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Thought for the Day

Selected by Dr. A. S. Risser.

"From forge and farm and mine and beach, Deck, altar, outpost love-Mill, school, battalion, counter, trench, Rail, senate, sheepfold, throne-Creation's cry goes up on high From age to cheated age; Send us the men who do the work For which they draw the wage." - Rudyard Kipling: Wage Earners.

Looks like something doing over in "Sunny

President Wilson is the one to do the talking for Uncle Sam.

Winter wheat is coming along at a gait that promises a strong finish. As a booster the waving wheat field beats a noisemaker a mile.

Unfortunately, an indictment "before the tribunal of the civilized world" cannot be brought to trial to prove guilt or innocence.

A working agreement having been made between John Bull and John Barleycorn, the world may now proceed with the regular schedule.

Yes, but who would have thought the city hall pie counter would do business before the federal patronage dispensary got into action?

The fake rumor of the president's assassination shows that the combatants on the stock market are just as unscrupulous as the other

"Wall street quivers with suppressed excitement," dispatches report. That is the Wall street specialty. But the quivers never interfere with the abearing.

Liberty Bell will make its tour of the west without its tongue, but a special guard of twenty-four Philadelphia councilmen will prevent a deficit in conversation.

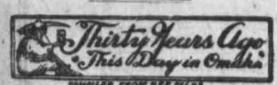
This talk about another navigation meeting must be a mistake. We confer on navigation only in the winter time, when the river is frozen over and all the boats docked.

The marine graveyard beside the rocky headlands of Old Kinsale is sure to swell the stay-athome vacationist vote in the United States. "Safety first" is an impressive rule of action

It is painful to read Rev. William A. Sunday's remarks on the Lusitania disaster. They contain less charity than a tightwad and about as much solemn plety as could be expressed in a string of dash words.

The Japanese foreign office assures all concerned that its demands on China are in the interest of permanent peace of the orient. This was suspected from the moment the Nipponese broke into the uplift business.

The report of the arrival of a rich Indian rajah in New York bringing one of his queens along, seems to have fallen off the wire on its westward run. Sait Lake City has not announced its reception committee.



Another coup of Loyal L. Smith, "the enterprising Parram street dry goods man." was an excursion train of thirteen cars run in today from Red Oak, la., and intermediate points, bringing in nearly 1,300 ; "This is not the least of it: you will hear from Smith again in the near future.

A telegram from Cincinnati announced the death there of Mrs. C. H. Gutou. Her husband and son, Arthur, were called there a few days ago.

The new county court room has been carpeted. The Nebraska State Druggists' association is Omaha for a three days' session.

The championship game of checkers between Whiteside and Waters has been concluded, with a victory for Whiteside, winning ten games to his opponent's seven, with thirty-three draw games. The Omaha Glee club and the Mendelesohn Quintel

of Boston went to Lincoln to give a concert Thursday evening. "Fresh ice cream, pies and cakes every day and prompt attention to orders' is the announce

Carl Schmidt, 315 South Fifteenth street,

M. Toft is accepting congratulations on the arrival of a young lady at his bouse.

Essence of American Citizenship.

President Wilson's Philadelphia address may have been something of a disappointment to those who were looking for a fiery pronouncement of foreign policy, but as a lecture to newlyadopted American citizens it is pithy and full of excellent thought. In one sentence he pronounced the very essence of American citizenship. He told those who had just taken the oath they have sworn allegiance, not to those who may be temporarily in power, but to an ideal.

This is what distinguishes an American citizen from all others in the world. We tolerate no departure from our ideal of equality before the law, and are always ready and willing to share its blessings with others. No degree of distinction is made between the latest allen to take this oath, and a native, no matter how far back his American lineage reaches. Here we stand on one common ground, with one purpose, and, no matter how widely we may diverge in our individual opinion or views, that diversity is but another proof of the fidelity with which we cling to the fundamentals of our freedom.

