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this 7th day of July, 1814.
ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested,

General Sherman's definition of war still holds good.

Until the aerial fleets are mobilized, the world is up in the air.

"Darkest Africa" shines as the noonday sun in comparison with sable Europe.

The hardship of being unable to take a trip to Europe has its consoling features.

Everything and everybody seems to be drunk with the war fever; even money is tight. Villa never appeared to better advantage

than at present keeping his mouth shut.

Pressure for diplomatic posts from now on may be expected to be noticeably relieved.

If Secretary Bryan can make good now as the pacificator, universal acclaim will be his. Gee, Nebraska "aint't mad at nobody," with

the biggest wheat, corn and alfalfa crops to put The War at Our Doors-Headline.

First of the month army of bill collectors,

Highway robbers fully endorse the kw prohibiting tourists from carrying weapons in the Yellowstone. "Safety First" proclaims and American

magazine which has recently lost a famous con-The railroads gain a partial victory in their

demand for a rate increase. Soon we will find out who pays the freight. Take comfort out of the knowledge that Abyasinia is enjoying the blessings of peace,

Menelik being still dead. The consistency with which Spain seems to be thus far trying to avoid the mixup is a stout

tribute to a retentive memory. Suppose John L. Kennedy should now submit to persuasion and withdraw his withdrawal,

and draw cards in the game again. Here is a man who forgets to pay for three meals which he eats at one sitting. He is to be

envied for such a comforting mentality. Perhaps there may be some gratification in the fact that the Omaha team has a different

reason to offer for each day's defeat. How is anyone to tell that "Tom" will not

pull the string to his withdrawal of his withdrawal as he did to his original withdrawal? Huerta is said to have put \$200,000 in a

Jamaica bank and \$660,000 in European banks. Not so bad for seventeen months perquisities. If reason always ruled, predictions about the Eu-

repean difficulty would be safer.-St. Louis Globe-

If reason always ruled the present European difficulty would not exist.

On the principle of the ficeing purse anutcher yelling "Stop thiof," the fake reformer with held-out fees in his pocket seems to think he can get away with it by declaiming against fee grabbing.



A special train carrying Charies Francis Adams. president of the Union Pacific; Fred la Ames, Oliver amon, S. R. Callaway, Charles T. Lawrence and S. Y. smith, directors and officers of the road, came in from Grand Island.

The Pirst Presbyterian church, Sevenlespth and Bodge, was reopened for worship after having been stored for repairs for several months.

The English Lutheran church, corner Sixteenth and Harney, is fast approaching completion, and the date of dedication will be announced in the near

County Commissioner Corties has gone to Canada for a few weeks' visit, and County Commissioner O'Keefe to Chicago for medical treatment. Will Toung, the pleasing clerk of Tyrrell & Cook,

eft for a visit in Kunsas. Last evening and early this morning it was plenty sel enough for a spring overcoat, and many of the idies took orcasion to put on warmer wraps. Mrs. G. Lundbarg, 314 South Nineteenth, is prepared to teach stamping and other embroidery work. Rev. Commedy of Denver met with an accident

while driving about the city and was nursing a proken smale.

War Has the Right of Way.

Treaties, alliances and ententes have been thrown to winds and evidently are to count for little if anything in the present European upheaval. Germany invades Luxemburg despite specific treaty restrictions and Italy stands firm for peace, while Great Britain would like to do the same. The venture provoked a Russian proposal that the czar, Germany and France combine to teach the Briton a lesson, taking their reprisal in India, Africa and Egypt, respectively. Only France's demand for Alsace-Lorraine blocked the plan

With the die cast, nothing must obstruct or thwart the demen, war, not even the grave milestones of experience. Germany attacks France in the same old fashion and France meets it a little better than half way. Forty years evidently have taught France more than Germany.

The imminence of a general European was was discounted from the first. Germany's hostile declaration against Russia and France came as matters of course, so also must similar action by England be regarded. The remaining question is, how far will war spread, or what powers may succeed in escaping the maelstrom.

Whatever the results, England, now ready with the rest, will be credited with an active desire and effort for peace. Like financially-depressed Italy, though for a different reason. England can ill afford to engage in such a war. Britain's lack of sympathy with Russia and its allies and interests, with which the Triple Entente obliges Britain to join, is also clear.

What a travesty, then, is war, when nations with no grievance, with not even zeal enough to enlist, must let the force of circumstantial agreements with powers with which they have nothing in common, drive them to action!

