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## THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Extremes in Nature equal good produce;  
Extremes in man occur to general use.

—Pope.

Think it over. Maybe you are at fault yourself.

A man may be too proud to fight and yet be able to swallow his pride.

"Safety first," is fine, but the trouble is that too many wait until it is too late.

In spite of the damages wrought by rain, flood and the Hessian fly, the farmers are keeping a stiff upper lip.

It appears some people don't regret the money a divorce costs any more deeply than the money a wedding costs.

Formal announcement has been made of the appointment of Robert Lansing as secretary of state. So mote it be.

Some of the cities that failed to get regional reserve banks expect to be more than consoled by having a winning ball team.

Most anyone can borrow money to buy an automobile nowadays, but the trouble is to get a loan on the gasoline and the tires.

Most women with good forms, it seems, have homely faces; also those with farms. But the latter have no trouble to find a husband.

Don't worry about the job you don't like, for it probably will be taken from you soon. No man who is displeased with his job can please his employer.

The daisy is now so plentiful that they are now nearly as big a nuisance as the dandelion. Some lawns about town are literally covered with them.

The people of Nebraska should be spanked for complaining, when people are starving in Mexico, Belgium, Poland, Serbia, Russia, China and other places.

A French baby has been named Raymond George Albert Nicholas Joffre Pourtais. One of the horrors that could not be foreseen when the war started.

\$250,000 is needed to celebrate the opening of the Panama canal. This is an occasion where it will take a good many thousands of corks for a salute.

Too many young men and some of them old enough to have grown daughters of their own, hang around on the street corners of an evening gazing into the faces of every lady that passes.

Once in awhile you will hear some fellow say: "I wish I was out of this town!" Well, there are no strings tied on you, and walking is good if you haven't got railroad fare. Go and make room for a more worthy citizen.

It would be better for the American people if there were no reports from the battlefields in Europe. Each nation at war sends such reports as they want. One day Germany has the best of it and the next day Russia is more than holding her own. But reports coming straight from Germany seem to be relied upon more than any other.

## SECRETARY LANSING.

President Wilson's first choice for secretary of state was frankly a political one. William J. Bryan was appointed to that important and dignified position because he was a leader in the democratic party, because he had a larger personal following than any other man in American public life, because as a result of his action at Baltimore Woodrow Wilson was nominated for president, because it was felt that he could be of great benefit and assistance to the administration in matters of domestic policies and in politics, rather than because of any special experience and training which qualified him for the office. No one dreamed at the time that the greatest war in history was brewing, and that in consequence the head of the department of state would be called to face such grave responsibilities, and undertake such arduous and delicate duties, as had fallen to the lot of few if any of the long line of distinguished statesmen who had occupied that exalted position.

Obliged now to change horses while undertaking safely to cross the stream—a stream turbulent and wild and dark with blood—President Wilson realizes that never before in its history has the United States known a greater need of trained, able statesmen in the state department than at the present time. He turns, therefore, to Robert Lansing of New York, who has acted as counsel for the department since the resignation, last year, of John Bassett Moore, who was unable to get along with Mr. Bryan. Mr. Lansing proved to be so superlatively able a diplomatist that he got along with Mr. Bryan, and the president now names him for Bryan's successor.

A brief recital of the salient facts in Mr. Lansing's career serves to make it very plain that he worked his way to this high position not by virtue of political skill and influence, but through diligent study and careful training. He is the son-in-law of John W. Foster of Ohio, himself a notable diplomatist, who was secretary of state under Harrison. He is associated editor of the American Journal of International Law. He is author of a work on the origin, growth and form of government in the United States. He is a member of the American society of international law and of the American political science association. For more than twenty years, prior to entering the state department, he had almost continuous experience in dealing with questions involving international law. He served as associate consul for the United States in the Behring sea arbitration; as consul for the United States before the Behring sea claims commission; as solicitor for the United States before the Alaskan boundary tribunal; as consul for the North Atlantic coast fisheries in the arbitration at The Hague in 1909-10; as agent for the United States in the American and British claims arbitration in 1912-14. Aside from being a lawyer and student of government, he is vice president of a bank in his home town, Watertown, N. Y. Incidentally it is said that he is a democrat.

A greater contrast than that between Mr. Wilson's first premier and his second it would be difficult to find. In a political way, as an agent for influencing either the congress or the people in matters of domestic policy, as a repairer or builder of party fences, Secretary Lansing presumably will be of little or no value to the administration or the democratic party. But as a wise and learned and sagacious counsellor familiar with the history of nations, trained in the intricacies of that intangible thing termed international law, experienced in the arts and usages of diplomacy, it is

earnestly to be hoped, and there is reason for believing, that he will prove a tower of strength to President Wilson and to the American people in a time that calls for all that is big and strong that American statesmanship can furnish.—World-Herald.

The new band-stand is a dandy. That's what everybody says.

Keep on dragging the roads. That's the way to keep them in fine shape.

Popular as Mr. Lansing is with the president, the latter will go on writing the notes.

There has been no rain here for several days, and the farmers get in some work now.

The Old Missouri keeps full, notwithstanding the many "dry" people on the east side.

Anyone can carry a flag. The thing that counts is good citizenship every day in the week.

A Plattsmouth doctor says ice cream makes freckles. Girls, we don't believe it—do you?

