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 Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me, this 5th day of November, 1914.
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 Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.
 Those peace prayers will bear repeating.
 Another American vessel fired on. Oh, well, apologies come easy.
 Good morning, have you heard the name of Mexico's new boss today?
 And when you shop early demand Omaha-made goods as far as practicable.
 In what great war did Geo. Bernard Shaw get all this expert knowledge he is handing out?
 It is really pitiful to see some of our sister states try to vie with Nebraska in the weather line.
 Wonder if December will try to offset with severity what November has done for us in mildness.
 Still, few of even our most ardent prohibitionists would advocate doing it the Russian way in this country.
 It's a mighty dull child who can't keep track of the number of school days to elapse up to the holiday vacation.
 Someone is almost sure to date the "turning point" of the war from the day the boy Prince of Wales went to the front.
 With an Indian bride, the ex-sachem of Tammany should have no difficulty in imagining himself back in the wigwag.
 It must have been this coming Christmas dinner that Villa meant he would eat in the national palace at Mexico City.
 Note that Mr. Bryan never discovered a paramount issue in prohibition or equal suffrage while he was running for president.
 Dr. Van Dyke, fresh from the Netherlands and the dikes of Holland, brings assurances of the neutrality of The Hague.
 The French war intelligence bureau to our mind is the best of them all. When it has nothing to report, it says so in so many words.
 Will it come to this, that England, which dictated our Panama toll system, must look over each American merchantman before it sails into the canal?
 The British war loan of \$1,750,000,000 has been largely oversubscribed. That is pretty good proof that British patriotism does not stop short of the pocketbook.
 Something very terrible indeed, but no less grand, is happening as I write—War correspondent. How grand it is to have thousands of men—fathers, sons, brothers—slaughter one another to make a jubilee.
 A "progressive party" leader, who issues a manifesto calling on all the brethren to rally round the flag at the Chicago meeting, has just been ordered south by his physician. That seems to be the trouble with the whole party—going south.
 Notwithstanding Collier's animadversion that a pun on a name is the lowest form of wit, that cartoon from the Columbus Dispatch of the "Warsaw Campaign," with Germany and Russia at opposite ends of a big cross-cut, evidently has struck a good many folks as a mighty rich bit of humor.

