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Getting closer to the danger zone, Mr. Turkey! Yes, and a safe and sane Thanksgiving, too!

An exchange speaks of "the social vagrant." They are all that, all right.

The theater of war is the only show house that runs exclusively to tragedy.

It is an acid test of the Houston Post's democracy to hold onto "The New Freedom."

The line of demarcation between economy and parsimony is plain enough to any clear eye to see.

Still, the foot ball gridiron is doing tolerably well in contributing to the lists of dead and wounded.

Of course, we cannot help but feel happy that those Turkish bullets were fired in love and not hate.

That settles it—no crooked lawyers can be discovered in Omaha, for the lawyers themselves say so.

The Christmas ship was well loaded, and also well timed to carry its gifts to their destination on Santa Claus' schedule.

The eastern foot ball teams seem to maintain their supremacy over all western teams by carefully avoiding meeting up with them.

The new king of Albania is said to have a "ten-day clause" in his contract. Maybe its omission explains why George Fred Williams fanned out.

It "Met" succeeds in steering his new paper safely between Scylla and Charybdis of Nebraska democratic factions, all the political pilots will acclaim him a wizard.

A North Carolina man has just died who held an elective office continuously for sixty-four years. Officeholders everywhere will take notice and be duly encouraged.

The defeated candidates on the republican state ticket know what beat them, and they know also it was not the votes thrown away on the third party progressives that did it.

It seems that the "wa" Germans are ponding the stuffing out of the "dry" Russians—Houston Post.

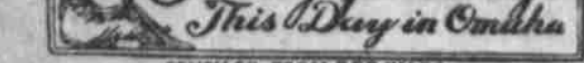
Not according to the spirited reports from Petrograd.

The short ballot organization is figuring on an ocular exhibit at the San Francisco exposition. It's a cinch that our Omaha eight and one-half-foot ballot will have the place of honor among the horrible examples.

Incidentally, why do we have coroners?—Los Angeles Times.

The Bee in its contention that the office of coroner is obsolete has found no one ready to defend it as either useful or necessary to the community.

Our American ambassador cables the State department that Press Correspondent Corey never had been detained in any way by the English police. What a shame to spoil a good story so cruelly.



The grand ratifying demonstration of the Omaha democracy postponed from last Saturday on account of inclement weather was finally pulled off with fireworks and booming of cannon.

Shears, Markey & Swobe have completed negotiations by which they become sole owners of the Millard hotel property. They had previously been leasing from the corporation which had built the hotel.

General O. O. Howard featured on "Eggs" at Boyd's for the benefit of the Women's Christian association.

An interesting lecture on "Hints on Conversation" was delivered last night at the Young Women's Christian association rooms by Miss Emma McAvo of Cincinnati.

Mrs. C. R. Kirby of Camp Clark, in the Black Hills country, is visiting her father, Mr. Dorsey B. Houck, on Sherman avenue.

H. J. Ostrom has been appointed by the mayor special policeman at the Omaha passenger and freight depot.

Mrs. W. W. Rhodes, the soprano at the First Presbyterian church, is to sing in concert at Plattsmouth tomorrow.

Postmastership Primaries.

According to Mr. Bryan's Commoner, the reelection of Congressman Dan V. Stephens from the Third Nebraska district by a largely increased majority "is a distinct endorsement of the principle of electing postmasters at primary elections."

Eradicating the Foot Ball Cancer.

"It is time to eradicate the foot ball cancer," shouts the Pall Mall Gazette, deploring the fact that not a single man was recruited (to the British army) at London's principal foot ball game, attended by at least 15,000."

Think of it—the sturdy youth of the land so intent on the brisk business of foot ball that they have no time for the entertaining diversion of war! Have we come to such a pass in this twentieth century of superb civilization?

The whole London press emits the same beseeching wail. Such a travesty is a terrible reminder of the fact that the business of a very large portion of civilization today is war—the most grim, hideous, murderous war of all history.

The only measurable consolation comes from such view as that expressed by Prof. Munsterberg.

A victorious war may bring a nation's complete regeneration; the moral energies awake; vice is repressed; life is protected; education flourishes; hygiene spreads; science rebuilds the land; prosperity grows; temperance and self-discipline prevail; family life can expand in the new abundance.

And yet, while patriots must go when country calls, are we ready to say that these things will come better through war than through foot ball.

Systematic Bible Teaching.

According to the news columns of a religious journal, every Sunday school of a certain Protestant denomination in Iowa is being visited this autumn by five teams of two men each to explain the "Iowa plan of unification of church educational work."

In this same journal we note something to the effect that many otherwise apprehensive folk have been gratified at the position taken by the new superintendent of public schools in Detroit (an ardent churchman) on the matter of the Bible in the schools.