#### The Freight Rate Increase.

The Interstate Commerce Commission's concession of a 5 per cent freight rate increase to the railroads of the central territory-from Pittsburgh and Buffalo to the Mississippi river, north of the Ohio and Potomac-seems to be merely a step toward equalizing general freight rate schedules. As rates in this section were admittedly below the general level and too low both in the interest of the public and the railroads, the advance is not to be taken as alarming. On the contrary the order should have generally a quieting and reassuring effect. The railroads, however, should lose no time in acting on the further advice of the commission to cut off free service and free passes, which mount up into the millions and establish a basis of maximum efficiency and economy in their operation. This applies not only to the eastern roads, but to the roads of all sections.

#### Americans Abroad.

Wealthy Americans residing in London, have pooled purses and arranged to send messengers over the continent with currency for the relief of any stranded American tourists. And the government at Washington stands ready to dispatch vessels in a crisis to bring back home those who must come. The experience of our countrymen who happen to be in Europe at this exciting time may, after all, prove but a most future. Instead of indulging vain fears and anxieties for their safety, their friends and relatives at home may soon begin to envy them for their timely fortune.

### Some Figures to Ponder On.

The Nebraska Legislative Reference bureau has issued a little pamphlet which contains among other things a compilation of the bonded debt of minor municipal divisions of the state. Remembering that Omaha and Douglas county are to all intents and purposes one and the same when it comes to borrowing money or paying off obiligations, the following exhibit will invite studious attention:

NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL DEST.

	The second contract of	Amount. \$ 3,601,500	County.	Douglas County. \$ 1,654,500
	Precinct City and village School district Drainage district	. 10,664,006 6,010,658	15,345,993 1,771,400 42,494	251,000 7,315,012 4,209,363 360,470
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The comparison shows that Omaha and Douglas county, although comprising only oneeighth of the population, are loaded down with two-thirds of the state's total municipal debt, or, to put it more graphically, have borrowed and are paying interest on an amount nearly 50 per cent greater than the obligations of all the rest of the state.

Different Language-Same Thought. Predicting the early political eclipse of three well advertised democratic United States

senators, the New York World adds this reason for faith in its prophecy: Political treachery may have its brief period of

self-glorification, but it also has its permanent penal-

Without making claim to any copyright, The Bee not long ago put this thought just as forcibly, though in different language when it said in another, but not dissimilar, connection: Treachery is some times successful, but treason seldom rewarded.

For the quarter ending June 30, the business of the United States Steel corporation yielded net earnings of \$20,457,559, as against net earnings of \$41,219,000 in the corresponding quarter of 1913. Don't let any one persuade you that the business depression has been anything but psychological.

Huerta is said to have asked Felix Diaz to meet him at Toronto and help foment a new revolution. Or is this only another one of Carvanua's excuses for delaying the game?

All the sweet passans of praise the bards have sung to the glory of work have fallen with disgust upon the ears of the "barefooted boy

with cheek of tan." Members of certain families of Europe have loud call to demonstrate whether they are good for anything besides lingering in the lap

The Bee's Leffer Box

Brief contributions on timely topics invited. The Bee assume no responsibility for opinions of indente. All letters subtest to condensation by editor.

Justice Between the Sexes OMAHA, Aug. 2 .- To the Editor of The Bee; Women are asking for self-government on equal terms with men. If a college or university education is required before one may become an elector, well, so let it be, but let all who can fulfill the requirements-both men and womenparticipate in government. This would be justice as between the sexes. To insist that no woman shall be allowed to vote because all women are not educated is as unjust as to insist that all men be permitted to vote regardless of the unfitness of criminals. Make the test an educational one if you choose, but apply the test to men as well as women, thus making intelligence and not sex the basis for representation. The golden rule is the safest foundation for a political superstructure and any government founded upon a sex basis is not calling to its aid the best from all its citizens.

VIOLA KAUFMAN. Chase County's Inducements. CHAMPION, Neb., Aug. 1.-To the Editor of The Bee: I would like to say a words for western Nebraska, especially Chase county, the home of a happy and a prosperous people. Chase county need to settle up some thirty years ago and I am one of the number that took homesteads and as still Uving on that homestead today. I never have left it as a great many did by getting discouraged and tired of western life. We have never missed but two crops in all that time and today we have an excellent crop of everything that will grow in our eastern states. Wheat is now being threshed and runs from sixteen to thirtysix bushels per acre, and all other small grain about the same way. Corn is in roasting ear now and clean, and bids fair, for a large crop. No country has a better place to grow stock or make money easier than in western Nebraska. We need more settlers as we have surplus land to make good homes for people who don't have them. There is plenty of good water to be had from a depth of twenty to sixty feet. So trot along to Chase county and live in a good country and among a class of good people.

