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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Love the little trade which thou has learned and be content therewith.—Marcus Aurelius.

We are shown "the world's greatest" too often.

Simple enough on paper to starve the Germans.

The shots at the Dardanelles are heard around the wheat belts.

President Wilson will, at the proper time, lodge a protest against bottling up German ports.

A legislator likewise thinks he can get rid of cockleburrs by legislation. Hoos are also recommended.

Mr. Rockefeller should ask New York and Ohio to fight it out between themselves as to which is entitled to his taxes.

The London Times complains that news from the United States is too severely censored for British papers. Same here, Mr. Times.

More than seven millions pounds of meat in cold storage at South Omaha! And then blame the farmers for holding their grain for a higher price.

Arizona is playing no favorites. Its legislature has unanimously passed a bill to pension aged and indigent widowers who have children dependent upon them.

The fact that there is general satisfaction in having congressmen come home from Washington does not mean that in many places the brass band will turn out to meet them at the railroad station.

The nine-hour law for women workers, which has passed the Oklahoma legislature, applies only to towns of 1,000 or more population. The farmers' wives have a right to look upon it as class legislation.

If the allies are going to open and keep open the sea route to Russian wheat fields it would prove a nice proposition for all those who are holding their wheat for two dollars a bushel to let loose right now, don't you think?

The American note sent to Germany was vigorous in tone. It declared that Germany would be held responsible for possible results for which the German reply disavows responsibility in advance. The American not concluded with the statement that the government would "be constrained to hold the imperial government to a strict accountability for such acts of their naval authorities and to take any steps it might be necessary to take to safeguard American lives and property and to secure to American citizens the full enjoyment of their acknowledged rights on the high seas." The German reply suggests as a proper step that United States warships convey merchant vessels, as a guaranty of their neutrality and of the noncontraband character of their cargo. In addition to this alternative there is the possibility that Great Britain may heed the protest against use of neutral flags. But the situation, so far as the United States is concerned, is most critical. Precedents have been rendered comparatively useless and the issues must be settled according to elemental principles of justice among nations.

WORLD'S HOPE FOR PEACE.

As the world swings into the first days of spring the universal prayer goes up that the war in Europe will quickly come to an end—that the fields will be planted this year with crops and not with dead men.

The nations have shown what they could and could not do. The have nothing to gain by further fighting. Perhaps if it were not for stubbornness and pride, they would all admit that the war means nothing but loss to them.

The original cause of war has been lost to sight. The soldiers do not know what they are fighting for. The governments know that they could gain more by peace conferences than they can gain by further war. They are destroying their people in mere stubborn pride. Rather than propose peace they are willing to risk further losses and possible annihilation. The spirit of madness possesses them.

Germany has been punished enough. Her foreign commerce has been wiped off the ocean. Her merchant ships are idle. Such part of her fleet as is not collected in the Kiel canal has been destroyed. Factories have been deprived of raw material, food supplies have been cut off, and the empire has been placed on army rations. The cost of war operations has reached colossal figures. Years of hard work will be required to bring the empire back to where it was.

Great Britain has lost most heavily in money, upon which she lays great store. The resources of the empire have been drained to keep the war going—for what? Germany is unconquered. It is evident that war to the point of absolute victory and defeat means mutual suicide to Germany and Great Britain. The victor would be exhausted as well as the vanquished.

France and Austria are bleeding to death. Their riches are melting away with the lives of their soldiers. The war represents to them total losses, without any compensating gain of any kind.

Russia is pouring out her men in a vast bonfire of destruction. The energies that should be devoted to the development of that mighty empire are consumed by utter waste. Russia's fighting is blind, for the reason that she could gain by peace all that she is seeking in war.

And poor Belgium! She lies death-stricken, her men killed, her women and children starving. Why is she punished so terribly? There are those who see in war a kind of retributive justice, as though Providence brought punishment to nations as well as individuals, and in some quarters it is supposed that the horrors that overwhelm Belgium are evidence of divine retribution for the horrors of the Congo. But it is enough to know that poor Belgium is ground to dust. The condition of her people stirs the heart of the whole world.

