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 Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me, this 7th day of December, 1914.  
 ROBERT MILLER, Notary Public.  
 Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.  
 Notice to Mexico: Stop early.  
 Now for a Mexican battle or two on the floor of congress.  
 Time for our city authorities to smoke up again on the smoke nuisance.  
 Wonder if the war lords are getting as tired of it as the men in the trenches.  
 With risk of repetition: The way for Greater Omaha to consolidate is to consolidate.  
 Since both sides are still winning in the war, there is, of course, no chance for peace at present.  
 The powder magazine and armor-plate boys are waging war with their heaviest guns on all peace policies.  
 Home is the place where the humblest man may be king and the humblest woman queen, if only they do their part.  
 The retailers ought to be interested in keeping the railroads from putting their passenger fares back again to 3 cents a mile.  
 Farmers' combines are nothing new, but it remains to be seen whether conditions are more favorable to them at present than heretofore.  
 The Germans may talk loud, but they should see the street cars in Kansas City—Kansas City Star.  
 There are others. Put on a few more straps, please!  
 Unless you want to get in bad, do not argue preparedness for war as the best means of preserving peace after what Europe's preparedness has precipitated.  
 After several years of searching, skillful detectives have found another clue to Dorothy Arnold, although Dorothy, herself, continues among the missing.  
 Let us hope that the annual stream of rivers and harbors boosters flowing into Washington will really begin this year to accomplish something in the right channel.  
 The reappearance of the Shaw case in the courts reminds us that even in the swift current of modern life, we have not passed beyond all the milestones of old lang syne.  
 President Wilson has congratulated the president of the Nevada Suffrage association on the success of the cause in her state. What he said to Secretary Bryan is not reported.  
 Senator Kenyon has a bill to reduce the number of taxmen required for a federal grand jury. Now there's a place for economy, and the economy might also be carried to our local grand juries.  
 The Bee will print tomorrow the first of a series of war articles by the world-famed Rudyard Kipling, entitled "The New Army," describing scenes and incidents in the recruiting camps. Watch for it.  
 Not the least of "Wizard" Edison's contributions to his fellowmen is the example he is setting of the indomitable courage and determination that overcomes all misfortunes and surmounts all obstacles.

**Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha**  
 The Home Circle Literary club has been organized with W. H. Thompson president and W. H. Combs secretary. The first meeting was held at the residence of Mr. Bailey on North Nineteenth.  
 Thatcher, Pimrose & West's minstrels are holding forth at Boyd's with the original "Billy" Rice as an additional attraction.  
 W. B. Shortridge, one of Council Bluffs' old citizens, is about to depart for Omaha.  
 A brand new toy bag arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Patterson.  
 There was a violent storm at a schoolroom, the ground being quite without a ray of light, but the weather cleared up during the day. The thermometer marked ten degrees above zero.  
 The biggest snow on record was to be seen at Robert Purvis' mission house. It weighed twenty-three pounds. While fourteen pounds is considered extraordinary weight for a foot of this species.  
 Mrs. A. Neff has gone to Toronto on a visit.  
 It is reported that G. H. Smith, the pugilist, has gone to Chicago and will no longer figure among the sporting fraternity here.

**The Proposed Christmas Armistice.**  
 An armistice in the war arena over the Christmas holidays is proposed from several sources, one suggestion coming from the pope at Rome and another taking the form of a resolution offered by Senator Kenyon, appealing to the belligerents in the name of the American congress to declare a truce for twenty days so that the people of the world may fittingly observe the Christmas season. Reports from Germany would indicate that the Kaiser is inclined to look with favor upon the plan; stipulating the condition, however, that all the other powers engaged in the war accept likewise.  
 The Christmas idea appeals to the sentiment, and particularly to the religious fervor of the Germans, who have always made much of the "Weihnachts-Feier" and a recess of arms to observe the Christmas festival would also strike a popular chord with the English, French, Belgian and Russian elements of the allies. The troops from India, from North Africa, from Turkey and from the Moslem parts of the Balkans and Asia Minor do not have Christmas on their calendar, nor do the Japanese, and they might see no more reason for interrupting the combat now than at some other time when they might want to celebrate a religious holiday. Should the Christmas recess eventuate, it will stamp this war above all as a war between "Christian nations."  
 To Americans and other people not participating in the war, the importance of the armistice proposal lies in the encouragement it holds out for another armistice, even though not immediate, preparatory to a final peace settlement. If the fighting can be stopped now for a little while, it will strengthen our hope that it can be mediated or direct negotiations be terminated for good at no distant time.

