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

The long ballot must go.

Are you heeding the president's appeal for keeping calm?

Uncle Sam's passport is valued more highly than ever just now.

Evidently it's useless for a candidate to ask voters to "Believe me."

This war game is one of check and exchequer, but not of checkers.

The slowness of the count is fully accounted for by the longness of the ballot.

Note that the movies keep right on moving just as if nothing had happened.

To prove it is no respecter of places, the war has engulfed the Palace of Peace.

The crucial battle of the ballots is scheduled for the first Tuesday of next November.

In addition to a probe of prices, that promised downward revision would be welcome.

The Jap will have to go some to live up to his reputation of being "the Yankee of the Orient.

Stand up, Senor Carranza, and let us give you the once over to see whether we recognize you or not.

the black man

Huerta may wish that he had stayed away from Europe and taken his chances in dear old peaceful Mexico.

"War to the skies," said Owen Meredith. Starting with Sherman's point of view, that completes the orbit.

Uncle Sam likes his friend, John Chinaman, but not so well as to be willing to get into this fight for the new republic.

The kalser is at the front with his three sons, showing that he is not asking anything of his people he is not willing to impose upon himself and his.

According to Would-be Senator Sørenson, the gubernatorial gentlemen's "eggsperience is eggsactly what he eggspected." This is too eggsasperating!

The thing for Americans to hope for in this war is, not the victory of this army or that, but an early peaceful termination of the terrible world calamity.

Vincent Astor's winning of a prize of \$10 as the best cabbage grower at Newport, gives ground for suspicion that the home of the nabobs is not what it once was.

The street names in Paris are already being changed to commeorate incidents of the war. If the Germans ever get into the French capital they may change all the street names.

"Do you want men to go to jail because prices are high?" demands a correspondent. Well, we are not keen for it, neither do we like to see anybody go to the poorhouse on that secoupt.



Arrangements have been made for opening a private school in September in charge of Mrs. T. S. Edgar and Miss Carrie E. Wyman. The location has been secured at the northeast corner of Sixteenth and Davenport streets.

Robert W. Purpas, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, has opened his office here to get ready Attorney Charles J. Greene has gone to Salt Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Bennett are back from a two weeks' pleasure trip from the west. County Commissioner Corliss has returned from a visit to his old home in Vernsont. Mrs. Corliss re-

mained with friends in Canada. Hon. James W, Savage has gone to New York on legal busines

Miss Sadie Reilly is buck from a two months' absence in Detroit and Chicago. James M. Woolworth is entertaining his brother.

Calvin C. Woolworth of Brooklyn Mrs. Louisberry, from the Boston School of Ors. tory, has taken rooms in the Crounse block, where she will teach elecution, dramatic action and voice culture.

The Gun Behind the Treaty.

The basic thought in Colonel Roosevelt's recent discussion of the European war and the Monroe doctrine as explaining our abstention from the conflict is that treaties are good only so far as there are guns behind them to enforce them. Since Washington our steadfast policy has been to avoid entangling foreign alliances. and no European country has any right to call on us to help fight its battles. We have new object lessons, however, as to what treaties amount to when there is a disposition to evade them or violate them, for Belgium is fighting to maintain its neutrality rights guaranteed by treaty, Italy is being summoned to fulfill the obligations of its alliance, and all the other involved countries, except Austria and Servia. have been drawn into the affair primarily by reason of treaty pledges. In other words, the thing that makes treaties hold, or fail to hold, is the guns behind them, for if the issue is grievous enough for a country to war for it, a treaty which could be violated practically with impunity would hardly hold it back. The conclusion is that an enduring world peace pact must have forces of world power behind it. Cooperative disarmament, with a common body of peace maintainers, approaches closer to the ideal, an ideal, we regret, apparently still extremely remote.

His Question of Privilege.

Congressman Moon of Tennessee rose to a question of privilege the other day-he had a newspaper editorial that called for correction. It was from a Washington paper and related to the work of a committee of which he we a leading member. Said Congressman Moon-as scores of congressmen before him have said:

I have not the pleasure of the acquaintance of the very able and usually accurate editor of the Heraid, thit I have read this paper with a good deal of interest and I have usually found it fair and accurate But this article would seem to be inspired.

The Honorable Mr. Moon simply reflects the shadow of a current habit. So long as a man's newspaper accords with his ideas in its utterances he regards it as "fair and accurate," but with many people the moment the paper takes the other end of the argument it is either inspired or otherwise led astray. Strange that Mr. Moon, having such faith in the usual fairness and accuracy of his favorite Washington paper, should, the moment it digresses from his way of thinking, consider it grossly unfair and indifferent and subservient to questionable influences.

