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For once those democrats are lucky. Sedan day is past, but no surrender. At any rate, the military aviator business is looking up.

No, smokeless powder does not show on the photograph. The "smile that won't come off" wins often when nothing else will.

One consolation left us, Omaha's esteemed ball team will not lose many more games this season.

"Chauncey M. Depew rode out of Paris in a live stock car," says a news item, and that's no joke, either.

A little of this good September ozone from Nebraska would have a mighty effect for peace in warring Europe.

Not many more receptions at Ak-Sar-Ben's Devil's hotel. Failure to register as a guest will be a life-long regret.

May a school kid is eagerly scanning the reports to see if his dear teacher may possibly be among those detained in Europe.

Some of those accounts of barbaric cruelties practiced on war victims in Belgium read too much like the report of the atrocities in the Balkans.

Under the stress of war the doors in Brussels are not to be kept open later than 9 p. m., while in peaceful Nebraska the lid continues to clamp down at 5.

Nearly \$10,000,000 in the prince of Wales relief fund. That does not look as if the moneyed people of Britain were trying to shirk out of their obligations.

The Iowa State fair is playing in an unlucky run of bad weather. Our Nebraska State fair folks should be wise and arrange with the weather man in advance.

Chinese-Japanese war, 1894-95; Boer war, 1899-1900; Russo-Japanese war, 1904-05; Balkan war, 1911-12; the European slaughter, 1914! What will the next decade bring?

The cartoonist who drew the picture of the little girl with three dolls, two real ones marked "Voggs of war" and one of sawdust, labeled "Civilization," was not far wrong in his conception.

The forces of religion return to their year's work invigorated by a summer's rest and recreation, only to find that the demon of wickedness is equally as fresh and ready for the fray, though he stuck to the job right on through the hot weather.

Why should not the United States buy ships from citizens of belligerent nations if they want to sell them at mutual satisfactory prices? Is there anything essentially different in buying merchantmen than buying other articles of commerce for our own use? Suppose we have a chance to pick up a few bargains in locomotives or automobiles from similar sources

Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha

The Women's Christian Temperance union gave a skating sociable at the rink last night. The band of Hope, composed of boys and girls, marched into the hall with waving banners, singing as they marched, and refreshments were served from tables lining the room.

Fifth ward democrats organized a Cleveland and Hendricks club with J. Wigman, president; A. Dalton, vice president, and J. P. Lounsbury, secretary, and this committee to drum up more recruits: J. M. Rice, Thomas H. Bailey, Russ Carey, William Whitehouse, Jerry Whalen, Jacob Kaufman, W. Selvers, Thomas Swift and Jerry Beaver.

The fair for St. Joseph hospital is growing in attendance. Donations reported yesterday included: Mrs. J. Bedford, one ton coal; Guy & Fitch, ice for the hospital; Fred Bros., a boy's suit of clothes; Miss Jacobs, a lace tidy; H. Hendrickson, \$5 in groceries.

L. H. Mickel and Miss Nannie Malcolm were married at the residence of J. C. Morrow on Davenport street, Rev. C. W. Savidge officiating.

The president of the State Fair association received a telegram from New Orleans that 10,000 feet of space had been reserved for Nebraska's exhibit at the Cotton exposition.

John F. Coak, one of Wyoming's cattle kings, and family are stopping at the Millard.

The Power to Declare War.

Many people who deeply deplore the deadly conflict raging in Europe ascribe the outbreak to the power exercised by the ruling monarchs to declare war. According to their idea it is a contest between emperors and kings, rather than between the people of the respective countries, which would not have been possible under a government in which the power to declare war lies not in one man, but in the representatives of popular sovereignty.

We regret to have to note our dissent from this conclusion. So far as outward appearances go, the war is as much, if not more, a war of nations than of monarchs, and the people of the different countries are thoroughly aroused to practically unanimous support of the war lords who are leading them.

Neither does it follow that vesting the power to declare war in congress, as we do, would have forestalled the trouble. The truth is that war is almost invariably precipitated regardless of formal declarations.

War is more like a wild conflagration set by a firebrand or flying sparks, equally hard to check when once well started. While a war can scarcely be successfully waged by any ruler against an adverse sentiment of his own people, a war with a popular backing behind it is not likely to be halted by putting the power to make the formal declaration in one place or another.