**Fred A. Nash.**  
 Although he never held public office, Fred A. Nash, who has just died, held for years a very public position in this community, and may, therefore, be rightly called a public man. In his life-long railroad work, and later as head of the electric lighting company, as in private with his friends, his most striking trait was that of intense loyalty to the interests he was called on to represent. These interests sometimes put him in an attitude conflicting with the interest of the public, in which case The Bee has often had to take decided issue with his contentions; on the other hand, it might be said that Mr. Nash has manifested a greater disposition for fairness in dealing with the public than is usually found in the spokesman of the franchised corporations. In the thankless job, also, which he has filled as the president and directing officer of the Auditorium, he has rendered an unselfish public service, to which, unfortunately, the public has not yet accorded the due recognition and appreciation.

**Secretary McAdoo's Little Joke.**  
 Secretary McAdoo either is deluding himself with the notion that the American people are strangely obtuse, or he must be joking, when, in his report reviewing the establishment of the reserve bank, he hands out again that chaff about no politics having been played in the game. "At the very outset," the secretary gravely assures us, "the committee announced that it would not allow itself to be swayed or influenced by local or political considerations, but would determine the important questions submitted to it with sole regard to what in its judgment would be best for the integrity and efficiency of the new system and the general interests of the country." Yet while he refers to expressions of dissatisfaction with the committee's findings as "ill-considered criticism," he is careful to attach as an appendix to his report the lengthy supplementary statement issued at the time by the committee in defense of its untenable and arbitrary rulings.  
 In this very statement a complete refutation may be found of the secretary's pretense that the organization committee was not "swayed or influenced" by local or political considerations for it shows that the itinerary for holding hearings gave Omaha the go-by in order to favor Mr. Bryan with a stop in Lincoln, when, manifestly, by the exhibit of relative banking power, gauged by capital, loans and deposits, Lincoln was never for a moment considered in the same class with Omaha, Kansas City and Denver. If that action was not on its face a political move to boost the democratic secretary of state, who happens to hail from Lincoln, and to slap the recalcitrant democratic senator from Nebraska, who lives in Omaha, we would like to know what prompted it. If there were anything besides politics and political trading to justify locating two reserve banks in Missouri and forcing Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming out of the line of customary traffic, it is not apparent on the surface, nor below the surface, as far as anyone has been able to get.  
 The secretary may expect some folks to accept his prating about the reserve banks being free from the influence of politics, but we give him credit for too much common sense to take his own joke seriously.

**Sereno E. Payne.**  
 Death abruptly rounds out the career of Sereno E. Payne just as many of the stalwart republicans, with whom he was intimately identified in recent congresses, are about to return to resume their work as lawmakers, after retirement by defeat from which he was spared. Mr. Payne's public career reminds us of the exceptions to all rules, even that that "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country and his own home," for he was maintained in congress for thirty-one years as the chosen representative of the people who knew him best. Perhaps in seeking an estimate of the man, beyond that already formed in the public mind, we should go no further than the one implied in this fact. Prominent throughout his long tenure, Congressman Payne, as chairman of the ways and means committee, therefore became head of the tariff-making mechanism of congress, in which capacity he became most widely known. And while bearing his share of criticism, he bears also from political friends and foes alike, the tribute of a courageous, resourceful and honorable public servant.

**The Fidelity of members of the coming Nebraska legislature to their economy promises is to be tested to the extreme, since the auditor, taking them at face value, has submitted estimates calling for \$40,000 less legislative expenses than two years ago.**

