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DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager.
Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me, this 4th day of August, 1914.
ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

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Got the old furnace cleaned out yet?

The motion for a short ballot strikes a popular chord.

Now we shall see whether jui jitsu will work on the kaiser.

Thus far the Pankhurst platoon has been kept in the background.

Readers of The Bee get up-to-the-minute war news from the most reliable sources.

Wonder how long we will have to wait to see the military effect in feminine fashions.

The Turk still seems to be "dreaming of the hour" and is causing a few nightmares by his ominous motions.

Suicide is confession of guilt. The perpetrator of the atrocious Schuyler murder has brought in the verdict himself.

Come to check up the returns of our late primary, that pink ballot for pure patriots did not cut so much figure after all.

As soon as the various officials decide whose duty it is to enforce the speed laws perhaps we may have them enforced.

So far as surface indications go, those Japs are the most polite and ceremonious belligerents who have gotten into the game.

Some of the reprisals exacted by European warriors make Bandit Pancho Villa seem like the mildest of modern humanitarians.

Note that George Fred Williams has thus far been able to hold his proud Albanians in check, while other powers are rushing forward.

If the Mexican matter has finally been whittled down to a personal dispute between Villa and Orozco, why not let them choose their weapons and fight it out.

If the rule for salary docking is enforced upon absentee congressmen, we may safely count on adjournment, or at least a recess, about a month before election.

The Women's Christian Temperance union suggests family prayer to end the war. And the Good Book says the fervent, effectual prayer of the righteous man availeth much.

The German-American alliance insists that the suffrage movement is a "feminist fad." If that does not produce a return shot from batteries on the other side we miss our guess.

The head of the household will soon begin to mobilize his financial resources to cope with the old enemy, King Coal, who may now be seen entrenching himself on the not distant heights.

Only fifty-eight crossmarks called for by the primary ballot as against upward of seventy choices to be recorded by each voter in Douglas county at the general election in November. That's the reason.

The religious mountebank who first had the end of the world set for October, 1914, then postponed it indefinitely, naturally hits upon the present war as a prelude to the finish, and the "faithful" fall for it—at the regular rates.

Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha

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At a special meeting of the school board the vacant principalships were filled as follows: Dodge school, Miss McKoon; Leavenworth, Miss Wood; Lake, Miss Champion; Cass, Miss Wilbur; Hartman, Miss McCarthy; Center, Miss Eleanor White. These new teachers were also elected: Allie V. Bolin, Emily Robinson, Lydia Shallenberger, Clara Mason, Mary D. McCoy, Lizzie R. Needham and Minnie J. Wood.

Contractor Murphy says if bad weather does not prevent the work of paving Farnam street will be fully completed this week.

R. S. Hall has returned from the east with his bride, where they have been since their marriage.

The ball nine from Keokuk did not arrive in time to play so the Union Pacifics amused themselves by playing an exercise game.

The room in the high school in which Miss Hill so long served as instructor will be presided over by Miss S. A. Davis of Davenport, who has been filling a like position in the schools of that city.

The marriage of Jefferson B. Jones, a compositor on The Bee, and Miss Lillie Willis was solemnized by Rev. Mr. Stewart at the residence of the bride's father, I. N. Willis, on South Tenth street.

Coal as Contraband.

The effect of the war on the supply and price of American coal is becoming a matter of general interest. Coal has been rated as contraband of war. That our government intends to make no exceptions to this embargo may be gathered from the fact that it has even prohibited shipment of anthracite to Canada for purely domestic purposes.

On first thought it would seem this cutting off of outlets abroad might have the effect of lowering prices to the American consumer, but the more likely thing is that the producer with knowledge that the export market is closed, will reduce the output at the mines. If this is done, it will, of course, lessen the supply and tend to keep up the market prices.

No one will deny the hardship to the coal mine operators of having lucrative foreign markets shut off for the time being, but if it gives a little relief to the domestic consumer, it would be a compensating feature.

A Short Ballot Detail.

The main objection so far urged to The Bee's plan for a short ballot by retaining as elective state officers only the governor, lieutenant governor and railway commissioners goes to the confirmation of the governor's appointments by the state senate. We submit that the matter of confirmation is merely a detail. Some good reasons are advanced for centering responsibility wholly in the appointing power and leaving no opportunity to charge up bad or misfit appointments to the exactions of an advisory body. On the other hand, there is much to be said in favor of putting a brake upon purely political appointments in the interest of the tax-paying public, and the most feasible way of applying that brake is by requiring confirmation.

