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DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager. Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me, this 1st day of May, 1915. ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

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Thought for the Day. Selected by Mrs. Frances Smith. Study to show thyself approved unto God. A workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.—II. Timothy, 2:15.

South Omaha evidently was ready for annexation.

Still a little short of the 200,000 mark, but watch us grow.

June is making a very fair start, especially as a month for weddings.

Dundee voters at least stuck to the sentiments they had openly avowed.

Shirtsleeve diplomacy is a product of self-respecting democracy, and that is why it is so little understood in Europe.

Now, let us make it Greater Omaha in fact as well as in name. It will take a little team work, but that ought to come easy.

Messrs. Dietz, Haverstick and others who worked so consistently and tirelessly to accomplish the result are also entitled to warmest congratulations.

The Bee feels it really was a factor in bringing about the consolidation of Greater Omaha, and is especially gratified to find that it was on the right side with so large a majority.

Saving money at the expense of the janitors and the charwomen is another triumph for the late democratic congress. The longer its record stands, the more fragrant it becomes.

Carranza, Villa & Co. may not be able to read English, but there's a quality in the president's note that will not escape their attention, even when it is done over into mellifluous Castilian.

The way for the electric lighting company to prove the good faith it has been professing is to heed The Bee's demand for a reduction of rates to patrons to the extent the company has already indicated its willingness to go, not next year, nor next month, but now.

Blowing up a Nebraskan at home is quite different from blowing up the Nebraskan 4,000 miles away. As a local industry the action puts pep in the pantry. Foreign imitation ruffles state pride and violates the law against adulterated goods. It is up to Premier Bryan to vindicate his state.

Lincolmites profess to be wondering whether William J. Bryan or "Brother Charley" Bryan was a candidate in the election next year. "Brother Charley" Bryan has just accepted employment as mayor of Lincoln for a term of three years, and it is our guess he will stay on the job the whole length of time.

Troubles multiply for the merry baggageman. Heretofore he lent an unwilling ear to the swears of travelers. Under the new law effective June 3 he must put the swears in writing, especially the value of baggage which the owner is required to sign. Thus by force of law the sanctuary of trunks and things will be profaned by tongue and pen.



A pleasant party was given last evening at the residence of A. Polack, Nineteenth and Farnam, in honor of his niece, Miss Dollie Rosenstock, who left today for St. Louis, whence she will proceed to Baltimore and other points east. About thirty invited friends were present for a most enjoyable time.

The new boat club proposes to buy a four-oared and six-oared shell, two single sculls, a working boat and a barge to start its fleet and will probably build a boathouse on the southwest side of Cut-off lake.

The annual election of Capitol lodge resulted in the choice of the following officers: J. C. Wilson, master; N. C. Nattinson, senior warden; P. M. White, junior warden; M. Helms, treasurer; John Bamford, secretary.

The marriage of Mildred F. Funkschwer and Miss Miriam Franklin, formerly of Brownell Hall, took place at the residence of the bride's family in Sircusbury, N. J.

Demmas Thompson is putting up his "Uncle Josh Whitcomb" show at the Boyd.

Peter Goss was celebrating his forty-seventh birthday today. His twins were 1 year old also. He declares June 3 is the luckiest day of the year.

Meeting Situation Firmly.

President Wilson is proceeding with a difficult and delicate task in a spirit of deliberate firmness that is most assuring. He has been suddenly confronted with an extremely critical situation in the relations between the United States and Germany, while the perplexity he has endured in connection with the Mexican trouble has been brought all at once to an acute stage.

Germany is to be asked for a frank statement as to its intention with regard to the observance of established international law. On the reply to this question will turn the immediate future of relations between the two countries.

Mexico is to be pacified. The bandit leaders down there will be advised to co-operate in composing the situation in that country and will be solemnly warned that their failure to agree will be followed by such action on the part of this country as will establish a stable and responsible government for Mexico.

More than this the president cannot do; less than this would be short of his duty. His firmness in these critical dealings is supported by the deepest sentiment of his countrymen.