This condition is sometimes hard to understand or fully comprehend by those who are accustomed to the institutions and traditions of the old world, but the splendid estate of Amerlean citizenship is cherished by them, the more, perhaps, because it is in such contrast to the allegiance they have forsworn, which carried but few rights of citizenship and little of individual responsibility.

Keep it Before the People.

Keep it before the people that the election to finish the work of consolidating Omaha, South Omaha and Dundee is to take place on June 1, now less than three weeks off.

Keep it before the people that the strenuous effort in the legislature to secure the enactment of the consolidation law will be lost labor unless followed up at the polls.

Keep it before the people, therefore, that the vote on this important issue must not be allowed to go by default.

Keep it before the people that Omaha is at the turning point of a new era of growth, and that consolidation means more to all concerned right now than it ever did before.

Keep it before the people that the only way to insure a good majority for consolidation is to arouse public interest by concerted action through all our various civic and business organications.

Leo Frank's Plea for Justice.

A very remarkable spectacle was that presented in court at Atlanta, when Leo M. Frank stood for the fourth time before the judge and gave his reasons why sentence of death should not be pronounced against him. His statement in court does not sound like the plea of a guilty man. Its simple earnestness is its strongest quality. It is the language of a man, not begging for his life, asking for no extenuation on that score, but pleading that he be granted justice. His asseveration of innocence is made so solemnly as to more than ever cause doubt as to the accuracy of the verdict which condemned

It is most singular that the law should operate against this man with such insistence. Indeed, it is a point in his favor, for innocence must always stand alone when accused, while guilt has prepared many shelters behind which to dodge from punishment. Leo Frank stands upright in court and makes a direct and convincing statement, and, with the last avenue of the law barred against him, rests his case with the future, which he says will establish the truth. His only hope is now with the governor of Georgia. Justice can suffer nothing through the commutation of his sentence, and may be served by giving him the last little chance of being finally set right before the world.

Efficiency a Good Watchword.

in reorganizing the different departments for the second round of city government in Omaha under the commission plan the mayor and his associates have pronounced for efficlency as the watchword. Efficiency fully describes the object in view if it embraces honesty. economy, industry and initiative. Without any of them the management of our city affairs cannot be thoroughly efficient. But if the watchword is to be lived up to there must be no sinecures, and no loafing on the job, by payrollers. whether high or low, big or little. The city should insist on full value for all the money it expends just as does the private individual or business establishment, and the rules should be applied all the year around, not merely a newbroom activity for a few days. We are all for efficiency, and we cannot have too much of it.

Place for Supervision.

Tree-trimming is again under way in Omaha, and, as usual, is being carried on in a haphazard manner that too frequently becomes merely mutilation. One of the beauties of the city is its splendid avenues, arched over by the magnificent trees that have been carefully planted and reared by the home owners. These should be protected to the utmost. Trimming is necessary, but it should be done by someone who knows what to do and how to do it, so that the life and symmetry of the tree will suffer least, while the general effect is best preserved. Here is where the park commissioner might find a field for activity, a little outside his specified duties, but quite within the general scope of his authority. This is not a special plea for a job for some imported tree dector, but for sufficient oversight by the public authorities to give us results.

British papers note with some surprise that Premier Asquith, a master of language elegance. recently used the American slang expression. 'deliver the goods." About the same time out of the classical precincts of Harvard went forth a decree banishing slang from the college diamond and requiring "crimson wallopers of the spheroid to pull off only highbrow stuff." These incidents may be without significance, but they impose on Harvard greater vigilance if it would avoid the suspicion of shipping vocal ammunition to the allies.

Ninety-two victims of the Lusitania lie under the green sod of Ireland. They are in goodly company. Ireland is the burial ground of unnumbered victims of tragedy.

Long-Distance Gunnery

New York Times. THE new gun which Germany brought into use for the first time on April 36 against Dunkirk, threw its missiles from twenty-one to twenty-three miles, establishing a record as the greatest long-range

firing ever known in actual warfare.

