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Thought for the Day

Selected by Director W. M. R. French Happy the child who early learns what art

Republicans, as usual, will set the presidential pace.

King Constantine threatens to wrest from Turkey the distinction of being "the sick man of Europe.'

The foreign government which is not favored with an American note or two writes itself down as a "dead one."

It will be observed as returns drift in that Colonel Bryan's pull at the national ple counter continues in fine working condition.

The democratic party, perhaps under some other name, evidently has come into control in Russia. New taxes are about to be imposed.

The advance date selected by the republican national committee strictly accords with the rule that a national convention precedes a ratification.

Claims growing out of the loss of the Titanic are about to be settled for \$664,000, or 20 per cent of the total. The terms are as cheap as salt water at the scene of the tragedy.

Six hours of womanly oratory for and against suffrage left the congress committee in such a delicious daze that it could not distinguish a Belgian muffler from a Pierot creation.

The culmination of British volunteering disposes of conscription for the present. The manner by which the results were gained goes by another name and checkmates a political upheaval.

Patriotic zeal and toll could hardly go farther than Senator Works' plan of using American soldiers as farm hands ten months of the year. The California senator puts too much emphasis on his name.

Secretary Redfield directs his vocal batteries at the foreign price cutters and wastes good ammunition shooting at a target out of reach. His talk is good protection doctrine, however much the party objects to the label.

The Fool and His Money.

In the wayback days of the traveling doctor an artistic cure-all, with staff and band, camped in a city which had achieved a reputation as a sanitarium. Foregathered there were lawyers, bankers, business men, contractors—a colony, in fact, well fixed in worldly goods and wisdom, but harboring an assortment of pains and aches and disorderly tissue that rendered life the reverse of a joy. They had tried out the medical profession from the family doctor to the specialist and sought forgetfulness of ills in new surroundings. With their experience in business affairs it might be assumed they could spot a fakir a block off, and scoff at the claims of an timerant medicine peddler. Yet it is of record that the traveling doctor sold \$3,000 worth of medicine to the afflicted in that town in two days and disappeared the second night.

No matter how shrewd and wary the individual may be, few are wholly immune to blandishments of one kind or another. Bankers have invested in gold bricks almost as frequently as gudgeons who could not distinguish gold from brass. The Clairvoyant trust, recently disrupted in Chicago, is said to have taken \$2,000,000 from patrons in five years. The process of sepprating the fools from their money was not by the customary palming act. The trust posed as a confidential adviser in "sure thing investments" and dealt wholly with people of means

as eager for "easy money" as the professionals. The magnitude of the business of catering to the cupidity of the populace is indicated by Postmaster General Burleson, who reports that 1,300 lotteries were barred from the mails during the fiscal year. This does not mean that 1,900 lotteries were put out of business. Some, if not all, operate locally through a flock of ticket-selling agents.

Warnings, experiences and publicity do not materially diminish the school of suckers. For every one who drops out of the game trimmed to the last nickel, two or more elbow for the vacancy. Barnum's estimate of one born sucker a minute needs revision upward.

Good Fellows-All of Them.

One feature of the yuletide season has always been the tendency of mankind to generous deeds, In recent years this has been energized through various agencies, appealing to the public for support of various charitable enterprises, each pointing to the end of providing succor or comfort for the needy. Some of these undertakings might not thoroughly endure the acid test of scientific inquiry, and yet each has for its aim the amelioration of misery, the satisfying of a longing, the comforting of a heart that needs cheer. Whatever brings a laugh of joy to a child, a smile of content to a weary mother or a ray of hope and encouragement to a discouraged and despondent father, no matter if it lack something of the quality that might attend well-directed giving, is still worthy.

Nor is it alone at Christmas time that Americans give. All the year round their hearts are open to appeal, and the hand readily seeks the pocket in response to the tale that stirs the emotion. A national calamity or a private misfortune alike excites the impulse that leads us to contribution. It may be a nickel dropped in the panhandler's outstretched hand, a quarter slipped into the Salvation Army's Christmas pot, a five-dollar bill sent to swell a newspaper fund, or the secret donation, of which the recipient is ignorant of the donor's identity, but it is all done under the cloak of the greatest of all the graces.

Old Scrooge may I've somewhere among Americans, but he is mighty lonesome, for they are Good Fellows, all of them.

Justice for Any Man.

