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### THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Make the best of every thing, think the best of everybody, hope the best for yourself.—George Stephenson.

"Sit tight and don't rock the boat," is the slogan now.

Experts report the corn crop entirely out of danger from frost.

Germans seem to be sticking to their battle cry of "Rouse mit 'em."

This scrap is even worse than the old-time political conventions.

After the clouds drift away, Europe will afford a splendid field for beauty specialists.

Civilization slowly emerges from barbarism and hastily returns from whence it came.

The foot ball players ought to be able to get some valuable points out of this bloody conflict in Europe.

And now the American railway heads fear their securities will suffer as a result of the European war, "War is hell!"

The American meat packers are in control of all the Argentine beef shipped to this country. Probably that is the cause of prices remaining high.

Despite all outside influence, Roger C. Sullivan seems to have received the democratic nomination for United States senator in Illinois.

The democratic state committee headquarters has been located at Lincoln. This was fixed by the state committee in session Wednesday.

The selection of Dr. P. L. Hall as vice chairman of the democratic state committee, was a splendid move. Dr. Hall is a good man in any position.

Returning American tourists continue to sustain the Journal in its early warnings to readers that they should take the stories of German atrocities with grains of salt. The reports were false.

Why did sugar take such a sudden tumble downward? Don't you know? Why the sugar trust got frightened at the governments got frightened at the government's investigation, and did not care about playing checkers with noses behind prison bars.

The other day an old lady crossing the street at the intersection of Main and Sixth street came very near being run over by one of the city delivery wagons, which gives the Journal the opportunity of reminding auto drivers, as well as drivers of wagons and buggies, that there is a law in force giving pedestrians the right of way on all street crossings, and while we have warned everybody of this fact, several times in the Journal we repeat again before of some of headstrong and careless fellows will get into trouble on this score.

### WHO DESERVES SYMPATHY.

The following very timely article is taken from the Johnston Democrat, and will meet the almost unanimous approval of every American citizen:

"With whom does the Democrat sympathize in the pending war?" writes a correspondent. We'll answer that.

With the German, French, Belgian and English boys who man the trenches. With the German, French, English and Belgian boys who crowd the hospitals.

With the mothers who bore those boys. The fathers who saw them grow to manhood and loved them as they grew. With the women who were wedded to those boys. With the children they left when they marched to the front.

With the poor peasant woman who struggles against the press of war—engendered poverty. With those who in the cities cry out for food.

With the men who fight for fatherland hating war in their hearts. With the great artists like Kreisler who must turn their marvelous melody producing fingers to works of destruction. With the people who must live out their days with lives forever blighted by this war.

With the innocent whose fields have been trampled under foot by marching armies. With all the host of those who under the press of a mistaken patriotism must offer up their lives. Those are the ones with whom we sympathize.

For a hundred years we have lived in peace with our Canadian neighbors. There have been no warships upon our inland lakes.

There have been no forts guarding every border pass. Could not England and Germany have so lived? Could not France and Germany in our day have so lived?

Had Germany and France and Russia and England and Austria and all the Balkan states declared, "Millions for defence, but not one cent for invasion," there would have been no war. Militarism is a crime.

Crimes are inevitably punished by a God in His own time. Europe swelters in blood because it planned and plotted murder. For the nations engaged there can be only regrets. The final victory will cost so much that humanity cannot cheer the conqueror.

There is no gleam in all this war. It is dark tragedy; it is a cataclysmic drama of primeval hates and passions. It is for all those who suffer for whom we sympathize.

What has become of the Plattsmouth Commercial college and its management? It would be in order for the commercial club to hunt up this fellow and make him refund the money to those scholars who paid a year's tuition in advance.

An exchange gives the following receipt for killing a town: "Always growl, resist taxation, kick against improvements, exercise the virtue of enviousness, don't patronize your home papers, talk against your neighbors and business rival, criticize those who are social and enterprising, buy all your goods out of town and let your merchants live the best they can; send your children off to school and let the schools of your town take care of themselves." The foregoing receipt is warranted to have the desired effect, even if given in broken doses.