Dr. Franz Erich Junge, a German naval construcfor who has been in America for some time as consulting engineer for German and American industrial concerns, said last week, in discussing some of the features which have aroused the attention of war experts, that he did not believe the limit of long range firing had by any means been reached. He also explained several things about the mechanism of Germany's latest long-distance gun which clear up some of the erroneous ideas about it.

This latest German gun, which has been tried out against Dunkirk for the first time," said Dr. Junge, "is one of the new fifty-centimeter type about which much has been heard, but little definite information generally known. The radical difference between this and other long-distance guns lies in the impelling power, which is derived from a highly explosive gas mixture, thereby doing away with enormous charges of powder and reducing to a considerable degree the cost of operating. This mixture is prepared by compressing air to very high pressure and injecting oil into it at the proper time, thus obviating the use of a large charge of powder for each firing of the gun. Not only does it reduce the initial cost, but it facilitates the working of the gun.

"The construction of the modern gun is based upon the same lines as the construction of the internal combustion engine, so much so that even the designers of internal combustion engines become designers of large guns. The big gun is practically a cylinder with a piston in it, but with this difference from the engine—that the gun piston is the projectile itself. Also, like the engine, guns must be cooled by water and oil.

'Another important feature of this latest gun and one which has not been generally appreciated is that it is possible to use projectiles of different caliber. For long-distance firing a small projectile is used, while for attacking fortresses at shorter range the large fifty-centimeter caliber projectile can be used. This is managed by the use of different cylinders. Let us say that the fifty-centimeter gun is built for firing missiles of three different sizes. It is evident that a projectile of about twelve-inch caliber was fired in the long distance attack upon Dunkirk. At the present state of gun-firing ability that is the largest sized projectile which can reasonably be fired for such a long distance. The heavier weight of the larger projectiles makes a carrying distance of twenty-three miles impossible now."

The ability of this so-called Dunkirk gun to use different sized cylinders readily explains some of the confused views which have prevailed about this instrument of destruction. The ordnance experts at Washington, in discussing the twenty-three-mile feat a few days ago, were of the opinion, and rightly, that a gun of no greater caliber than twelve inches could have been used successfully in the attack on Dunkirk, stating that it would be impossible to attain a distance of from twenty-one to twenty-three miles with the fifty-centimeter projectile, equal to 19.6 inches. Dr. Junge's explanation that a twelve-inch cylinder may be slipped into the gun shows how a misatle of that caliber may be fired from a gun conatructed to fire a missile of nearly twenty inches.

It is of interest to note, as contrasted with the twenty-three-mile carrying ability of the new German gun, that the American army experts have made elaborate computations of what might be accomplished by the latest American twelve-inch coast defense gun, and it has been shown that when fired at an angle of 45 degrees such a gun has a range of 55,000 yards, or over thirty-one miles.

"No actual limit can be placed on the long-range firing possibility of big guns," added Dr. Junge, "With a more powerful explosive force behind the projectile, it would naturally carry further. This is what has given the new German gun the ability of successful long-range firing."

Dr. Junge was asked if he thought successful longfiring could be accomplished for distances of

fifty to one hundred miles. "Why may it not be possible, in the wars of the future, if there are any," he said, "to use air torpe-does for such distances? Experiments have been under way for some time in German factories in the construction of air torpedoes. Like the torpedoes shot from the submarine, they all possess a propelling force of their own, set in motion as soon as they are shot into the air. Let us suppose this may be possible, and then place an aeroplane or Zeppelin equipped with a strong wireless electric plant above the line of flight of these destroying air torpeduca.

