chinese, without whom they would go unclothed and half starved, the Mongols remain as originally known to us in the middle of the thirteenth century," he adds.

Servia's Open Door.

The petty kingdom of Albania created by the powers at the behest of Austria to prevent Serbia and Montenegro gaining a foothold on the Adriatic sea did not entirely bar the doors to Serbia's ambition in that direction. The treaty of London conceding Serbia's right to railroad communication to the sea, and Servia will build and operate the road. The route chosen starts at Berza Palanka and runs through Nish, Bristina, and Pristend into the valley of the Black Drin in Albanian territory, thence to Struga near the head of Lake Ochrida and westward down the Skumbi valley to Durazzo. At Berza Palanka, the eastern terminus, the new road connects with the Romanian line and through them with the Russian railroads through northern Bessarabia. Thus Servia has found a way out commercially, independently of Austria-Hungary and is enabled to find a logical means of alliance with Rumania and Russia. Consequently students of the tangled affairs of the "near east" conclude that the enterprise has probably been contemplated with deep vexation in Vienna and Budapest. The great point about the start of the new project, however, lies in the fact that Servia after extending its territory to the Greek border has now opened the way to trade with Italy and Greece and that sooner or later there will be a new factor in commercial development along the Mediterranean.

Italian Railway Strike Put Off.

The strike of the Italian government railway men did not materialize at the appointed time. Both sides relented sufficiently to send the disputed questions to a commission which will begin an investigation this month and report later on. Wages and working conditions on the government-owned roads appear deplorable to Americans. The best paid locomotive engineers in Italy receive \$164 a day; firemen, \$8 cents; conductors, \$128; head brakemen, \$110; and an ordinary brakeman, 75 cents, after long years of service. A station guard's pay ranges between 50 and 70 cents, and a switchman, beginning at 51 cents, in eighteen years may attain a wage of 70 cents a day. In reality they all receive considerably less, for the government deducts from their pay the income tax and pension premium. While the government pleads poverty of revenues as the reason for resisting the demands of its workmen, there is little hesitancy in spending revenues for territory in North Africa and in forwarding men and means to resist the threatened encroachments of the Negus of Abyssinia.

French Elections.

The first balloting for members of the French Chamber of Deputies resulted in the election of 331 members, the remaining 33 seats going over to May 19 for second ballote. So far there has been no marked change in the standing of the several parties nor a landslide in favor of any particular leadership. The indications point to thirteen political groups in the new chamber instead of nine in the old, with the groups headed by Aristide Briand and Louis Barthou, known as the federation of democrats of the left, most likely to dominate the chamber. While the verdict of the country is only partial, it is apparent that the armament policy of the government and the three-year military service is approved by the electorate. Former Premier Barthou, who was responsible for the increased military service bill, was re-elected by an overwhelming majority.

People and Events

James A. Pulstiver of Auburn, Me., has in his possession a rare law book published in Boston in 1817, containing all the old colonial laws and the charter deeds from England. One of the deeds is signed by Charles I., as "Char-Caesar" and attested by Cardinal Wolsey.

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The Bee's Letter Box

For the Flag Always.

SOUTH OMAHA, R. F. D. 3, May 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: I am not strong on argument, but am strong on the love of our good old flag as every citizen of this country should be and I want to register a kick on the kind of talk Mr. Wooster has given us. In the first place he talks like a disgruntled republican and I think that's all wrong. (Note: Mr. Wooster is a democrat.) Now I am a good strong republican myself, but in war forget it brother and forget everything else but your flag and country.

Mr. Wooster says we will incur the eternal hatred of all Latin Americans. We probably did incur some Latin hatred in 1898, but our flag was insulted in a different way. Two hundred and sixty-six of our sailors had to answer the last call without any cause on their part any more than they represented the grand old flag. And we had no personal quarrel with any individual Spaniard in Cuba. Our battle cry was "Remember the Maine." Same thing in Vera Cruz; those one hundred and fifty Mexicans that were killed, though Huerta were a real man, where I think, and most Americans think, he is a murderous traitor to his country, and ours, and should have been handed his final statements as soon as the truth was learned of Madero's death.

