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JUNE CIRCULATION. 52,662. State of Nebraska, County of Douglas, ss. Dwight Williams, circulation manager of The Bee Publishing Company, being duly sworn, says that the average daily circulation for the month of June, 1914, was 52,662.

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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.

Geo. Nebraska "ain't mad at nobody," with the biggest wheat, corn and alfalfa crops to put away.

The War at Our Doors—Headline. First of the month army of bill collectors, presumably.

Highway robbers fully endorse the law prohibiting tourists from carrying weapons in the Yellowstone.

"Safety First" proclaims and American magazine which has recently lost a famous contributing editor.

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 Abyssinia 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 in his original withdrawal?

Huerta is said to have put \$200,000 in a Jamaica bank and \$600,000 in European banks. Not so bad for seventeen months' sequestration.

If reason always ruled, predictions about the European difficulty would be safer.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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

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

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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.

With the die cast, nothing must obstruct or thwart the demes, 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.

The imminence of a general European war 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.

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.

What a travesty, then, is war, when nations with no grievance, with not even real 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.

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 interesting one, rich with reminiscences for the future.

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.

Table with 4 columns: Subdivision, Amount, Douglas County, State Ex. Total: \$2,794,024

The comparison shows that Omaha and Douglas county, although comprising only one-eighth of the population, are loaded down with two-thirds of the state's total municipal debt.

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 treasury may have its brief period of self-justification, but it also has its permanent penalties.

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The Bee's Letter Box

Brief contributions on timely topics invited. The Bee assumes no responsibility for opinions of correspondents. All letters subject 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 women—participate in government.

Chase County's Inducements.

CHAMPIO, Neb., Aug. 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: I would like to say a few words for western Nebraska, especially Chase county, the home of a happy and a prosperous people.

Letters of a Political Heavens—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."

Independence is Recognized.

After the fall of Plevna in the Russo-Turkish war of 1877-8, Serbia 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.

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.

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 Serbia.

Government Right in Patents.

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 and safety of the entire nation depended on a quick and full supply.

End of the Romance.

Washington Herald. Another one of the maudlin romances 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.

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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.

Centuries of Struggle.

About 700 A. D., the Serbs, a Slavic tribe, entered the Moesian district, even then inhabited by a mixed race having half a dozen origins.

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 Passarowitz in 1718 Austria resolved the greater part of Servia, with the capital, Belgrade.

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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 father to a good deal of hostile hurry.

Baltimore American: Why not a government 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 plenty 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 money to invest.

Boston Transcript: To avoid criticism why don't the Texas senators transfer that \$25,000 appropriation for the Trinity river from the rivers and harbors pork barrel to the good roads bill, and have it readjusted?

WITH THE HUMORISTS.

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

Normandie—Can you dress within your income? Bartram—Yes, but it's like dressing in an 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 'Micheef.' 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 500 on the original price.—Washington Star.

Knicker—What sort of a man is Jones? Bookie—Well, he could eat his words of the cob and do it gracefully.—New York Sun.

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

"Isn't Deeds, the lawyer, a rather extravagant man?" "On Sundays she is, though"—Boston Transcript.

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

Bill—What was she snapping at you so much for during the tennis game? Jill—Oh, that's the only way she thinks she can play snappy tennis.—Yonkers Stateman.

"Do you see that man going along with his head in the air, sniffling with his nose?" "Yes, I know him." "I suppose he believes in taking in the road, pure ozone?" "No, he's hunting for a motor garage. 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 his away.

Midsummer! Yes, on western plain The harvest ripens for marketing. Any lastling clouds rich veins will drain When need demands God's pledge to bind.

Midsummer! Yes, on western plain What matter if the heat waves play? Though fleecy clouds the showers restrain The fields mature for man today.

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