W. L. DAVIDSON.

Letters of a Political Heathen Sacrificing Truth for Harmony's Sake

SOMEWHERE, Aug. 1.-To the Editor of The Bee: The democratic platform adopted at Columbus refers to Woodrow Wilson and William J. Bryan as "the greatest president and secretary since Jackson." Passing over the false syntax of this quotation-which is enough to make William Cobbett and Lindley Murray turn in their graves and groanwe come to its historic accuracy. direct assertion this statement puts Wilson above Lincoln, and by implication places Jackson there too. I pass this

But let us look at the list of secretaries of state since the administration of Jackson: John Forsyth, Daniel Webster, Hugh S. Legare, Abel P. Upahun, John C. Calhoun, James Buchanan, John M. Clayton, Edward Everett, William L. Marcy, Louis Cass, Jeremiah S. Black, William H. Seward, Elthu B. Washburn, Hamilton Fish, William M. Evarts, James G. Blaine, Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, Bayard, John W. Foster. Walter Q. Gresham, Richard Olney, John Sherman, William R. Day, John Hay, Elihu Root, Robert Bacon, Philander C. Knox and William J. Bryan. I have written from memory, but I think I have them all. Daniel Webster and James G. Blaine each filled the office twice. Will any one of the seven respectable and intelligent gentlemen who framed the democratic platform at Columbus, look the world in the face and say that they seriously meant what they said, when they placed William J. Bryan at the head of the class, either in ability, attainments or accomplishments?

DER HEIDEL

### Told in Figures

Germany has 253,469 acres in vineyards. Spain last year imported 2,790,000 tons Argentina's 1913 imports were valued

at \$406,606,203. British Columbia last year derived \$31,05

from fisheries taxation. Belfast last year sold 1,900 tons

thread to the United States. Bavaria's iron mines and smetters give employment to 14,917 persons. France last year imported 984,679 tons of natural phosphates.

The United States in 1913 sold to Eccador 104,000 pounds of dynamits. Ecuador last year bought \$20,709 worth

of paper from the United States. The Bulgarian government is borrowing \$94,500,000 from Austrian and German

Russians have \$12,001,880 invested in agricultural implement manufacturing. California's 1914 prune production is es timated at 100,000,000 pounds.

American insurance companies hold policies in Canada aggregating \$568,000,000. Bavarian wine production last year was 9.177,448 gallons. Value, 35 cents a gal-

End of the Romance.

Washington Herald.

Another one of the maudiin romance has come to grief. A Sunday school teacher who married a convict in the Tennessee state prison to reform him has applied for a divorce because the object of her affections is now serving a second term of five years. Women who are disposed to indulge themselves in these emotional demonstrations get plenty of warnings, but there is no hope that we

have heard the last of such cases. Government Right in Patenta

Philadelphia Record. If the government has not the right to abrogate patents for the manufacture of munitions of war in time of stress, it should have the right. It seems almost ridiculous that the owner of a valuable patent should be permitted to forbid the manufacture of a necessary article, or limit the manufacture, when the welfare aand safety of the entire nation depended

Omission by the Printer.

Boston Transcript. We are thoroughly disgusted with our copy of the constitution, having just discovered that the printers left out the whole of Section II, Article I, authorizing Louis Brandels to make all the laws for public memory.-Detroit Free Press. the senate.

## Servia Full of Fight

Since Days of the Roman Empire Its Territory Has Been Scene of Bloody Struggles.

Predecessors of the Serbs.

Defiant little Servia has throughout its authentic history maintained a belligerent attitude, and when not fighting to the death for liberty has been busy with civil wars, making and unmaking kings and dynasties. Since Roman empire days, when Serv's was part of the Roman province of Mossia and was peopled by warlike Thracians and Illyrians, it has been in succession overrun by Huna Ostropoths. Lombards, Avares and other tribes. All these have left their traces in the Servian people of today, who are akin to the unconquerable mountaineers of Montenegro and the flerce tribesmen of Albania, who never tamely submitted to the Turkish yoke. As fighters the Servians are a race not to be despised. hardy, brave to recklessness, filled with intense patriotic spirit and with hate, for Austria which has lived and grown for ages, handed from sire to son among the poor herdsmen who make up the bulk of the Servian nation.