Sugar.

Mr. Ultimate Consumer, who has been shocked at the rise in the price of sugar as a result of the war, is advised by so good an authority as Charles A. Spreckels, president of the Federal Sugar Refining company, that "the worst is yet to come."

The American sugar market went up, so he explains, immediately because England, needing some 175,000 tons monthly, began competing with our refiners for the Cuban product, her main source of supply being cut off.

This picture means a continued high range of prices and curtailed consumption of sugar. It also impresses the necessity of developing a sugar industry of our own capable of supplying all American needs.

Profit-Making Municipal Enterprises.

Making profit out of municipal undertakings is simply another way of levying taxes. The theory of co-operative supply of any public service is that the consumers join together to provide themselves with it at cost.

No Gagged Press.

One of the guarantees of the federal constitution is a free press. Congress shall not enact laws to abridge it, neither shall any other power, so far as the constitution prescribes. Yet in Butte, Mont., where martial law is pitted against mob law, the newspapers have been subjected to military censorship.

Germany and Her Railroads.

The imperial railroads of Germany have long been held up by American advocates of government ownership as an illustration of what might be accomplished in the United States.

The selection of State Treasurer Walter A. George to head the republican state committee gives Nebraska republicans for state chairman a tried and true man, who not only possesses good executive ability, but has the confidence of the public generally, as attested by his election and re-election to a responsible state office.

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.

Chautauqua.

HASTINGS, Neb., Sept. 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: I noticed in the papers a letter from a clergyman saying the chautauqua injured his church. Now, listen to my experience. I am a traveling man out of Chicago, lived in large cities most of my life, attended chautauqua at Hastings, Neb., a few weeks ago.

Conditions in California.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Sept. 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: A word to those contemplating emigrating to California. It don't pay a man of 50 years to break up a home and come to California. Men of that age are not in demand—it is the young, but they should come prepared.

Editorial Snapshots

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Scientists have discovered a lockjaw serum. Isn't that timely—now that so many are in danger from powder burns?

Pittsburgh Dispatch: Housewives in the midst of the canning season confronted with the prospect of sugar going to 10 cents a pound agree with Sherman.

Washington Post: Men who make war for profit are bad enough, but the prize sucker of the universe is the kink who hurrahs for war without getting paid for it.

Detroit Free Press: The toughest job we know of is that of a candidate for office trying to talk politics to men who are only wanting to hear the latest war news.

Indianapolis News: France has already lost in the war half again as many big guns as the country owns, but our taxpayers still have the money they weren't assessed for them.

Troy Times: The republican party does not believe in the recall of judges, and is willing to say so. In a year or two that cure-all will be forgotten for some other raw notion.

Indianapolis News: Just consider that the Panama canal earned \$5,000 the first week that it was formally open! Why, that's even more than some of our star base ball players "earn!"

Christian Science Monitor: Representing the small boy as hoping school will not begin on time does not square with the fact that vast numbers of him have voluntarily attended the vacation schools.

Philadelphia Inquirer: In some respects, after listening to a two hours' description of a man's vacation, we feel like a new oil well, freshly "bored," the only difference being that we are not bubbling over with the enthusiasm of the well.

Drobbing Bombs

Washington Star: An atrocity committed in the name of patriotism is no less an atrocity.

Wall Street Journal: "Venus de Milo" in the Louvre's vaults, for fear of airship bombs? Naturally, the only difference being that we are not bubbling over with the enthusiasm of the well.

Washington Post: Antwerp bombarded by Zeppelins would cause Byron to revise his stanzas to read "There was a sound of devils by night."

Boston Transcript: One way to stop bomb dropping on sleeping cities and non-combatants would be to proclaim no quarter for aerial murderers.

St. Paul Dispatch: Dropping bombs into a city is the horror of horrors of war. Notice of bombardment formerly was a rite of war, but how could notice be given of a bombardment from the air?

Philadelphia Ledger: There has been a cry of protest from all over this country against the dropping of bombs from airships on defenseless cities. Both sides have been guilty. Early in the war French aviators were reported to be dropping explosives on German towns. The rules of war apparently have been suspended during the war.

Poor's View of War.