THE SPAN OF A CENTURY.
 The death of Nebraska's oldest white inhabitant, a centenarian and two years more, challenges attention to all that has transpired since his birth.
 The late Judge Gow came into this world in the year 1812. At that time George Washington had been dead a little more than twelve years, and John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were both still alive and vigorous. Louisiana, which Jefferson had bought from Napoleon, was a nebulous land in the far west but recently penetrated by Lewis and Clark, who had put the Missouri on the map, to most people merely as sort of a River of Doubt.
 In 1812 James Madison was in the presidential chair. Fulton's steamboat had only made a few trial trips, and Stephenson's locomotive was still a dream. Slavery in the south was to continue for more than forty years. Pirates and slave traders were roaming the seas as on legitimate business, while the Indians and the buffaloes had undisputed possession of everything west of the Mississippi. The telegraph, the telephone, the auto, the aeroplane, the submarine, the skyscraper, wireless, electric light and anesthesia all come later and fall within this marvelous century, and countless other wonderful inventions and discoveries have been annihilating time and distance or harnessing natural forces to human use.
 The beginning of the hundred-year period witnessed the Napoleonic wars, marking the greatest conflict since the dawn of history, and the end of the period witnesses another general European war working still greater destruction and world-wide disturbance. All this and much more, if we cared to go into the details, in the span of a century—a story almost beyond the grasp of the human mind.
 Lesson to Land Seekers.
 The wholesale conviction in the Kansas City federal court of Everglade land fraud perpetrators should be another warning to the unwary with money to invest in land. Some of the victims caught by these fakers were Nebraska people. While they have our sympathy, yet they should let this be a lesson to them not to try to find better land investments than are to be had right here in their own state, where they are assured of the advantages in soil, climate, transportation and all other facilities that go to make up a profitable and desirable community in which to live and build homes. The conviction of these crooks does not signify, of course, that there is no good land in Florida, but merely that there is no profit in a get-rich-quick enterprise except for the fellow who is promoting it. The multiplicity of boom land schemes calls for the severest discrimination on the part of the purchaser. And bona fide land-selling enterprises, as well as communities needing denser settlement, are among the heaviest sufferers from the shady schemes.
 Monroe Doctrine Developments.
 Former President Taft does well to remind his fellow-countrymen at this exciting time that the Monroe doctrine is here to stay, and that though Germany should attack Canada, which has joined in the attack on it, that alone would not violate the terms of this doctrine. But what Germany could not do, in the face of our traditional policy, says the ex-president, would be to take over the possession of Canada. The Monroe doctrine is plain on at least two points—it forbids European acquisition of new territory on the American continent and the transfer from one European nation to another of a possession on this continent.
 But as Germany has made no move toward attacking Canada and has gone so far as to pledge itself not to seek territorial expansion in South America, apprehensions as to Canada may be groundless. This pledge respecting South America reminds us that for ninety years the United States vainly awaited open recognition by any European power of this cherished policy. The best it could secure was silent acquiescence. But at the end of ninety years the open, formal recognition came, though it passed almost without being recognized by us.
 The Washington correspondent for Leslie's Weekly, Oswald P. Schutte, shows effectively that on September 3 "the German government sent a formal recognition of our right to maintain the Monroe doctrine to the State department. It was delivered by Count von Bernstorff to Acting Secretary of State Lansing." Mr. Bryan being off on one of his jaunts at the time. But it was pigeonholed and not heard of again till the German official directed attention to it. Then the great United States was subjected to the humiliation of a tardy recognition of what might have been played up as a great triumph, and had to confess that it had not observed the importance of the document before, the excuse being that the paper did contain the words, "Monroe doctrine." An alert State department should have followed up this advantage and have used the recognition from Germany as a leverage for formal acceptance by every other big power.
 The Movie's Serious Mission.
 The homely little phrase, "Seeing is believing," comes to mind in contemplating the possibilities of the moving picture as an instrument of popular education, both sacred and secular. Its future as a means of entertainment and amusement is assured, yet hardly more so, we think, than its other more serious and serviceable mission. Ours is an age of illustration, as every succeeding age is likely to be. Truth visualized before the physical eye makes a more impressive and lasting picture, especially on the plastic mind of youth, than when presented merely in the abstract to the mental vision.
 So the church and school are coming to recognize this new agency of instruction. The Church and Social Service bureau of New York is taking the lead in a rather pretentious campaign of moving picture education, having already arranged, censored and presented for use over the country by churches desiring them, moving pictures of biblical and sacred history scenes and stories. Many churches have incorporated this agency into their regular schemes of service with excellent results.
 But the Church and Social Service bureau, which expects to broaden the scope of its work as time permits, is now preparing to send a company of professional actors to Palestine to pose in different places hallowed in sacred history in order to bring down to this modern age

the visualized truths of the religion of that land. Thus again we find the church applying approved business methods to the things of God. And why not? In what better way can the moving picture be exalted to the higher spheres of popular service? For some time the question has been dinned into people's ears, "Why do not more men go to church?" Possibly this very invention of science may help remove the occasion for that question soon, by increasing the attraction of the preached word, who knows?
 War Intoxication.
 A British subaltern, writing home, lets loose the "fiery vehemence of youth" in this wise:
 I adore war. It is like a big picnic without the objectlessness of a picnic. I've never been so well or so happy.
 Which makes it easier to believe that, as a great French author said, "Youth is a continual intoxication; it is the fever of reason."
 But the war lords capitalize it at the highest mark. What a great thing for a state to have such an asset, if only it were put to its proper use. Converted into power to drive the engines of peaceful industry and science instead of war, this "delusion of youth" that adores war becomes, indeed, a nation's highest asset. What, then, of the economy and efficiency of governments that feed such material to cannon?
 A Permanent Omaha-Lincoln Roadway.
 In popping into the hopper a proposal for a permanent roadway to Omaha in order to attract tourists to the capital city, Mayor Zehring of Lincoln is said to be arousing no little enthusiasm in the project. From the Lincoln point of view, the undisputed purpose of such a highway would be to take traffic in that direction that would not otherwise go there, but there is no reason why it should not also have the favor of Omaha, because the natural expectation must be that as many tourists will be returning as going, and as many be drawn to Omaha by an attractive stretch of road as to Lincoln.
 A paved boulevard between Omaha and Lincoln, however, becomes a very practical question when we remember that the cost of construction, whether convict labor be used or not, must devolve upon the counties which it traverses unless the state as a whole should help out. We have a feeling that it would be harder to get action at the Lincoln end of the line than at the Omaha end, but unless the whole road in all its sectional parts can be put through together, piecemeal construction will hardly serve the purpose. Our good roads champions surely have something tangible here to work on.