Public Document Distribution.

Commenting on the report of the Interstate Commerce commission in what is known as the '5 per cent rate increase case," the Outlook expresses the wish that important public documents might be obtained easily by any citizen on his application at his local postoffice. The idea here is that the people should be advised through the postoffice of the various public documents issued as they come from the press, and be given free access to them upon application, an idea which strikes us as eminently practical and commendable.

Government publications are notoriously misfits because of defective distribution. Many valuable reports and treatises are issued, but lose their force by failing to get promptly into the hands of people who could and would utilize them and with a tremendous resultant waste of Viewing the progress of events in Europe, it effort and money. Distribution on application is not certain that the white man's burden is through the postoffice would stop this waste in large measure, and concomitantly expedite delivery to the desired destination. This system, moreover, would soon develop the relative popular interest in, or indifference to, the numerous varieties of government work culminating in such publications, and perhaps let us know that much of it misses the mark, and much more of it is not wanted at all.

Tests of True Greatness.

Eccentricity seldom makes a man great though great men are often eccentric. That their greatness does not inhere in their eccentricity may be clear when the latter is borrowed or imitated by another, who fails to see that his idol is great, not because, but despite this peculiarity. "The vulgar thus through imitation err: as often the learned by being singular." The vulgar, in other words, has been led astray rumble of those "uncontirmed rum ra." simply by finding his affinity of weakness in an otherwise great character.

"He is great," said Emerson, "who is what he is from nature, and who never reminds us of others." The mimic, therefore, can never hope to borrow enough of great men's queer ways to make him great. He may let the lives of great men continue to remind him that he may, if he goes about it in the right way, make his own life sublime, but that is never done by any system of substitution. Perhaps the common run of humanity should find satisfaction in the fact that the great as well as the small have their weaknesses, but they should avoid, in a laudable emulation of the great, confusing the elements of strength and weakness.

The lesson might be applied to society as a whole, which reflects the characteristic of the individuals. The thing we boast most of today is our advanced state of civilization. Like an un- or less of a twilight zone. rivaled paragon she stands the beacon of truth. equity, reason. But with all her peerless climaxes of genius and achievement, she has her eccentricities. And today the chiefest of all these is being mistaken as one of her greatest elements of strength. Some nations are decelving themselves by believing that their greatness lies in their armaments and their power of destruction; that war is the sign and seal of the supremacy of the state, but we believe history will show, if the present does not, that a graver mistake never was made; that war is a vice, not a virtue of our civilization

Nations, like men and boys, go to fighting only when they lose control of their better powers. It is a last resort. If they were strong enough to reason out their differences they would have no occasion for fighting them out, Gibraltar appears majestic in its power, not because it has got the better of the sea in a rough-and-tumble fight to see which shall have the right-of-way, but because she stands there peacefully, but invincibly, resisting the encroachments of the mighty waters. One test of American greatness is at stake in its ability to avoid being drawn in the whiripool of war.

The Associated Press has made out a clean and convincing case against the perpetrators of the fake report of the pope's death, but that will not stop the faking.

Brief contributions on timely topics invited. The Res assumes ne responsibility for opinions of correspondents. All letters subject to condensation by editor.

Responsibility for War. WHEATLAND, Wyo., Aug. 22-To the Editor of The Bee; A plain man's view of the European muddle is something like this: Imagine a bank cashier, ambittous for social or political success, tiving beyoud his means. He appropriates the money of his depositors, plunges recklessly in the maelstrom of speculation only at last to find himself financially undone and probably landed behind prison bars. Suppose the stockholders and depositors are aware of his actions; suppose, furthermore (to bring home the absurdity of it), they should be possessed of the strange notion that the hopor, the prosperity and even the existence of the bank require them to come to the rescue of the cashier with more capital and more deposits. It does not require a prophet to foresee the eventual bank ruptcy of everybody concerned.

Now, the "head devils," as the Independent of New York calls them, of the European powers have done precisely that very thing. In their insane, ambitious desire for world supremacy they have squandered the people's money on war material. They have made secret agreements and pledged the lives and property of their countrymen-agreements which the people who do the fighting and pay the bills never consented. When the crash came, the masses, subtly played on by appeals to patriotism and racial hatred, rush to the rescue of the gamblers masquerading as statesmen responsible for this calamity. If the nobility of Europe and all other classes who reap the profits of imperialism and militarism were lined up on the battlefield before the deadly engines of destruction the war would collapse in a few days. It may be that this desolating war will sound the death knell of monarchical government, clear the ground of age-long abuses and unjust privileges and usher in a new social order.