If we should develop a state civil service whereby all clerical and technical positions would be filled on demonstrated ability, and held during good behavior and efficient performance of duty, then unrestricted appointment of department heads by the governor would be less open to criticism. That sort of civil service, we believe, is bound to come, and will be forced much sooner by the short ballot—in fact, a start has already been made in all the state institutions under the Board of Control, yet even here it should be recalled members of the Board of Control, though appointed by and removable by the governor, must be confirmed. In our federal government, too, important political appointments of the president still require concurrence of the senate, but not so with civil service appointments and promotions.

The Red Cross.

The best appeal that can be made in behalf of the Red Cross is its work for the succor and relief of humanity on the battlefield and elsewhere. Nevertheless, the plea made for aid to enable this great organization to render efficient service to the suffering Europeans gripped in a death struggle, is itself compelling:

There are already thousands of sick and wounded men. Their numbers are growing daily and any great battle will add its tens of thousands to the number.

With all the excruciating agony endured by the men on the fields, think of the poverty and pain crushing the women and children at home in all the warring countries. Multiply the miseries of the war by the rigors of winter not far off and we will begin to fathom the awful abyss of this hideous hell sweeping over the lands of our ancestors over the sea. Americans may be counted on without fail, to rally, as they have in the past, to the colors of this glorious army of relief.

A Belligerent Poet.

It has never been quite clear to the average American why Johnny Bull insists on maintaining a poet laureate, and Sir William Watson is befogging the issue more and more. He is also abusing his "poetic license," we fear, in attempting to cajole good old Uncle Sam into war, as these closing lines of his recent sonnet "To the United States," suggest:

But when a despot swollen with the desire
Of boundless sway forbears not to uncage
War's wolves on shieldless youth and guardless age,
Greater, O nation, greater then is ire!
Doff then thy placid mien, unleash thy rage
And scar and blast with thy lips of fire.

To the belligerent poet we commend the slogan of a great American newspaper, "Sit tight, and don't rock the boat." Or, as President Wilson says, "Be calm."

Thus runs a couplet in the Letters of Junius:

The gloomy comparisons of a disturbed imagination, the melancholy madness of poetry without inspiration.

But, anyhow, that is no way to talk to a good friend, doing his best to keep the peace. Ours is a strictly neutral position and no "official" rhymster is going to move us from it. All we have to say to Johnny Bull is, better hand Sir William's copy to the war news censor and not let him "get by" with any more like that.

Irony or Simplicity?

The message cabled from Count Okuma, the premier of Japan, giving the people of the United States reassurance that Japan has no ulterior motive or desire to secure more territory or to deprive China, or any other people, of anything they now possess, concludes with these words:

My government and my people have given their pledge, which will be as honorably kept as Japan always keeps promises.

The little brown man assumes the role of furnishing the world an example of scrupulous observance of treaty pledges and promises. Is it unconscious irony or merely Japanese simplicity?

Someone thinks the workmen's compensation law will reduce litigation to such an extent as to make half our district judges unnecessary. Oh, no! There is a flaw in his logic. The contingent-fee lawyers will find plenty of other ways to keep the dockets full.

This is the voice grim-visaged war does not heed: "Love your enemies; bless them that curse you, and do good to them that hate you and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you."

The first official voters' guide to initiative and referendum measures pending in Nebraska makes a pamphlet of fifty-two pages. That's a fair start for what promises to be a literary output of many volumes.

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.

Light on Vaccination.

OMAHA, Aug. 27.—To the Editor of The Bee: It is well known to the medical profession that the smallpox virus introduced into the tissues by inoculation through denuded skin is as sure a preventive of smallpox as any means known. When used thus the virus takes effect, a pustule is formed at the site of inoculation resembling the smallpox pustule. At the same time frequently other pustules of the same character are produced by the same agency in distant parts of the body.