The presiding judge of the Oklahoma court of appeals has just set an example for his brethren of the bench that might be imitated with benefit to the public. In granting a writ of habeas corpus for eleven men accused of being I. W. W. agitators, he rebuked the judge of the lower court for neglecting to accord to the accused men their rights as citizens. This judge holds that no magistrate is justified in herding together a number of persons and passing sentence without giving them a hearing, or notifying them that they are entitled to defense. While the I. W. W. is not at all to be commended, it gathers its recruits from the ranks of those who feel they have no chance in life, and especially with the courts. To summarily sentence these men in groups without hearing is not calculated to arouse in them any high regard for law. When it is fully established that any man will get justice in our courts much of the reason for the I. W. W. will disappear.

Human Race After the War.

It is comforting to note that the British savants can find time at this crisis in the affairs of their country to solemnly debate the probable condition of the human race after the war, and its improvement as a result of the effects of the conflict. One estimable professor, estimating that the loss of life will reach 20,-000,000, argues that because of this the race will be greatly improved in quality. He bases his conclusion on the belief that in ages past any improvement or advance in the character of life, whether animal or vegetable, has followed some cataclysmic change. Another group of professors, equally estimable, is considering methods whereby propagation may be divested of some of the features that now operate to retard the birth rate. This group is looking forward to quantity as earnestly as the first is to quality. It is proposed to encourage child-bearing among the poorer classes by removing some. of the obstacles, such as expense, now attaching to maternity. No definite action has as yet been taken, but the fact that the subject is being so prominently considered is interesting in its bareness.

It is quite believable that the thought that permeates England's people may also have consideration among the other European nations. If this war is to be followed by a better type of man, it is altogether not beyond reason to think that he will be above indulging in such exhibitions of slaughter and destruction as have been given the world in recent days. Thus out of evil may come forth good.

Opposed to this thought, however, is human experience. So far as man's record can be traced, it is one of perversity and strife, and no war has yet wrought such havoc as to bring any very great improvement in the race. Man's advance, whether material, spiritual or intellectual, has been wrought out in times of peace. Some political changes for the better have resulted from war, but the great achievements of the race are the triumphs of peaceful pursuits.

No Conscription Contemplated.

The Omaha Central Labor union has gone on record as being opposed to conscription for the purpose of increasing national defense. This action may have been necessary to voice the sentiment of an important group of organized labor. However, the sentiment is so general not only among the labor people, but in all grops of society, that it scarcely needs consideration. The armies of the United States have always been made up of volunteers. During the civil war, for a short time, both North and South resorted to conscription, but only as a desperate war measure. No present plan for the increase of our preparedness for national defense has in it anything looking toward the enforced service of anybody in the army of navy. Secretary Garrison, in his discussion of the problem, ventured the proposition that unless a sufficient number of volunteers appeared, conscription might be resorted to in order to provide the quota of trained men deamed necessary to defend the country. It is not believable that a free country like ours will ever lack in men to defend its institutions to the uttermost. For the laboring men, we may quote the words of Samuel Compers, pronounced at San Francisco recently: "That man who will not fight to defend the free institutions of this republic does not deserve to live under this republic."

In refusing to honor the requisition of the governor of Montana for a Nebraskan accused of kiting a check, Governor Morehead took the measure of the Montana land speculators. The grievance of the Montanans is not so much against the offense of uttering a conditional check, but because a prospective land buyer escaped with his clothes

HE ONE dominant note of the meetings and gatherings in Washington the past week is that of expectant hopefulness and confidence that the country is preparing to welcome back a republican administration next year. There is lots of preparedness talk, but the all-absorbing preparedness, as I have said, is that which betokens impatient readiness to inaugurate a republican president and get away from the present democratic regime, which all con cede is a mistake and of which everyone not person ally interested is tired. Strange to say this feeling of disappointment in the democratic management of national affairs seems to permeate generally. I find it among the bellboys at the hotel, in the barber shop, among the suffragists in session here and among the antis as well; it was thinly disguised in the Gridicon club skits and rampant at the banquet of the League of Republicans Clubs; at the national committee meet ing it was the universal report, not from any section or state of the union or group of states, but from practically every point of the compass. I have been attending the sessions of the republican national committee now for many years and I am free to say I never saw a meeting with so much unanimity of sentiment, so little friction in agreeing on a program which naturally and inevitably evokes divergent opinions, se much good natured acquiescence in the decisions reached and especially in the keenly competed-for choice of a convention city. This very competition for the privilege of entertaining the convention which is expected to nominate the next president, is itself a most encouraging sign.