The state fair has had a very light attendance from this vicinity—in fact, the lightest it has been in many years. And why, we are not prepared to say.

This European war will give habitual condemen of foreign made goods a chance to get acquainted with home made products and the travelers who couldn't see anything any place but in Europe may now take time to see America and learn the beauties of our own country.

The German government has surprised the world with a lot of long range guns made in secret at the Krupp works, and about which the other governments knew nothing. If the entire Krupp establishment could be leveled to the ground and never be built, the world would not be a great loser, says the Beatrice Sun. And the Sun is right.

There should be no such thing as an anti-Bryan faction in Neb., but as long as the gang headed by Brother Charley and Brother-in-law Tommy Allen, there will exist antis galore. It is a shame that a man like W. J. Bryan should suffer for the overbearing attitude of his brother, his brother-in-law, and the little following they possess throughout the state.

Rumors that the exposition at San Francisco will be postponed on account of the war are definitely denied. It is admitted, however, that interested railroad officials are sounding public sentiment with a view to seeing whether the exposition can hope for any degree of success next year. Whether the war stops soon or not, it will have interfered with the foreign exhibits at the fair, and this will keep many people away.

It is no doubt true that price advances are justified in certain articles imported from abroad, the shipments of which have been curtailed or stopped, but this condition has been aggravated in many cases, notably in the drug trade, where speculators have cornered the visible supply of articles needed in medicine and manufactures. Outrageous advances have taken place in the prices of articles produced in abundance in this country, which at present are denied the usual export outlet by reason of scarcity of merchant ships. Wheat and flour are in this category. The United States has produced more grain this year than ever, and the stocks are piling up, yet the consumer has to pay more for his supplies. There should be some other way of getting at the food sharks. The conspiracy laws are inadequate.

Great Britain keeps one eye on its trade, while it watches the war with the other.

The jurors may not be as lenient to food gamblers as they have generally been to defendants accused of violating the Sherman act.

There is no question as to Nebraska endorsing President Wilson. Local differences should not be allowed to interfere in accomplishing this result. Of course there are differences among the democrats in many counties, caused from certain factions putting forth their efforts to carry out plans as they want them, irrespective of democrats who possess more loyalty in one day than they ever possessed in their whole lives. And if the democracy is defeated in Nebraska this year it is just such fellows as these who will cause such a disaster. It will not be done by the true democrats, but by such fellows who are democrats for office and pelf only.

### NO WAR TALK IN SCHOOLS.

The announcement that teachers of the public schools in various cities of the United States have been instructed not to discuss the European war brings little surprise. When we consider the fact that so many teachers themselves are of different nationalities, and there are pupils even in the public schools of this city and Cass county, whose parents are from the different countries now at war, the wisdom of the restriction is obvious. It will be difficult to eliminate the subject from the thoughts of teachers and pupils, since war news will for some time fill the newspapers and periodicals. It will be especially difficult to avoid any contemporaneous references in the history classes. But difficult as it will be to shun the subject entirely, this is the only safe course. It may be argued that the war could be discussed with absolute impartiality, but no discussion will be considered impartial. There is too much prejudice among the nationalities. The alert little folks would be quick to seize on any statement which could be construed as revealing the teacher's sympathies and there would be continual friction.

But even after this wise precaution is taken the war will have a bad effect on the schools. It is demoralizing everything. One of the most prominent workers in the playground movement says that some of the most active participants in this endeavor have begun to lose interest. One of them voiced her feelings substantially as follows: "What's the use of trying to do anything for race betterment? Civilization is proving itself a failure. Just look at how the most civilized people in Europe are slaughtering each other like naked savages." The psychological effect of dwelling on the scenes of carnage can not be measured. Every minister is preaching about the horrors of the war. The editors have little else to write about. Morning, noon and night the European cataclysm fills the thoughts of Americans of every calling. It is a singularly fortunate individual who can banish the war from his mind and think on other subjects.