L. N. MOORE.

Census Against Suffrage. OMAHA, Aug. 22.-To the Editor of The Bee: A volume of the federal census, issued in July, 1914, contains all the occupational data, and is another confirmation of the marked lowering in the status of

women where they are given the ballot. Take Colorado and Wyoming, where women have voted for twenty-one and orty-four years, and contrast them with Nebraska and Nevada, states of equal density of population, where women do not vote and here is what we find:

Not only are there more women proportion to men employed in the suffrage states, but more women over 45 years have to earn their own living. Also, there are more women working at the least remunerative kinds of labor, where women vote. There are nearly three times the number of women working as laborers on farms in Colorado and Wyoming than are similarly employed in Ne braska and Nevada, whereas there are over eight times as many independent women farmers in the two male suffrage states. Likewise, there are 65 per cent more families without separate dwellings in Colorado and Wyoming, than in Nebrasks and Nevada, and the proportion of women employed as barbers, waitresses, etc., is greater where suffrage prevails while those employed as musicians, teachers and saleswomen are more

numerous where women do not vote. Another comparison is in marriage and divorce. "With 33 per cent fewer married women than Nebraska, Colorado has 25 per cent more women divorced, while even male suffrage Nevada, with Reno the talk of the world, has 30 per cent fewer divorced women than Wyoming, after two generations of woman sufrage. NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OPPOSED

TO WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Under Censor's Eye

Washington Herald: Some of the war orrespondents have brilliant imagina-Baltimore Sun: Not even the voice of

the Bull Moose could be heard over the Wall Street Journal: Pity Sherman wered war so thouroughly. It leaves so little for the descriptive writers to

Springfield Republican: With white paper scarce. Europe is at least likely to be spared the horrors of big scareheads.

Boston Transcript: The sounds of battle off the Maine coast may have been caused by the popping of champagne cerks at Bar Harbor. Kansas City Journal: The Germans

thus far seem to be setting the warst of it, not only in battle but in the press dispatches. Most of the war news comes from London.

St. Paul Dispatch: The reading world. anxious to know exactly what is transpiring in the European war zone, will be awfully obliged if Germany will lift the news embargo and give her version of events. As it is, the war zone is more

Cost of Living

Raltimore American; Can American food stuffs go any higher than they are

Washington Herald: The wheat growers think there is a golden lining to the war

New York World: Cheese and cornmeal both show a material rise in price for the last two weeks. Is there a state of war in American dairy farms and in the cornfields?

Indianapolis News: Official inquiry into the increased prices of food may make the price increasers somewhat un comfortable, but they would rather be uncomfortable than reduce prices. Philadelphia Bulletin: In the old days of England, they used to put food price

people who are made to suffer by the canfpulation of the stocks. Philalelphia Inquirer: There ought to be some way to get at the conscienceless rascals who arbitrarily raise the price of necessities, and it's up to somebody to

hopsters in the stocks, but now it is the

find that way. What this country wants is action, and then, more action. Boston Transcript: The sight of American products going up all along the line while manufacturers are making efforts to secure foreign markets for our surplus indicates the presence of a colored gem'man in the woodpile

Has Christianity Collapsed?

By GRANT E. FISHER.

Pastor of the Dundee Prestyterian Church, Dr. Hult's article in The Bee on "Our Collapsing Modern Culture," is a searching analysis of some of the more immediate causes leading up to the present "tribulation" of the world. Of course, the fundamental reason of war is "sin;" its only cure. God. The article recognizes this.

How persistent is the claim of "culture" and 'civilization' as cure-ails! The German chancellor says of this war that it is "German culture and civilization which is fighting against a half Asiatic and slightly cultured barbarism." Then "German culture and civilization" present a sorry claim as solvents of the world's troubled state. And French culture and English culture!--where are they? The tart is that the culture and civilization which come from "the field, the lathe, the scalpel, the test-tube, the microscope," the pagan philosophic or literary or theologic hall, are but "broken cisterns" which cannot hold the waters of peace for a warring world. "Civilization by education has collapsed." Europe today.

Where mingles war's red With greans of the dying.

is the campelling answer to the "civilization-by-culture theory."