WHAT CITIES ARE DOING.
 A charity fund roundup of Salt Lake City last Monday netted \$3,225.
 Municipal ownership of the water works system of San Francisco now represents an outlay of \$4,600,000.
 Des Moines issued twenty-nine permits for as many couples to commit matrimony on Thanksgiving day.
 Sioux City commissioners are preparing to register a united kick against an increase in railroad freight rates.
 Council Bluffs points with pride to a record of nine miles of concrete pavement laid this year.
 Street paving will continue through the winter in Baltimore, in order to provide work for the unemployed.
 Fracturing the speed regulations in Salt Lake City costs \$50 for first offense. Each repetition calls for \$100 and thirty days in jail.
 Milwaukee's health commissioner plans to establish free dispensaries and clinics in public school buildings for the benefit of school children and the general public.
 Atlanta insists on the street railway company installing a system which will prevent electricity wandering away from the rails and destroying other underground property.
 Des Moines' water system, which the city is about to take over, will require an outlay of \$2,432,000. Owing to the unsettled condition of the bond market the city desires a few weeks' delay before putting up the cash.
 During the last ten months New York City officials confiscated and destroyed 47,000 false weights and measures. Running down such tools of dishonesty is the liveliest work put up to the authorities.
 Chicago thieves have demonstrated that stealing a red-hot stove is not a figure of speech. Recently they made a way with one from a switchman's shanty and took along enough coal to keep the stove hot for a few days.

THE GOOD FELLOWS—PUSH 'EM ALONG.
 The exceptional response to The Bee's appeals for donations to the Christmas ship cargo carrying Yuletide happiness to the new-made orphans of the war-stricken countries of Europe proves that there is no delight more satisfying than that of furnishing pleasure to children. Calling attention to the fact that there are homes here in Omaha where little ones will otherwise have no Christmas joys, our contemporary, the World-Herald, has again started its "Good Fellow movement" to play Santa Claus for them.
 No one newspaper, no one church, no one charity, can do all the good work for the community, but each must do its share, and all together will accomplish results. So to the "good fellows" we say, "Hail and godspeed. They can find plenty that is praiseworthy to do. Push 'em along!"
Fish.
 A circular issued by the food supply committee of New York City, of which George W. Perkins happens to be chairman, dwells upon the food value of fish, and pertinently suggests that we lose a lot through the popular habit of eating fish only on Friday. The result is, that there is but a once-a-week demand for fish, which enables dealers to ask, and get, more than they would have to if they had a reasonably steady sale day in and day out. The advice of the committee is for those who like to eat fish to vary their custom so as to spread out the load on the fish market to the advantage of all concerned. We have heard that the finny tribe are no respecters of the different days of the week, and have been known to bite on Sundays despite the adage about virtue being its own reward. The difficulty, therefore, cannot be on the supply side, but only in the uneven demand for fish, which would surely be remedied by following the advice that is offered.