The pessimism is touching people who are religiously inclined. The great majority of the people of the nations involved profess belief in Christianity. The rulers have invoked the blessings of the same God on the opposing armies. The whole conflict is so repugnant to the teachings of Christianity as the twentieth century has understood them that many are questioning the efficacy of those teachings in practical affairs. They make allowances for Clovis and Charlemagne because of their semi-barbarous times, but there is no such extenuation for twentieth century rulers. The European war is as baneful in its effects on the spirit of our people as it has so far been on our economic conditions.

Another instance where President Wilson displayed excellent judgment, was in not opposing Roger Sullivan for the democratic nomination for United States senator in Illinois. Roger got there with both feet, while being bitterly opposed by W. J. Bryan, Governor Dunne, Senator Lewis and Mayor Harrison of Chicago. Roger Sullivan has a right to feel elated over his great victory.

While the Austrian army may have been wiped out as often as reported, the claim department is still intact.

Villa's objection to Carranza as president on the ground that it is no place for a soldier, are not well founded. Carranza is not enough of a soldier to hurt.

Fall pastures in France are being fertilized with blood.

The Noble peace prize will more than likely go to Ireland this year.

Having exhausted their powers of description on Mexican skirmishes, the war correspondents would be helpless in Europe even if there were no censors.

No matter whether any of our apples are exported this year or not, apple pie will be just pallatable as ever in this country. And who does not love apple pie?

The House of Representatives has adopted a resolution "docking" absentees. That's all right. If a man don't work he should have no pay. "The laborer is worthy of his hire," and not otherwise.

The French authorities have lifted the embargo against the sale of rabbits in Paris. If ships were available it wouldn't take long for Kansas and Oklahoma to glut the market with jack-rabbits.

Throwing bombs from an aeroplane into the cities kills women and children, who are non-combatants. This does not look like civilized warfare. The plain facts are that no kind of warfare is civilized.

Carranza, the provincial president of Mexico, seems to be getting a little too foxy. If he insists on General Funston leaving Vera Cruz, it may take a few more shells from our three inch guns to quell him.

Ireland so far, has kept out of the European war, and we hope she will continue in a spirit of neutrality. We hope and believe in the safety and preservation of old Ireland, for without her, where could American cities turn for aldermen and policemen.

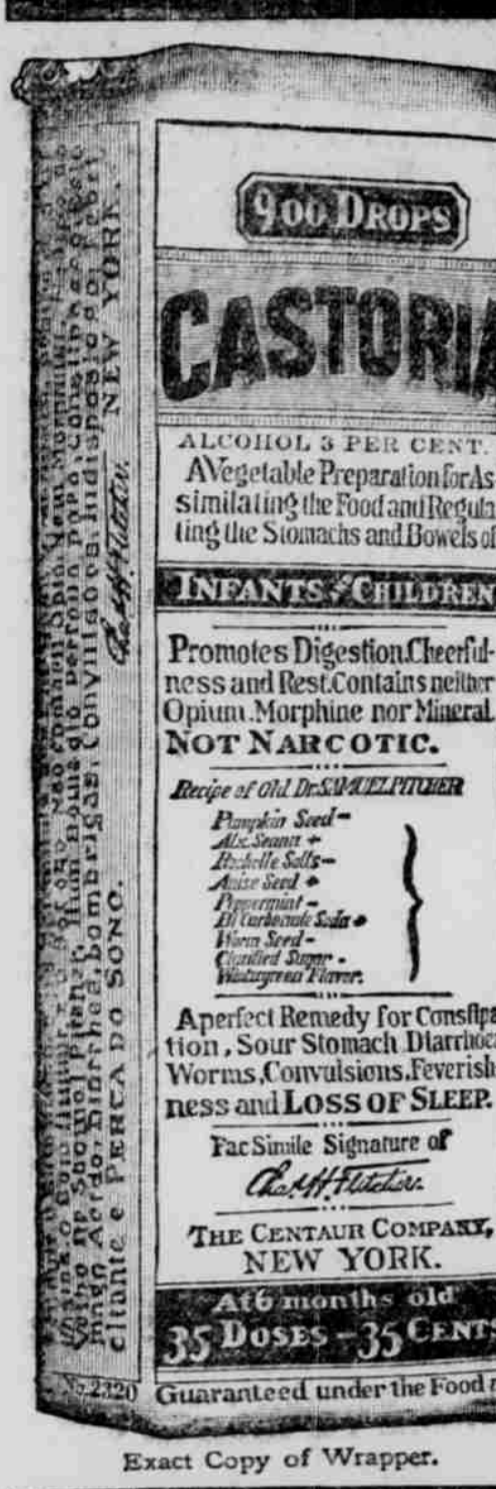
A democratic postmaster will soon be in charge at Lincoln, and F. W. Brown has at last "made the ripple", according to reports. Wonder how Mr. Johnson's friends will take this, after his endorsement for the position by our "eminent" congressman.

