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Dwight Williams, circulation manager of The Bee Publishing Company, being duly sworn, says that the average daily circulation for the month of August, 1914, was 56,554.

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In a pinch that A. B. C. board of mediators could be reconvened.

Our Jap friend is not contributing half the front page stories which he was expected to furnish.

How Abraham Lincoln can belong to so many different political parties at one and the same time is a puzzle.

Bull moose stock has gone up in Nebraska a few points, but will it stay up until after the votes are counted in November?

Let us be thankful for small favors. The Carnegie peace palace is beyond the reach of artillerists who love a shining target.

The price boosters have now learned to do it more gently without being so coarse in their work as they were in the first stages of the war.

It might require a bond issue to build a new jail, but surely the council can dig up enough money somewhere to buy soap and scrub-brushes.

To the colonel all democrats and republicans look alike except in Pennsylvania, where a democrat is preferred for governor even over a progressive.

Just to show that the airships have not put them entirely out of commission, the submarines have been doing a little business on their own account.

A prospective legislator would have Omaha's municipal government run by a \$10,000 city manager. Which city commissioner's salary is he trying to raise?

Virginia has voted statewide prohibition. That's coming uncomfortably close to the congressional statesmen marooned most of the year in the District of Columbia.

Fortunately the average reader will be so surfeited with slaughter stories during the coming weeks that the carnage of the foot ball field will not produce a passing thrill.

President Wilson had to make a special trip to Princeton to put in his ballot in the democratic primary. New Jersey ought to enact a vote-by-mail law to accommodate the president.

"Roosevelt Rips Republican Rag to Very Tatters," says the headline artist in our amiable democratic contemporary. Oh, how funny, seeing that he first tore the democratic banner to shreds!

Note that Koenigsburg is slowly being surrounded by the Russians in spite of the announcement of the yellows three weeks ago that the Russians had swallowed it as a cat would a mouse.

For the month of August, imports into the United States were less than one-fourth of what they were the same month of the preceding year. In this war game the innocent bystander gets his, notwithstanding his neutrality.

Earl Kitchener has approved the formation of a Welsh army corps. The veteran old warrior knows what he is about. All the Welshmen will have to do is to hurl a few volleys of their native speech at the enemy and save their ammunition.

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What Press Censorship Means. Experience with the censorship exercised by the foreign military news bureaus makes the unobstructed freedom of press and speech indulged in the United States shine brilliantly by contrast. Few people over here realize that no news message submitted for cable transmission to this country has any assurance of getting through, and that all letter and newspaper mail is likewise subject to examination and suppression.

We have asked for but received no information of what is to be considered as matter that may not be cabled to America. We have discovered by the costly process of experiment that neither matter which appears in the London newspapers after passing the censor, nor even the official announcements of the press bureau, are necessarily available for publication in America, both being frequently stopped altogether or mutilated out of all sense and meaning. This we can only discover when the newspapers come over from America and from information from our American headquarters.

The possibility of such an intolerable condition continuing for any length of time in this country, even in time of war, is hardly conceivable. It illustrates, however, what press censorship means—military, judicial or bureaucratic—and must strengthen belief in the American doctrine that free speech and free press are the indispensable cornerstones of free institutions.

The Auditorium Question. The Auditorium question bobs up again by reason of the condition in the option for its sale that the building be first offered to the city at the price named, which is \$40,000 less than the purchase figure that was voted down last spring. The Bee favored outright purchase by the city at that time, and believing the property to have been a good buy for the city then, of course would urge that it is a better buy now, notwithstanding the injustice of confiscating all the stockholders put into it.

But the need of an Auditorium and convention hall for Omaha is clear—in fact, we cannot well do without it to meet engagements already made for the next year or two. We have suggested that a proposition be formulated by which the city may lease the property at a reasonable rental in addition to the taxes and repairs, coupled with a privilege to buy at a fixed price within the period. If such a plan is feasible, its acceptance would permit submission of bonds now or later, or more than once, if desirable, and would at least bridge over the emergency which confronts the city.