It is known that this same virus prepared for administration by the mouth will produce the same pustules and all, as the usual method by inoculation. There is plenty of evidence to prove this and it can be obtained from physicians of national reputation. There is the same evidence in proof of the statement that it is just as sure as a means of the prevention of smallpox as the customary inoculation of the flesh. The same evidence can be produced also to prove that in this latter method the chances of dangerous after-effects are almost, if not quite entirely, eliminated. This cannot be said of vaccination by inoculation.

From the foregoing statements everyone may form his own conclusions on any question pertaining to vaccination as a preventive of smallpox.

E. L. ALEXANDER, M. D.

For Germany, Against Russia.

OMAHA, Aug. 27.—To the Editor of The Bee: Bee:: Of all the foolish letters regarding the terrible European conflict the letter of Hans Nielsen is the most foolish. He wants to know what Germany wants her large army for? To whip her naughty neighbors, of course. Here is hoping that Germany wins; she certainly is making a brave fight of it and deserves the admiration of all right thinking people. If she should lose the Russ will surely swallow Denmark and the Danes some day and they then will have ample time to reflect about their foolish notions.

J.

About the War

Philadelphia Record: Perhaps it is because the pen is mightier that the sword doesn't want it around.

Detroit Free Press: The chief trouble of the telegraph editors nowadays is to pick out the warship sunk from the warship bunk.

Springfield Republican: The thing that most astonishes some people is that with the stock markets closed the country still lives.

Boston Transcript: Judging by the bathing pictures we have seen we really cannot blame the Germans for going to Ostend.

Chicago Post: Baron Constant is going to give his Nobel peace prize money to the Red Cross. He may feel that he didn't earn it.

Washington Star: That large, patient person, "John Chinaman," may yet grow sufficiently irritated to arise and manage his own affairs.

Kansas City Journal: The Panama canal is not doing much business so far, but it doesn't seem so utterly idle and useless as The Hague peace palace.

St. Louis Times: Great generals are not making their appearance in the European war. The labor-saving machine seems to have invaded the battlefield, too.

Minneapolis Journal: The Iowa State university reports twenty-five of its professors stranded in Europe and may not open on the date set. The boys can help on the fall plowing.

Stories in Figures

Greece has 175,815 lemon trees.

Ostriches in California are valued at $600 each.

Ireland in 1911 produced 611,305 pounds of honey.

California will this fall ship 10,500 tons of walnuts.

United States in 1912 produced 30,000,000 tons of steel.

Pennsylvania reports 48,000,000 eggs in cold storage.

There are over fifty lace mills in the United States.

Peru last year produced 523,446,390 quintals of cotton.

Adolphus Busch St. Louis estate is valued at $30,000,000.

Chile this year spends $365,000 for new railroad bridges.

United States in 1913 produced 30,968,000 tons of pig iron.

Of the 3,130,681 workers in Pennsylvania 2,535,245 are males.

There are over 6,000 practicing osteopaths in the United States.

United States yearly consumes twenty gallons of beer per capita.

Turin, Italy, now has 440,000 people and seventy-six motion picture theaters.

Australia last year received 140,351 new settlers. Of these 122,443 were British.

Over 200,000 Kansas women refuse to register and may lose voting privileges.

Shantung province, China, area 55,000 square miles, has a population of 30,000,000 persons.

Soaring Sugar

Indianapolis News: If the price of sugar keeps on going up, the process of taking candy from a baby will become more complicated.

Philadelphia Ledger: Probably one reason why the price of sugar has gone up is that Cuba will be obliged to market practically her entire crop in the United States.

Philadelphia Ledger: Although the reports from Cuba indicate that one of the biggest sugar crops in history will be harvested, the refiners here do not seem to hesitate to put up the price.

Brooklyn Eagle: Sugar speculation is imposing a grave tax on America. It should get first attention from the probe. District Attorney Whitman is using on the bull movement in foods. War doesn't make anyone eat more sugar, but rather less. The infantry doesn't feed on candy.

Strength of the Warring Nations in Our Population

United States as a Whole.

Total 1910 census population	91,972,266
Foreign birth and foreign parentage	32,269,382
Austrian born and parentage	2,001,559
German born and parentage	8,282,618
Hungarian born and parentage	700,527
Total Germans	10,984,404
Belgian born and parentage	89,264
British born and parentage	10,490,027
French born and parentage	292,389
Russian born and parentage	2,752,675
Servian born and parentage	22,685
Total allies	13,647,040

In Nebraska.