They have begun to talk peace across the water. England says she wasn't to blame for the war. Germany says she was not to blame. France says the same and so does Russia. Now who in thunder is to blame? If there is no just cause for such destruction of life and property, peace should be easily brought about.

Teddy has promised to spend a day in Nebraska to help out the progressive ticket. His coming does not seem to send any shivers down anybody's back, and no doubt democratic and republican candidates will keep on sawing wood just the same as before the announcement was made.

The New Pope, Benedicte X V very timely in advising the nations of Europe that are warring against one another that he stands in the same position as the United States; sympathizes with all of them with a genuine sympathy, and will not be partisan of one as against the other.

If President Wilson makes no serious mistake before the year 1916, and there is no likelihood that a man of his great caliber will, the democratic party of this glorious republic will arise in one solid mass and demand that he continue for four more years in the good work. His friends are not all in the democratic ranks, as there are thousands upon thousands of republicans who are outspoken for him.



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The foresightedness of our national leaders of all parties is fully emphasized by the fact that the markets of the world are suddenly opened to our commerce and we have no ships with which to deliver the goods.

The Lincoln Star says: "There have been some republican papers hereabouts that frequently got excited and indignant at the mistaken thought that all Nebraska democrats were not Wilson democrats. It is going to be interesting to watch their wiggle in the campaign that will supply a test of whether Nebraskans endorse or condemn the Wilson administration.

The Journal is pleased to note that Governor Moorehead has returned to Lincoln, after a week's sojourn at his old home in Falls City. The governor had been suffering from throat trouble, caused by catching a severe cold during the primary campaign, and a week's rest became necessary. His many friends in Cass county

will be pleased to learn that Governor Moorehead has entirely recovered.

It isn't a question of whether or not you want it enforced, not whether or not anyone wants it enforced, the compulsory school law must be enforced. It is a duty not a privilege to enforce it.

The census bulletin just issued puts the population of the United States at 109,000,000. This is a gain of about 7,000,000 since the last bulletins were issued four years ago. That is going soon, don't you think?

A great many state legislatures have given consideration to bills taxing bachelors and many convincing arguments have been presented why men who escape matrimony should pay a penalty, but why not tag them as a more painless and effective method of extermination? If the bachelors were tagged the widows could easily find them and Cupid would do the rest. The bachelor is naturally timid, but under the encouraging influences of a merry widow he can easily be led to the altar, for there is no more helpless craft afloat than a lovesick swain who has passed the age of discretion, and the little imp that plays ping-pong with human hearts has no more capable ally than a woman who loves at second sight, for experience makes Cupid subtle and bold.

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