Senator Burton's Magnificent Work. Hats off to the republican senate leaders who scotched the fat rivers and harbors pork barrel, Senator Theodore E. Burton of Ohio and Senator William S. Kenyon of Iowa. To Senator Burton, perhaps, is due the chief credit, although in Senator Kenyon he had an able lieutenant, with effective reinforcements from Senator Norris of Nebraska and two or three others of his colleagues.

Senator Burton's official term is about to expire with the close of this congress, and he is not standing for re-election, so his motives and purposes cannot possibly be distorted or misconstrued. In fighting it out to a finish along this line he aimed at the vicious system which he has been for years combatting, a grab-bag game without limit. On the present bill his victory saves to the treasury—assuming that it is not upset in conference—approximately \$33,000,000. But this saving is only a starter because it stops a continuous loot every few years that would soon mount into the hundreds of millions of dollars.

If Senator Burton saved one-tenth of this sum of money for any private corporation doing big business, he would have earned a life pension of liberal dimensions, but serving only the forgetful public he must be content with passing expressions of gratitude and appreciation, and what to him we know affords still greater satisfaction, the consciousness of a duty well done.

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A Debt to Wooster. OMAHA, Sept. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: A "low Dutch" has insisted on the beloved president in an open letter to the public and you have published it with all patriotic amazement to read.

I am a negro and a republican and voted against Mr. Wilson. It was not so long ago that I was in the office of the president and I for one have as much respect for Mr. Wilson as any man in the United States today.

I personally invite Mr. Wooster, whenever he visits Omaha, to call upon me at my residence. I would like to show me where Mr. Wilson is officious, meddling and conceited, too, and if he does I'll be man enough to acknowledge it to The Bee readers as freely as I do now in looking for something to beat my fists into.

Is It Time to Intervene? LYNCH, Neb., Sept. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: To every thoughtful and loyal American citizen in the times of trouble must have come thoughts of apprehension of the future welfare of this nation. Overshadowing all other facts is the grim and ominous warning by Lord Kitchener, that the war may last three years or more.

The European conflict was not entered upon because of any great and mighty principle, for which men might even be called to give up their lives, but can be looked upon as the outcome of intrigue kindled by jealousy and hatred and waged solely for domination in Europe and perhaps in still wider fields. A conflict such as now engulfs the nations of Europe is so awful in its possibilities, that it is simply too horrible to contemplate. Therefore, let England beware.

Preferential Voting Next. OMAHA, Sept. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: Senator Dodge struck the keynote when he said the direct primary law should be amended, where needed, by its friends, and not by its foes. It took too many years to upset the old gang-controlled convention system, with its undemocratic action, ever to return to it after its discard.

People having taken another step in the direction of democracy will never surrender it. This suggestion is for those who now are planning to cripple the direct primary system.

Twenty years ago, while quite a boy, I aspired to the legislature of Kentucky. At that time I had never even heard of such a thing as a direct primary, but that was one of the planks of my short platform. The politicians gaped in wonder that such an absurd proposition should be made. They said to me, "Whoever heard of the people nominating their own candidates?" I answered them, "Whoever heard of the western hemisphere before Columbus sailed the unknown main?"

There are those, you know, who cannot comprehend an institution that has not existed before. They seem to think everything always was just as we see it today. One of the changes that must come in direct voting, I believe, must be in the direction of economy. If it were possible to hold one election only, instead of primary and an election, it would save a great deal of time and money both to the candidate and to the people. To accomplish this I would suggest the adoption of some form of preferential voting.

This plan would prove economical all around, far more satisfactory to the people as a whole, and further in the direction of applying the principles of true democracy.

A Defense of Ambulance Chasers. OMAHA, Sept. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: At the meeting of the Nebraska State Federation of Labor, I listened to the plea of John Towle, president of the Nebraska Manufacturers' Association, for the so-called workmen's compensation law, to be voted on at the November election. Mr. Towle's principal argument for the law seemed to be that it would save the laboring man from what he calls the "ambulance-chasing lawyers."

I have never heard an injured employe, who had recovered damages through the aid of a lawyer, find any fault with his attorney. So far as I have been able to observe, it is the negligent employer and his attorney who call the injured man's attorney bad names.

