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"Nek" Longworth is one member of the family who can come back.

Villa may yet have to fight again for the peace of that dear Mexico.

Even the people of the state have grown weary of the Omaha home-knockers.

One might suppose that the foot and mouth disease had spread to the democratic donkey.

Mount Vesuvius wants to show that it can get into action as well as the other explosive big guns.

That woman county treasurer-elect in Kansas is not the only one who expects to hold the purse strings.

Thomas A. Edison, working from sixteen to eighteen hours a day, must be the big noise with the walking delegate.

Teachers one week and base ball magazines the next! Just a few phases of the fifty-seven varieties of life in Omaha.

National prohibition is now promised us in five years. Still, boys, that's no good excuse for trying to drink it all at once.

True, Nebraska progressives have polled enough votes to keep their place on the ballot as a third party, but what's the use?

T. R. is writing a series of articles on "Things we should learn from the war," but he means the war of bullets, not of ballots.

The Kearney Hub thinks The Bee is unduly distressed over the over-worked election boards. The Hub man was never compelled to serve as a judge or clerk in an Omaha election booth.

It will take a few more official white and scarlet papers to determine the issue between Turkey and Russia as to who started the last rumup.

Under all the circumstances, we take it the question of reducing stockyards charges for handling and feeding cattle will go into temporary abeyance.

At that, Secretary Bryan is in position to give a better account of results in his home state than any other member of the cabinet, including President Wilson.

Not so sure but an eastern newspaper may be right in suggesting that the famous Chinese diplomat, the Hon. Dham Lai, must be in charge of the war censorship of Europe.

But for the fact that giving to the cause of peace helps along his plan of dying poor, Mr. Carnegie might be tempted, as he looks upon Europe, to wish that he had his money back.

Perhaps it was worth while after all to prove by actual test that our water works will continue to be successfully operated with or without the personal supervision of any one particular man.

A candidate who loses out on the merits of his own contest has no right to complain, but it is no wonder a candidate feels sore when convinced that his defeat is due merely to inability to carry the dead weights loading down the ticket.

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Is it a Military Deadlock?

Though it may be but the lull before another mighty storm of battle, the present apparent deadlock in hostilities is significant at any rate. The scenes seem to be shifting in the theater of war. If our reports are correct, the kaiser is sending troops from Belgium to Germany, where Russian encroachments are more menacing; his army is suddenly changed from the offensive to the defensive and he has called his leaders into council to determine upon new plans and methods.

While affording no basis for speculation as to relative gains and losses to date, it would naturally follow that the old plans had not proved entirely satisfactory. No decisive battle has yet been fought, but how long a crucial blow can be staved off is open to question. The mighty German war machine is evidently preparing to concentrate for another attack. With the ponderous Russians pressing down from the east and the allies fighting more doggedly on the west, the German forces may be expected soon to renew operations in still more strenuous fashion.

According to the latest Paris advices, the last attack made with twelve German army corps failed of its purpose and thus brought about the present deadlock which experts take to be but "a prelude of a further effort to which all the forces that the Germans can raise will be concentrated." Much as we might wish for one finally decisive action, the chances are that it will take more than one victory or defeat to force negotiations for a settlement.

Put the "Dip" Factories Out of Business.

Another effort is to be made at the coming legislature to secure the enactment of an effective measure for the abatement of the cocaine-selling evil, which, according to all reports, is growing instead of diminishing. When the subject was up before, The Bee gave its hearty support to the movement, and we hope that it will meet with better success this time. We are supposed to have laws on our statute books prohibiting the selling of noxious habit-forming drugs, but presumably they are not adequate, for in spite of numerous attempts to put the "dip" factories out of business they find legal technicalities through which they succeed in escaping. If Nebraska wants to hold its rank among progressive states, our law-makers will have to tackle this problem, and attempt a solution which, fortunately, is not so hard, because other states have made good headway towards stopping the cocaine traffic.

Base Ball Solons.

For a few days Omaha will be the center of the base ball word in the entertainment of the National Association of Base Ball clubs, which has brought here magnates, managers and solons of the game from all quarters. The biggest men of the diamond have come to thresh out their biggest problems. It may well be doubted if a bigger problem ever confronted base ball than this crisis of today. It would be especially gratifying if the problem might be solved, or at least if a basis of solution might be reached, at this Omaha convention, which would then become truly epochal in the history of the game.

A wise man said a long while ago, "money is the root of all evil." He did not say money, itself, was evil, but he meant that its abuse was evil. That is the chief trouble with base ball today—the abuse of its commercial side—an absolutely essential side, at that. Base ball as an institution never amounted to much until it was put upon a sound business basis. But the mischief came in failing to realize that in that very citadel of power lurked a menace.

Money in the form of huge gate receipts, money paid as fancy salaries to players, money paid for release of players—there is the root of the evil. The invasion of the outlaws is but the occasion, not the cause, of all this present woe. The Federal league may be the logic of events, but if the doctors of base ball had properly diagnosed their case two or three years ago they would have found that the remedy could not safely be delayed until now. The patient's condition now demands prompt and drastic action. All friends of the game will hope that with clear-headed reason that action may come at this Omaha meeting.

But, incidentally, whether it does or not, permit us to say that every delegate to this meeting is more than welcome to Omaha, as he will realize fully before he leaves.

Power of a Woman's Idea.

While waiting for the Christmas Ship to sail with its burden of good cheer and comfort for the little folks of Europe, let us take time to remember that it was a woman who first thought of this great enterprise. The woman is known to the public as Lillian Bell. She wrote her idea to the editor of the Chicago Herald, James Keeley, who instantly recognized its far-reaching value and sponsored it. He in turn commended it to The Bee and other leading newspapers in cities all over the land, who adopted it and with their co-operation we are about to send, in the name of the children of peaceful America, approximately 4,000,000 Christmas gifts, valued at \$2,000,000 to the children of war-devastated Europe.