Instead of realizing and admitting that the war is being fought in vain, that they have all to lose and nothing to gain by further bloodshed, the two leading nations now go to the limit of pride and madness by declaring a hunger war upon innocent people. What a crime against civilization!

In the hunger war the poor prisoners will suffer first. These men, who have already risked their lives, are now to be subjected to torture and starvation. After them will come the weakest of the innocents—the babies and children. Then their mothers, exhausted in the effort to feed their young, will die. And then the aged men, too feeble to grapple with the soldiers for food, will succumb. Last of all to starve will be the strong, the armed men, who must be fed, and who at the end will turn their weapons upon their own people in the struggle

for bread.

Already the tragedy has begun in the starvation of Belgium. Great Britain, through Sir Edward Grey, announces that she will not furnish food to keep her ally from death. Can it be possible that Great Britain, the England that has done such great and noble things for civilization, can sentence a friend to death? We cannot believe that Sir Edward Grey voices the will of England. It cannot be that he speaks in cold blood the settled policy of Great Britain. The thought is too horrible to be entertained. And what will France and the other allies think, when they see England's treatment of Belgium? How will they have the heart to keep up the fight when they realize that the reward will be desertion and betrayal?

If the nations should fight, for humanity's sake they should fight with their armies and navies, in manly combat. The horrors of such warfare are bad enough, and fruitless enough. The prisoners, the children, the women, and the aged should be spared, and must be spared if the world is not to be turned into a den of savage beasts.

The stiff-necked and stubborn nations that now propose to starve one another to death are fulfilling the wise words of Holy Wryit, "Pride goeth before destruction." They can make peace if they will. There is no question confronting them that cannot be settled by their representatives, sitting about a council table. If they would put aside the foolishness of their vanity they would all acknowledge that the war means nothing to them but loss, suffering and disaster.—Washington Post.

No knockers are needed in the work of building up home industries.

Public opinion, no matter whether it is right or wrong, is never tongue-tied.

This is a good time to treat the pneumonia germ with fresh air, which it hates.

The war is not only hard on poets, but also hard on the public that reads the poems.

Oh, no, Sister Mary, we do not believe marriage is a failure, but many who get married are.

Our courts are so slow that the public forget what it is all about when reading the decision.

The California stage beauty who calls her husband a "simp" probably caught him with a simp.

When an air ship drops a bomb about the only thing it is sure to hit is the front page of the newspapers.

It is barely possible that the country will run out of other issues sometime and elect a president on the question of who should take the initiative of distributing pie.

The New York jury which awarded a man 6 cents' damages because of the alienation of his wife's affections must have intended it as an insult to all three parties.

A doctor says it is impossible to hold the breath for two minutes. We know of several women in this old town who can't even hold their tongues that long.

At present the world needs all of the wheat produced in the United States. Eventually it will need all the coal. As to these two items conservation is the best policy.

The dance boomers should have sufficient respect for the Lenten season and those who observe it to cut out the dances during that short time. It is simply courtesy to those who observe Lent.

State Superintendent Thomas was not smooth enough to get Tom Majors' goat. But Tom will be smooth enough to get Thomas' goat two years hence. He done it once and he will do it again—mark that!

STARVING OUT EACH OTHER.

The world is now witnessing the extraordinary spectacle of the two most enlightened nations of Europe engaged in a desperate effort to starve each other and to that end they are willfully violating the recognized rules of warfare and willfully endangering the lives and shipping of neutral nations. The world is expected to look on unmoved while these two powers, drunk with hatred and un-mindful of the effects of their acts, struggle on in a mad endeavor to overcome each other. German submarines float under the surface of the ocean, laying in wait for unprotected ships that sail the seas unmindful of the danger that awaits them and suddenly darting towards their prey of neutral flags means nothing. The cargoes may be destined for the wives and children of the foe and so rigorous are the rules of this inhuman war that they must be required to starve in order that their sons and husbands and fathers fighting at the front may be subjugated. Was there ever so inhuman and so barbarous a war as this? Hundreds of thousands of little children are at this instant starving amid the ruins of their homes as a result of the devastation that has been wrought already and the end is not even in sight. The people of neutral lands can do nothing at this stage, but they can, when peace is again proclaimed, insist that the next war—if there is ever another war—be fought along lines indicative at least of sanity and common sense. The wives and children of the men at the front have no part in this struggle. It is inconceivable, therefore, that they shall be allowed to starve while the slaughter at the front goes on for no good purpose. The world owes it to posterity to make sure that no such war shall ever be waged again. Civilization has been set back a hundred years by it.