If anyone labors under the delucion that the republicans are to be short of presidential timber, he should cease fooling himself. Of course, the "presidential possibilities" class is yet young and still open and the membership may not measure up to the same uniform standard. At the Gridiron, however, when the call was made a whole row of "mentioned-for-president" republicans "toed the mark," while on the other side but one democrat was available for introduction to them -President Wilson-who so far appears to have a renomination assured without protest unless it came from Mr. Bryan

Another noticeable tone in the atmosphere is the feeling of relief. I might perhaps say jubilation, at the disappearance of Mr. Bryan from the official circle. The Gridiron boys echoed and re-echoed it and rubbed it in, and nonetheless everyone wants to know what Mr. Bryan is going to do next and will be surprised if he does not start some sort of trouble for the president soon if he does not come out openly for the nomination of another democratic standard bearer for 1916. The chief musical number, let me note before passing the incident, was the Bryan parody sung to the tune made so familiar at our Ak-Sar-Ben initiations, with the refrain, "Good-Bye, Girls, I'm Through." It was sung by Herndon Morsell, whom some of our old-timers will remember as the sweetvoiced tenor of the Bostonians in the early days, and it goes without saying that he did the stunt artistically in every way. Except for the transposition of the words to fit the Bryan episode, however, I could easily imagine I was sitting out at the Den listening to Henry W. Dunn and the melodious chorus that made it the catchy air on "The Isle of Pep."

In Baltimore I observe the beginning of still another "preparedness" campaign, being the preparations begun for the advent of our old friend, "Billy" Sunday, who is to be there next month. A house which is a veritable mansion in the swellest part of the old residence section of the city, facing Mount Vernon Place and the Washington monument, has just been leased for his headquarters and temporary home. The Tabernacle in Baltimore is nowhere near as strategically located as ours was in Omaha-it is far from the business center. But Baltimore is preparing to hum and brighten its corners as soon as "Billy" comes.

Twice Told Tales

Sharp Wit.

Elhu Root's wit was being praised at the Metropolitan club in New York. "Root's sharp wit has scored many a good point

for him," a lawyer said. "I remember once, years ago, I introduced a very important witness in a case against Root. My witness was a fat, red-nosed man, and I said to the judge: "This witness, your honor, is a very responsible

citizen. He holds a most important position. In fact, he is the superintendent of the water works." "When Root came to cross-examine my witness, he said, first:

" So you are the superintendent of the water works, eh?"

'Yes, sir, Mr. Root.' " 'And you give satisfaction?'

"Yes, sir; I've given perfect satisfaction at the water works for seven years.'

"'Humph,' said Root, mildly; 'you look like a man who could be trusted with any amount of water."-Philadelphia Ledger.

Persuaded.

"Did I understand you to say that this lad voluntarily confessed to playing truant?" asked a school attendance officer, addressing the mother of a small and dirty boy. "Yes, sir, he did," the woman responded. "I just

had to persuade him a little and then he told me the whole thing, voluntarily, "How did you persuade him?"

"Well, first I gave him a good hiding," said the parent, "and then I put him to bed without any supper and took his clothes away and told him he'd stay in bed till he confessed what he'd done, and that I should punish him again in the morning. And in less than half an hour he told me the whole story of his own account."-Cassell's Magazine.

Contagious.

Two well dressed young men boarded a train on Sunday afternoon at a suburban station on the main They found every seat occupied with the exception of one. After several minutes of debate as to who would take the seat, the taller of the two young men sat down. Next to him in the seat was a woman with a baby in her lap. Efforts on the part of the woman to entertain the child failed-the little one began to cry. The youth occupying the seat was very much discomfitted at the action of the baby. Finally he turned to the woman and said: "Has that ild any contagious disease?"

"Yes," replied the woman, "and being you are of such a disposition you might catch it. You see, the baby's teething."-Philadelphia Telegraph.

The dancing party given at Crounse's hall to her dancing class by Miss Almy was a pronounced suc-Among those present were: The little Misses Fannie Burns, Gertrude Ringwalt, Luiu Hobbie, Lottie Miller, Bessle Towle, Bessle Putnam, Irene Test, Susic Colpetzer, Margaret Brown, Gretchen Crounse, Marie Crounse, Nellie Smith, Mamie Morse, Agnes Reed, Shelly Barringer, Mabel Taylor, Frances Gilbert, Dovie Hongiand, Katherine Pritchett and Masters Henry Clarke, Joe Barker, Ray Hobbie, Max Miller, Ross Towle, Arthur Putnam, James Boyd, Mosher Colpetzer, Garrett Hulst, Ralph Connell, Karl Connell, Carl Burnham, Willie Burnham, Fred Lake, George Gilbert, Paul Hoagland and Nathan Shelton.

The Canadian club was organized in rooms in the Union block. The board of directors consisted of Exra Millard, George H. Leslie, A. W. Patterson, E. B. Hall, J. B. Sheldon, R. N. McLeod, W. R. McKensie, Dr. Van Camp, Dr. R. L. Mattice, J. McDonald and

William Campbell. John A. McShane presided at the second meeting of the Irish National league. Moses O'Brien was appointed collector for the fund to aid Ireland.

SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT.

Detroit Free Press: "Billy" Sunday refuses to come to Detroit unless all the ministers unite in inviting him. May the minority continue to hold out.

Brooklyn Eagle: We commend the Atlanta Methodist minister who put \$100 into cotton speculation, ran it up to \$30,006, and will build a home for the "See'st thou a man diligent in his business, he shall stand before kings." Henry Ford needs this minister's assist-

Springfield Republican: Should "the Apocrypha" be included in the Protestant version of the Bible? This question, which most people probably had supposed to have been settled in the negative, to stay so as long as Catholics and Protes tants remain apart, is raised by Rev. Dr. Mile H. Gates, a New York Episcopal rector. He answers the question in the affirmative and proceeds to condemn the Bible societies for issuing poorly-printed and poorly-bound volumes. Lather left the neglected writings out, and it seems doubtful if Gates will succeed in opening the way for their return. The other question resolves itself into whether buyers of Bibles are getting their money's worth, when the money has to be small in amount.

New York Times: The great practical value to an organisation like the Protestant Episcopal church of America of the establishment, on a sound and scientific basis, of a pension fund for its 5,000 clergymen admits of no argument. The purely humane side of the question need not be disregarded, but pensions cannot be paid in good will and sympathy. It is well, in a practical sense, for the mem bers of a church to be able to feel that their not too highly paid minister-few ministers have high salaries-will not be burdened throughout his active life by the apprehension of poverty in his declining years and the strong possibility that he may not be able to leave provision for his family when he dies. When the church pension fund is established, as it will be when the needful reserve fund for its foundation is obtained, the members of no Episcopal parish need have uneasy feelings about the future of their rector, whether or not the resources of the parish are sufficient to compensate merits

TABLOIDS OF SCIENCE.

The flatiron is the most popular of all the electrical household devices. Every time a fifteen-inch gun is fired bale of cotton weighing 500 pounds is blown away.

Using radio-active phenomena for the basis of their calculations, two British scientists believe that the world is at

least 711,000,000 years old. One of the largest English railways is building a fireproofing plant in which to treat all of the lumber used in cars which will be constructed in future.

A careful test of two Swedish ships of identical design showed electric motors more economical for propulsion than triple expansion steam engines.

Wood block paving is growing in popularity in the United Kingdom for the reason that it shows longer life under heavy automobile traffic than any other smooth pavement produced at equal expense.

German experimenters have found that the waste heat from factories and industrial establishments when conducted by means of pipes to the soil in which garden and other plants are being cultivated causes fruits and vegetables to advance about twice as fast and to attain a size from 40 to 100 per cent greater than when grown under identical conditions, but is unheated soil.

AROUND THE CITIES.

Niagara Falls proposes to put up \$485,000, one-half the total cost of eliminating railroad grade crossings,

Philadelphia reports that pickpockets are doing a land office business among Christmas shoppers, despite the additions of twenty-five detectives to the regular staff on duty

Sloux City maintains in good working order a fire department whistle, a screaming relic of volunteer days. Protests against using it are sufficiently convincing to induce the fire authorities to choke it off.

Fort Dodge, In., feels a bit chesty, and rightly so, over the completion and occupancy of a \$100,000 municipal building. It is all concrete and brick and stone trim, as bright and nifty as Mayor Ford at a reception. Since the first of the present year 249

ersons have been killed by automobiles in New York City, forty-nine arrests have been made on account of the fatalities, and forty-eight of the forty-nine persons arrested have been discharged by city magistrates or coroners.

Kansas City finds that after cutting a canyon through a hill to reach the new union station the canyon may not be used by street cars until money can be had to slope the banks from thirty to eighty feet high, and avert the danger of

Oscar Ryan of Sloux City, engineer and amter of the Iowa building, is back from Washington, where he demonstrated a device which adds to the clearness and softness of the voice transmitted over the telephone or through a phonograph, He was promised a patent.

Wichita's jitney regulation ordinance declared valid by the state supreme court is a humdinger and some over. Jitneys are not permitted to seek business on thoroughfares occupied by street railways, but must confine operations to streets unoccupied by other passenger traffic lines.

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES.

The first official act of Governor Staney, recently elected in Kentucky, was to appoint Miss Minnie Mahler of Henderson as his private secretary. Miss Mahler had been his secretary for the seven years of his term in congress. She is the first woman to hold the position of private secretary to the governor.

