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Thought for the Day. Selected by Clara B. Mason. I will do everything right according to my light, and I will increase my light in every possible way according to my strength.

Words are good only when backed up by deeds—likewise promises of lower electric lighting rates.

Great Britain's cabinet repairs still further emphasizes the national feeling that it will "muddle through" somehow.

It is worth while noting that the young men most likely to do the trench digging are not doing much of the war talking.

The movement for consolidation of Greater Omaha may be like an obstacle race, but its eventual success is as sure as fate.

When European cabinet jobs go begging, there should be an opening abroad for some of the surplus timber in this country.

Some good has already come out of the Williams-Riggs bank case. It has cleared up the mystery of the whereabouts of former Senator Bailey of Texas.

Assurance is given that the new secretary of the State Board of Health is neither allopah nor homeopath. Must be an invitation for an inquisition and an inquest.

Nearly every legislature still in session has made a plea for commutation of sentence for Leo M. Frank. But Nebraska's governor, at least accounts, is still thinking about it.

In advocating the mobilizing of both men and women, Mrs. Pankhurst is nothing if not consistent with her championship of equal civil and political rights regardless of sex.

The extension of the postal savings bank system to districts hitherto isolated will be fortunate if it relieves kitchen stoves and pantry shelves of their banking responsibilities.

Admiral Dewey says the American navy is not surpassed, ship for ship, by anything that floats. Still there are critics who assume to know more about it than the hero of Manila bay.

Neighboring counties which indulge in the practice of ticketing public charges to Omaha are reminded that the home supply is fully up to the demand. True charity rebels at imposition.

With Italy committed to war Europe stands ten governments for peace and nine engaged in deadly strife. The big six and three minor governments are struggling for each other's throats, and ten bantam powers look on at an unsafe distance.

The call for daily and hourly prayers to end the scourge of war should find ready response in the hearts of a peaceful people. The dominating powers engaged in deadly strife, professing belief in an All-Wise Ruler, should be susceptible to divine intercession.

Opening the Doors of Janus' Temple. The streets of Rome again resound with demonstrations for war, the populace having enforced its way against the government, at least so far as surface indications may be relied upon.

A singular, and sorrowful, fact in connection with the situation is that the royal family, although strongly opposed to war, is unable to withstand the popular clamor, and must give assent to the proceedings.

It would be a waste of time to speculate on the effect of Italy's advent on the course of the conflict. But it is not a waste of time or thought to look forward to, and plan for, a day when men can be better provided for in pursuits of peace than in the waging of warfare.

What's the Constitution Between Friends? To save for the Nebraska National guard a few thousand dollars of its last year's budget in danger of lapsing, our learned attorney general has promulgated a new ruling which extends the life of the appropriation for three months.

For almost forty years law-makers, attorneys general and other state officers must have been stupidly reading the constitution as if it meant what it said wherein it provides that "each legislature shall make appropriations for expenses of the government until the expiration of the first fiscal quarter after the adjournment of the next regular session, and all appropriations shall end with such fiscal quarter, but whenever it is deemed necessary to make further appropriations for deficiencies, etc."

But what's the constitution between friends, anyway? Does not the same sacred document in another place say, "There shall be no allowance for clerk hire in the offices of superintendent of public instruction and attorney general," when, as a matter of fact, employees are so thick in those two offices they can scarcely keep out of one another's way?

Base Ball as a Peacemaker. The civilizing influence of base ball is being felt in Europe as never before. The cry that comes from the trenches for the "pink sheets" with the "box scores" shows the human touch of the sport, and the games that have been played between battles have drawn the attention of thousands who never before heard the cries that attend the progress of the sport from inning to inning.

With little difficulty we may visualize the spread of this most potent American influence for peace, until in time we can see the nations of Europe flocking to the grandstands, there to cheer their representatives on the diamond rather than the embattled millions now arrayed in conflict.

Computation of lost occupation taxes makes the fifty business in Omaha cost the city treasury about \$10 a day. Perhaps, but that gets back to the real question. Is it, or is it not, worth the money as a public convenience and regulative agency?

Because May 30 this year falls on a Sunday, the governor has designated May 31 for observance as Memorial day. Considering that 1915 marks the semi-centennial of the peace of Appomattox, two Memorial days will not be too many.

Mrs. Oliver Hazard Perry Belmont, militant suffrage leader, feels peeved because President Wilson has a bodyguard on his travels. What else can a lonely widower do who realizes the force of Sam Weller's admonition.

When is an American Not an American?

Theodore Roosevelt in Metropolitan.

IT SEEMS to me that the following two letters show an attitude on the part of the national administration which challenges the careful consideration of every American. The letters, which were sent me by John M. Parker of New Orleans, explain themselves.