Of a population of a little more than 4,000,600 fully 400,000 Servians are on the army lists of King Peter,

Centuries of Struggle.

About 709 A. D., the Serbs, a Slavic tribe, entered the Moesian district, even then inhabited by a mixed race having half a dozen origins. A. D. 800 they largely embraced Christianity and for a time acknowledged in surly fashion the rule of the Byzantine emperors. In the eleventh century, after having long acted as a buffer for the tottering Byzantines against Bulgarians and others, the Servians, become somewhat homogeneous, rebelled and their supreme chieftian, Michael, was proclaimed king and was recognized as such by Poge Gregory VII. Thus began a struggle for independence which took the form of guerrilla warfare and lasted for two generations. In 1165 Stephen Nemanya became king, and for nearly 200 years his family maintained a sort of rulership over the turbulent, fighting people. Under Stephen Dushan (1336-56) the kingdom of Servia included all Macedonia, Albania, Thessaly, northern Greece and Bulgaria. About 1374 a new dynasty ascended the throne in the person of Lazar I, who was captured by the Turks at the battle of Kossova (in Albania) in 1989, and put to death. Servia became tributary to Turkey.

Under Turkish Control.

About the middle of the fifteenth century Servia became a Turkish province and so remained for nearly 300 years. By the peace of Passagowitz in 1718 Austria received the greater part of Servia, with the capital, Belgrade. But by the peace of Belgrade in 1739 this territory was transferred to Turkey. The barbarity of the Turks led to several insurrections. Early in the nineteenth century Czerny George placed himself at the head of the malcontents, and, sided by Russia, succeeded after eight years of fighting in securing the independence of his country by the peace of Bucharest, May 28, 1812. The war was renewed in 1813, and the Turks prevailed.

In 1815 all Servia rose in arms under Milosh Obrenovitch and after a successful war, obtained complete self-government, Milosh being elected hereditary prince. Milosh was compelled to abdicate in 1833, and was nominally succeeded by his son. Milan, who died immediately, leaving the throne to his brother, Michael. In 1842 this prince was compelled to follow the example of his father and quit the country. Alexander Kara-Georgevitch, son of Czerny George, was elected, but in December, 1858, he also was forced to abdicate. Milosh was then recalled, but survived his restoration little more than a year. His son, Michael, succeeded him (1860) but was assassinated by the partisans of Prince Alexander, July 10, 1868. The princely dignity was then conferred on Milan Obrenovitch, grandnephew of Milosh.

After the fall of Plevna in the Russo-Turkish war of 1877-8, Servia took up arms against Turkey, and by the treaty of Berlin (July 13, 1878) it obtained an accession of territory and full recognition of its independence. It was again erected into a kingdom in 1882. In 1885 a short war took place between Servin and Bulgaria, resulting in favor of the latter. In 1889 Milan abdicated in favor of his son, Prince Alexander, who became ruler as Alexander L.

In 1890 a regency of three appointed as guardians of the young king practically controlled the government. The radicals also gained a majority of the national assembly and formed a cabinet. Factional troubles made the first few years of Alexander's reign exceedingly stormy. In 1892 the three regents dissolved the cabinet and a new one, composed of liberals, came in. In 1893, Alexander, then 17 years of age, took matters in his own hands and decided to save the dynasty. He declared himself of age. and took away the power of his regents and took the reins. He appointed a cabinet, made up mostly of moderate radicals, and his action nearly precipttated a revolution. In 1864 Alexander appointed a so-called nonpartisan cabinet and his father head of the army, an act which caused Russia to break eff diplomatic relations with Servia in 1898. In 1894 the king also annulied the new constitution and reestablished that of 1888, giving himself more power. But discontent and threatened uprisings caused another change to a freer constitutional government

Finish of King Milan.

Milan and his son had too many characteristics in common to get on well together, however, so Milan went to the gambling resorts of Europe and finally died an exile in Austria in 1901. One of the causes of the break between father and son was the king's betrothal and marriage to Druga Maschin in 1909. She was 13 years older than the king and had been a lady in waiting to his mother. The Servian ministry declared the proposed marriage preposterous and a menace to the state, and promptly resigned. King Alexander paid no attention to opposition and married Mme. Maschin in Belgrade August 5, 1900. Though the marriage had been violently opposed by officials of the government the people apparently had no objection and heartly cheered the bridal party. The king took the precaution, however, to line the streets with troops. Disturbances and threatened revolution together with quarrels between the king and his wife kept the country in turmell.