Dr. Hult says, "We turn from the church of Christ and ask the sceptics and culturists: Where low are your gods? True, But the sceptics and culturists are now turning on the church and, with true Baalite mockery, are asking, has not your christianity collapsed? Where now is your God? Cry louder to Him that He bring in world-peace, for perchance He is asleep, or on a journey, or too

While the church holds no brief for God-Fie needs none-she would not answer in the pseudooptimistic language of the poet.

God's in His heaven

All's right in the world. but she would answer as of old: God reigns. Clouds and darkness are round about Him; rightedusness and judgment are the habitation of His throne. God has not failed. Some professed Christian men have falled, in part. Every great and good idea that has taken hold of the human heart has been subject to rude shock and terrible tests and repeated partial failures. Christianity, in a certain sense, is no exception. Christianity is not dead in the midst of this war, though it is wounded in the house of its friends. All these nations, with their rulers, are professionally Christian. But even the best of Christians may make terrible mistakes and fall far short of their own ideals. To set the "glory of the Fatherland" above the peace of the world on such specious pretexts as the professedly Christians rulers of Europe have done is one of these dreadful mistakes-it is just unholy war and death and hell. "These peoples and rulers are blinded by selfishness and greed, by false race prejudices and hatreds, by insane militarism. These are the gods of this world and they still have power over Christian nations. These nations learned one of these evil things from Jesus Christ."

No excuse is made for the folly of these "warlords." In shame they will learn that to seek to justify themselves, before the court of the world's judgment, for their course in plunging into this world war on such flimsy pretexts, will be quite another thing from their accustomed pempous attltudinizing for posterity. And yet, it has ever been true that multitudes of men have preferred a denatured christianity to the real thing, if they have made any choice at all.

Just here this caveat, voiced in the New York ribune, is in point. "It would imply a very shallow udgment to assert that christianity has had no nfluence, even in the case of war. Who shall say that a majority of civilized men, and women in the world today are not opposed to war? They have no way of expressing themselves; they do not sit in the seats of the mighty. But they are quietly registering their judgment against war as a crime against humanity. And some day, when there shall be ushered in the era of 'sweet manners, purer laws' foretold by the poet, the verdlet of these plain people will be respected and obeyed by thoe who will then tule the destinies of the world."

No. no, christianity has not collapsed. Human expedients for peace have collapsed, and ever must collapse. Where does the New Testament teach that the way to secure and preserve peace is to build up big armies and big navies, and to brandish the "mailed fist" Where does the New Testament teach that, if nations will agree to triple (or double or quadruple, or any other kind of) "alliance" or "ententes," there will be permanent peace? Where does the New Testament teach that the way to preserve peace is to bing about international marriages between members of "royalty?" Where does the New Testament teach that the way to proserve peace is to exclude big national monetary "loans" by the Morgans, the Rothschilds, et al? These, and all similar "methods," are but human expedients. They may held Mars in check for a time, but when the occasion arises-a mere pistol shot it may be-they are us useless us defenses against war as a wooden fleet before a fleet of superdreadnaughts. For nations to trust in these expedients is but to follow a mocking will-o'-the-wisp. which lures them on to what they would fain avoid. It is to lean on a "broken reed" that pierces the hand that so pathetically trusts upon it

Are we, then, to banish The Hague, tear up all peace treaties, and hold no more peace conferences? By no means. We are simply to evaluate these things at their true worth. We are not to allow ourselves to be decleved by false hopes, based on human expedients. We are to do everything, of course, to prevent war and to increase peace sentiment in the earth. But we are ever to remember that human expedients are but human expedients: they may be temporary preventatives, but they

are not cures. We have had enough of the will-worshiping 'super-man" and "super-woman;" enough of the fawning worship of the Mammon god; enough of cultured immorality in literature; enough of the 'bread-alone" theory of civilization; enough of the housefop shoutings of the devotees of an economic Christ; enough of the brute ideas of sex and love and home; enough of devil-born militarism; enough of so-called world-peace based merely on national "alliances" and "ententes," and on the "armed

The world needs not less of christianity, but more. Get sin cured and war will be no more.

There is no need, therefore, to don suckcloth on account of a "Collapsing Modern Culture," Neither is there need to go tiptoeing about lest the neavens of christianity collapse. There will be the booming of the surges of evil against the dykes of christianity until the end of this present order of things, but those dykes will hold.

Twice Told Tales

Bad Habits.