New York World: Masterlink, after alleging that his "imagination is paralyzed by the appalling realities" of the war, says: "The waste of it! After men have fought so valiantly against disease and death, after we have struggled so successfully against natural forces, to fall at the will of a despot into this welter of carnage!" There is a hint at least of inspiration in that.

Chanucey Depew Sizes Up War Game as It is Played

What of the War?

"As to the war, I met Emperor William when his father and grandfather were both living, and he seemed a long way from the throne. I formed a very high opinion of his abilities. Both father and grandfather died in a few years, and he became emperor. I made a speech last year which was widely printed over here on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ascending the throne, and described him as the Peacemaker of Europe. I think he then deserved the title, and that on many critical occasions he had prevented war. A year only has passed and he has inaugurated the most terrible war of ancient or modern times. The carnage and ruin of this conflict appal the imagination.

Who is to Blame?

"I know from personal knowledge, that both England and France desired most earnestly to avert war, and both did all in their power to prevent it. Apparently, however, the military party, which has increased in political strength every year since 1870, and which has the active and enthusiastic support of the emperor's oldest son, the crown prince, has swept the emperor off his feet. He was deeply affected and impressed by the assassination of his intimate friend, the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, and apparently saw in it great perils to existing institutions. The purposes of the military party had been revealed in books like that of General von Bernhardi's but no one thought them serious. Germany has three great classes: The industrial, which has prospered so marvelously since the Franco-Prussian war; the intellectual, which commands the admiration of the world; and the Prussian military, which is both militant and reactionary, but controls the policy of the empire. Its aims are, reducing France to a German province, and pouring the marvelous earnings of the French people into the military chest, and the acquisition of Holland and Belgium. This would give to Germany fortified ports along the English channel, its whole distance, and enable Germany to dispute the control of the channel and the mastery of the seas. It might also be possible to carry across the narrow belt of water 500,000 or 1,000,000 soldiers, thus fulfilling the dream of Napoleon, to conquer Great Britain.

War Party in Error.

"Why move now? The purely military brain is rarely that of a statesman. Superficially, England was on the eve of civil war over home rule in Ireland. France was in the most severe national financial crisis in the history of the republic. The military and naval burden of 38,000,000 people to keep up army and navy with 8,000,000 cross the border in Germany, was becoming too heavy, with the obligation also of paying interest on the greatest debt of any nation in the world. No military commander in Germany doubted but what the Belgians would permit the German army to cross Belgium and attack France on the Belgian frontier, where France is weakest.

"The German tactics of this war, both in statecraft and in arms, are those of Bismarck and von Moltke. The trouble is, there are no Bismarcks nor von Moltkes, and the situation in Europe is entirely different from what it was in 1870. Russia was supposed and believed by the military party to be so weakened by the Japanese war and revolutionary propaganda that it was a negligible quantity in a European war. What the war party did not reckon with were the tremendous moral forces which have such universal influence now, and which did not exist sufficiently to be reckoned with at the time of the Franco-Prussian war. They had a supreme confidence for the ability of the social democracy which has come into power in France, and is so strong in Great Britain, to organize war or to harmoniously agree upon a program.

Probable Result of the War.

"All parties have come together in England until Great Britain stands as one man behind the government. The same is true of France, only there every man and woman thinks it is not only a matter of national existence, but of personal and family salvation. The German people are equally united, and the German army will give magnificent account of itself, but when the issues have been made clear by sacrifices such as were never dreamed of, may not the social democracy of Germany, which, from nothing in Bismarck's time, now casts over 4,000,000 votes, call a halt, and speak for peace? A million of men at least are to be killed and wounded in this war. The destruction of property and of business is beyond calculation. Public opinion is to hold individuals and systems responsible for this catastrophe and the possibility of the recurrence of another like it. It may change the form of government on the continent, and the people may take the control of their governments in their own hands."—Leslie's Weekly.

Twice Told Tales

Case for Friction.

Young Demmons, an adjuster for a big insurance company, was just returning home from a nearby city, where he had been to adjust a loss on a building that had burned, when he met an old friend.

"How did the fire start?" inquired the friend.

"I can't say with certainty," replied the adjuster, "and nobody seemed able to tell. But it struck me it might have been the result of friction."

"Why," asked the friend, "what do you mean by that?"

