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At war prices for meat, we will all soon be vegetarians.

No School board nominations this time. Selection of School board members will come later.

That nonpartisan election commissioner's office is about as nonpartisan as our Water board establishment.

If the administration's war tax plans mature, old John Barleycorn is to get a chance to help foot the war bill for us.

The crooked lawyers and shake-down blackmailers have a bond in common that rallies them round one of their kind.

One war has been averted, at least; the New Haven and the federal government have come to terms for peaceful dissolution of the road.

Who put the trip in the "Triple Alliance?" demands the Wall Street Journal. The same fellow who slipped it into the "Triple Entente."

If Mr. T. "Withdrawal" hurries he may yet get in several more withdrawals and withdrawals of withdrawals by the time the voting booths open.

It is up to our democratic friends to decide whether they want to "Win with Met" or be "Beat with Berge," or get "Marooned with Morehead."

Let us pause in our peacocks of peace long enough to note that seven declarations of war were issued in nine days. Not so slow for such a blustering age.

Why the Germans set out to capture Liege first is now explained by a Kansas editor, who says, "I stopped there once and got one of the best meals I ever ate for a very small sum."

From the esteemed Kansas City Journal it is learned that the European war has had the effect of checking the reorganization of the Orient road. Well, someone had to furnish a check for it.

State house officials think that by reason of the safeguards in the voting-by-mail law approved complications will not materialize. More than that, the chances are that the vote-by-mail will not materialize in appreciable number.

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Lawyer Brome denies that he either had anything to do with that odorous bribery plot or knew anything about it. Editor Polcar also denied that he had anything to do with it or knowledge of it, but in the search the goods were found on his person.

It is significant that mighty little of the indignation that racks Senators Reed and Hitchcock finds response elsewhere—Baltimore News.

All of which shows that the writer of this snippy paragraph is not a careful reader of the Nebraska senator's personal newspaper organ.

The Omaha stock yards received the first train load of stock, twenty-five cars, in all numbering 65 head. They came from Major Walcott's ranch near Deer Creek, Wyo. The cattle were unloaded and fed at the yards preparatory to starting to Chicago. It was Mr. Walcott's intention to sell them here when he left the ranch, but the buyers here are not ready to deal in stock.

F. A. Davis and T. A. Kelly have purchased a controlling interest in the Western Colt, which is to be hereafter issued as a weekly democratic organ.

E. M. Phillips, deputy collector of customs, has returned from a trip to Tanter, Dak., where he went in possession of the corpse of a new excursion boat to be used on the river.

Ed Leader has taken a hunting party out to Grand Island.

L. A. Stewart, 1913 Jones street, offers a \$5 reward for a missing yellow greyhound.

At the close of the county teachers' institute the members took a straw vote on president with the result: Blaine, 3; Cleveland, 8; Butler, 1; not voting, 5. The Burlington & Missouri River Railroad in Nebraska has let the contract for building a new round-house near Boyd's packing house.

The American Express company has decided the White Fargo company the east \$5 feet of block 21 for a stated consideration of \$3.00.

War and Business.

What will be the effect of the big European war on business? Will it stimulate or retard our business prosperity? We believe, every thoughtful man has already asked himself this question, using the term "business" in the broader sense that includes industry, trade, prices, employment, wages and all the various elements of living cost.

While actual experience will alone furnish the answer, the probabilities are fairly obvious. Any colossal destruction of life and property or diversion of fruitful labor to non-productive occupations must be a setback to the civilized world as a whole, but in the uneven distribution of the burden it must work to the relative advantage of one country against another.

Cutting off our importations forces us to produce at home the articles to fill these shifted demands. It means putting our labor to work at remunerative wages and giving our wage earners effective purchasing power as buyers in the retail centers.

It need hardly be added that the enterprising merchant and manufacturer, the one who is alive to his opportunities, who promptly meets the new conditions and pushes his wares by advertising and other legitimate means, is the one who will keep to the front, while the timid, blue-goggled tradesman will merely plod along or fall behind.

The Harvester Decision.

After a most extensive and comprehensive hearing on the issues of the case a majority of the circuit court of appeals orders the International Harvester company to dissolve, allowing ninety days for the dissolution.

It is interesting to note that the main point on which the decision rests goes back to the organization of the corporation, and its acquisition of the component companies now declared to be in violation of the Sherman law.

A Defect in the Title.

No person with common sense would knowingly buy a piece of real estate with a serious defect in the title. On the same score it would be foolish for republicans to throw away their votes in the coming primary to make a nomination that will not hold water.

