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### THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Oh, when anxiety plows into your heart, when perplexity entangles you, when troubles gather around you and upon you, think for a moment—for a moment. Think for one half hour—of eternal quietude and peace of your Father. Come into his presence, and from him peace.

—Lyman Abbott.

Listen for the school bell children, and be ready.

"Figuring" profits is much easier than collecting them.

We scorn ordinary puzzles, but the average war map gives us a headache.

An exchange says that it begins to appear that we have been sending missionaries to the wrong countries.

We predict that the Germans will get to Paris, but we will not go so far as to say they will capture it.

It was a conservative statesman we should say, who predicted the present war will last from twenty days to twenty years.

A number of women are running for congress in this land of the free, but a woman can't run very fast in the present fashions.

It seems that the hostilities also upset plans for a peace conference that was to have been held this month. A grim joker this Mars person.

If those Butte, Montana, miners are so anxious for fight, let them go where the fighting is good. American sentiment was never so adverse to bloody conflict.

It is also unfortunate that this war broke out at a time of year when the high school graduates are in no position to settle it with their silver-tongued orations.

The selection of State Treasurer George as chairman of the republican committee gives that gentleman a fine opportunity to do lots of good work for his own re-election.

Wouldn't it be awful nice if one could go to bed tonight and awaken from slumber in the morning to find that peace had declared in Europe.

The game law protects all kinds of animals, except flees, bed bugs and candidates. You are privileged to swat these whenever you find them.

Why shouldn't this country have a merchant marine? Other countries have them and the United States needs them as much if not more than other countries. Give us a merchant marine.

President Wilson says that he can see no reason why congress should remain in session after the emergency war measure and the trust legislation have been disposed of, and an adjournment may be expected soon—probably this month.

### AMERICA FIRST.

The slogan "See America First" is much in evidence these days, and promises to become a rallying cry that will be still more in evidence as the war in Europe progresses, and its effects become more keenly felt on this side of the sea. This slogan may be given numerous interpretation, and of the greatest importance is that which applies to building up American industries and of becoming capable of supplying our own needs. The extent of our dependence upon the countries of Europe for many of the common necessities of life was ever before realized by the American people, and the knowledge has made a profound impression upon the American mind. The people made their purchases and asked no questions. If their purchases were satisfactory it mattered not where they were manufactured nor where they came from. It seldom entered the American mind to inquire if an article was made in America or whether it had been produced by American labor or American capital. Because of this indifference and of this easy-going manner of doing business, American capital was diverted to channels where the largest profits might be made, and the foreigner was permitted to capture the trade that brought the smaller returns. During the piping times of peace, this arrangement was entirely satisfactory. The imports during the past year reached a value of almost two billion dollars, and the bulk of these came from the countries that are now engaged in war. When the ports of these countries were suddenly closed to American trade, it was immediately discovered that the proud boast that America was self-supporting had long been afflicted with a swollen head. America had not been self-supporting—far from it. A better slogan than the one above mentioned would be "American first." This country should not be dependent upon foreign countries for a single article of manufacture nor a single pound of raw material that might profitably be produced in the United States. Not that foreign commerce should be abandoned or discouraged, but that the American people should equip themselves and provide for the production of every article that enters into the home and the business life of the country. The hope of worldwide peace has been smashed into smithereens, and the American people should protect themselves against just such conditions as now confront them. No matter what the outcome of the present war, Europe will be in bad humor for many a year, and other wars may devastate the country. The halo that has heretofore perched upon the "imported" trademark, should be divested of its chasm. "American first" should be the battle-cry of business, whether it be in the purchase of a toothpick or an ocean greyhound. Now is the time to create a demand for American-made products. The demand will set American capital and labor to work to meet it. It should not be necessary for this country to suffer from high prices every time a gun is fired by the crowned heads of Europe.

Some of these summer clothes that the women are wearing disclose about everything except their intentions, and in that respect you might be mistaken.

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The resignation of County Attorney C. H. Taylor furnishes an opportunity for some bright young attorney to jump into the arena. The great trouble is the salary is not sufficient to make it a very enticing position, but there are several who no doubt would like to have the office.

It seems to be a foregone conclusion that the democratic party will have but one candidate for president in 1916, and that will be the present able chief executive. And if his administration proves as successful in the future as it has in the past, it will be folly for the republicans to make a nomination for president.