Representative Hobson was talking about an antiprohibitionist. "But then," he said, "this man is as immoderate in his views as the moonshiner was in his habits.

" You drink a lot of moonshine whiskey, I'll bet, magazine writer said to a moonshiner "'Oh, no,' the moonshiner answered, 'oh, no.

nothing to speak of. "'How much do you average a day" saked the writer, inking out his notebook.

"'Oh, about a quart-very little over a quart." said the moonshiner. "Holy smoke, man! cried the writer, 'I couldn't

drink that much water a day!" "'I wouldn't dare try,' said the moonshiner."-

Noncomabtants

call the Pinchot boys the sawdust twins Boston Transcript: There is no commercial selfishness in profiting by this war-in serving ourselves we but serve the whole world

Christian Science Monitor: It was a severe test of the Kronpringersin Cecile to be at Bar Harbor with \$10,000,000 and not permitted to spend a cent.

St. Paul Dispatch: While European nations are mobilizing their military forces, we are mobilizing our harvest hands and we seem to have far the better of it.

Washington Star: It must be conceded that the present season has brought to attention some of the best players and some of the worst umpires ever known in base ball.

entertainment may be afforded for the ultimate consumer. Washington Post: A household hint says that books can be protected from

mildew by sprinkling oil of lavender on the shelves. An easier way, though, would be to read 'em occasionally. Kansas City Journal: The fires of Bull Mooseism still burn brightly in the heroic

breast of William Allen White and a few other Kansas bosses who hate like sin to. Then wash my eyes out in the brook to admit that they are left out on a limb. Louisville Courier Journal: Speaking of prosperity, Americans are carrying \$34, 000,000,000 of life insurance, and when you see one of 'em stagger you can safely lay a bet against his life insurance being the cause.

Houston Post: The Louisville Courier-Journal doesn't like the Nebraska law which permits voting by mail. Neither does our contemporary admire the proposed change, which will establish voting by female.

MOMENTS OF MIRTH.

"Our waterpips got choked up and the confounded plumber charged me 530 for fixing it. It's an imposition:" "Well, you can't say you didn't get a run for your money."—Beston Transcript.

Has your horse s good disposition."
"Yep," replied Former Corntonsel. "But a wouldn't have if I worried him as uch as he does me."—Washington Star.

Bacon-i see a hallstorm did \$10,000 worth of damage in an up-state town. Egbert-Well, those hallstones must have been as big as eggs and quite as ex-pensive.—Yonkers Statesman.

THE LONELY CHILD.

Emma A. Lente in Mother's Magazine. as she can be:

She says she means to do as well as she She bids me think if I've been good, she bids me say my prayers,

Sherman anti-trust law gets on the food-price-raising job, some very interesting she does not tuck the covers in, or pat entertainment may be afforded for the

way my Mother used to do before that she was dead!

And Auntie says she never dreamed of bringing up a child; She hasn't any of her own, and children

drive her wild; I try to be as still as still, and help her do And when I really have to cry I slip away outdoors.

take away the red-cy never used to get that way when Mother wasn't dead!

think of how we used to go and take the lovilest walks. And just before I went to bed we had the sweetest talks:

was so dear to cuddle in the hollow of

her arm.
I never used to be afraid, or think of any And oh, the songs she loved to sing, the

stories that she knew-wonder if God needs the Mothers more than children do?



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COMPETITION.

The Kind That Wins.

In fair competition lies the true sport of good business. There is no calling, no profession, or occupation, equal to it for absorbing interest and endless succession of exciting incident. But it should be hat kind of a healthy competition and friendly rivalry that does not strain neigh-borly relations. On the contrary, it should tend to bring those men together who are engaged in a similar

business for the purpose of free discussion and publicity of opinion. Unfortunately, this does not often occur. Men engaged in a like busi-ness sometimes get too friendly, combine their interests, and form a combination, contrary to the laws of the

Others enter into a bitter personal conflict with each other, endeavoring with might and main to throw ignoming upon and disrespect for the house of their competitors and their goods.
The intensity of the competitive struggle is subject to a great deal of variation. At times it may be char-acterized as cut-throat, where the slashing of prices has for its object the elimination of one or more of the contestants. Each competitor is confronted by the ever-present threat that if his service is poor, or the quality of his goods is not up to the standard, some other house of busi-ness will outstrip him. But the house that considers service, high quality nd no more than a fair profit as th paramount factors in business, is the one that in the long run is sure to win.

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