BEAUTIFYING THE BILLBOARD.
 For a long time cities waged war on the unsightly billboards, but the billboards, like the poor, we still have with us. The war on ugliness, however, was not entirely in vain, for the billboards are not the unsightly things they used to be. In the majority of cases they are being made more artistic, both in point of construction and design and decoration. They are being illuminated after dark, so that by night they present a less offensive appearance. And even though numerous in most growing cities, which have in their haste to expand, left too many vacant lots within their interiors, these billboards serve to hide an otherwise hideous vacant lot from public view. The billboard people, then, we say, are entitled to a measure of credit for making the best of what is popularly regarded as a bad thing to begin with. Give the billboard people credit, too, for exhibiting a very keen sense of the popular trend when they give space to moral and religious sentiments and precepts, which, though inspired by selfish motives, cannot fail to arouse a more kindly feeling for them.
 The quarantine on account of the foot-and-mouth disease is being lifted. The animal doctors will soon be telling us just how much in dollars and cents they have saved the country, but the ultimate consumer will need a microscope to see his saving.
 Churches that can get together for union Thanksgiving day services, can get together for other laudable objects. In union there is strength for church activities as well as for secular enterprises.
 Carranza, failing to find any real ground for complaint in our evacuation of Vera Cruz, grows at its lack of formal ceremony. Like the man who kicked even though about to be banged with two ropes.

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 James Hayes of New London, N. H., sold his apples at 10 cents a barrel to all who would pick them because of the big crop he has, and another dealer, who shipped No. 1 Baldwins out of town, received 12 cents a barrel.
 A Philadelphia produce merchant has taught his parrot to greet German customers with "Hoch der Kaiser," and English and French customers with "Vive Joffre," according to certain signals. The parrot, however, after giving the correct greetings for some time, now regularly gets the signals mixed.
 Four young men in Mason, Ga., have taken out licenses to marry the same girl. "Please don't let the newspapers get hold of this," was the request each made when applying for the license. Then each one took the license clerk into his confidence and told him the whole story. Each declared that he was in love with the girl, and that they are all pressing their suits to the utmost.

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PEOPLE AND EVENTS.
 One of the Standard Oil subsidiaries pays 40 per cent dividends, another pays 24 per cent. The kids of the oil family are crowding dad into the short grass section.
 The pocket nerve of Great Britain, estimated the most sensitive institution extant, is hooked for a painful disturbance. War revenue measures double the income tax.
 General Technically shows some rare speed in Connecticut, where objection is made to certain indictments on the ground that the foreman of the grand jury parted his hair in the middle.
 Talk about the corn belt, the orange belt, or the alfalfa belt—not one of them carries the serene comfort, the ineffable happiness of the pumpkin pie belt with wrinkles ironed out. Have another slice?
 Now suppose that the patriarchal Richard Croker, II, takes his fairy Indian picture, to be his Irish castle near Dublin, will the banshee scream or silently scot for the rocky caverns of Galway?
 After a week of prayer and mortification of the worldly spirit the students of a school at Worcester, O., removed all nude and gaudy decorations from their rooms and made a bonfire of the sinful pictures.
 Down in old Arkansas card playing is an art, not a game. The fact that a grand jury is investigating an epidemic of playing for prizes in the homes of one city shows the difficulties of preserving art from the blight of commercialism.
 Connecticut, famed for its steady habits and things, covers the alimony scoreboard with the finest bunch of figures seen in the Nutmeg state. Elizabeth B. Foster has been awarded divorce and \$100,000 alimony, which Piety Foster is required to fork over as a penalty for desertion.
 Now, brethren, shide not Kentucky because Breathin' county feudists precipitated three funerals last week. Consider the provocation. Who among Americans has the lingual skill to pronounce place names in the Russian war front, or the forbitude to discuss calmly a flock of Mexican generals alternately strutting the dope in the witches' cauldron? The wonder is that the dove of peace has a peg to perch on.

