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Ignorance of the war tax excuses no man. With congress in session what have we to

About all we know of the end of the war is that it is coming nearer every day.

According to reliable reports, the Zeppelin business over in Germany is looking up.

To be exact, the war dispatches should refer

to it as the place where Belgium used to be. But the trouble is the bomp that fell on the

Krupp works did not put it out of business.

Omaha is now besieged by an army also, but it is an army of cheerful Christmas shoppers.

Despite a setback now and then, that German war machine is some fighting mechanism.

No mistaking signs of the approach of the shortest day and the longest night of the year. Little Japan, it seems, started last and fin-

ished first, what it had to do in this war game. President Wilson's message uses up about 4,000 words. And this is the short session of

congress, too. The poor people in east Prussia and Poland menaced with starvation are also entitled to

sympathetic consideration. December 7, the first real snow. Again the joke is on the Nebraska man who fled for refuge

to a so-called winter resort. But if Brother Charley should be drafted to give his valuable time to the federal govern-

ment, who would run the Commoner? The prospective building of that Dodge street

viaduct ought to be another inducement for Dundee people to welcome consolidation,

Did some one say that our municipal water works was also supposed to be run on civil service lines, free from pull and politics?

As if we did not have trouble enough already, along comes a scientist and tells us that Niagara Falls will be dry in 1,000 years more. Or maybe he is just trying to "rub it in" on old Demon Run:

It is now proposed by a city commissioner to. tag drivers of "for hire" autos so they can be identified. Some day the authorities will screw up enough courage also to regulate auto stands so as to stop the blockading of busy streets by parked cars.

"Former Attorney General Wickersham is a man the people of the United States have learned to respect," says the local democratic organ, which, however, is something the same democratic organ was never willing to admit when Mr. Wickersham was attorney general.

Whether the school board is legally responsthle or not for the doctor bills incurred as the result of a child's exposure at the public school open air May festivities, the utter uselessness of exhibiting young children in that fashion is perfeetly obvious, and repetition not to be tolerated.



Two well known Omaha men, Will Krug and Ed Maurer, have invitations to attend a picuic at Laramia, Wyo., on Friday. They received today neatly printed cards, bordered with black bands, and eading: "You are respectfully invited to attend the execution of George Cook on Friday, December 12, 1886, at 11 o'clock, at the court house at Laramic,

Wyoming territory. Louis Miller, Sherift." The mayor has appointed John S. Wood, George Bennis and C. E. Redfield appraisers for the opening of West Douglas street.

Max Meyer is asking the council for permission to lay crosswalks of asphalt between the intersections of Farnam in place of the rough granite. Charles Westren of the Grand Union Tea company left on a business trip to New York.

The chief performers in the dramatic enterlain-ment given by the Seratoga Historical and Debating society were Mr. and Mrs. George Shields and Mrs.

N. J. Morris, 11E North Ninetzenth street, wants to give leasons in Swodish to students at their homes R. R. Balippan, as chief counseller, signs a notice or mumbers of Excelsion council of the Order of sen Priends to attend the funeral of Brother L. Wilson on War and Peace.

The dominant note of the president's message to the reconvened congress is war and peace-its reference to the war in Europe, and its emphasis on the obligations of peace in America. The other topics dealt with are unsatisfactory because of indefiniteness, but on the one point that the United States shall remain neutral, and shall not deviate from its long established military and naval policy, Mr. Wilson is clear and uncompromising.

True, we hear a great deal in these days about our unpreparedness for war, and the necessity for enlarging both army and navy to put us in position to cope with possible foes, There are advocates even of compulsory military service in this country to supplant the system of voluntary enlistment, and some demands for military expansion beyond all previous limits of peace strength. The president gives the effective answer to these outcries, when he says that we have no foreign foes to fear now any more than we had before the war conflagration, and that we will not have hereafter any more than before if we do our duty as a great neutral nation, and he is determined to have us do it. The only thing we need to be prepared for is to defend ourselves from attack, and for this we have been prepared right along. To maintain and improve our army and navy establishments on this basis will, of course, require constant outlay and better co-ordination with state military establishments, but to try to match the militarism of Europe just at the time when the armaments of the great powers are sure to be subjected to limitation as the result of the war, would be, as the president intimates, shortsighted and unwarranted. Incidentally this reassurance against a popular misconception 4s gratifying.