The fact that a complacent secretary of state consented to restore to the ballot the name of a candidate previously withdrawn and erased, and to restore it, moreover, after the filing time had elapsed, does not put it there legally.

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The Little "Newsy."

The newboys' annual picnic has come to be an event of special interest among kind-hearted women and stern-minded business men.

Truth is, this is a business that tests the boys' fiber. In a way it means the survival of the fittest. It draws out of a boy every element of strength there is in him. It develops self-reliance and will power and whets the business acumen, or, failing of response, it casts the lad aside to make way for another.

Our United States senator is making the demand that the new federal reserve board grant a hearing on Omaha's protest against being included in the Kansas City district, although "growing full well" that the former decision will not be changed.



Chief contributions on timely topics invited. The Bee assumes no responsibility for opinions of correspondents. All letters subject to condensation by editor.

Here's a Champion of Britain.

OMAHA, Aug. 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: Regarding the statements by German-Americans that the American press is more favorable to the English and French side of this war, allow me to say that so far the American press has not been able to get the German side as Germany has been completely isolated from communication with the outside world.

However, my personal opinion is that Germany should be given the greatest share of the blame for the war. I think we have only two nations on earth which we should watch, these being Germany and Japan, although both of them profess to be friendly to us.

Regarding England, France, etc. it is history that France helped us with men and money in 1774. We certainly should not forget it either. Russia sided with the union during our Civil war and England sided with us during our Spanish war.

I was born and raised in this country and am Irish descent, but I oppose German militarism because I think it a menace to this country.

G. H. MURPHY.

Women and War.

SOUTH OMAHA, Aug. 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: Some of the suffragists who do not seem to be posted in history are claiming that the dread war now on in Europe would not have occurred had the right of suffrage existed in the countries involved.

From the time of the infamous Jezebel, the Hebrew queen who was counted one of the wickedest women who ever lived, down to the time of the suffragists in England, women have been capable of just as much cruelty, destruction and bloodshed as men when they have had the power and the chance to destroy.

Even the reign of Queen Victoria of England was marked with many wars almost constantly waged during her long reign and cruel oppressions in Ireland. Then the suffragists of England of today are at constant warfare with the people and have left a line of devastation along their trail throughout the length and breadth of England.

Women are not much nearer being equal than men when they have the power. Women would wage wars as soon as men and the granting of suffrage will not stop wars, as was evidenced recently in the suffrage state of Colorado, when scores of men, women and children were ruthlessly shot down.

Suggests a Municipal Survey.

OMAHA, Aug. 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: Will a consolidation of city and county governments facilitate the public business and be productive of economy and efficiency in public office? Who can answer the question?

Logically, the first step would be to gather all available information as to advantages and disadvantages of the system of consolidation where it has been tried, and then have a special scientific survey made of all facts and conditions in order to disclose the factors entering into the problem as it affects Omaha.

Should such survey, etc., prove that the proposed consolidation would be desirable, then we should have a solid groundwork upon which to appeal to the voters of city, county and state for authority to effect the merger, and thus could enable the people to decide the issue intelligently.

My studies of the subject during the last year convince me that consolidation would most likely be highly profitable to Omaha taxpayers. I hope that Mr. Green's committee will take up the subject right end first and put it up to the people in all its phases.

Right of the Rich.

According to Colonel Roosevelt, any rich man is at perfect liberty to leave the bull moose party. Why not? Millions of men who are not rich have already done so, and more are coming.

The Featherweight Champion.

Considering its size you will have to hand it to Belgium not only for being tame, but for being mighty effective.

German Version of the War

By DR. GEORGE BARTHELEME, American Correspondent Cologne Gazette.

Germany stands by its word. Although the attitude of Austria-Hungary seems relatively easy to understand as a desperate battle for the preservation of the state, the attitude of Germany seems to meet with consummate misunderstanding.

Two most obvious reasons suffice to clear up this misunderstanding: Germany is bound by an alliance with Austria, and Germany is even more than Austria-Hungary the real object of the pan-Slavic movement.

The casual eye sees only the treaty that binds, especially in the hour of bitter need. Should Germany now treacherously forsake its ally? This thought is so repellent and so shameful that it would be an insult even to answer it.

It has always been the battle of a lower civilization against a higher for the supremacy of the European continent. Or are there those reckless enough to say that the Huns of 565 or the Turks of 1533 or the Huns of 1914 are the superiors of the Germans of today or of their ancestors of yesterday?