"Well," said Demmons gravely, "friction sometimes comes from rubbing a \$5,000 policy on a \$10,000 building."—New York Times.

Casey at the Bat.

De Wolf Hopper, whose name will ever be associated with Casey at the Bat, is something of a batsman himself when it comes to a game of repartee.

At a dinner party he had finished his speech, and as he sat down a lawyer arose, shoved his hands deep into his trousers' pockets—as was his habit—and laughingly inquired:

"Doesn't it strike this company as a little unusual that a professional comedian should be funny?"

When the laughter that greeted this sally had subsided, De Wolf Hopper drawled out:

"Doesn't it strike this company as a little unusual that a lawyer should have his hands in his own pockets?"—The Popular Magazine.

Blaming the Man.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, the suffragist, recently refused to officiate at the wedding of a young woman who wanted the phrase "to obey" used in her wedding ceremony, for Dr. Shaw believes that the vow to obey, made by the modern woman of culture and action, is impossible.

"But don't think," said Dr. Shaw the other day in Philadelphia, "I'm a cynic as regards marriage. Oh, no! If you're looking for cynics, go to the other camp, the camp of the bulls and reactionists."

"I heard an anti say the other day," "The trouble with marriage is that a woman believes all a man says to her before the wedding, and nothing he says after it."—Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph.

Not to Blame.

"What shall we do, John," said the farmer's wife, who had retained much of her sentiment through twenty-five years of married life, "what shall we do to celebrate our silver wedding?"

Views of the War

Detroit Free Press: President Wilson politely reminds the country that neutrals mustn't even shoot off their mouths.

Springfield Republican: Are the Russians to be the surprise of the war? One must still be a little skeptical of the rate of their advance.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: Wonder if the secretary of state ever thinks now of that phrase "without the aid or consent of any other nation on earth?"

Washington Post: There is every reason to believe that the United States will be fully as just to the warring nations as they'll be to each other.

Washington Star: Predictions that the war will be brief cannot obviate the fact that it has already lasted a lifetime for many an unfortunate soldier.

New York World: "Do thy duty with Minneapolis Journal. It is significant that the president's appeal for Red Cross contributions appeared simultaneously with his discouragement of the French loan.

Out worrying about us" was the word of a French painter's wife when her husband was obliged to go to the war, leaving her almost destitute with four children. Feminine human nature is about the same in all lands.

JUST FOR FUN.

"Isn't the city noisier than it was?" "It couldn't be. The volume is the same, but there is, possibly, more variety."—Life.

Tramp—Please, mum, I ain't had a full stomach for three weeks. Housekeeper (benevolently)—Too bad! Well, you go somewhere and beg a meal of dried apples and I will furnish the water.—New York Weekly.

"What sort of a chap is Johnson?" "Well, if you ever see two men in this club in a corner and one looks bored to death, the other is Johnson."—London Tatler.

She—You know very well that you had consent to be your wife. He—Yes, I know, and that only goes to show that it is sometimes possible to be too persistent.—Boston Transcript.

"Sam, I see by this paper that an electric burglar alarm has been adapted for the chicken coop." "Well, Boss, I hope it's goodness my neighbors don't hear about it. They is pious enough as it is."—Yonkers Statesman.

"Can I get off today, boss?" "What for?" "A wedding." "Do you have to go?" "I'd like to sir—I'm the bridegroom."—Cornell Widow.

TO THE FAIR UNKNOWN.

But yesterday my heart was weary, now The world is flooded with a radiant gladness; All signs of care have vanished from my brow. Thy message has dispelled all mournful sadness.

But still, we'd pass as strangers if by chance We met upon the streets of this our city. Without according each a thought or glance, Which, to my way of thinking, seems a pity.

So tell me, dear, the color of thine eyes, To be by a process of elimination, We may be near or drawn beneath the skies By just discarding half the population.

If I ought to be in name, then they should be Great mournful orbs, soft, melting, sad and tearful; If I should judge by the chirography, They would be sparkling, snappy, bright and cheerful.

I would not love thee less if they were blue; I could not love thee more if brown their color. I only love you because you are you With sense of humor that time makes no duller.

So tell me, dear, the color of thine eyes, And into my grey ones I'll dream they're shining; Through misty, filmy wreaths of smoke, that rise From my good pipe when I have finished dining. —DAVID.



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