The state board of control has been engaged in the past few days in cutting down salaries of employees in the different institutions of the state, but as to the salaries of its members, not a "touch" was made. The legislature next winter do something if this line by abolishing the board entirely.

In speaking of the business conditions of this country, George W. Perkins of New York, said in Chicago yesterday: "Present uncertain business conditions will pass as soon as we readjust ourselves to conditions caused by the European war. Eventually there will be unprecedented prosperity. This country will be the only producing nation, Germany, one of the big steel-producing countries will look to the United States for steel and other commodities."

The opportunity which the fortunes of war, and especially the sound judgment and foresight of President Wilson have given to Venustiano Carranza, if seized with the vigor and intelligence of a strong and capable man, should make him a memorable figure in his country's history. Everything is in his favor, if he sticks closely to the work before him and turns a deaf ear to false counselors. These will crowd around him, as they did about unfortunate, well-meaning Madero, and if Carranza does not heed these counselors they may try to foment revolution against him and the government he establishes. The Centifeno snake has been scorched, not killed. Carranza can kill it.

Uncle Sam will scrutinize any chestnuts he may be invited to rake out of the fire for any of the warring nations.

The candidate who is willing to drop the tariff question, the trust question, the liquor question and the war question, and go in for lower taxes will eventually get the most votes.

We have some respect for the chap who, while walking past a department store with his girl, called a corset a jewel case, but more for the fellow who followed and called it a chicken coop.

We regret to learn that Governor Moorehead is yet troubled with his throat, which was caused from catching a severe cold while campaigning during the recent primary campaign. The Journal trusts that the governor will soon recover from this affliction.

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The republican candidates for university regent was a neck and neck race between Coupland and Jensen, the latter coming out ahead by 21 majority according to the final count in the office of the secretary of state. This is a little too close for comfort.

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### The Harvest.

The reaping is well nigh done over this pleasant land of ours. For many days the farmer has hastened forth with the vanishing dew to set the clattering reapers going in his laden wheat fields. His men have followed him, gathering up the fat sheaves and tossing them into the humming maw of the thresher, whence came the golden stream that filled his granaries to overflowing. And the toilers have wrought nobly and joyfully, for the spirit of the harvest moved them, and they knew they strove for the good of mankind.

At evening the farmer has fed his tired horses well, for there is plenty; has patted his dumb helpers affectionately and seen to their comfort, for they have served him well. And as he smokes his pipe under the opulent harvest moon he dreams of the peace and plenty of his declining years. Soon will come the frosty nights, and soon again the cheery thump of ears of ripe corn smacking the sideboard of his wagon at break of day.

This is the harvest of life.

And over the rim of the earth, a different harvest has just begun. Broad fields of wheat lie drooping for the harvester. The grapes hang heavy in terraced vineyards. Laden orchards are dropping their rich burdens, and the harvest is rotting for the lack of the harvester. Here and there women and little children are making a pitiful effort to gather the fruits of the year's labor, but there is no man to help them, and their tears bespeak their knowledge of the futility of their toil.

But yet a single reaper there is, and he needs no help. By day he moves with mighty strides, and the windrows of his harvest lie thick on shot-torn battlefields. And by night his gleaners follow him, and gather the scattered straws that have escaped his sweeping scythe. And under a blood-red harvest moon a hundred thousand wives and mothers think of the misery and desolation of the coming years.

This is the harvest of death.—World-Herald.

Don't you forget it—your sins and your wife will find you out.

The needs of Europe are pushing the prices of wheat skyward.

Among the victories of peace may be mentioned the coming dissolution of the harvester trust.

The month of August, 1914, will go down as one of the saddest in the history of the world.

A European nation which isn't involved may seem lonely, but it should be a cheerful sort of loneliness at that.

The best indication of the progress of the war is the wholesale criticism of the French army by writers in Paris.

Automobiles are so numerous that it has become difficult to see a white horse every time one sees a red-headed girl.

Coffee, it seems has taken a tumble in price. Coffee can do that with safety, as it has good grounds to tumble on.

Let it be shouted from the house top. A case has been discovered where the automobile was not at fault in the accident.

Not much business is being done in the Paris studios. The artists have evidently gone to the front to paint ambulances.

"Home Coming Days" are now being celebrated in many towns. What's the matter with Plattsmouth getting in the procession?