There is a general feeling among the newspaper fraternity that militarism must be crushed, even if we all wear out our typewriters doing it.

Another way is to boost the churches. And still another way is to boost the schools and encourage the children in their work by visiting the schools occasionally.

The explanation that Mr. Sayre refused a \$6,000 position as a professor in the University of Wisconsin because he is too busy acting as father of the president's grandson is intended for humor. Wisconsin has done many wild things, but it has never required its university professors to desert their families.

More than three-quarters of a million Americans were taken into church membership in the last year. Two-fifths of all our population now claim to be enlisted under the banner of religion. True, many do not work at it. And others serve Mammon a good deal more zealously than God. That, however, is only as it always has been; as it may always be. The encouraging, the hopeful, fact is that, in 1914, more Americans than ever before went on record with the desire to walk in better pathways, to live more nearly in accordance with the spirit of the Golden Rule. The church seems on the way to prove that it can come back.

The newspaper reader is well acquainted with the woman who lived to be a hundred years old by smoking a clay pipe and the gentleman who reached the century mark in a hale and hearty condition because of—or in spite of—drinking plenty of whisky, but Mrs. Mary Trinka of St. Louis has a brand new system. She was one hundred years old recently. Sauerkraut and dumplings, work and an optimistic outlook are responsible for her longevity. Mrs. Trinka declares. Those who are trying to smoke themselves to old age, and those who are taking the whisky route will scoff at this new theory, but as for ourselves, we believe there is something in it. Waiter, another order of sauerkraut and dumplings, please!

Well, we can get along without any more snow.

"The biggest snow I ever saw in this country," says an old pioneer.

If war were as slow as diplomacy every other generation would escape.

No man can successfully disguise his bald spot without keeping his hat on.

Columbia's threat to appeal to the powers will not hasten the ratification of its \$25,000,000 treaty.

Silk stockings may denote extravagance, but the implications that they are immodest is absurd.

Some fireproof safes resemble fireproof buildings, being entirely satisfactory except in case of fire.

Raising the cry of insidious lobby at critical times is becoming as popular in this state as in the nation.

The lone woman member of the Arizona legislature should insist on her male colleagues using smoke consumers.

It is well to remember that a good resolution is like an automobile. The smaller the road is the more likely it is to skid.

The tabulation of war supplies sold during the year is about as cheering as an undertaker's annual report on the year's business.

The Houston (Texas) Post is trying to find out why married men are so ugly toward bachelors. It may be because they envy them.

Mr. Gary of the steel trust tells young men "to stick to the golden rule." Few, however, will find it as golden as Mr. Gary has.

When some men claim to be "called of the Lord" we are constrained to wonder if the Lord did not make a good many mistakes.

The postoffice department of the United States is said to be the biggest thing in the world. In the entire department millions are handled every month.

Neither should this country become greatly perturbed over demands Japan may make of China; it is less our quarrel than the one now raging in Europe.

California is thinking of refusing alimony to wives who ask for divorces if they have no children. There is nothing to prevent California from thinking.

A year ago all the warfare in England was carried on by the suffragettes. Now there is so much war you don't hear any more about the militant woman.

The comptroller of the currency has ordered all national banks of the country to cease cashing checks for persons who have overdrawn their accounts. This is a practice the department says it will not tolerate.

Advice that this country await developments on naval warfare before constructing any more warships is dangerous. Secretary Garrison took the same view of military aeronautics in his first report, but he altered it in his second.

Mr. Taft's advocacy of a national university is not new. It was urged on congress by President Washington. He also left a legacy for its endowment in his will, together with an argument in favor of educating the youth in America instead of sending them to Europe. The great state universities and the richly endowed universities under private management have removed the chief necessity, as seen by Washington, but there is still need for a system of standardization such as Mr. Taft proposes with his usual force and clearness.

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