An "ambulance-chasing lawyer," as I understand Mr. Towle, is any attorney who represents an injured employe in recovering damages from his employer. The average attorney will recover for the injured employe from ten to fifteen times as much as provided by the so-called compensation law.

Under the compensation law, the injured man may possibly get one-tenth of what he is fairly entitled to, and he may get one-tenth of what he would probably get at the present time by bringing suit, under the so-called compensation law.

What Means a Million Men?

Magnitude of a Number. A million men. What does that mean? How many are a million men? Can the brain conceive of that number of human entities, all distinct and individual, at one and the same time?

The normal unit of an army is a division. Now this is not an arbitrary designation, any more than is a company or a battalion. There's a reason, and a real one. Just as a company is the largest body over which one officer can have the supervision of individuals, so a battalion is the largest unit to which one officer can give commands by voice or trumpet.

It consists of three brigades, each of three regiments of infantry; one regiment of cavalry, two regiments of field artillery, one battalion of engineers, four ambulance companies and four field hospitals.

Now with this division go animals and vehicles—a lot of them. There are 3,125 mounts and 1,470 draft horses; 80 mules for riding, 2,112 for draft work and 98 for the pack train—a grand aggregate of 3,285 animals of all kinds.

Multiply by Fifty. For a million men we must multiply everything by fifty—animals, guns, wagons, and the equipment and food that go with them. This takes only the simplest arithmetic. We find for our 1,000,000 soldiers there are needed 413,250 animals and 30,450 vehicles, including cannon.

Railway trains are needed—a tremendous lot of railway trains, too. Remember, all the equipment must go on those trains—horses, mules, guns, wagons, food, forage, ammunition. So it takes a train for one battalion of infantry, a train for two troops of cavalry, a train for a single battery of artillery, a train for a single battery of artillery or a pontoon company of engineers.

Food for a Million. And now to feed this vast array of men and animals? This full day's ration for a man in the field weighs 44 pounds and costs about thirty cents, including everything. Item—\$900,000 a day for food for one million soldiers now encamped on Manhattan Island and overflowing to the Bronx and Brooklyn.

Striking an average of 25 pounds a day for each animal, what a problem for fodder! There are 413,250 animals to be fed every day. Men can go without; animals cannot. The horses and mules must have 16,312,500 pounds of hay and feed every day. This will fill 258 cars—hay is bulky, you see. If we add medical supplies and countless other items there would be 375 freight cars working every day to keep going these million men and their beasts for just twenty-four hours.

One railway car holds as much as 12 army wagons, to transport food and fodder for a million men and their animals would require 4,500 wagons—just for one day's supply. Of course they could go nowhere without the trilling transport. A division of an army must carry food and forage for at least ten days or two weeks. That means 4,500 wagons for one million men!

The record of being the most reliable washerwoman in this country is claimed by Mrs. T. H. Bailey of Atchison, Kas., who has completed her fiftieth consecutive year as the washerwoman of an Atchison family.

Governor Blease of South Carolina took dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York one evening last week and "his red bow necktie on the background of a pink silk shirt" was the commanding feature of the scenery. Even New York takes note when Governor Blease comes to town.

The estate of the late James B. Haggin of California and Kentucky foots up \$15,000,000. Mr. Haggin is said to be the last of the Forty-Niners, one of the giants of the pioneer days, who, in seeking fortune for themselves, became the master workmen in the building of the empire of the Pacific coast. He made his pile early in life and lived to an extreme old age.

The rector of September's distinguished dead carries the name of Mrs. Frank Leslie, whose business ability and literary talent rescued the Leslie publications from bankruptcy thirty years ago. Mrs. Leslie retired from the publishing business in 1902. Her second venture in matrimony proving a dismal failure, she quit that line of business and lived quietly in New York as Baroness de Basus, a French title belonging to her family. She was 93 years of age.

FUNNYGRAMS. "Tinker has placed an old railroad sign. 'Stop, look and listen!' at the entrance to his driveway." "What's the idea?" "His wife is running the touring car."

A SONNET TO THE SCAVENGER. Hang not thy head in shame, thou worker in the field of offal, garbage, scum and slime; Thou art a minister, true servant, when Thy clothes are smeared with recreant and crime.

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