"The country has been misinformed," he declares. "We have not been negligent of national defense. We shall learn and profit by the lesson of every experience and every circumstance; and what is needed will be adequately done." But what is to be done, it must be understood, is not to be done in response to a temporary clamor, but pursuant to a permanent and settled policy, a policy which looks forward to peace, and not to war. In this declaration the chief executive unquestionably voices the sentiment of the vast majority of our sober-minded and peace-loving American citizens.

Arizona's S. O. S.

"For God's sake, help us!" This is the cry, not of war-besieged Europeans, but of peaceful American citisens, who are being shot down with impunity by reckless Mexican bushwhackers. The cry comes from Naco, Arizona, where five persons have been killed and forty-two others wounded by the Mexicans across the border. A citizens' committee has been organized to provide some method of protection and in the extremity of the situation this cry of distress goes up to Washington.

What has become of all our high-sounding warnings to Mex'co to keep its builets on its own side of the boundary line? What can be done to prevent such shooting when Mexican towns across the line are besieged? The people of Arizona seem to have suggested a wise and effective measure let our government take such action as will automatically close any port on the Mexican border whenever it becomes the scene of battle. That is one way among others if those responsible for affairs would only try to find them.

The people who reside where Mexico borders on Texas, Arizona, New Mexico or California, should have the same rights to the security of life and property as those who happen to live further back in the interior.

The Same Old Story.

One of the "nine cardinal causes" of industrial unrest most generally agreed on by employers and employes alike, named in the report submitted to congress by the Commission on Industrial Relations is "A desire on the part of the workers for a voice in the determination of conditions under which they labor." Failure to satisfy such a desire is said to figure vitally in conditions existing in Colorado coal mining fields for the last four years, during which loss of property and life has been the climax of a rule of terror that defied state civil and military authority and for a time tried the mettle of armed federal power, itself.

It would be ignominious folly to attempt to lay the full blame for this prolonged outlawry on the miners any more than on their employers, but it must be laid largely to the blind and unreasoning self-interest which has prevented so much progress toward what we may really hail as an intelligent method of handling industrial disputes. The fact is, that while self-interest is at the bottom of most of the trouble, it ultimately defeats itself.

No set of men or interests, whether wage earners or wage payers, may justly arrogate to itself the right to organize and carry on its affairs as an organization and then refuse to recognize the right of the other side to do the same thing. Yet we find almost invariably in these disputes this same old story-"refusal to recognize" when the facts are all brought out. The board of mediation appointed by the president to adjust the Colorado differences may, let us hope will, succeed in its mission and that the miners will act upon the recommendations of their chiefs to call off the strike and go to work if given the chance, but the mediation board would fall of its duty if it did not emphasize this point, that neither side has any exclusive rights of organization. The mine owners have notably acted in this Colorado altuation as a body and they must expect their employes to want to act the same way.

The Pinchot senatorial campaign in Pennsylvania cost the candidate something over \$42,000. The elimination of money from politics is evidently no more feasible for the progressive party reformer than for the oldfushioned old party politician.

As far as anyone has learned, Colonel Watterson has not as yet joined Secretary Bryan in the demand for national prohibition in the next democratic platform.

Once more it seems safe for a man to stand up and in an old-fashioned way declare his belief in the constitution just as she is.

Active Service in War Time

Graphic Description by E. Charles Vivien in Book Just Issued Entitled "British Army from Within."

Part L.

The popular conception of active service is of a succession of encounters with the enemy. Desperate deeds of valor, brilliant charges by bodies of troops men saving other men under fire, the storming of ositions and the flush of victory after strenuous action enter largely into the civilian conception of war

The reality is a somber business of marching and watching, nights without sleep and days without food; retracing one's steps in order to execute the plan of brain to which a man is but one effective rifle out of many thousands, marching for days and days, seeing nothing more exciting than a burnt-out house and the marching men on either side and to front and rear-and then the contact with the enemy. vicious crack from somewhere, or the solid boom of a plece of artiflery; somewhere away from the front or flank is the enemy, and his pieces do damage in the ranks; there is a searching for cover, some orders given; rerhaps a comrade lies utterly still, and knows that that man will not move any more; there is a desperate sense of ineffectiveness, of anger at this cowardly (as it seems) trick of hitting when one cannot hit back. There is the satisfaction of getting the range and firing with results that may be guessed, but cannot be known accurately by the man who fires; there is the curious thrift that comes when an angrily singing bullet passes near, and one realizes that one is under fire from the enemy. In a normal action there is the sense of disaster, even of defeat when one's side may in reality be winning, for one sees men dying, wounded, lying dead-one knows the damage the enemy has inflicted, but has no idea of the damage one's own force has inflicted in return Often, when it begins to be apparent that the enemy is nearly beaten, there comes the order to retire; one does not understand the order, but, with sullen sense of resentment at it, retires, ducking at the whizzing of a shell, though not all the ducking in the world would avail if the shell were truly aimed at the one who ducks, or starting back to avoid a bullet that whizzed by-as if by starting back one could get out of the way of a bullet!