How about the "Iowa plan," or one like it, as a wise one for general adoption? So long as the peculiar resources for biblical instruction, such as are found in the church, Sabbath school, religious day institutions and last, but never least, the home—so long as these resources are nowhere near exhausted, it is fatuous and futile, leaving out other considerations, for anyone to argue for the Bible in the public schools as a last means of getting it taught.

Nowhere more than in the realm of religious activity is this popularly-urged principle of "economy and efficiency," which generally takes the form of specialization, showing itself today to greater advantage. And where it centers in plans of larger Bible knowledge, first among the young, it seems to set on the surest foundation.

Altogether Separate and Distinct.

A deliberate effort seems to be making in certain quarters to confuse and connect the short ballot movement in Nebraska and the proposal for a constitutional convention. These two projects are altogether separate and distinct, many of the advocates of each being opposed to the other.

Let it be remembered and repeated that to get the short ballot only two or three sections of the constitution need to be changed, the rest of it being quite within reach by means of statutory enactments.

Workmen's compensation laws have a two-fold purpose—to compensate the victims of industrial accidents and to prevent or reduce the number of accidents, and similarly the number of victims. When we come to measure results of our Nebraska law, it will have to be subjected to both these tests.

The British Parliament is discussing ways and means for the contingency of a German invasion, but the German Reichstag is wasting little time over the question of a British invasion.

Secretary Daniels is bothered about the best way to spell dreadnought. Never mind the spelling.

War in Dollars and Cents

Two Gayot in November Everybody's.

This is an element equally important in the cost of war. It must be remembered that for the entire length of the conflict, 12,000,000 men are taken away from their usual occupations. What is the value of those men?

If we compare the two industrial censuses of France and Germany, we find the active population as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Country, Active Population. France, 11,277,000; Germany, 7,583,000.

Most of the economists who have studied the economic capacity of nations to sustain war, have sought to prove that those who have the larger agricultural population are in better condition than the others.

We find that agriculture comprises in France 43 per cent of the entire population, and in Germany 31 1/2 per cent. Therefore the war will be more deeply felt by the active population of Germany than by that of France.

It must be noted that war does not take all the men of the active population. If we accept Captain Henck's figures as exact, the soldiers in a state of war represent 23 per cent for France and 18 per cent for Germany of the active population.

The active population of Germany is 39 per cent higher than that of France. The loss of salaries for the country therefore would be \$2,000,000,000.

We may estimate that salaries represent on an average 10 per cent of the value of production, and the cost of services such as transportation, etc. Six months' warfare would therefore represent a loss of \$3,000,000,000 for France and \$5,200,000,000 for Germany.

The United Kingdom will be less affected than France and Germany. According to the census of production persons employed in agriculture and industry total 2,500,000. The value of production of each person is estimated at \$10. Lord Kitchener intends to put on foot an army of 700,000 men.

The working value of the Russian is much lower. But the Russian army will number at least 4,000,000 soldiers. Estimating their productive value at about half that of the Frenchman or the German, 4,000,000 men during six months will entail a loss of \$400,000,000.

Belgium is prodigiously active. The productive value of its work must be equal to the English. According to the census of 1896, its industrial population numbered 1,150,000. Since then its population has increased and production has received an enormous development.

In these values I speak neither of Serbia nor of Japan. We may conclude, therefore, that the value of lost production is:

Table with 2 columns: Country, Value of Lost Production. France, \$3,000,000,000; Germany, \$5,200,000,000; Belgium, \$280,000,000; Russia, \$400,000,000.

Man is a capital whose value has been most variously estimated. In general, he has been attributed a value inferior to that he really possesses.

How much human capital will the war devour? According to the works of army doctors, a conservative estimate of the proportion of losses to the number of combatants would be 10 per cent.

For Great Britain, Men Lost, Value in Dollars. 20,000, \$200,000,000; Germany, 30,000, \$300,000,000; France, 40,000, \$400,000,000; Austria-Hungary, 50,000, \$500,000,000; Belgium, 60,000, \$600,000,000; Russia in Europe, 70,000, \$700,000,000.

I do not count the depreciation for men who die of illness in the hospitals. In 1870 the figure for Germany admitted for illness into hospitals was 290,000; in Manchuria the figure for Japanese was 524,000.

The various calculations made above, therefore, give the following totals for six months' warfare: Cost price of military operations, \$5,400,000,000; Value of the lost production, \$2,960,000,000; Value of lost human capital, \$3,970,000,000.

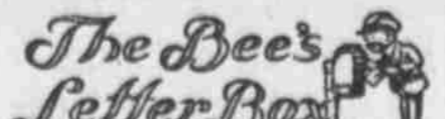
Twice Told Tales. Discouraging. He had plastered his touched-up hair down over his bald spot, and he had assumed the sort of smile that his female friends called "childish" when he was in college.

A Different Spirit. Bishop Theodore S. Henderson said at a dinner in Chattanooga: "The Kaiser speaks of 'God, our old ally.' The czar calls on the 'God of our fatherland.'"