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**In the Wake of the War**  
 Austria and Servia.  
 To those unblinded minds seeking light on the real cause of the war, the speech of former Premier Giolitti in the Italian Parliament a few days ago supplies a new light. The former premier spoke in support of the position of neutrality taken by the Italian government and emphasized the loyalty of Italy to treaties. Italy maintained at the outset that the present war was not a defensive war with alone, but was not under the terms of the triple alliance. Supporting that contention, Giolitti instanced the purpose of Austria to attack Servia in August, 1914. The Italian government was informed of that purpose, and the co-operation of Italy requested under the terms of the triple alliance treaty. The then Premier Giolitti notified Austria that an attack on Servia would not come under the terms of the treaty. It is not defensive, because nobody thinks of attacking her (Austria)."  
 Strong Fighting Force.  
 The Indian troops of the British empire fighting in France and Belgium appear, from the meager news articles from the western theater of war, to be upholding the tradition for valor and efficiency. Of the Indian native troops in action those mentioned in the brief dispatches are Gurkhas and Sikhs and these troops appear to be the backbone of the continent so far withdrawn from India for service on the continent of Europe.  
 The Gurkhas have fought under the British flag for more than a century and have always fulfilled the reliance placed on their loyalty and courage. The ten regiments of Gurkhas, having a strength of about 30,000 men, for the full period of their association with the British army have been esteemed as a most valuable element in the native forces of the Anglo Indian army. Their history is largely the history of the British conquest of India. They covered themselves with glory in the Afghan and Sikh wars and fought shoulder to shoulder with the British troops during the Indian mutiny. They have always been loyal to the union jack, and their ferocious and dogged tenacity have won for them many a brilliant victory.  
 Lord Roberts, in his long career in India, commended Gurkha troops, and that officer, lamented by the British people, has on several occasions paid tribute to the wonderful fighting qualities of these famous Indian soldiers.  
 Fighting by the side of the Gurkhas are the Sikhs. The Sikhs are a religious sect, the word Sikh meaning "disciple" or "follower," and was applied to these people by the first Guru Nanak, whose followers they became.  
 A Hindoo becomes a Sikh by baptism under the rites of that religious belief. The home of these people is in northern India, mainly in the Punjab, the United Provinces and in Kashmir. They have fought against the British, but their loyalty has been beyond question for half a century.

**Winter Campaigning.**  
 "That the coming winter," says the Scientific American, "will add greatly to the difficulties and hardships of the warring European nations cannot be doubted. It is true that improvements in military methods and equipments have made impossible such conditions as the attending Napoleon's retreat from Moscow or even those incidental to the operations of the allied armies in the Crimean war; yet the rigors of winter are still a factor to be reckoned with in both the strategical and humanitarian aspects of war."  
 "As to the sufferings entailed upon the soldiers, a few illustrations will show that they are still heavy. Of the fighting in Manchuria in January, 1905, during the Russo-Japanese war, Sir Ian Hamilton says: 'Horsemen galloped about the field with the foam and dripping sweat of their horses changing into a crust like snow and long dangling icicles. The fifth division—only seventy yards distant from the Russians, near Heligoland—had the shovels between their feet. When they saw their feet to keep life in them, the Russians, expecting an advance, fired on them. When the Japanese remained quiet they lost their toes. Four hundred of them were found to be suffering from tosho (frost-bite) the next morning.'"  
 Mark Twain's "War Prayer."  
 An unpublished article by Mark Twain, called "The War Prayer," was recalled by Dr. Henry Neuman, leader of the Ethical Culture society of Brooklyn, N. Y., in his address on Mark Twain before the Ethical society of St. Louis, last Sunday.  
 The story tells how a regiment on its way to the front assembled at church and prays for victory. When the prayer is concluded, a white-robed stranger enters to say he has been sent from "on high" with a message that the petition will be answered if the men care to repeat it after understanding its full import. Their prayer, he tells them, asks for more than they seem to realize. Hence he bids them listen while he repeats aloud these unspoken implications of their desire:  
 "O Lord, we go forth to smite the foe. Help us tear their soldiers to bloody shreds with our shells; help us to cover their smiling fields with the pale forms of their patriot dead; help us to lay waste their humble homes with a hurricane of fire; help us to lord the hearts of their unoffending widows with unavailing grief. For our sakes, who adore Thee, Lord, blast their steps, water their way with their tears."  
 Because he was told that this article would be regarded as sacrilegious Mark Twain, who, according to Dr. Neuman, was a free thinker, did not print it.

**People and Events**  
 Well, what do you know about this? Word comes out of New York City that, owing to the scarcity of money in pocket or on hand, pickpockets are joining the bread lines.  
 C. C. Miller, a New York prophet, sends a stilted note of joy to the real estate world. A real estate boom in the United States is to be one of the results of the war in Europe. Vendors of lots and acres, look pleasant, please.  
 The champion domestic prize winner of Quarryville, Pa., is Mrs. Winfield Stoner. Although only 21 and the mother of nine children, she found time to cultivate the art of cake baking and won the championship of the locality in a competition with 209 others.  
 Miss F. Tennyson Jesse, the novelist, is much annoyed because people refer to her as the niece of the poet Tennyson. No objection to the relationship, eh, no. The point is she is not old enough to be his niece, but is his grandniece. The matter of years is quite important, in view of their heartless tendency to speed up.