Nebraska 1910 census population	1,192,214
Foreign born and foreign parentage	523,215

THE GERMANS		THE ALLIES	
AUSTRIA—		BELGIUM—	
Born in	24,361	Born in	491
One parent	29,251	One parent	191
Both parents	9,198	Both parents	173
Total	62,810	Total	855
GERMANY—		FRANCE—	
Born in	57,201	Born in	929
One parent	94,249	One parent	893
Both parents	50,163	Both parents	115
Total	201,713	Total	2,387
HUNGARY—		GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND—	
Born in	1,453	Born in	26,566
One parent	689	One parent	27,248
Both parents	100	Both parents	43,416
Total	2,142	Total	105,287
		RUSSIA—	
		Born in	13,020
		One parent	10,316
		Both parents	1,549
		Total	34,885

In Omaha.

Omaha 1910 census population	124,096
Foreign born and foreign parentage	96,665

THE GERMANS		THE ALLIES	
AUSTRIA—		BELGIUM—	
Born in	3,414	Born in	58
One parent	3,139	One parent	4
Both parents	629	Both parents	5
Total	7,181	Total	62
GERMANY—		FRANCE—	
Born in	4,861	Born in	135
One parent	6,850	One parent	84
Both parents	2,821	Both parents	157
Total	14,532	Total	376
HUNGARY—		GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND—	
Born in	551	Born in	5,024
One parent	295	One parent	5,642
Both parents	17	Both parents	6,164
Total	866	Total	16,860
		RUSSIA—	
		Born in	2,592
		One parent	1,509
		Both parents	109
		Total	4,210

Twice Told Tales

Making It Certain.

An old miser at Athens, Ga., hated to part with money, and to the physician who was just bringing him around from a long illness, he said one day, "Ah, doctor, we have known each other such a long time I don't intend to insult you by settling your account in cash, but I have put you down for a handsome legacy in my will."

The doctor looked thoughtful. "Allow me," he said, "to look at that prescription again. I wish to make a slight alteration in it."—Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch.

Generous Lipton.

It requires a lot of courage and charity to be philanthropic," said Sir Thomas Lipton. "I remember when I was just starting in business. I was very poor and making every sacrifice to enlarge my little shop. My only assistant was a boy of 14, faithful, willing and honest. One day I heard him complaining, and with justice, that his clothes were so shabby that he was ashamed to go to any place of worship on Sunday. 'There's no chance of my getting a new suit this year,' he told me. 'Dad's out of work, and it takes all my wages to pay the rent.'

"I thought the matter over and then took a sovereign from my carefully hoarded savings and bought the boy a stout, warm suit of blue cloth. He was so grateful that I felt repaid for my sacrifice. But the next day he didn't come to work. I met his mother in the street and asked her the reason. 'Why, Mr. Lipton,' she said, curtsying, 'Jimmie looks so respectable, thanks to you, sir, that I thought I would send him round town today to see if he couldn't get a better job.'"

An Operatic Treat.

Jones rambled into a cafe in a metropolitan city and found his friend Johnson seated alone at a table. There was a sound like ordering something and then came the question as to where Johnson had been.

"Thought I would give myself a treat," answered Johnson, "and went to the opera."

"The deuce you did!" was the interested rejoinder of Jones. "What did you hear?"

"I heard," returned Johnson, "that the Bright-Browns are about to get a divorce; that the Snyder-Shaps are going to separate, and that the Benton-Sweets intend spending a season in Europe."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

People and Events

William Guggenheim of New York has donated $5,000 to the German Red Cross society.

Secretary Bryan has officially stated that the Panama-Pacific exposition in 1915 will be held as announced.

The term of the duke of Connaught as governor general of Canada, which should expire on October 22, has been extended indefinitely.

Stephen F. Russo of Peekskill, N. Y., gave a pint of his blood to save the life of Jerome Baldwin, a stranger, in a transfusion operation.

Tunis J. Powell, president of the American District Telephone company of New York, died in his home in Brooklyn. He was 82 years old.

Ralph Emerson, philanthropist, manufacturer, inventor and cousin of Ralph Waldo Emerson, died recently in his home at Rockford, Ill., at the age of 83 years. He was born in Andover, Mass.