SIGNPOSTS OF PROGRESS.
 An electric machine that works automatically has been invented for stuffing sausages.
 The Italian government uses American machinery to manufacture shoes for its soldiers.
 A vein of anthracite within a foot of the surface has been struck in Pottsville, Pa. It is more than ten feet thick and is located only a stone's throw from the court house.
 The development of water power for furnishing electric light and power for Manila and its suburbs is planned by a street railway company now using Japanese coal to generate current.
 Ten girls have been graduated from a seven years' housekeeping course in St. Louis and have received diplomas certifying that they are perfectly fitted for domestic science applied.
 At the National Negro Business league convention at Muskogee, Okl., it was stated that 2,000,000 negroes living in Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas now have under their control, as owners and renters, about 420,000,000 worth of farm property and own 6,000 farms, containing 6,000,000 acres of land, with farm property, land, live stock and farming implements worth \$300,000,000.
 The greatest marble-producing industry in the world is no longer to be found in the famous Carrara district of Italy but in Vermont, where one of the richest veins in the world stretches in an irregular line across the state. So great is the production of marble in this section that the inhabitants have lost much of their appreciation of its value and use it for such humble and utilitarian purposes as paving, underpinning for barns, hitching posts, stepping stones and drinking troughs for horses. This vein is about fifty-seven miles long, from 1,500 to 2,200 feet in width, and from it is being taken in enormous quantities white marble that is equal to the finest Italian marble, as well as an endless variety of blue, yellow, green and jet-black marbles.
DOMESTIC PLEASANTIES.
 Newswed—Did you spend as much money as this before I married you?
 Mrs. Newswed—Why, yes.
 Newswed—Then bless me if I can understand why your father went on so when I took you away from him.—Boston Transcript.
 "It was simply in such agony I couldn't stand it with that attack of plumbago."
 "What did you do?"
 "I got the doctor to give me a morphine injection."—Baltimore American.
 Suitor (waiting for the lady)—Is your daughter coming out this winter?
 Father—She'll come out when she's good and ready, and if you get fresh I'll knock yer block off.—Cornell Widow.
 "I don't know of but one woman who has perfect confidence in her husband."
 "Are you sure there is one?"
 "Yes, she poses for him in vaudeville in a regular star-strewing act."—Louisville Courier Journal.
 "My wife made me a success," remarked the man.
 "I'm glad to hear you say that," declared the mistress.—Oklahoma City Journal.
 "Yes, she has always wanted so many things that I've had to hustle."—Kansas City Journal.
 "Hubby, some ladies have asked me to join the movement for beautifying our town."
 "Well?"
 "And I'd like to join."
 "What's your idea of beautifying our town? Getting a new feather for your hat?"—Pittsburgh Post.
 The mistress—I shall take one of the children to church with me this morning, Mary.
 The General—Yes'm; which?
 The mistress—Oh, whichever will go best with my new mauve dress.—London Sketch.
 "I hear it said that your speech has set people thinking," remarked the friend of the statesman.
 "I'm sorry," replied the statesman, "it wasn't intended for that."—Philadelphia Ledger.

IF THIS BE ALL.
 North American Review.
 If this be all, and when we die, we die. Then life is but a wanton, monstrous lie; And of the hapless creatures that draw breath, We, who seem flower and crown, rank far below.
 The least of living things that does not know The dread of loss, the certainty of death.
 If pain and sorrow are without a scheme, Dealt out by chance, then like an evil dream Of some dark fiend, this smiling, gracious earth, If we that hunger, never shall be filled; The sooner that our empty hearts are filled, The better for them and their aching death.
 Yet close, I feel, there wraps us all Around, Some mighty force, some mystery profound, And, through my doubts and ignorance, The power that bounds with laws the moon and tide, And hangs the stars in heavenly spaces wide, Must, by their witness, be both wise and just.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
 This Day in Omaha
 CHARLES TOWN BEE FILE