Greater Omaha Problems.

While the unification of Omaha and its suburbs into Greater Omaha enlarges our opportunities, it also increases and complicates our problems. The government of a city of more than 175,000 inhabitants must be on broad and far-reaching lines. Its various activities must be re-organized and re-systematized to answer the larger requirements, and we must remember that the population addition from South Omaha makes the community more cosmopolitan than ever.

But it is not only in official and public affairs that the new elements must be taken into consideration, they should also be brought into closer relations with our commercial, civic, religious, educational and social organizations. While the geographical demarcation has not heretofore been strictly drawn, it has often been used as an excuse for holding aloof or duplicating various machinery and work for which no such excuse will from now on hold good.

Must Deal with Lawlessness.

Attorney General Reed has discovered a most startling condition of affairs in Loup county, where a murderer is permitted to go untried by law, because the county commissioners object to the expense of a trial. He also charges that this astounding attitude of the county officials is tentatively, at least, supported by the judge of the district court, who expresses doubt as to the effort to enforce the law being of real service.

If this were in some uncivilized country it might not be wondered at, but that such a condition can exist in as highly an enlightened a commonwealth as Nebraska is beyond understanding.

Governor Morehead should proceed without delay, and with all the machinery of the law, to establish order in Loup county, to see that persons guilty of crimes are brought to trial, and that everything is done that needs to be done to end a condition that is intolerable.

A German Balance Sheet.

As conveying the German estimate of achievements up to April 1, we take the following balance sheet from a German press bureau bulletin, which pronounces it "the sanest because the most categorical account of the past and present phases of the war," having been contained in a public lecture delivered in Berlin by Prof. Peuk, the eminent head of the Royal Geographical society:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Territory conquered in Belgium and France (square miles) 13,200. Population 10,000,000. Conquered districts include the most important iron and coal mines and industrial sections of our enemies' territory.

Germany's "starvation plan" collapsed. Unity of German nation in arms and realization that it is fighting "for great ideals of humanity."

Hostility of neutral countries due to German violation of Belgian neutrality. German territory occupied by foe (square miles) 38. Austrian territory occupied by foe (square miles) 21,151. Population thereof 6,000,000.

According to this same source of information, Prof. Peuk in his lectures declares that Germany is justified in expecting that "in a few months France will have bled to death, and Russia suffer military exhaustion."

As an industrial barometer the steel business is unsurpassed. In a recent address the head of the Steel trust, Judge E. H. Gary, cheerily noted two welcome signs of business betterment—increasing orders for structural steel and improving relations between business and governments.

The depression in business caused a local jeweler to discharge his experienced man, replacing him with a high school graduate—a youth just out of school. He appeared very anxious to learn, and the proprietor at the end of the first week, was much pleased with results. One day the merchant was obliged to be away from the store, and upon his return inquired: "Well, Frank, did you sell anything while I was out?"

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Can Europe Withstand The Economic Strain?

STEP by step along with the movements of the belligerent armies in the field, there has proceeded an equally striking and equally unusual movement in the financial position of the fighting nations. In some respects, the accumulating perplexities which surround each, and which fairly baffle even expert prediction, are similar. The problem of the armies, considered on the hypothesis of a protracted war, is how long the physical capacity of the several belligerents, their supply of able-bodied citizens, will be able to maintain a conflict marked by the enormous expenditures of money, the unparalled waste of resources and wealth, in maintaining the armies and conducting active hostilities, raises the same question in regard to the national resources of capital. It might, from one point of view, be argued that the considerations arising from the waste of life are more formidable than those arising from the waste of treasure, because the number of soldiers available at the call of a fighting state is determinable, whereas the total sum of capital subject to its requisition is not. But to this it will be answered that the problem of keeping the ranks filled, even under circumstances of prodigious loss of life, is familiar to military history, and that the problem of meeting such expenses as are being incurred today is certain that the present financial and economic aspect of the war is one of the utmost perplexity.

