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Thought for the Day

Selected by Dr. A. B. Somers 'God's price is high, but nothing else

Than what he celle, wears long.

To the rear with the knockers and their anvil chorus!

Don't get excited! If you must get it out of your system, dig dandelions.

Note that Berlin rejoices and celebrates, while London is in gloom. It's all in the point of view.

When it comes to lassoing the mayor's chair for a fourth time, "Jim" is still some skillful rope-thrower.

China accepts. Sure. President Yuan Shi Kai is only 56 and far too foxy to imperil his grip on his self-made republic.

It may be noted as the litneys jit along that they are drawing a more continuous scream from taxi owners than from street car people.

Seven commissioners to conduct Omaha's city government are a sufficiency. Eight trying to occupy seven places constitute a superfluity.

Nations no more than individuals can violate laws without incurring the penalty. They may escape for a time, but it will be exacted event-

A magazine writer declares that the perfection of aeronautics will make wars impossible. Good! And when are we to reach that stage of perfection?

Benighted easterners are paying 30 cents a peck for dandelions as a table delicacy. The golden opportunities of the west knocks in vain at down east gates.

The peach crop in Michigan, Maryland and Georgia is safe. Nebraska's crop of peaches defies the vagaries of the weather and blooms perennially in prairie homes."

The Nebraska statesman who turned back to the state his surplus of postage stamps doubtless withheld his name from the spotlight to escape a Carnegie hero medal.

History teachers want to minimize the role played by wars by directing their instruction to 'progress epochs." The names used make little difference; just teach history as it really hap-

The successful storming of the municipal ramparts at Lincoln by "Brother Charley" Bryan is said to have forced Colonel Maher to intern his typewriter battery. If the colonel is wise he will avoid the water to keep away from sub-sea torpedoes.

The Bee congratulates the World-Herald on the beautiful design for its new home, just made public. The Bee is a booster for Greater Omaha, whose material progress is measured by brick, mortar and steel, and every fine new building erected calls for a credit mark.



& L. D. Coupland of Arizona is in Omaha on hi way to New Jersey with a bicycle, which is a novelty in its line. In fact, it is the only necycle in the world that is propelled by steam instead of by power. A little quarter horse power engine is located just above the small front wheel, and the steam is generated by benzine. He to viciting his brother, who resides at 807 Leavenworth.

Mrs. Minnie Drexel, wife of Coroner Drexel, died after a short filhess, and only 21 years. Puneral services will be held at St. Philomena's cathedral and interment at Holy Sepulchra.

The Quaha Glee club held forth at Boyd's assisted by the Boston Mendelssohn quintet and the Fourth Infantry band, to the delight of local music lovers. May is has been definitely fixed for opening and dedicating the new court bouse with fitting exer-

Mrs. Emma Gerdon left for Des Moines to make her future home there.

The Omaha-Portland excursionists discovered W. H. Kent, formerly well known in Omaha, acting the role of editor of the Laramie Boomerang, "Bill" Nye's

Mrs J. Arnold, 2th North Sixteenth street, invites parties wishing a seamstress to communicate with Be Patient.

President Wilson is showing a magnificent example by withholding his judgment on the Lusitania affair until he may be able to reach a conclusion that will properly meet the situation. He is assured in advance that his final judgment on this most vital and perplexing point will be acquiesced in, if not actually approved, by all, and for that reason he proposes to consider cautlously.

Only two courses seem open to him-he may refterate his protest to the German government against the submarine campaign, reasserting that Germany will be held to strict accountability for the loss of American lives as a result of submarine attacks. If he does this, his further course will depend on Germany's reply. Then he must make his choice, to abide by the attitude of Germany or to break off diplomatic relations with that country.

Of this we may all be assured. Whatever action is taken by the president will uphold the dignity of the United States and our rights within the law of nations. For the rest we may well be patient, and trust to the future to show the way out. No cry for vengeance will avail, but justice will be established. No man, nor nation, nor race of men can hope to escape forever the exactness with which the mills of the gods grind their slowly running grist.

The Nebraska National Guard.

Adjutant General Hall points out very modestly the fact that the late legislature did not make any lavish appropriation for the care and maintenance of the Nebraska National Guard. Much of the service to be rendered by the officers and men of that organization will be without pay, and at an actual cost which must be borne by them privately. This is wrong, and is one place in which Nebraska lags far behind most of the states of the union.