We have already demonstrated the ability of guiding boats by means of electric waves, and why not the flight of these huge air torpedoes be guided with to their striking point, 100 miles or more distant? We are just beginning to appreciate the remarkable possibilities in the use of electric waves upon other bodies, and that is one point for future scientific development which will be one of the heritages of the

Twice Told Tales

The Generous Host. "Ignorance! Sheer ignorance!" said Mrs. Amos Pinchot, who is a devoted worker for the woman's peace party, during a war argument. "You remind me,

Parvenu took his wife and two other women to lunch. As they scated themselves in the lofty, avail dining room Mrs. Parvenu whispered to her husband:

my dear sir, of Parvenu.

"'Ask for a menu, Jack.'
Parvenu puffed out his chest and chuckled. 'One menu only?' he said. 'One menu for four! No. no; I'll do the thing well, now I've started it Here, waiter, four menus-fresh ones, mind, and see that they're not overdone." "-St. Louis Globe-Demo-

Ornamental.

A little boy applied to a society woman for a place "What is your father?" asked the woman

'He's me fadder," was the reply.

Yes, I know that," said the woman," but what

"Oh! Why, he's me stepfadder, mum." "Yes, Yes," eaid the woman impatiently, "but what does he do? Does he drive motor cars, or work in a

"Oh, I see, mum." said the small applicant eagerly, with a dawning light of comprehension, "no, he ain't done nothin' since we've had him."-New York Times

People and Events

A Johns Hopkins doctor says there is no such thing as theumatiam. Another venerable weather sign sent to the tunk pile.

U. L. Beddon of Seymour, Ind., is dead from blood polsoning centracted from using a drinking cup in fected by another man. One branch of the litney business in Kansas City

is evoluting in the right way. Last week five buses

were sent over a given route on a time schedule and averaged \$39 a day. Regularity brought gains in patronage every day. The difference between reporterial fancy and the reality is shown in the case of John Bunny, the movie comedian. Press agents insisted he got a

salary as large as the president of the United States. His estate amounted to \$5,000. A woman at Astabula, O., having limbered up at a bargain rush, on returning home thrashed a thie: she found in the parier, rang for the hurry wagon. and sat on the victim until the wagon arrived. Bargain runhes are entitled to a high place in the athletic

score beard. United States Judge Landis put another unique industry out of business last week. The business consisted of extracting the whisky that soaks into whisky harrel staves. The extractors did not pay a revenue tax as whisky makers. When the court soaked them for the tax the business collapsed.

The Bees Letter Box

Wants a Man of the Hour. SOUTH OMAHA, May 11 .- To the Edfor of The Bee: In these days of doubt in national affairs we need a good oldfashioned republican administration to carry the ship of state through the dangerous waters that we are at the present time steering through. We need an administration run by such men as William If. Seward and James G. Blaine. We need the good old-time republicans with the backbone of an ox. We need the Oliver P. Mortons, the Zach Chandlers, the John A. Logans, the Ben Wades, the Ulysses Grants, the men of might and valor who helped make the name of this nation great throughout the earth. when it was the boast of this nation

that a citizen of this country was safe

in any part of the world.

If we must be afflicted with a demo cratic administration, we need the oldtime Andrew Jackson, and Thomas G. Thurman, and Thomas A. Hendricks, who would never stand for any insults to American citizens. It is to be hoped that Wilson and Bryan will now arise to the occasion and prove to us that they are the men to guide us with honor and safety through the breakers and come cut with honor to the nation. We do not want any more Mexican fiascos, when we became the laughing stock of the whole world by the "watchful waiting" policy which cost this nation \$19,600,000 and accomplished absolutely nothing. American citizens ought to be safe in any part of the earth without our being compelled to go to war to secure the rights we are entitled to, and if we had a national administration of the good old-time republican stripe we would be protected in our overy right.

When the republican party controlled the destines of the country we did not command people to get out of foreign countries to their great loss because we were afraid we would offend a country like Mexico by telling it that it would have to protect our citizens. With the hope that our rights will now be maintained with dignity and honor to this great free country, we will watch to see what Wilson and Bryan do in one of the most critical times of our history. F. A. AGNEW.