No sane person can commend the long ballot. There is not a thing about it that can possibly meet the approval of a voter, and the sooner it is done away with the better for all concerned.

State Treasurer George has been selected as chairman of the republican state central committee. This is said to be the first time that a state official and a candidate for re-election to the position he holds was ever selected to conduct a campaign in Nebraska. It may be all right but it doesn't look good.

A rumor was in circulation in Lincoln a few days ago that Geo. W. Berge, one of the defeated candidates for the democratic nomination for governor would run by petition for the position. The authority for the story could not be traced, and we do not believe that George Berge would do anything of the kind. He is a gentleman of too much honor and high standing.

Our esteemed brother of the Nebraska City Press, as a prophet, is not much of a success. He was sure before the primary that Governor Morehead would be defeated for renomination, and can now gaze up the almost unanimous vote that the Governor received. Now our esteemed friend prophesies that the governor will be defeated at the general election. Here he is doomed to prove a false prophet. Howell is not the kind of a man for governor of Nebraska. Like Teddy Roosevelt, he is entirely too erratic.

A war tax on a peaceful country will be a novelty, and that is what we are likely to have within six months in this country. The sudden stoppage of imports caused by a war thousands of miles away leaves the United States without adequate revenues. There are several ways to make up the lack. The income tax can be increased, or inheritance taxes levied. The excise taxes on whiskey and beer can be increased. The least desirable of all war revenues is that from taxes on business, such as checks and legal documents. A tax on bank checks is of all taxes the most senseless. It is in such times as this with war tending to cause monetary stringency, that the free use of bank checks is most to be desired. Taxes on business reduce business. If we have to levy taxes that are a punishment to trade, let them be upon articles which the less used the better.

A late issue of the Lincoln Star contains a number of criticisms in reference to the primary election law, and here is one paragraph that takes our fancy exactly, because it is true: "The ridiculous feature of that tends to excite more disfavor for it than any other, is the invitation it extends to the clowns and crooks to run for office. It imposes no requirements as to qualification or popularity. Any fool can run for the highest office within the gift of the people if he can raise the amount of the filing fee. Nobody need wait him to run. Nobody need think that he would make a good officer. He may be crooked, disreputable and without sense enough to wad a gun. It is a fact that a good many men now run for office under our direct primary law simply for the advertising they may get out of it, and there is no law to protect the purity of advertising of that kind. A fool or crook can jump into the primary simply in order to jeopardize the prospects of a good man and help nominate and elect another crook or fool."

Adam Hill, one of the pioneer farmers of the vicinity of Murray came in this morning to look after the week end shopping as well as to visit his friends.

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### THE ABSORBING TOPIC.

Taking advantage of the war situation, prices in food, and many other articles have been advancing to outrageous prices. This is not particularly true in the local markets, but applies to the country in general. Famine for food throughout the United States are arbitrarily speculation and criminal. They have been imposed at a time when the greatest crops ever known are maturing and in the face of an embargo upon foreign commerce that may last long enough to glut the warehouses. It is thus that the warmakers of the earth heap terror upon terror and add suffering to suffering. The worst of their offenses is not always to be seen upon the field of battle. It may be that savagery there has some redeeming traits, such as courage, devotion and sacrifice. In the market place it is altogether sordid and calculating. In conflict war kills and maims strong men. In trade it starves the aged, the young and the weak. The movement inaugurated in congress to investigate this outrageous increase in prices of provisions may be useful in a way, but it will not promptly reach the evil. What is most needed is instant activity on the part of the department of justice. There can be no such general and exorbitant marking up of food prices in the absence of combination and conspiracy. All of our laws are against trusts, unfair business practices, monopolies, conspiracies and combinations are so

much blank paper if, in a time like this, when American granaries are bursting and there is no immediate prospect of an outlet elsewhere, food can be cornered as it is today.

### Caught a Bad Cold.

"Last winter my son caught a very bad cold and the way he coughed was something dreadful," writes Mrs. Sarah E. Duncan, of Tipton, Iowa. "We thought sure he was going into consumption. We bought just one bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and that one bottle stopped his cough and cured his cold completely." For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. Louise Klein arrived in the city last evening from La Cross, Wisconsin, where she has been for the past few weeks visiting with relatives and friends. Her sister, Miss Teresa Hemple met her in Omaha and accompanied her to this city. She will visit for a short time with her mother, Mrs. B. Hemple and other relatives.

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