What we see today is but a repetition of the drama of yesterday, except that the role of the Hun and the Turk is taken today by the Slav. It is the clash of two civilizations, the decisive battle between the Teuton and the Slav.

In Germany's alignment with Austria lies no lust of conquest, no zeal for power, no passion for oppression. And the "war lord," who must carry this solemn responsibility, needs no defense. He has kept the peace for six and twenty years, and thereby he has served, far better than with eloquent orations, the cause of universal peace.

Had he desired the destruction of Russia, how much more easily could he have accomplished it while she was struggling in her Asiatic war! For it would have been but play, compared to the Titanic conflict that has now begun.

If now, despite all this, he seeks refuge in the sword, it certainly cannot be attributed to his personal desire, or to warlike ambition. It is the issue of conditions that are mightier than the man.

Dynamic Wars Past.

The days of dynamic wars in Europe are past; the man upon a throne can no more inspire or compel his people into an unpopular conflict than can the president of a republic.

But if this be true, what consequences will it bring to the other nations of Teutonic ancestry? For the three Scandinavian states, and even for Holland and Belgium, which are at least partly Germanic?

England must decide for herself whether her immediate economic interests are to take precedence over the future of her people and her civilization.

Stand of Americans.

If this be true for England, how much more is it true for America? America, too, boasts Teutonic civilization and Teutonic ideals. Or is America now prepared to give preference to Slavo over Germanic culture?

America sees too much through British eyes instead of through her own, and this is particularly to be regretted, because it is so unnecessary.

But this much must be plain despite the insufficiency of the history of the day: We are dealing with something far greater and far higher than a mere conflict between Austria and Serbia or a war of conquest of Hapsburg or of Hohenzollern, or the vain attainment of a "war lord's" ambitions.

WITH THE WITS.

"No trouser cuffs in 1915." This looks like a rude turnaround.—Cleveland Plain Dealer. Teacher—Tommy, paraphrase "the coolness arose." Tommy—The Boston girl stood up.—Judge. Belle—Got a letter from Betty. Belle—Did she forget anything? Belle—I guess not. It's got nineteen postscripts on it.—Yonkers Statesman. She—People are saying that you married me for my money alone. He—They are mistaken. You had quite a lot of real estate.—Boston Transcript. The Justice—Ten for exceeding the speed limit. Comin' back this way? The Victim—No. The Justice—Then it's twenty.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

It was Noah who was voicing the complaint. "My wife made me get up and shut the windows every night it rained," said he.—New Haven Register. Author's Nattering Wife—I wish you got a dollar for every word you write. Irritated Author—I wish I got half a cent for every word you speak.—Judge. "Yes," said nonchalant Mr. Wombat, "I was in Egypt." "I suppose you stood awestruck before the grand and solemn sphinx?" "Well, I gave it the once over."—Pittsburgh Post.

"Senator Wombat is considerable of an orator, I take it?" "Oh, yes. He waxes eloquent in borrowing a match."—Louisville Courier-Journal. Brooks—Why aren't you wearing your patent leathers? Franklin—The patent expired.—Penn Punch Bowl.

"Some day you may be president of the United States," said the candidate who was out getting next to the hearts of the people. "You won't make any bit with that kind of talk around here," replied the small boy. "We're a votes-for-women family. Go tell it to sister."—Washington Star.

"After all, Clara, it is not such a serious matter if you quarreled with your fiancé. Remember, the wise one gives in." "That's just it; he gave in immediately."—Munich Messenger Diarist. Miss Young—What in your opinion is the best time for a girl to marry? Miss Elder—Whenever the man is willing.—Cornell Widow.

Boss—Are you the boss in this office? Clerk (scoffed)—N—N—no, sir. Boss—Well, then, don't act like a driving idiot.—London Opinion.

So friendly are the folks that live Upon our quiet street, That they borrow from each other Things to wear and things to eat. And though I am a bachelor, I'm not exempt, dear know: They borrow all my garden tools. And string, corn-meal and hose. Stern experience has taught me 'Tis useless to keep track Of all the varied things that go. Not one of them comes back. The rule is very poor indeed, That works no other way. So as they've some other way, I borrow them each day. And I vow that I'll get even And will keep them, but alas! My friendly neighbors call to me 'Ere many hours can pass: 'My treasure that I loaned to you, It's time to send it back.' I feebly smile, and say good-bye 'To Bob or Ted or Jack. DAVID.

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