How many Americans, or gringos as the Mexicans call them have been murdered in the last six months? And how many of other residents from foreign countries, that look to this country for protection, and rightly too. Read the Monroe Doctrine and then what more cause would we need to send our army and navy to Mexico? I think if Mr. Wooster would read up on the Trinidad Colorado blood red war where women and children are being killed in their own home and country with no chance to get away, he would have more cause to kick and he can go as far as he likes and I will applaud all the way.

In the meantime let all stand pat for the grand old flag and the finest country, God ever let the sunshine on regardless who is president. W. H. PHILLIPS, Private during Spanish American war in Twenty-second Infantry U. S. A.

Those Charity Experts.

OMAHA, May 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: Among scientific proposals for the proper care of social derelicts advanced by experts none impressed us as favorably as what you print of the remarks of Mrs. G. W. Crossland of Wayne, Neb., who, so far as we know, makes no pretense at being an expert regulator of society. Many mothers nowadays pay too much attention to clubs and society and do not exert enough wholesome influence over their children in the home. If all the mothers felt the inspiration of their mission to give the world good sons and daughters, and took pains during a child's early years to give it proper instruction and advice in the home, there would be less occasion for public charities and corrections.

A great solemn truth could hardly be more succinctly stated. Let us hope it sunk deep into the minds of all who heard it and will sink deep into the larger number of minds that read it. If more of our good women, mothers, indeed, would follow this advice and center their time and talents on the home they would discover before many years a diminishing army of derelicts needing their organized public ministrations. No matter how skilled they may become in the great work of curing social ills, our good women are instinctively better adapted to the greater work of preventing those social ills. WILL B. HURD.

Justice to the Church.

OMAHA, May 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: The gentleman who last evening penned another stale diatribe against the "church," calling it "a mouthpiece of the money powers," scored one point as to the "two Omaha ministers" who advocate a Mexican war for the christianizing of Mexico, if these clergymen were correctly quoted. It is wise of us pastors to let sermons be nonpolitical. We furnish the Clarence Sjoblom type of minds with needless ammunition and set the minds of the Charles Woosters aflame with passionate hate if we make the pulpit a political forum. While it historically has been true that even wars have indirectly paved the way for a deeper concentration on things not of earth, a pastor will be careful before he urges to a war, especially of the problematic kind of the Mexican revolution. The office of the pulpit in the Christian church is not the political, but the soul-saving. Preach to save men who when saved will in probity attack the external practical issues of this world.

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Writers like the penman of "Preachers and War," may be skillful in wielding the club of Cain in a vain attempt to finish the church. But they forget one thing, that great as have been the sins of members of the church of Christ, no other institution in the world's history ever did more or as much for the uplift of humanity as the church. The percentage of crime, dire poverty, illiteracy, divorce, graft, vices among church members is incomparably diminutive as over against the mass without the church. I mean the church where the saving gospel of Christ is preached and confessed. Mr. Sjoblom will in vain improve this statement by any statistics available to him or others. Dear sir, you need the church to become a factor of the chief social institution of history! We invite you, ADOLF HULT.

SUNNY GEMS.

"Katherine seems to think her alimony an improvement over her husband." "Well, why not? It comes in regularly and doesn't smoke or swear.—Boston Transcript." "Gee! I had an awful fright last night." "Yes; I saw you with her."—Harvard Lampoon. "Did that burglar alarm that I installed for you work all right?" asked the agent.

"You will remember that I put it in for you about a year ago." "Oh, it worked fine," replied the householder. "It was the only thing that the burglar took with him."—Cincinnati Enquirer. "Your boy Josh is still helping about the place?" "Yes," replied Farmer Corntassel. "He goes out exploring nearly every day and he'll be able to show the summer boarders where to find the best fish."—Washington Star. "It is queer that there is so much awfully of various kinds at seashore resorts." "Why not there as well as any other resorts?" "Because at the seashore, everything ought to be on the level."—Baltimore American. "Miss Gladys, I have been told we must always make restitution of stolen goods." "Of course we must." "Then will you permit me to give you back the kiss I stole from you last night."—Washington Star.

Applicant—No, ma'am, I couldn't work where there's children. Madam—But we advertised for a girl who understood children. Applicant—Oh, I understand 'em, ma'am. That's why I wouldn't work where there are.—Boston Transcript. "You never admit having made a mistake." "What's the use?" asked Senator Serghum. "When I make a mistake, there are always plenty of people to talk about it without my joining in."—Washington Star.

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