People and Events. A vast amount of partisan war trash offered to Americans for consumption serves to show that the crop of wasteful spenders is inexhaustible.

Not the least of the advantages of doing your Christmas shopping early is that it gives ample time in which to exchange the goods if you change your mind.

Hotel, the French publisher who brought out all of Jules Verne's works, is dead in Paris. He had Verne under a life contract at \$4,000 a year and made millions out of his enterprises in sinking an unknown author.



The Charity Problem.

OMAHA, Nov. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: As a visitor and reader of your paper, I note your editorial on the charity problem, and suggest that you write to the mayor, Charles E. Taylor, and Murray Auerbach, secretary of the United Charities, of my native city, Little Rock, Ark. I am sure they will give you their plan of handling the charity problem, which has proven a great success, and could be adopted here or in any live and progressive city as yours seems to be.

Control of Nebraska Water Powers. OMAHA, Nov. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: A noted American said recently in a public address: "If this nation is to avoid disaster, we must recognize the probable effect of present-day political tendencies upon business, upon property and upon property rights, and upon the course of industrial and commercial development."

Water powers will never be developed if hampered by unreasonable restrictions, because they need rather encouragement, possibly every public assistance. Thus, any regulations should be formulated by experienced and unbiased men; others can't get practical results by merely theorizing and wishing.

Regulation and control of rates in return for water rights and other assistance may be all right and warranted by the public benefits which are bound to result.

But public ownership and development of any kind for water power is not practicable. There are probably only two towns in the state which have tried to construct such plants and their efforts have both ended disastrously.

This does not work out well with limited bond issues and public officials are never aggressive and experienced enough to make efficient salesmen and develop the essential market for the plant's capacity.

Many may be misled by those who, for political advantage, or through lack of adequate information, make colored but plausible statements, which may be practically correct theoretically, but which are practically worthy of no serious consideration.

Then, again, there is a restricted market for municipal electric light bonds now, because such plants are often a scrap pile before the bonds have half matured.

History and the conditions already referred to show pretty conclusively that the original development will not be successfully made as a public project and that private capital must have more satisfactory inducements than now exist if these great natural resources, which are still going to waste, are to be utilized for the general industrial development of the state and the direct revenue which will accrue.

Editorial Snapshots. Pittsburgh Dispatch: "All I got was rheumatism and I hope never to see a 'bloody' battle again, was the comment of one English soldier invaded home."

Baltimore American: The Red Cross has collected a bushel and a half of money for the sufferers in the European war. This is the best crop of the season, and with such results it is recommended to plant more seeds of charity and pity to increase the harvest.

Washington Star: Beating awards into plowshares is rendered peculiarly appropriate by the fact that a sword bears about the same relation to modern warfare that a plowshare does to up-to-date agriculture.

Buffalo Express: It is said that Turkey owes \$200,000,000 to French investors, and to England her debt is also very large. No wonder the allies hesitated to make war on her.

Washington Star: When the Ottoman Empire is driven from European soil it will be interesting to see how this debt question will be treated. Evidently the losses are going to be tremendous and irreparable.

Not already bankrupt the present war will make it so.

JOLLIES FROM JUDGE.

"What do you mean?" demanded the woman watcher at the polls. "What's wrong?" "I fear you have been throwing out the ballot of women."

"We have not. We did throw out a recipe for apple cake a package of powder papers and a couple of love letters."

"What I can't understand about Billy Wiggle is why, with such a splendid, manly man for a father, Billy should be so effeminate," said Dubbleth.

"Why, it's simple enough," said Slath-cr. "His mother was a woman."

"Oh, what has become of Cholly?" he asked. "I wonder where he can be." She answered, "Daisy carried him home as a souvenir spoon, you see."

"Young man, what profession do you expect to follow when you grow up?" "I'm going to be a doctor," answered the young man, taking out a notebook

and pencil. "May I count on you to save your appendix for me?"

Dobbs—Don't you ever notice that in times of war there is always a lot of counterfeit money in circulation? Robbe—Yes, I guess it's passed by the censor.

WAR TALK. It seems 'twas only yesterday— (But 'tis longer by computation)— That the Teutons were a-rushin' From the Russians who were toolin'— And behold, today, the headline reads— (As 'twas true beyond discussion)— That the Teutons are a-totin'— 'Cause the Russians are a-rushin'.

Mrs. Turkey, who am stepping high. He's plum forgot who am 'I; Else why has he the nerve to take A peek at Uncle Sammy? But Uncle Sam is jestin' 'em. He hasn't scarcely boasted. For will he know the day is near When Mrs. Turkey will be roasted.

How could the Cap of the Tennessee, Who fired those shots, if the day was murky? But however that was, this week Uncle Sam Will get satisfaction out of Turkey. And shouldn't we all be thankful In this peaceful land to be, When over the seas those yelping Dogs Of War have got Peace up a tree? Omaha. —BAYOLL NE TRELE.

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