After a day of action, or after the chance has come to rest for a while after days of action, one gets a sense of horror of the whole business-the tragedy of lives laid down, in a good cause certainly, but the men are dead, and one questions almost with despair if it is worth while. So many good men with whom one has joked and worked and played in time of peace have gone under-and there are probably more battles yet to fight. It is not until a war has concluded, and men who have served are able to get some idea of the operations as a whole, that they are able to understand what has been done. Men who come back wounded from Mons and Charlerol, away from the magnificent three weeks' retreat that was then in progress, for the British and French armies were in many cases fully convinced that they had been de feated-that their armies were beaten and had to retreat to save themselves from destruction. The man in the ranks cannot understand the plan of the staff who control him, for he sees so very little of the whole; at the most, he knows what is happening to a division of men, while engaged in the retreat to the position on the Marne were, at the least, twenty divisions on the side of the allies. Had one of these been utterly shattered in a set battle, the other nineteen might still have won a decisive victory, and, if news of that victory had not come through for a day or two, the survivors from the shattered division would have spread tidings of a defeat-which it would have been, to them. The man in the ranks sees so little of the whole.

Here the war correspondent makes the most egregious mistake, for, untrained in military service mself, he takes the word of the men in the ranksthe man on the staff of army headquarters is far too busy and far too discreet to talk to war correspondents and—opt of what the man in the ranks has to say the war correspondent makes up his story. Though the man in the ranks may believe his own story be true, though he may tell of the operations as he impression of what is actually happening. The man in the ranks is one cog in a machine, and he cannot tell what all the machine is doing at any one time least of all when a buttle is in progress.

Every battle fought differs from all other battles, for no opposing forces over meet under precisely identical conditions twice. Thus it is uscless to speak of a typical battle except in the broadest general sense, and useless to attempt to describe a typical battle, or action of any kind. Usually the artillery get into action after cavalry have reconnoitered the enemy's position; the guns shell the enemy until he is considered sufficiently weakened to permit of infantry attack, and then the infantry go forward, even up to the rarely occurring bayonet chacge. If their advance dislodges the enemy, the cavalry are sent on to turn retreat into rout; if, on the other hand, the attacking force is compelled to retire, the cavalry cover the retreat, and, in order to make good in retreat, a part of a force is taken back while the remainder hold the enemy in check. In modern actions artillery fire their shells over the heads of their pwn infantry at the enemy, distance and trajectory permitting of this. By trajectory is meant the curve that a projectile describes in its flight; both rifle and big guns are so constructed and sighted that they throw their projectiles upward to counteract the pull of gravity, and the missile eventually drops down toward its object-it does not travel in a perfectly straight line. But it is bad for infantry to be in front of their own guns, with their own artillery shells passing over them for too long-morale suffers from this after a time, since a man cannot distinguish in such a case between his own artillery's shells and those of the enemy. Whenever possible the artillery in rear of an infantry force are posted alightly to either flank; circumstances, however, do not always admit of this.

(Conclusion Tomorrow.)

People and Events

Possessors of the champagne appetite are invited to cheer up and look pleasant. Word comes from the champagne cellars of France that 215,270,900 quarts are available for next year's thirst.