The National Guard is the training school of our citizen soldiery, on whom, as expressed by the president, the nation depends for its first line soldiers, should events require armed defense for the country. It was formed years ago to replace the archaic militia organization, in which service was supposed to be obligatory, and which was our nearest approach to conscription in time of peace. The basis of organization has been reformed since the war with Spain to place it on a more efficacious footing, and it is now as nearly as possible a complement of the small standing army. Young men who serve in the Guard are moved by a spirit of patriotism, as well as by a desire for military glory. Its function is to prepare them for possibit use in the field, and for this, if for no other, reason the National Guard deserves better support than it has had.

When the Lusitania Went Down.

Following the loss of the Titanic many stories were told of the scenes on board that vessel, when it became known that death was waiting for the major portion of the ship's company. These scenes were repeated on the Lusitania; for the matter of that, they are the scenes that have been enacted on the occasion of every great disaster where twentieth century man has been concerned. Gallant efforts to save the weak are put forth and the women and children are given all assistance, while the men calmly face the peril. This action is charactertatle of the race, and has come to be expected as a matter of course. Any other conduct under the circumstances would be astonishing. This quality of moral as well as physical courage is indicative of the sturdy manhood that has done so much to make the world a good place to live in.

Japan as a Peace-Maker.

With the rolling back of that little portion of the war cloud that hovered over China, the attitude of the mikado's government shows in singular contrast to the course it has actually pursued. The final retention by Japan of that portion of Chinese territory which was seized from the Germans is held to be the basis for permanent peace, but the disposition of this point is left for future settlement. When it does come up, the whole question of the territorial integrity of China may be opened.

If this should result, as an outcome of the Japanese claims, then an effort will likely be made to determine by what right England, France and Russia are also permitted to seize and occupy sections of Chinese territory. If the recession of the Shang Tung province is required from Japan, why should not the European uations likewise be required to give over the sections they held by virtue of treaties exacted under show of actual force? The treatment of China is one chapter in the history of civilization that is not especially to the credit of the

great nations of the world. If a revision of existing treaties should eventually follow the action of Japan, a fact that can scarcely be determined until the European war has reached the stage where the international boundaries are to be fixed, perhaps it will be found that the mikado has done more for the permanency of peace than now is shown on the surface.

Base Ball and Bonds.

If any one were asked whether base ball or bonds would excite the most popular interest in Omaha, he would unquestionably say "base ball." Yet we have the fact staring us in the face that out of some 19,600 voters participating in our recent election only 1,000 failed to mark their ballots on the bonds, while more than 6,000 failed to mark them on Sunday base ball. In other words, the vote on the bonds was short only a little over 5 per cent of the total, while the vote on Sunday base ball was short nearly 33 per cent. But there is another explanation in this—the base ball proposition was printed at the bottom of the regular ballot, and the bond propositions each on a separate ballot. It may be safely said, therefore, that the failure to vote on base ball was not intentional, but accidental, one out of three thinking he had finished with putting his cross-marks opposite the names of his preferred candidates. Let no one say that the form of the ballot, and the position of the different propositions upon it, may not be the most important factor in a close election.

An increase in the taxes of the Pullman company in Nebraska will be regarded at headquarters as an untimely attempt to check the company's humane intentions toward employes. Sinking of Lusitania

Sherman Was Right.

Boston Transcript: Paychologically, the effect of the torpedoing of the Lusliania will be to convince the world that General Serman's characterization of war was right. It may be added that submarine raids on unarmed merchant vessels have given to war one diabelical aspect it did not possess in his

find Day for Germany.

Indianapolis News: This act of the German govrnment-for it is in strict accord with a policy that has been laid down, and followed to the letter-has shocked the civilized world. It was a bad day for Germany. It has lost from the moral point of view more than it has gained by the slight material advantage won. The more determined the effort to justify or excuse, the worse will be the effect on world

Final Vindication of Law. Louis Republic: The edifice of international law, that fabric reared by the efforts of statesmen through centuries of war and peace, lies in ruins. For the moment there is no law of nations. Brute force ules. Let us not dispair. Law is the most invincible thing in the world. It is not grounded in external might; it is grounded in the essential nature of the mind and conscience of mankind. It may be ignored. but not destroyed. Violence, after all, is the weakest thing in the world. The stars in their courses fight for law

Stand Together.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: For the crimes that have been committed against humanity in this war a world restored to reason will demand reparation and jus-But what has been done cannot be undone by adding fuel to the fire. Today, more than at any moment since that fateful August day, it is the duty of Americans to grip tight and stand shoulder to shoulder behind the president. Let there be no fire built in his rear to distract his attention from the situation before him. Let us prove ourselves worthy fellow citizens of the calm, clear-eyed statesman in the White House, whose single aim and one prayer in this moment is the welfare of his countrymen.