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**Belgium's Calamity and Our Own.**  
 OMAHA, Dec. 11.—To the Editor of The Bee: The criticisms contained in several letters published in the Omaha papers of those who are sending food and clothing to the Belgians seem to me most uncalled for. The fact that we have in our city many cold and hungry people is unfortunately true. We have them this winter, we have always had them, and we have never taken care of them as we should. But now because we are sending help to a country in desperate need a cry is raised that we are neglecting our own poor. The fact is that more than usual is being done for them. Some have largely increased their ordinary subscriptions to the charitable organizations of the city and have still found something to send abroad. The place to care is not on the Belgians, but on ourselves. We must go without something if necessary, and give to both. The calamity in Belgium is an extraordinary one, comparable on a large scale to our own tornado, a calamity which, heaven grant, will never come again. It calls for unusual sacrifices and generosity.  
 M. G.

**The Flea is Self-Defense.**  
 BANCROFT, Neb., Dec. 10.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have just read the letter of F. A. Agnew, who is in sympathy with the Belgians. But Mr. Agnew does not understand the real cause of the present war. Did Kaiser Wilhelm make the first move in Belgium? On July 30 the French passed the line into Belgium and broke the neutrality. Had the French any more right in Belgium than the Germans, whose Kaiser so many claim started the war? Mr. Agnew, don't you know that Germany has an army only to meet their opponents? The reason the Belgians are starving is because the British line is holding the control of the sea. England promised the poor Belgians help, but where is John Bull now to help that poor country? The price of bacon is lower than it has been for years, why don't John Bull buy meat here in the United States and help the poor Belgians, and stick to the promise? What would you do, Mr. Agnew, if four men of your size were fighting against you like they are against the state of Germany? I say that Germany was compelled to go through Belgium on account of self-defense.  
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 "Why should a society man seek the depths of darkest Borneo? Is there any chance for his explorations to result in any discoveries worth while?"  
 "Decidedly worth while. He hopes to dig up a new dance."—Louisville Courier-Journal.  
 The ferret-eyed little man stepped across the street and whistled into the ear of the tall chap in a gray suit.  
 "You'd better wipe that bit of egg off your chin. The income tax man is just two seats in front of you."—Indianapolis Star.  
 "How did you come to say young Thompson was interperate?"  
 "Never did say such a thing."  
 "You told somebody he drank like a fish."  
 "Well, what of that? Do fishes ever drink anything but water, and any more of that than they need?"—Baltimore American.  
 "That woman has a hard time getting along."  
 "What does she do for a living?"  
 "She makes fans."  
 "Then it ought to be easy for her to raise the wind."—Baltimore American.  
 Teacher—What did the handwriting on the wall say?  
 Johnny—You have been weighed in the balance and found wanting.  
 Teacher—And what does that mean?  
 Johnny—That he forgot to drop a penny in the weighing machine slot.—Philadelphia Ledger.  
 "Why didn't you vote for my re-election?"  
 "We wanted you home for a little while."—Farmers Convention.  
 "We regard you as one of the finest speakers in the country, as there's no sense nor justice in lettin' an unappreciative congress monopolize your eloquence forever."—Washington Star.  
 Book Agent—Let me tell you, my dear sir, that you can't afford to miss an opportunity like this.  
 Busy Business Man—Still I'm tempted to do so. Hang the expense.—Life.  
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 Lots of busting.  
 Everyone busting.  
 An ever-flowing of holiday cheer.  
 Plenty of fun.  
 Just begun.  
 Christmas will soon be here.  
 On corner toiling.  
 To keep "kettie boiling."  
 For those to bring some cheer:  
 Kettie swinging,  
 Bell keeps ringing,  
 Christmas will soon be here.  
 Churches holding banners,  
 Crowded street cars,  
 Good natured all seem to appear:  
 Yuletide green.  
 Everywhere is seen,  
 Christmas will soon be here.  
 Mission tree  
 For charity.  
 To keep homes from being drear:  
 Red Christmas bells,  
 The story tells,  
 Christmas will soon be here.  
 Girls and boys  
 To see the toys,  
 Santa Claus in his sleigh with reindeer:  
 Many are buying,  
 Babies are crying,  
 Christmas will soon be here.  
 Then carols sing  
 To the new born king,  
 In Bethlehem born I ken:  
 Our voices raise  
 To sing his praise,  
 Christmas now is here.  
 Omaha. —"BELLVIEW."

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