War is blowing heles in the social armor that hedges royalty. Princess Mary of England has raised a fund of \$500,000 to be used in furnishing Christman cheer for soldiers at the front. In times of stress even a princess takes money from the hands of

The fellow Kimmel who secured a deluge of publicity a few years ago as a mysterious claimant of Niles, Mich., and Kansas, turns up once more in St. Louis courts, this time charged with robbery of a store at Weldon Springs, Mous Some of the stolen goods were found in his possession, but he insists the

goods, were given to him by a stranger. Where, oh, where is Bucknam Pasha? The noted American navigator, halling from Pennsylvania and the lakes, became an admiral of the Turkish navy some years back, and took some part in the naval operations of the Balkan war. Being a protege of the extled Sultan Abdul Hamid, it is likely he has been shelved by the ruling Young Turks. Doubtless retirement suits Buchnam, who, knowing the Turkish fleet, sees little chance for glory in fighting with naval

A protest against joking at the expense of plumb ers appears in Domestic Engineering. Ribald jesters are asked to pause and consider the achievement of the noble profession: "The sanitary conditions now prevailing in the United States are better than those of any other country in the world. This high standard has largely been brought about through the santtary codes which have been championed by the 49,000 men engaged in the profession of plumbing and sanitary engineering in this country." People who are sything funny about a plumber are welcome to the The Bees

Statement of President Walker. OMAHA, Dec. 8 .- To the Editor of The Bee: It is regrettable that your paper should print such an article as that under the caption of "Teacher's Dismissal Legal." To show its untruthfulness, will take it by sections or paragraphs. In the report handed me by Mr. Herring and signed by himself, he does not mention "discharge;" in fact, ignores that phase entirely, while seeming to hold that the report of the teachers' committee was only a motion to place on file Miss

Stegner's communication. In the second section of your article, am quoted as saying it was a "personal matter." etc. This was in accordance with Mr. Herring's opinion, given to me in the presence of Mr. Warfield, and Mr. Herring said at that time that if I ruled that the matter had not been referred to him, he would have to sustain my ruling. Your article further states that the secretary's records show that the matter was referred to the attorney. Without consuiting any member, I will say that I doubt if a single member will say that he voted to submit it to the attorney, or that any such motion was ever made or put to the board, and no matter is otherwise ever "referred" unless ordered by the chair. I have signed the minutes, as requested by Mr. Bourke. I did not bother to read them. I have not looked at them as yet, but knowing and trusting Mr. Bourke as I do, I do not believe that he, knowing the method of referring matters and that actions that evening were taken when ten members and about twenty-five well known men and women citizens were present, would faisify his records. I cannot believe it until I have carefully read the minutes.

In the section purporting to contain Mr. Herring's opinion, I would say that your reporter has been imposed upon. There is absolutely no similarity between the report now in my possession and the one printed. Mr. Herring may have written such a report to either Dr. Holowtchiner or Dr. Foster, the two members who, after the board meeting, and walking ahead, were overtaken by Reporter Smith of the World-Herald, and after conversing with him, turned back toward The Bee office; but one thing is certain, the published report is not a copy of the one I have. By the way, the report 1 have was not addressed to the board, and Mr. Herring explained that, because it was unofficial, it was not so addressed. In the paragraph, "after the meeting," etc., your representative either misunder-

stood, or I did not make myself clear, as I, never having discussed the legality of Miss Stegner's dismissal with Mr. Herring, certainly would not say that he had said what I am supposed to have quoted him as saying. Strike out the first four words of that

alleged remark and you will have my own opinion and that of several well informed attorneys, other than the board's attorney. C. T. WALKER.

Suggests Substitute for County Fair. IRVINGTON, Neb., Dec. 8.-To the Editor of The Bee: Your editorial regarding the Douglas County Agricultural Society meets my hearty approval. The appropriations for the same is one of the holdups on the county. I have twice attended the annual meeting having a tip that there was to be a show free of expense to all who desire to enter. I would suggest, if it is the desire to reach and impart knowledge to both old and young of the rural population, a series of films of animals of all kinds so as to show their good and de of the birds with their crops exposed to show their value as exterminating insect life that are enemies to crops; tree surgery and many other things as of beau-

tifying the home, and making it sanitary. These films could be made and shown with an educator versed with the subject. They could be shown free at all the different towns in the county and would draw large numbers for the afternoon and evening. On their return to their homes they would open discussion that would prove of far more benefit that the gathering together of pumpkin and other field crops with judges awarding premiums on the simple well laid plan, you scratch my back and I will FRANK B. HIBBARD.

Boost National Employment Bureau. SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 8.-To the Editor of The Bee: I am glad to note in Sunday's Bee that the Omaha Commercial club is going to boost for a national employment bureau. This is among the first unselfish enterprises Omaha can boast of. As proof that I am not prejudiced, I say, "All hats off to the Omaha Commercial club for this great move to help out the laboring people of the United States." Every one knows a great many of the private employment bureaus are nothing short of a hold-up instead of a benefit to people out of employment. Let the good work go on with many thanks to the Omaha Commercial club. J. G. BLESSING.