Chicago Tribune: The United States and Germany have reached a point at which alternative courses appear for this nation's choice. One is to accept in fact with whatever protest in form, the new sea law which Germany, has made and to adjust ourselves to it. The other is to decline to accept it, and, if Germany will not modify it, to fight to the best of our power. It would be ignoble to bluster without intent or means to put force behind the threat or action behind the It would be inhuman to persuade our citizens that they had rights as enutrals and thus expose them to dangers they might have avoided.

War by Assassination. New York Times: From our Department of State there must go to the imperial government at Berlin a demand that the Germans shall no longer make war like savages drunk with blood; that they shall cease to seek the attainment of their ends by the assassination of non-combatants and neutrals. In the history of wars there is no single deed comparable in its inhumanity and its horror to the destruction. withour warning, by German torpedoes of the great steamship Lusitania, with more than 1,800 souls on board, and among them more than 100 Americans Our demand must be made, and it will be heeded, unless Germany in its madness would have it understood that it is at war with the whole civilized world.

No Time for Jingoiam.

St. Louis Globe Democrat: But this is no time and no occasion for lingoism. Profoundly as the people of this country are impressed by the horror of this disnater, we realize that the Lusitania is not another Maine; that the attack was not directed primarily against us, but against England, and that our government should be depended upon to exact such reparation as we may have the right to demand. The pity of it is that no reparation will restore the lives so ruthlessly, and, it seems to us, so needlessly deatroyed.

acterizes adequately the policy of Germany in this matter. That word is piracy. There is no shadow of excuse for it in military necessity. All the submarines in the German navy are not enough to cut Great Britain off from sea-borne supplies. The number of ships already sunk is a very small percentage of the total of British commerce. Even with the Lusttania a total loss, there is absolutely no justification for the attack

German Prestige Riddled New York Sun: What military advantage was gained by such a procedure comparable to the moral revulsion against Germany that it is certain to produce? Wars are not won by drowning neutrals or non-combatants. We venture to say that no single act of this conflict has so outraged American opinion or so riddled German prestige in this country as the destruction of the Lusitania. The Germans have sunk the largest British ship in active mercantile service. They have destroyed a small quantity of munitions of war. They have evidently killed a large number of Americans and non-combatants. In the long run they might better have lost a battle. The military gains are trifling. The moral losses are incalculable.

Twice Told Tales

The Kicker.

A leading western wheat grower said to a reporter New York:

'Wheat must, of course, be higher. If they'll give more for our wheat abroad, we must give more for it here. That's logic. As to the man, anyhow, who can't stand an extra cent on a loaf of bread-well. a man as poor as that, I can't count him in-I can't

Some of these kickers against our unavoidable war prices remind me of the farmer who visited the Broadway cafe. They charged him there 25 conts for a whisky, and, when he complained that he could get a whisky up at his home saloon for 15 cents, the

manager replied: But, sir, look at your surroundings. Look at the marble columns and mahorany and of paintings. We have to charge you for these beautiful surroundings,

you bet.

'Oh,' said the farmer, dryly. The next morning he came back, ordered another whisky, and planked down a dime.

'But.' said the bartended-'but-'No, you don't.' said the farmer. 'No, you don't.

eaw your pictures yesterday."-New York Globe.

Switching the Tune. When the Germans finally entered Belgium native of Liese made himself obnexious to one troop his constant loud talk about the brave defense.

Finally the commander summoned him. 'Now you've boasted about enough," he said. "We can't listen to you any longer. I'm going to give you your choice: you will be shot, or you will awear allegiance to the German emperor."

"Considerably subdued, the offender pondered, "Well," he decided, "I den't want to die, so I guess I'll swear allegiance. And he took the oath.

"All right," said the commander, "now you are one of us. You can come and go as you like." The man walked toward the door and was passing it when suddenly he turned. "Say," he exclaimed "didn't those Belgians give us a hell of a fight!"-Everybody's Magazine.

He Caught On.

Jessie Chatterton went away from home to attend select seminary, and in a short time became infeeted with the crase among the girls to diversity their names. She therefore wrote a letter to ner prother at home, signing herself "Jessica." Bill detected the signs of the times, and replied as follows: Dear Sister Jessica:
Your letter received. Aust Annies and Uncle Johnica started for Bostonica this morning. Motherica and fatherica are both well. Your affectionate brother.
Bild.Jeta

The Bees Letter Box

Oh, How Hard to Please.