From a German Who Glories in It. OMAHA, May IL-To the Editor of The Bee: No doubt the sinking of the Lusitania by German submarines will bring forth another outburst of indignant protests on the part of "neutral" Americans. How could the Germans dare to have the audacity to torpedo a British vessel in the declared war zone? And this, too, with several hundred Americans on board, in honor to whom the German torpedoes most certainly should have respected the big liner, with its cargo of ammunition and war supplies destined for the use of the allies.

It is without doubt regrettable that so many lives were lost, but every person on the Lusitania was fully forewarned and took all the responsibility in his own hands. What is the standpoints of the United States in regard to the lives of all the German young men who are killed by American ammunition supplied to the allies? The United States says, "It is ead, but war is war. It can't be helped. Our 'neutrality' obliges us to furnish England with all the war material it may desire. Loss of life caused thereby cannot be helped." Perhaps Germany has a right to the same view. Ger-many gave full warning repeatedly against taking passage on British and French boats. Was it not in its right. in destroying a vessel leaded with war supplies to be used against it, even though a hundred or so "neutrals" were on board? "War is war" and "it can't be helped" if anyone came to grief through his own fault. Perhaps "neutrais" will now lay more weight upon German statements, and not regard such declarations as idle chaff and humbug. The charge that the Lusitania was torpedoed without warning is ludicrous when we remember how Germany defined the war sone months ago, and has continually since warned Americans from traveling on English or French boats. Germany's "paper blockade" was ridiculed at first and now that they enforce t another "atrocious act" is placed to the discredit of the "barbarians."

Gentle minded persons are also seek ing to enlist our sympathies by the familiar cry of ungentlemanty conduct towards the "women and children." If these women and children willingly and deliberately put themselves in such a precarious position, let them blame only themselves for their misfortune. Or let them put the blame where it rightly rests, upon England, For England to permit steamers carrying contraband of war to transport passengers was a criminal act of the first degree. Why did not some of Great Britain's magnificent navy come forth from their hiding places and protect the Lusitania and its valuable cargo? Probably they relied on the Stars and Stripes to do this again It is really too bad Germany should not have the right to torpedo a vessel carrying \$153,000 worth of cartridges and ammunition, to be used against her, and found in the declared war zone, simply because a handful of "neutrals," after being forewarned, chose to take the risk, and suffered thereby.

When several Americans were killed in Mexico recently, Secretary of State Bryan declared "There is nothing to be These people knew that war existed in Mexico and they therefore had no business there in such times." . These words exactly fit the Lusitania situstion. Its passengers knew that war existed between Germany and England: they were warned not to travel on British boats; whatever happened was their own fault. War is war; ft is sad, but there is nothing to be done. DR. H. GERHARD.

To the Editor of The Bee: A few days

ago in Stoux City, after getting a shave and a shine, I spotted a place where they feed a man's face, so I dropped in to rest and to dine. The steak was well serred and the coffee was as good as a man could expect, so I ate every crumi licked my fingers and thumb, and the young waitress stipped me a check

With her manner I felt quite delighted she appeared so polite and well-bred, and her flattering smile made me linger awhile, till at last she grew nervous and anid: "Do you, mister, work on the railroad?

You're a baggageman, are you? O joy these trainmen are grand; say. I always have planned, if I marry at all, to offer my hand to a fat engineer, or a strong bassageman, or a brass-buttoned newsbutcher boy. All trainmen are so tender-hearted, and liberal almost to fault: like the knights of the grip, they are good for a tip; they slip me the coin without chewing their lip, and I never light and I didn't have time to sleep,"knew one to revolt.

seldom get boisterous or rude

dirt with a pick and a shovel, before I'd

have one of you tightwads; now travel!

or I'll heave this iron pot at your head!"

taught the readers that he was a Ger-

man and did not possess common horse

sense. We all admit that he has a per-

fect right to his opinion, but this is not

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

Crawford-He doesn't seem to be very

ought. Crabshaw-No. If you're looking for he optimist in the case, you'd better unt up the fellow who sold the car.—

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EFFER EXERCISE YOU CONNUT STEND!