A Safety First Warning.

OMAHA, Dec. 7.-To the Editor of The Bee: Would you kindly give me a small space to give a little warning to passengers leaving street cars and passing from behind without looking first. Yesterday I was an eye witness to what would have proved a fatal accident without a doubt had it not been for the heroism and presence of mind of the chauffeur of car 8730, Nebraska. It was a marvelous escape and worthy of the greatest praise. The owner should be proud of such a driver, if it was not the owner himself who was driving. Happy Hollow, JOHN H. M. WOODS.

Justice on Trial in Georgia.

CUSHING, Neb., Dec. 8 .- To the Editor of The Bee: With special interest I noticed your editorial on "Justice on Trial in Georgia." It is one of the most interesting cases that has ever come un

der my observation. I lived in the south for several years-was there when the crime was committed. Through an Atlanta paper I followed the developments of the case in all its details, but when it terminated as it did I was almost stunned. When the case went to the jury all

agreed that it would be either disagree ment or acquittal. Mr. Frank is a young His trial judge said he had s doubt in his own mind of Mr. Frank's guilt. And still he sentenced him to death, and, furthermore, refused him a new trial. A peculiarity of the case was a negro as the state's star witness. A negro's testimony has little or no weight in a southern court; his teatimony is often not admitted in court, and especially not against a white man. It was a negro's testimony, and only his, that felled Mr. Leo M. Frank. I hope The Bee will keep me informed on the further development of this interesting N. P. SORENSEN, Pastor Bethania Danske Lutheran

SAID IN FUN.

"Yes, some of us fellows keep house at the fraternity home."
"Don't you hate to wash dishes?"
"We don't have to. We have pienty of candidates for the fraternity, and dish-washing is great as an initiation stunt."
—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Gabriel was just about to blow his trumpet.

"Hey, hold on there," shouted a newly srisen spirit, "wait till I get the movie men on the job."

Thus we see the continued need of photoplay censorship.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"What's the best speech you heard in "The motion to adjourn," replied Sen-ator Sorgham. "But half the pleasure of that was apoiled by the tedious pre-liminaries."—Washington Star.

"The doctors who attended me after my automobile accident told me I was full of grit."
"Yes: I understand they removed a great deal of the road you were holding in your teeth."—Baltimore American.

The beautiful girl was writing a letter. "I am writing," she mused, "not because I have something special to say, but because I have nothing special to do."
Thus does the busy little bec employ each shining hour.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Irate Colonei (to his daughter -Eliza-teth, how could you be so inhospitable to that young man who called last night? Bess-Inhospitable! Why, dad -Pater-You should by no means have let, him go without asking him to breakfast. -Philadelphia Record.

"You look scared, lieutenant," said coarse-grained fellow in the ranks to coarse-grained fellow in the ranks to an intelligent young officer as the regiment was ordered to charge.
"I am scared," was the frank reply, "If you were half as scared as I am you

Development

TRAMWAT

APPRAISE.

EFFI-CIENCY BEFORTS.

would be on the run five miles in the rear."-Soston Transcript.

The Sire-I see in this expense account "fourteen suits, \$1,000." You didn't pay that much for fourteen suit of clothes?
The Son-No; two of 'em were damage suits.-Chicago News.

LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE.

That wind is very fil, 'tis said,
Which blows no class esone.
Disease and sin and conquest red
May bring to some their daily bread.
Let well enough slone.

Hence it may happen that the baker, The dealer in tombstone, The gunsmith, ammunition maker, The doctor and the undertaker Let well enough alone.

The owner of the brothel fence,
Rich on investment grown,
Is prone to view in higher rents
The hand of heipful providence,
Let well enough alone.

The money lords, who scatter dimes And nickels to atone
For all their economic crimes
Resulting from the hardened times.
Let well enough alone.

And so the beneficiary
Of that contention's bone.
The liquor trade, can likewise see
In drunkenness prosperity.
Let well enough alone.

Some day, we hope, society, Reaping as it has sown. Shall learn the false economy That takes the prize from equity, Let well enough alone.

o'er our int'rests floats a straw A better wind has blown, Which points to nobler forms of law And higher meaning of the saw, Let well enough alone. WILLIS HUDSPETH. Omahs.





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