NEOLA, 14., May 10.-To the Editor of The Bee: You give space to Dr. Gerard's pro-German article in the letter box department of The Bee, but you did not give the whole poem in full which this German doctor criticises, and as it is generally understood that the contest at Harvard was open to all students the pro-German contingent could have written some poems as well (that is, if they had sufficient poetical talent to write good poetry).

My reasons for/calling your attention to this matter of omitting to give the poem that is in controversy in full is just this: The editorial columns of news papers are not read as much as the news columns and such columns as the 'Letter Box." etc.

Whether rightly or wrongly it is reported that while The Bee is trying to be fair, the influence of pro-German advertisers is such that the official French and English reports (not bearsay or newspaper reports, but government reports) well proved German atrocities and barbarisms are suppressed.

As a matter of fair play why not publish the French paper showing quotations from the diaries of dead and captured Germans of atrocities in Belgium and northern France-these atrocities and barbarisms of the Germans have not been denied. I think you owe this pub licity to that large contingent of your readers who are hostile to the Germans (By French paper I refer to the official HENRY T. DORN.

This is a Neutral Country.

BELLEVUE, Neb., May 10.-To the

Editor of The Bee: For the benefit of those of your readers whose sympathics are not with the Germans and Austrians. would you please publish a list of a few prominent papers in Chicago, Buffalo New York or Cleveland, which give the details of the German methods in Belgium and France from the standpoint of the French and English, and not from the German. What's wanted is an anti-German paper. SARPY COUNTY READER.

Class the Climax of Competition. SIOUX CITY, Ia., May 10 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Reactionary influences have captured the ammunition of progress with such completeness that even the terms by which we have come to know the controversial hosts of socialization are upside down. We call the radical a conservative and the conservative a radical. Simply because the name of radicalism is applied to the age-worn method of competition, we appland its advocates; while the true radical, he who preached combination and to-operation, is erroneously dubbed the conservative.

A definition of chaos is worshiped by the advocates of "free and equal competition." The true social evolutionist is a heretic and would go beyond the past to talk in terms of a unity rather than in terms of units. Instead of conflict, his is the gospel of co-operation. He is the true interpreter of economic forces that reached their highest preliminary stage of rapid development in America after the civil war and in Europe after the welding of an empire by Bismarck. Their highest practical co-operative efficiency was attained in Germany under Kaiser Wilhelm: and every reactionary influence, through its disciples of the old achool of competition or anarchy, is today directed against this remarkable creed of humanism with its great spirit of social betterment.

In America this science of an e in combination would have begun by now to show its benefits but for demagogy and selfish politics. It is enevitable that today we witness the competitive principle run amuck in a wholesale mutiny against all authority, reasonable as well as unreasonable. Instead of the "social good" as an ideal, we hear expressed the ideal of "class benefits;" and instead of tegislation being enacted with a completed society as its end we find in "class legislation" the natural climax of a competitive system. CECIL MONTAGUE. Sloux City, Ja., May 8.

Editorial Viewpoint

Boston Transcript: Boss Barnes is plunging ahead with all the reckless impetuosity of a man who forgets that the political graveyards of this country are filled with the bleaching bones of earnst gentlemen who tried to put T. R. in the Ananias club.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: Secretary Redfield may be excused in these times of high prices for plagiarizing the remark of the late Tom Reed that we are a billion dellar people; but of course the thousand dollar people will think they could do the government's business just as well for half the money.

Wall Street Journal: With the curtailment in travelers' expenditures the foreign trade halance now running in favor of this country may reach the stupendous total of \$2,000,000,000 a year, or more than three times our previous highest trade balance of \$600,000,000

Brooklyn Eagle: Robert T. Lincoln, president of the Pullman company, is a truth teller. His acknowledgement of the tipping evil and of his company's interest in continuing it is unique as an example to other investigated common-carrier corporation heads. The confession of the unconcealable is always wise.

Philadelphia Ledger: By paying its porters a ridiculously low wage and force ing them to live upon the passengers who have already paid the company a big price for their accommodations, the Pullman concern has been able to pile up immense profits. It is one of the meanpractices known in America. It ought to be made a legal offense to tip a car porter, as it is a legal offense to offer any other bribe for service.