A state bureau of visual education is the latest thing with which teachers in Kansas will have to contend. Its work will be to institute a motion-picture circult in the schools, and courses will be established for training in photography and picture making. It is planned by means of motion pictures to fix in the minds of students facts that they have learned by ear.

The child-labor law in Pennsylvania will go into effect January 1. To meet the requirements, continuation classes will be formed in many of the department stores in Philadelphia. The superintendent of schools announces that nine concerns, employing 1,200 children between the diges of 14 to 16, had notified him that they have arranged to maintain the schools in their own establishments and would conform with the course of study laid down by the board.

People and Events

A speed maniac in St. Louis trifled with the dignity of the court by swearing that it was his first offense. The record was pulled on him and judgment entered: For lying \$30, for speeding \$5.

A California woman who was denied the right to vote because in marrying a British subject she lost her American rights, quickly recovered her sovereign poise by inducing her husband to swear off on King George

Remember that feeling of joy which thrills the cuticle on discovering the morning after a V unknowingly left over from the night before? Something like multiplied several times, thrilled a New York woman. Going through the effects of her late husband she discovered a bank book showing a deposit of \$73 made in 1854. The bank is still sound and the account stands at \$1,620.

Some years ago an Omaha pilgrim, on his maiden trip to New York, blew into the then famous Eden Musee on Thirtythird street, bumped against a policeman inside the door and offered profuse apolo gies for his rudeness. The roar of native chaperons let in sufficient light to con vince him that he was talking to a wax figure. The dumb cop was one of scores of realistic figures of great personages in that wonder shop, which has outlived its day. At a recent auction of the remains the figure of George Washington was knocked down for \$9.

A sympathetic New Yorker, moved to action by the hard luck story of a young woman who said her husband did not love her as she wanted him to, gave her He left his number, however, and will be given his day in court on a charge of He left his number, however, and will be given his day in court on a charge of assault.

WHITTLED TO A POINT.

What can't be cured should be insured. It is harder to save a penny than it is to earn it.

An ignorant wise man is less dangerous than an educated fool. Poets are born-therefore their ances-

tors should be held responsible. Some women speak much to a man's

heart and nothing to his mind. Few of the wives who drive their husbands to drink have to use whips.

A good dinner may transform a bitter memory into a pleasant forgettery. When a woman loves a man she loves to make him believe that she doesn't. It isn't always a sign that a man is

names in public.

It is decidedly rough on the leading lady of a theatrical aggregation when she is compelled to step off the track to let a train pass.—Chicago News.

henpecked that his wife calls him pet

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

'I don't like to have my husband prop p a newspaper at the breakfast table D. you''
Oh, I don't know. It keeps the grape fruit from spattering as far as it other-wise might. -Louisville Courier-Journal.

Miss Sassy-What do you want that shopworn old nobleman for? There's nothing to him.
Miss Bargain-Well, he's been on the market so long I can get his title cheap.—

"When a man does anything well he ought to get credit for it," remarked the generous-minded man. "Not always," replied Bronco Bob,
"Me an' Piute Pete got the reputation
of bein' such good poker players that
it completely spoiled business."—Washington Star.

"Now, hubby, I want to be helpful," said the bride.
"Hess my little wife."
"So, if you have any coupons to be clipped you may turn that work over to me."—Baltimore American.

Mother-Elsie, why are you tearing the leaves off that calendar? Elsie-I in just trying to make my birth-day hurry up, mamma.—Boston Tran-

PLIGHT OF THE BARD.

John W. Carey, in Judge.
was the mouth before Christmas, and
all through the land
scribes who do verses—some simple. were scratching in chorus, from Frisco

to York,
In hopes, one and all, something new to uncork— Something off, as it were, of the time-honored beat.

That might score a safe hit with a Christmastide sheet.

Now hear ye of one of such scribes, if you please! That know not the age of the hills and the cake.

He had toyed with his pad and his pen and his ink
And had cudgled his brains, but of naught could be think
But of jests that were fuzzy and well out of date
When Adam and Eve hung their hose on the strate—

the grate-Of the spinster who longed to be smacked by a swain And under the mistletoe lingered in vain; Of the whiskers which go with the S.

Claus attire,
And-zip!-are no more when they get
near the fire;
Of the man who climbed up on the roof
as St. Nick,
And then as a burgiar got jailed-double quick; Of ties that are wished off on father-By ma, who gets gems in a plush-covered box;
Of Junk for one's boudoir, that comes The kind no same being would use on a

Of the bills which poor dad has to pay on the first—
on the first—
Old gags by the score—from the best to
the worst—
Including, of course, the parodical skit
On "The Night Before Christmas," and—
well, this is it.

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