New York, as the financial capital of the greatest neutral state, is today the real money center of the world; therefore, it is the rate of exchange at New York on the various belligerent countries, which should measure more accurately than anything else, the severity of Europe's economic strain. As a matter of fact, New York exchange on all of those countries stands today at an utterly abnormal discount. The rates on London, Paris, Berlin, Vienna, Rome and St. Petersburg, are in each case expressed in figures which would be wholly impossible in times of normal conditions of momentary financial panic or of currency depreciation.

Berlin exchange, which is now some 11 per cent below the normal minimum, undoubtedly measured, as an economic fact, a depreciated currency in Germany. Russian exchange on London, which stands at a discount of 24 per cent, gives an apparently similar indication for that country. It is at least debatable whether the 4 per cent depreciation in French exchange, and the 12 per cent depreciation in the rate on Italy, may not have indicated similar, though less aggravated, conditions; at all events, the currency in those countries does not appear to be today redeemed in gold.

Of exchange on London, which has itself sold at a discount of perhaps 14 per cent from normal figures, no adverse inference as to the British currency can very well be drawn; this for several reasons. Unlike the currency of the other European belligerents, which has been wholly impossible in times of normal conditions, the pound sterling is today freely redeemable in gold. England, moreover, is the only fighting state which is regularly exporting gold to meet an adverse foreign balance. Beyond these considerations, it is well known that the current depreciation of sterling exchange is due primarily, not to the pressure of London's own foreign trade, but to the assumption by that market of the outside burdens of its allies.

All this, however, is only to state the problem—not to solve it, or to indicate what later conditions it will lead to. There are two separate factors in the case, each of which will have its bearing on the result. One has to do with the attitude of the American market. This country is for the present not only the banking center of the world, but by far the largest exporting state and the largest creditor on current international account. Yesterday's foreign trade returns for April show an excess of merchandise exports, during the four last months of 1914, of \$24,000,000. The largest excess in any previous corresponding period of our history was \$102,000,000; and to this, in reckoning our market's international advantage, must be added the saving of, say, \$5,000,000 of remittances usually made in the period to Americans abroad, and the remittance, to New York, of very large sums for safekeeping during war time.

In the normal machinery of international exchange, such a position would always be adjusted either by greatly increased import of foreign merchandise, or by wholesale redemption of our own securities from Europe, or by large advances of capital to the European markets. Increased shipments of merchandise, however, Europe cannot provide. It has either exhausted its available supply of American stocks and bonds, or else the owners of such securities are clinging to them as the surest form of investment at this time. There is left the recourse of lending great sums of our own capital to Europe. In one form or another—whether through the granting of "credit balances" or through the purchase of government securities—that is the quite inevitable result of the existing situation.

The outcome of financial Europe's home position rests on other considerations. It is not easy to see how some at least of the fighting states, in case of a long war, can avoid collapse. For the moment, while Europe is engaged in irredeemable and depreciated paper, there has been some idle talk of "repudiation" by those governments—a phrase whose meaning has apparently not been clear, even to those who used it; and Wall street has caught up the notion, in some vague conjecture as to whether the "war orders" and the grain exports will be paid for. The answer, if any, to such a question should be needed, is that payment for the shipments is provided for when the orders are placed, and is made in cash by American bankers when the goods are shipped.

All this is apart from the larger problem—how the machinery of European finance can bear the enormous burden of the war expenditure, at a time when, except for the United States and Holland, every important financial nation of the world is entangled in the war. At present as in the twelve years of the Napoleonic conflict, England is largely sustaining its allies; and England's reserve resources, now as then, are enormous. The problem as it applies to Germany is apparently one of astonishingly expert use of interlocking credit, whose longer scope of operation it is not easy to predict.

Twice Told Tales

Frankly Admitted It. Senator William Hughes of New Jersey smiled the other evening when reference was made to the beauty of Frankly admitting facts, and he said he was reminded of an incident that happened in Trenton. Some time ago a charming Bordentown girl went to the Jersey capital to spend a week with a young woman friend. While there she was induced to take part in a church bazaar, and was given charge of the candy booth. Eventually a middle aged man was led that way.