MAJBE IT'S REALLY MEACHTY BEACHTY

Gitbs—So you went after the Job? I thought you believed that the office should seek the man?
Dibbs—I do: but this is a fat job, and I thought it might get winded before it reached me.—Roston Transcript.

"Did you take my advice about count-ing when you couldn't sleep?"
"Yep; counted 7,246 and then it was day-

STENDS FOR EXERCISE

"Don't rock the boat."

WAY.

E. O. M'INTOSH.

A. W. ATWOOD.

THE PRINTS

They always beich up a half-dollar; 'Here's a scientist says that the color f the hair can't turn gray in a single but especially when they are stewed night."
He's never seen Mayme's when she's forgotten to have her bottle refuled."
Baitimere American. their hearts will expand; when I voice my damand they draw their fat purses, and slip off the band, and deposit, perhaps, a bank note in my hand, and they

Cannibal Gnief-This dish you have pre-pared for me is very sour. Cannibal Chef-Yes, your excellency, he was a pessimist.-Tonkers Statesman. "Are you going? What's this? What? A nickel! A lousy 5-cent piece! Good I see the Sayre baby cried with not protest when it was made a Lord! I changed that rye bread, gave you hard rolls instead; say, what have Christian."
"Well, when you see the way Christians are acting just now in the world, can you blame the baby?"—Baltimore American. done? And what have I said to deserve such a grouchy reward? You're busted? You lie like a trooper! You railroaders always play dead; and say, on the level.

"Brutus certainly did one of the most contemptible things a man can do." "What was that?" "Cutting an old friend dead."—Bostou I'd marry the devil, or a man that digs

Transcript. Art Editor-I'm afraid your work is too Everyone His Own Opinion.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., May 10.—To the Editor of The Bee: In his letter in The Ree today George Weidenfeld of Lincoln women's fashions.—Life.

THE MERRY MONTH.

Baltimore American.
by month of light and flowers,
merry month of blooms and bowthe time for him to express it in that Lovely

ers.

Happy month of springtime lovers, glad we welcome you today;
In your eyes is sunny smiling, in your air a fond beguiling.

And we look for all things charming in your well-beloved sway.

As a bright and merry maiden, with your arms all fragrance laden.
Do we picture you as coming, woodland garlands on your hair.
All the air about you ringing with the carols of your singing.
And the ground your feet are tripping bursting into blossoms fair.

So enthralling is your beauty that to love you is sweet duty.

All things young and all things lovely gather round when you are here:

Nature throws off all her sadness. If a takes on new gift of gladness.

For you are the best, the brightest, dearest month of all the year.

Bluest are the skies above you, lightest are the beams that move you.

Freshest are the breezes blowing your gold tresses round your face.

Sweetest are the odors flying from the flowers softly dying.

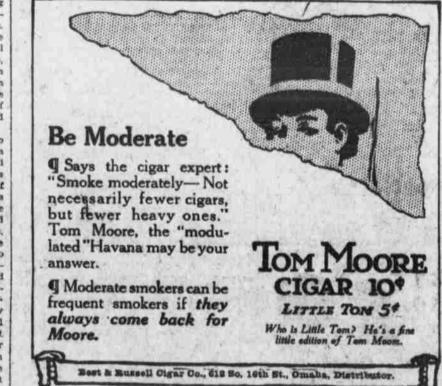
All the year holds of its tressures shows the finer in your grace.

Then be true and loyal to us, all your gracious duty to us.

Be the month we always look for when we greet you on your way:

Let your gentleness enfold us, with your beauty mild still hold us,

With your masic charm refrash us, fair and merry month of May.



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