Chicago Tribune: The number of new ways of getting a man into dail is startling, and the question does not seem to be saked whether the offenses against the community are half as bad as the penalties imposed. There seems to be a posttive mania to find new ways of imprisoning American citizens, and yet there is hardly any one thing that can be as had for the individual or the nation as a man in jail who can possibly be kept out.

St. Louis Giobe-Democrat: it will be a long time before the industries of Europe will rise to their normal output, and it will be a long time before Europe will cease to depend upon us for a large proportion of its requirements. We may go our way confident that, war or us the outside world will need our products. And we may be sure, also, that we will have no avalanche of toroignmade goods until the nations at war have recovered their balance, and by that time we will have taken measures for our proLINES TO A LAUGH.

"The car I use today I've been using steadily for six years. It has taken me to my office in town and back, and it hasn't cost me one cent for repairs yet." "Great Scott, what a record! What car is it?"

"The street car."—Boston Transcript.

"Smith is one of the most wideawake men I know."
"I thought you said he was not at all enterprising."
"Neither is he. He suffers from insomnta."—Baltimore American

"As nearly as I can make out," said the supercitious person. "you are what they call a literary back." "No." replied Mr. Penwiggle, wearily: "Tm not even a back. I'm a jitney."

Benedick-Every man ought to have a salary that will enable him to marry. Bachelor-Yes, and then he ought to have sense enough to stay single.—Life. English Visitor-Did you ever know of an American having an old family ser-

American Hostess-Of course. Why, f have a cook that has been with me over a month!"-Philadelphia Bulletin.

KABIBBLE KABARET BUHARETICKERS STENDS FOR WASHINGTON, FRONT NAME BY HIM IS GEORGE HE MADE THE LINKS OF UNSER UNION

AT OLDER VALLEY FORGE!

"How's the audience, cold?" asked the juggler.

"Cold," exlaimed the tramp conedian.

"Well, I should say so. Why, that ain't an audience. It's a congregation"—Cincinnati Enquirer.

-WERSH HEO-

"What goes our party stand for?" asked the machine senator.
"You, for one thing," replied a raucous yotee from the rear of the hall—
Philadelphia Record.

"Did you see the other day in the paship?"
"That was something of a liard diet.
They must have needed considerable iron
in their system."—Baltimore American. "With which side do you sympathine

"I don't believe," replied Mr. Grow-

char, "that I can define my attitude as one of sympathy. My sentiment is one of comprehensive indignation."— Pittsburgh Post.

Lawyer-Did the defendant so home in the interim?
Witness-Naw, he didn't. He went to
the horsepittal in a ambulance.—Baltimore American.

MY FRIENDS.

When day is done, with my good pipe In easy chair, beneath the shaded light, I settle down for evening's quiet rest. With friends that suit my passing mood the best.

Not one friend would I lose from out

the fold. New ones I welcome, but the old I hold As sweetest gift that life can bring to me; No truer friends than they could ever be. 've friends on every plane of life, I From slave and savage to a king and queen; n plodding ignorance to wisdom's From throne; From gilded banquet hall to hermit lone And some are highly born and proud and

And some have hearts of purest, rarest gold;
While some are plunged in poverty's deep need.
And some are steeped in victous vice and greed. And some have life's most bitter portion But though their sins condemn them o the rank And file of men, yet I love them so well. I've cowered with them in the prison cell. I've followed some careers with joy and pride.
Though some the the oppressor's hand has brushed aside.
Some rise up from obscurity to power.
While others reach the depths in one

Ah, yes, I've dined with kings and supped with slaves;
I've played with children and have mourned o'er graves;
I've wept and laughed, and laughed and wept again, All in the evening's hours from 8 to 19, With my good friends, who every sense enthrall.

And so I guard them well, lest harm befail The least among them, for I love them mil;
My shelves of books that line my cotlage wall. Omaha.

She Knows What She Wants

The well informed housekeeper objects to the use of alum in food. She might read in an advertisement or be told that it was all right in the quantities used, but in the end she would merely ask, "Do you mean to say that these baking powders contain alum?"

If the answer, however qualified, were in the affirmative. that would be enough. She would not buy it. Why?

Because she knows that cream of tartar has always been accepted as the most wholesome product for raising cake and biscuit, and she wants a baking powder made of cream of tartar, like Royal.

This conclusion is the result' of unconscious absorption, either, her own or her mother's, of the opinions of the highest authorities on hygiene and home cooking.

The prudent housekeeper looks at the ingredients printed on the label. She knows what she wants.

> ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO. New York