Bright Salesman. The depression in business caused a local jeweler to discharge his experienced man, replacing him with a high school graduate—a youth just out of school. He appeared very anxious to learn, and the proprietor at the end of the first week, was much pleased with results. One day the merchant was obliged to be away from the store, and upon his return inquired: "Well, Frank, did you sell anything while I was out?"

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Editorial Snapshots

Philadelphia Ledger: When the next Thanksgiving day comes, this "land of the free and home of the brave" will have abundant reasons to celebrate it mightily.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Prof. Benson of California wants a congress of fathers called to study domestic problems. May be this will be necessary, when the mothers go to congress.

Pittsburg Dispatch: President Wilson's address to the Pan-American congress carried a strong hint that he is preparing a case of alibi for life for the ship purchase bill.

Baltimore American: Politics and parties, after all, play a small role in the destiny of the United States; for when crises come the people of their own accord weld themselves into a mass of solidarity that cannot be broken. And with the American people behind him no man can be far wrong.

Brooklyn Eagle: There can be no United States of Europe, because there can be no common understanding without one language to express in a new literature the fruits of that understanding. It is well to have dreams, but it is also well to wake up occasionally to the common-sense view of things.

Springfield Republican: Thomas A. Edison, commenting on the Lusitania incident and the war in general, remarks that in the one addition of trench fighting in military tactics "it is fair to assume that the aeroplane has given to the United States what amounts to an addition of 2,000,000 or 3,000,000 men." This is a reminder that both the aeroplane and the submarine are practical machines are American inventions.

Philadelphia Record: Privacy is becoming more and more difficult. Mr. Marconi is announced to have invented a device that makes stone walls transparent, an extension of the X-ray and fluoroscope idea. Some one else has found that a man with a coil of wire around his head as a project in thoughts against persons who could run away from his voice. The wireless telephone apparatus that can be carried on the person was recently announced. Some of the new school of psychologists think they can catch a man, fasten a mechanism to him and tell what he is passing in his mind.

Springfield Republican: America cannot escape a curtailment of the labor supply with Italy establishing a firing line in Europe. This country was affected when the Italian campaign in Tripoli was being prosecuted a few years ago, but the carrier war with Turkey was trivial compared with what this one must be in its demands upon the Italian population of military age. Doubtless there are thousands of Italian reservists in America today who will go home to serve in the army. It is estimated at Washington that between 35 and 45 per cent of the 3,000,000 men of Italian birth in the United States are still bound to join the colors.

People and Events

The newspaper fraternity has not taken anything in right in Kansas, but has sequestered a large jury since. Governor Capper is a newspaper publisher. Jay E. House, one of Capper's desk men, has been elected mayor of Topeka. Mayor House won handily in a field of four on the platform of opposition to women in politics. The women gave him a fierce run for the job, making a house-to-house canvass against him. One of his first acts on becoming mayor was to fire four police women. "Women will be used at the police station," says the mayor, "but I am not going to have them patrolling the streets, where their chief employment has been sticking their noses into their neighbors' business." Why, Jay, you mean things!

Condensed Pointers

Real repentance is seldom of the fog-born variety. The third party leader should always be an optimist.

The man who has never been tempted deserves no credit for virtue. It is human nature to fawn upon our superiors and kick inferiors. There is nothing like the verdict of a jury to demonstrate that things are not what they seem.

When asked for an opinion, it is better to guess how young a woman is not than how old she is.

Examination generally proves that there are a lot of spikes concealed in the other man's soft job.

Anyhow, the old maid can derive satisfaction from the thought that she is not slaving to support a lazy husband. As a rule the people who derive the most pleasure from an almanac joke never need the advertised remedies.

SWAT THE FLY. Minna Irving, in Leslie's. When he rouses you at dawn From a rare and rare dream, To the table follows you, Dipping in the jug of cream, Swirling in the coffee-cup, Stealing sugar on the stir, Skating on the butter-plate, Swat the fly.