It is not strange that it took a woman's mother heart to conceive such a plan, though, as we see, all have mother hearts when it comes to such a mission of mercy and gladness. The prompt and generous response to the invitation for gifts is an index too uperring to be misunderstood. This example of the brotherhood of man ought to make the coming Christmas the most joyous for us all, even though our hearts are heavy with the awful sorrow of the war.

Saved by the European War.

The democrats retain control of congress, not because, but in spite of, what they have done for the country during the two years they have been in power. It is certain now, beyond a possibility of doubt, that had the election taken place ninety days sooner, it would have been a democratic rout with a political upheaval unparalleled in the history of the republic. All the letters which the president could have written to Floor Leader Underwood, extolling the democratic record of legislation, and all the commendatory messages he might have published, boosting faithful supporters and pleading for their re-election, would have been futile. The wholly unexpected outbreak of the European war is alone what saved the democrats from the chastening rod that was in pickle for them, and gave new lease of life, to other wise discredited leadership.



The Autumn Cleanup.

OMAHA, Nov. 9.—To the Editor of The Bee: The smoke of burning leaves and rubbish is one of the unpleasant features of the passing autumn. Everybody is glad when the trash is burned and the smoke gone. But the nuisance is a necessary one and can be minimized only by getting it off hands as rapidly as possible. The thing to do is for all hands to get busy at the annual job of cleaning up nature's debris. Street Commissioner Ryder announces that as his funds for such work are low, it will help very much if the people will do their part toward helping his department in this respect. If every one will see that his own premises are put in good order there will be less for the city to do. The importance of getting the leaves and other trash out of the way before the snow falls need not be stressed by any one of us. Modern sanitation, to say nothing of civic pride, demands a thorough and prompt housecleaning in every city at this season. X. X.

A Protest.

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There are many ways in which you can help to avert the agony of suffering which confronts helpless Belgians during the coming winter. You can send a donation to our fund or you can contribute to our secretary, Percy Bullen, 8 Broadway, N. Y., for a collecting card. He will be glad to issue same to any responsible person enclosing personal references. Churches, chapels, clubs and societies can assist by writing for our collecting list. Entertainment committees and places of recreation may render great help by sending up the proceeds of benefit performances. In all these ways friends everywhere are assisting nobly. All the money received will be cabled to Europe before December 20.

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Lessons of the Election

Conservative Reaction.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican (Ind.). The result of the elections, in the broadest sense, was a triumph for conservatism over radicalism—the first one of any importance since President McKinley was re-elected in 1900. It had been in the air for a year or more. Finally, the conditions became ideal for a reaction in addition to the undoubted business depression due to a variety of causes, the great world war cast its dark and chilling shadow upon all the forces that make for unsettlement and change. In times like these reform withers. The popular instinct is to "sit tight," conserve what is and make the best of what is established and tested by time. The world today has no desire for innovation and experimentation, because a large part of it is in flames and the remaining part is thinking of its fire extinguishers.

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LAUGHING GAS.

"I told you to hold everything quietly for my sake, Harold, and yet you got furious when I ordered you from the house last night." "But you must admit, pet, I could not help but feel put out."—Haltipenne American.

"I'm surprised to see you associating with Wombat." "Why?" "A few years back you were calling him a rascal." "Oh, that was during a political campaign."—Pittsburgh Post.

"What is in the mail from daughter?" asked mother, eagerly. "A thousand kisses," answered father, grimly. "And sixteen handkerchiefs, two waists and four batches of ribbons for you to wash and mend."—Kansas City Journal.

Singleton—He looked to me like a man who has loved and lost. Helpcock—He looks to me more like a man who has loved and won.—Puck.

"I tell you," said the earnest patriot, "a man has to be a hero to leave his wife and march to war." "Well," replied Mr. Meekton, thoughtfully, "maybe he's a self-sacrificing hero; and then, again, maybe it's a kind of relief to look forward to being scared a new way."—Washington Star.

"Don't you believe that the war censor is a good thing?" "I suppose so; but what this country needs is a married man appointed to censor bargain advertisements."—Houston Post.

"The European porter doesn't paste a 'sovereign' label on your trunk any more." "No?" "No; you have your choice of two bullets, a piece of lumbago or a fragment of shrapnel."—Louisville Courier Journal.

Bobble—I saw you kissing sister again last night. Castleton—Well, I'm not going to pay you a quarter this time. Ten cents is enough. Bobble—That's the tendency in these

days to cut out the middle man and let the goods go straight from the producer to the consumer without charge—Life.

CONCEIT.

George Cohen. I'm the best red that I ever had. I like to be with me; I like to sit and tell myself "Things coincidentally."

I often sit and ask me if I shouldn't or I should, and I find that my advice to me is always pretty good.

I never got acquainted with myself till here of late. And I find myself a bully chum, I treat me simply great.

I talk with me and walk with me, and show me right and wrong; I never knew how well myself, And I could get along.

I never try to cheat me; I'm as truthful as can be, No matter what may come or go, I'm on the square with me.

It's great to know yourself, and have a pal that's all your own; To be such company for yourself, You're never left alone.

You'll try to dodge the masses, and you'll find the crowds a joke, If you only treat yourself as well as you treat other folk.

I've made a study of myself, compared with me the lot, And I've finally concluded I'm the best friend I've got.

Just get together with yourself, and trust yourself with you, and you'll be surprised how well yourself, Will like you if you do.

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A Majority

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