In June, 1908, a revolt occurred among army officers and King Alexander, his wife and several of his household were brutally murdered in the palace in Belgrade. The conspirators, compasing some of the principal statesmen and chief officers of the army, communicated with Prince Peter, the Karageorgevitch pretender, in Geneva, and, having satisfled themselves that he would accept the throne in the event of its becoming vacant, they proceeded to put their plans into execution.

Mystery Surrounds the Plot.

It is not wholly clear whether the plot as originally conceived involved the assassination of Alexander, the inference being that the murderous scenes in the palace in Belgrade resulted from the resistance which the conspirators encountered on the night when they set forth to obtain from Alexander his abdication and his pledge to leave Servia. He this as it may, the plot resolved itself into a most savage onslaught on the defenseless king and queen by their assailants, who, after baving emptied their revolvers on the Ill-fated couple, set to work to slash the body of Draga with sabres until it had lost all human semblance, after which they pitched both corpses out of the window into the garden below. On the following morning Peter Karageorgevitch was proclaimed king of Servia in Alexander's stead, and a week later he arrived in Belgrade and took pos session of the blood-stained throne.

Recently Peter gave the regency to his second son. Alexander, his eldest son having been disinherited some time ago for his disgraceful conduct. Recovering his health a few days ago, King Peter resumed his throne. Servia's part in the recent bloody struggles in the Balkans is still fresh in the

## **Editorial Viewpoints**

St. Louis Times: The truth is that war is an ill wind that doesn't blow anybody

any good. Washington Herald: Thank goodness,

Uncle Sam doesn't have to assume any responsibility for conditions in Servia. New York World: To a looker-on in Vienna it must appear that the wish was one father to a good deal of hostile hurry.

Baltimore American: Why not a gov ernment yacht for every cabinet member in this era of democratic economy and simplicity? Pittsburg Post: There is plenty of

money to move the crops, and pienty of cars to do the hauling. The consumers will do the rest. Wall Street Journal: Only thing that prevents an active movement in the stock

market is an absence of buyers with real that \$255,000 appropriation for the Trinity river from the rivers and harbors pork barrel to the good roads bill, and have it

macadamized?

### WITH THE HUMORISTS.

"Would you forgive me if I kissed "How can I tell beforehand?"-Judge.

Normandie-Can you dress within your Bartram-Yes, but it's like dressing in n upper berth.—Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.

"They call the head of an Indian tribe chief, don't they?"
"Yes, but what of it?"
"I was just thinking. Then, of course, his daughter would be Mischief. So stupid of us not to have thought of it before!"—Columbia Jester

"Are you economizing"
"I should say so," said the man who is always cheerful, "My wife bought enough

marked-down articles to save 50 on the original prices."-Washington Star. Knicker-What sort of a man is Jones Bocker-Well, he could eat his worder, the cob and do it gracefully. No

"Do you have any differences of opinion in your family?"
"Terrible. Wby, it couldn't be any worse if we were all members of the surreme court."—Life.

"Isn't Deeds, the lawyer, a rather extravagant man?" "By no means. I've known him to make be soit last for several years."—Boston

"My! What an elegant wife you have! In fact, she is not at all your style!"
"On Sundays she is, though."—Munich Meggendorfer Blactter.

Bill-What was she snapping at you so

"Do you see that man going along with his head in the air, suffing with his

market is an absence of buyers with real money to invest.

Boston Transcript: To avoid criticism why don't the Texas senators transfer I believe. —Kansas City Star.

#### MIDSUMMER GRATITUDE

Midsummer: Yes, on western plain
The heat-waves undulating play:
Bright fleecy clouds, presaging rain,
With laughter mock and hie away:
While yellow corn and rusret wheat
In reverence bow and oft repeat—
'O Love, upon Thy mercy seat.
We thank Thee for the ripening heat."

Midsummer! Yes, on western plair The harvest ripens for mankind:
And laughing clouds rich veins will drain
When need demands God's pledge to
bind.

So yellow corn and russet wheat Obelsance make and still repeat— O Love, upon Thy mercy seat. We thank Thee for the ripening heat.

Midsummer: Yes, on western plain
What matter if the heat waves play?
Though fleecy clouds the showers restrain
The fields mature for man today.
So join, ye men, with corn and wheat,
With reverence bow and oft repeat—
"O Love, upon Thy mercy seat,
We thank Thee for the ripcuing heat."
Omsha. JOHN ALBERT WILLIAMS.

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