"Bert" Cutting of Indianapolis, 19 years old, who has been totally blind for years, has won distinction for himself by reproducing in shorthand a speech made by Governor Ralston. He uses a mechanical device instead of taking the usual shorthand notes.

Peter F. Dailey, the actor, who died in Chicago on May 23, 1908, left a total estate of $16,516, having a net value of $10,500. Mr. Dailey left no will. His estate was divided equally among Robert L. Dailey, brother; Loretta Dailey, sister, and Louis McCabe, nephew.

SAID TO BE FUNNY.

"There goes the editor of a popular magazine."

"Impossible! There isn't any such thing."—Life.

"I like the way that man looks."

"Why, he's positively ugly!"

"Yes; but he's looking at me."—London Opinion.

Kind Lady to Street Beggar—But yesterday you were blind.

"Yes; but I was married today and it opened my eyes."—Le Rire.

"I wonder why she always plays the last composition of Weber?"

"Perhaps it is because Weber is not able to protest."—Le Sourire.

"This plant belong to the begonia family."

"Ah! and you are taking care of it while they are away."—Boston Transcript.

Madge—Would you marry a spendthrift, my dear?

Marjorie—It wouldn't be so bad if he were just starting out on his career.—Answers.

Mrs. Whittier—What delightful manners your daughter has!

Mrs. Biler (proudly)—Yes. You see, she has been away from home so much.—Smart Set.

Agitated Stockholder—Why haven't you declared the regular quarterly dividend?

Director—We couldn't borrow the money!—Chicago News.

Ted (at summer hotel)—Those pretty waitresses look awfully fetching.

Ned—After you've been here a while you'll find they fetch nothing.—Judge.

Tommy—I want another box of those pills like what I got for mother yesterday.

Druggist—Did your mother say they were good?

Tommy—No, but they just fit my air-gun.—London Opinion.

IDLE RUMORS.

An idle rumor floated like a thistle in the air,
From whence it came nobody knew, and no one seemed to care.
Lightly on the summer air it rose, so bright and free;
'Twas harmless as a butterfly, and as beautiful to see.
A wandering zephyr caught it, and in fluttering it fell
Upon the broad piazza of a great resort hotel,

Where were rows and rows of rockers, idly swinging to and fro,
Occupied by idle roomers, firebrands, lacking but the tow.
Early morning found them rocking, grouped together, not alone,
Night's dark shadows found them talking in unceasing monotone.
In ecstacy they seized upon and held as lawful prey
This harmless, idle rumor that came floating by their way.

They tossed it lightly, gently on their dainty finger tips;
They pressed it and caressed it with their rosy tongues and lips;
They padded it until it grew to twice its former size;
They patted it and molded it till 'twas hard to recognize.
With its added strength and vigor, it no no longer floated high,
But cowered low, a menace to every passerby.

When tiring of the pastime, those idle roomers threw
Away the other idle rumor, and strong and straight it flew,
No longer harmless, but a beast, ferocious, cruel, wild,
Whose slightest touch polluted, whose reeking breath defiled;
For through those idle roomers at the great resort hotel
It had grown to such a magnitude it stirred the depths of hell.

—DAVID.

The distinction between correct style and eccentric headwear is remarkably evident in the Gordon hat.

An Open Letter to the Members of the Woman's Club

Ladies:

Do you realize that not one person in a hundred knows what brand of matches they use, who makes them, or what they are made of?

What is worse, few people seem to care. They ask for "matches". The grocer gives them whatever kind he has in stock. If the heads fly off or the sticks break, they murmur "Well! Well!"

We are spending a great deal of money advocating the use of an absolutely safe, non-poisonous match. We want your co-operation and the co-operation of every other thoughtful man and woman in this community. YOU are vitally interested in everything that will make life and property safer.

Help us in the work we have undertaken--the introduction of the Safe Home Match.

Buy a box from your grocer. Test the matches in any way you please. Note that they do not spark; that the heads do not fly off; that the sticks are strong and sturdy.

Note, also, that Safe Home Matches are inspected and labeled by the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., and that they conform in every respect with the new Federal law, designed to get rid, for all time, of one of the worst of occupational diseases.

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