THE CLEARING HOUSE RECORD TODAY WAS \$96,272.
 Young's art emporium has been opened at 1515 Douglas street, and is now showing an assortment of artistic holiday goods.
 Sundry Knight is the toniest policeman on the force. He has a band to escort him on his beat on Sixteenth street at night, made up of two colored boys who march along behind him playing.
 David Staffman, the popular clear dealer, is having quite a run on his clear Havana. It is in honor of a son and heir.
 Myrtle Lodge Knights of Pythias, celebrated its anniversary with a supper and ball last evening. W. M. Wilcox, chamberlain commander, of fifteen, and A. D. Jones delivered the anniversary address. The music was furnished by a quartet. Mrs. Hayward and Mrs. Teal. Other responses were made by Dr. Carter, W. E. Coupland and Dr. Lisenring. For the coming year the following officers were elected: E. A. Crowell, G. C. J. Dohmely, V. C. W. M. Wilcox, J. F. Knapp, M. of E. W. P. Manning, M. of E. W. P. Baker, M. of A. George Sadie, K. of R. G.

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 James Hayes of New London, N. H., sold his apples at 10 cents a barrel to all who would pick them because of the big crop he has, and another dealer, who shipped No. 1 Baldwins out of town, received 12 cents a barrel.
 A Philadelphia produce merchant has taught his parrot to greet German customers with "Hoch der Kaiser," and English and French customers with "Vive Joffre," according to certain signals. The parrot, however, after giving the correct greetings for some time, now regularly gets the signals mixed.
 Four young men in Mason, Ga., have taken out licenses to marry the same girl. "Please don't let the newspapers get hold of this," was the request each made when applying for the license. Then each one took the license clerk into his confidence and told him the whole story. Each declared that he was in love with the girl, and that they are all pressing their suits to the utmost.

PEOPLE AND EVENTS.
 One of the Standard Oil subsidiaries pays 40 per cent dividends, another pays 24 per cent. The kids of the oil family are crowding dad into the short grass section.
 The pocket nerve of Great Britain, estimated the most sensitive institution extant, is hooked for a painful disturbance. War revenue measures double the income tax.
 General Technically shows some rare speed in Connecticut, where objection is made to certain indictments on the ground that the foreman of the grand jury parted his hair in the middle.
 Talk about the corn belt, the orange belt, or the alfalfa belt—not one of them carries the serene comfort, the ineffable happiness of the pumpkin pie belt with wrinkles ironed out. Have another slice?
 Now suppose that the patriarchal Richard Croker, II, takes his fairy Indian picture, to be his Irish castle near Dublin, will the banshee scream or silently scot for the rocky caverns of Galway?
 After a week of prayer and mortification of the worldly spirit the students of a school at Worcester, O., removed all nude and gaudy decorations from their rooms and made a bonfire of the sinful pictures.
 Down in old Arkansas card playing is an art, not a game. The fact that a grand jury is investigating an epidemic of playing for prizes in the homes of one city shows the difficulties of preserving art from the blight of commercialism.
 Connecticut, famed for its steady habits and things, covers the alimony scoreboard with the finest bunch of figures seen in the Nutmeg state. Elizabeth B. Foster has been awarded divorce and \$100,000 alimony, which Piety Foster is required to fork over as a penalty for desertion.
 Now, brethren, shide not Kentucky because Breathin' county feudists precipitated three funerals last week. Consider the provocation. Who among Americans has the lingual skill to pronounce place names in the Russian war front, or the forbitude to discuss calmly a flock of Mexican generals alternately strutting the dope in the witches' cauldron? The wonder is that the dove of peace has a peg to perch on.