When he sneaks the kitchen, there Over pots and pans to roam, While the damp and soapy sink Is his happy little home, Swarming on the meat and fish, Seeping traps and pebbles by, Multiplying on the best! Swat the fly.

When he finds you on the porch In a hammock, full of bliss, From the sweetest girl on earth, Just about to steal a kiss, And he buzzes far from shy, Turning 'swat' to sudden wrath, Swat the fly.

When he's crawling on the floor, When he's sailing through the air, When he's crawling in your hair, When he's roosting spide down On the ceiling, snore and high, Every place and every time, Swat the fly.

Nebraska Editors

J. J. Hayden has sold the Lyons Sun to Van Hoyce of Adel, Ia. The transfer was made June 1.

Brande Bros, proprietors of the Pierce Call, have purchased the McClain Herald and have consolidated it with their paper.

F. M. Broome, one of the pioneer newspaper men of Box Butte county, is the new editor and manager of the Alliance News, a weekly paper recently started by a stock company.

The Hildreth Telescope celebrated its twenty-ninth anniversary last week. J. Frank Lantz, the present proprietor has been at the helm for the last nineteen years.

E. T. and C. J. Best, founders of the Neligh Leader, celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of their paper last week by getting out an extra good number of that interesting sheet. They announce that they will install a linotype or intertype within the next few weeks.

Editor Pickett of the Wahoo Waap issued a fine eight-page high school supplement last week. It is illustrated with fine half-tone engravings of the graduates, members of the faculty, groups of societies and school buildings. It contains much historical matter and is a souvenir that every friend of the school will be glad to preserve.

Wayne Herald: The Ord Quiz was sold recently for \$15,000. Ord is not so large a town as Wayne, nor so favorably located. The country around Wayne is richer than that around Ord. We doubt if the Quiz is better equipped than the Wayne Herald, or has a larger volume of business. The foregoing is basis for the remark that the value of the Herald plant has been marked up.

CHERRY CHAFF.

"Bredren," said the Rev. Rasmus Johnson, "next Sunday the Lord will be with you in a special way, and he will be with you at the right services."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"You realize that you are but a servant of the people," replied Senator Sorghum. "I can't help feeling that I have a lot more respect for the people than many servants have for their employers."—Washington Star.

"I'm a peaceable man an' hope that O.I. may never be anything else." "Then you don't want war with Germany?" "Oh no. But, begorry, if Germany wants war wid us, O.I. think we ought to be neighborly an' accommodate."—Boston Transcript.

"Haven't you any larger checks?" "No," said the tailor, "these are the largest I have." "I fear you have not a very extensive line of cloth." "These are about as large as checks come in cloth. I might possibly make you up a vest out of linoleum."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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HELLAS. Percy Bysshe Shelley. The world's great age begins anew. The golden years return. The earth doth like a snake renew Her winter weeds outworn; Heaven smiles, and faiths and empires gleam Like wrecks of a dissolving dream. A brighter Hellas rears its mountains From waves of purple fume. A new Peneus rolls his fountains Against the morning star; Where winter tempests bloom, there leap Young Cyclops on a sunnier shore. A Ioffier Argo cleaves the main. Fraught with a later prize; Another Orpheus sings again. And loves, and weeps, and dies; A new Ulysses leaves once more Calypso for his native shore. O, write no more the tale of Troy. If earth with Death's scroll must be— Nor mix with Laila race the joy Which dawns upon the free, Although a subtler Sphinx renew Riddles of death 'Thebes never knew. Another Athens shall arise, And to remember time Bequeath, like sunset to the skies. The splendor of its prime; And leave, if naught so bright may live, All earth can take or heaven give. Saturn and Love their long repose Shall break, more bright and good Than all who fell, than One who rose. Than many unnumbered; Not gold, not blood, their altar flowers, But votive tears and symbol flowers. O, cease! Must hate and death return? Cease! Must men kill and die? Cease! Drain not to its dregs the urn Of bitter prophecy! The world is weary of the past— O, might it die or rest at last!

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