Hon. William Jennings Bryan, secretary of state, Washington, D. C. Your excellency: My father, P. A. LeLong, was a native of France and came to New Orleans when he was about 20 years of age. I had here about forty years. He died here about two years ago, but about five years before his death took out naturalization papers.

I hold that it is the clear duty of the national administration, speaking for the American people, immediately to repudiate the doctrine thus laid down by the Department of State, that there are in our country citizens—and, as a matter of fact, this ruling would apply to millions of citizens—who are "born with a dual nationality."

But the present case is even worse. It seems incredible that the Department of State can promulgate the doctrine of dual nationality promulgated in its letter above quoted. It is dangerously close to treason to the United States to hold that men born here of foreign parents, men who have served in the militia in this country, who vote and hold office and exercise all the rights of citizenship, and who in good faith are and always have been Americans, should, nevertheless, be blindly informed by the State department that if they visit the countries in which their parents were born they can be seized, punished for evasion of military duty or made to serve in the army.

Let me point out a few of the possible applications of the doctrine thus laid down by the Department of State. If Colonel Goethals were to Holland he would be liable to be shipped out for military service in Sumatra. If Admiral Oesterhaus and Schroeder had gone to Germany they could have been forced to serve under Admiral von Tirpitz in the German navy.

Such incidents seem like the phantasmagoria of an unpleasant dream. Until I saw this letter of April 2 last, I had not supposed that it would be possible for any human being in our country to uphold such a proposition. Yet in point of rights, Mr. LeLong stands exactly level with the men who I have thus instanced. Surely it ought not to be necessary to say that the rights of every citizen in this land are as great and as sacred as those of any other citizen.

Several cases of opium smuggled in barrels of pickled herring is the latest discovery of New York customs officers. It happened that one of the barrels leaked pickle juice, necessitating a new head, when the opium was disclosed.

The Bee's Letter Box

Two Mides to Every Story.

OMAHA, May 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: This morning I read a very pitiful article on "The Sheriff Did His Duty" in the Bee's "Letter Box." While I am not for the sheriff and his gang, yet I am for the sheriff to stick up for them or anyone else when they are in the right, and they certainly were in the right in this matter.

The Swimming Hole. OMAHA, May 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: Breathes there a man who never feels when summer comes a loneliness? Who, over his heart no longing steals, that tongue or pen cannot express, when he beholds a flock of kids, stripping their shirts and shoes and lids, tying them up in a solid roll, then plunging headlong in the swimming hole.

The Simple Music of the Heart. OMAHA, May 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: A deep secret of the power of Bach's music lies in his appreciation of the richness and grandness and soul of the simple chord, or hymn. In all the maze of learning in Bach, his single-hearted sense of simple heart-words of the people and for the people brings the mighty master's productions closer home.

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Editorial Snapshots. Washington Post: "In my dream I stood at the gates of hell"—Pilgrim's Progress. That a bully war correspondent told John Hurran would have made!

Brooklyn Eagle: After barring vodka, Russia offers prizes amounting to \$30,000 for new and better ways of using alcohol, Genaturized. A denaturized autocracy would accomplish more for a very large country.

St. Louis Globe Democrat: Senators Jones and Hitchcock announce that they would not vote for war over the questions arising out of the Louisiana incident, but neither threatens a filibuster should the matter ever reach that stage.

Springfield Republican: The \$3,000 which it would cost to mail a million letters to the president pleading the support of the citizens, as proposed by John Wanamaker, might more profitably be spent otherwise. The number of the president's American supporters at this crisis is much nearer 100,000,000, and it doesn't need heavy burdens on the postal service to prove it.

New York World: In Busch's "Bismarck" there appears a memorandum under the date of January 18, 1871, that has a peculiar application to the present diplomatic situation between the United States and Germany.

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LAUGHING GAS. She—This prize fight I have been reading about seems to be very exciting. He—Why not? She—Because the paper says that one of the fighters was put to sleep—Baltimore American.

KABIBBLE KABARET. 5 HILLS YET TO MALARATED STREET. ALL WALK IF IT COSTS ME A LEG. I'VE LOST MYNIE NICKEL CAR FIVE AND I'M DRESSED TOO WELL TO BEG.

EUROPE. W. R. Fox in New York Times. She kneels, beholding War, between Paul peats and famines, stinking by; And sees her fields incarnadine; Her cities flaming; black the sky; Imporing hands she clasps on high; "Great God, what does it mean?" her cry; "Great God, what does it mean?"

Then, glorious mother! round theirth Of this, our globe, from pole to pole, The peoples all who owe thee birth, The children of thy flesh and soul, Will joy to view the grand and whole, Around thy brow an aureole, Amidst the league of earth.

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