SIGNPOSTS OF PROGRESS.
 An electric machine that works automatically has been invented for stuffing sausages.
 The Italian government uses American machinery to manufacture shoes for its soldiers.
 A vein of anthracite within a foot of the surface has been struck in Pottsville, Pa. It is more than ten feet thick and is located only a stone's throw from the court house.
 The development of water power for furnishing electric light and power for Manila and its suburbs is planned by a street railway company now using Japanese coal to generate current.
 Ten girls have been graduated from a seven years' housekeeping course in St. Louis and have received diplomas certifying that they are perfectly fitted for domestic science applied.
 At the National Negro Business league convention at Muskogee, Okl., it was stated that 2,000,000 negroes living in Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas now have under their control, as owners and renters, about 420,000,000 worth of farm property and own 6,000 farms, containing 6,000,000 acres of land, with farm property, land, live stock and farming implements worth \$300,000,000.
 The greatest marble-producing industry in the world is no longer to be found in the famous Carrara district of Italy but in Vermont, where one of the richest veins in the world stretches in an irregular line across the state. So great is the production of marble in this section that the inhabitants have lost much of their appreciation of its value and use it for such humble and utilitarian purposes as paving, underpinning for barns, hitching posts, stepping stones and drinking troughs for horses. This vein is about fifty-seven miles long, from 1,500 to 2,200 feet in width, and from it is being taken in enormous quantities white marble that is equal to the finest Italian marble, as well as an endless variety of blue, yellow, green and jet-black marbles.
DOMESTIC PLEASANTIES.
 Newswed—Did you spend as much money as this before I married you?
 Mrs. Newswed—Why, yes.
 Newswed—Then bless me if I can understand why your father went on so when I took you away from him.—Boston Transcript.
 "It was simply in such agony I couldn't stand it with that attack of plumbago."
 "What did you do?"
 "I got the doctor to give me a morphine injection."—Baltimore American.
 Suitor (waiting for the lady)—Is your daughter coming out this winter?
 Father—She'll come out when she's good and ready, and if you get fresh I'll knock yer block off.—Cornell Widow.
 "I don't know of but one woman who has perfect confidence in her husband."
 "Are you sure there is one?"
 "Yes, she poses for him in vaudeville in a regular star-strewing act."—Louisville Courier Journal.
 "My wife made me a success," remarked the man.
 "I'm glad to hear you say that," declared the mistress.—Oklahoma City Journal.
 "Yes, she has always wanted so many things that I've had to hustle."—Kansas City Journal.
 "Hubby, some ladies have asked me to join the movement for beautifying our town."
 "Well?"
 "And I'd like to join."
 "What's your idea of beautifying our town? Getting a new feather for your hat?"—Pittsburgh Post.
 The mistress—I shall take one of the children to church with me this morning, Mary.
 The General—Yes'm; which?
 The mistress—Oh, whichever will go best with my new mauve dress.—London Sketch.
 "I hear it said that your speech has set people thinking," remarked the friend of the statesman.
 "I'm sorry," replied the statesman, "it wasn't intended for that."—Philadelphia Ledger.

IF THIS BE ALL.
 North American Review.
 If this be all, and when we die, we die. Then life is but a wanton, monstrous lie; And of the hapless creatures that draw breath, We, who seem flower and crown, rank far below.
 The least of living things that does not know The dread of loss, the certainty of death.
 If pain and sorrow are without a scheme, Dealt out by chance, then like an evil dream Of some dark fiend, this smiling, gracious earth, If we that hunger, never shall be filled; The sooner that our empty hearts are filled, The better for them and their aching death.
 Yet close, I feel, there wraps us all Around, Some mighty force, some mystery profound, And, through my doubts and ignorance, The power that bounds with laws the moon and tide, And hangs the stars in heavenly spaces wide, Must, by their witness, be both wise and just.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
 This Day in Omaha
 CHARLES TOWN BEE FILE

EDITORIAL SHRAPNEL.
 Boston Transcript: If Uncle Sam does his whole duty to stricken Europe he will lock the door at Ellis Island and make the people who are fighting this war stay at home when it is over and help pay for it.
 Philadelphia Bulletin: With submarines attacking beneath, and dirigibles overhead, the newest dreadnoughts will have to be armored after the plan of a turtle, top and bottom as well as sides.
 The steel mills at least will rejoice.
 Indianapolis News: Inasmuch as it seems that we have invented a considerable proportion of the weapons and other things now being used in the European war, perhaps there is some justice, after all, in our paying part of the bill.
 New York World: The capital of the Krupp company is to be increased from 70,000,000 marks to 250,000,000. This company has the distinction of prospering in proportion to the amount of damage its output does to other industries.

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