So long as fortune tellers can't really foretell one has to live his life on the installment plan.

Before he gets through Mr. Bryan will no doubt issue a statement showing his attitude on German measles.

The clover-boat is effecting some of the cattle throughout the country, and a number have died from eating it.

All America is now divided into three classes: The jingos or alarmists, the peace-at-any-price and the neutrals.

The English parliament has voted a credit of five billion dollars to spend in furthering the war. That is like throwing it away.

It is said we spend more for candy than we do on our navy. Would coating dreadnaughts with chocolate make us swallow them any faster?

It may be foreseen how those who saw Europe before the war will take on airs over those who will have to accept the sights and scenes that are left after it is over.

President Wilson has not made many mistakes. There are few men that have made less. His appointment of Robert Lansing to take the place vacated by Mr. Bryan, is certainly no mistake. He is recognized as a gentleman of great ability and a man who understands international affairs as well as any man in America.

The total exports of fresh beef since the war in Europe began have aggregated nearly 102,000,000 pounds, as compared with 5,000,000 pounds for a corresponding period in the previous year, according to the "National Provisor." Between 60 and 80 per cent of this beef, however, was brought from South America for reshipment to European ports. The great bulk of the beef was bought for war purposes and to supply the shortage due to the war conditions.

June weddings are coming to a close in only a few days. The June weddings add much to the gaiety of the season. It is good to get married at any time, but the best time is June. Engaged couple should have the knot tied now. Delay is unpleasant and not at all profitable or safe. Long engagements are an abomination. When a young man asks a girl to be his wife he should not mean that the marriage is to take place in 1917 or next year; he should ask that the knot be tied forthwith. Most men do; but those dawdlers who ask for time and who flutter around and cannot make up their minds should be sent about their business. If a man wishes a girl to be his wife let him face the parson like a man. June is the month for marrying.

## TIRED OF WAR.

Col. House, the president's friend, lately returned from Europe, where he visited capitals of both sides in the controversy, and reports that the rulers of both sides are confident of ultimate victory. However, he didn't devote his whole sojourn abroad to mingling with the mighty; he found time to mix with the proletariat a bit, and his observations among the plain people of all the countries is that they are wearying of the war. That seems reasonable, and is easy to believe. Whichever nation started the trouble, a question on which people never will agree, it can never be said that the people of the guilty nation were responsible. Indeed, they probably were as much surprised and as greatly shocked as those of innocent Belgium. But, when it was started, it was the people who bore the burdens, and are still bearing them; who will bear them, indeed, long after the diplomats have signed a peace treaty, and changed the map of Europe according to the standards of might. And it isn't strange that they should weary of it, particularly since it doesn't seem to be getting anywhere in particular. Most of the glory of war is in song and story and history, and the real business of hostilities is disagreeable and mussy for those who carry it on, and for those at home who furnish food for the soldiers, and bear their share of sorrow and suspense. People naturally tire of war quicker than the potentates who bring it about and watch its operations from a safe distance. But we doubt that they can end it. Of course, if all men would refuse to fight, that would end the war, and might be a sensible course, but all military law is harder to overthrow than the civil kind, which has more or less influence on the lives of men. However, public sentiment is an influence, even in autocratic realms, and there may be a hope of peace in the fact that the people are tired of war.

A Plattsmouth young man has had to dodge so many automobiles he is now becoming clever at dodging his creditors.

Summer vacation? What's the use, when the summer vacation climate is right here? Stay at home and save your money. You may have use for it next winter to pay the coal bills, etc.

"Seeing America First," is the slogan in the east. Many easterners are taking the opportunity to do so, but it is all because they are fearful to risk sea voyages at this critical time.

"Bachelor" wants to know if a day can't be set aside for bachelors as well as for mothers, fathers and the rest. There is a day set for bachelors, it's "wedding day," and more of them in this old town should celebrate it.

Our people are still agitating the proper location for the public library, and some few get very much excited over the matter. What's the use? We all want the library, and it can't be located to suit everybody, so there is no use trying. Let the library board locate it where they desire, and the Journal won't be found among the knockers.

If every man in the city were a hustler and tradesman hustling for the trade he could honestly get, this newspaper would soon have to enlarge in order to run their ads. More than that, everybody on the outside would be talking Plattsmouth being the liveliest town on earth. Advertisements talk away from home as well as at home.

As for the Journal, we do not care what the reasons are for Mr. Bryan's retirement from the cabinet. But we do know this from the facts thus far developed, and that is that President Wilson is as much a lover of peace as Mr. Bryan. The difference between them is one of them wants peace at any cost, while the other wants to maintain the honor and at the same time keep the peace, if possible.

President Wilson is taking a much-needed rest. Good!

When Dr. Dernburg gets home perhaps we shall hear "Dern American!"

"The day we celebrate" will soon be here. A big day everywhere but in Plattsmouth.

Mr. Bryan might do pretty well for assistant secretary of state under Secretary Lansing.

After having opened the Panama canal Col. Goethals may have a life job keeping it open.

Peace is now Mr. B.'s paramount issue. Perhaps it's a little more timely than the others.

Not only does Mexico scold us for our good intentions, but it doesn't thank us for our corn and beans.

He is a diplomatic politician who can make the people forget his campaign promises. There is one in the state house right now.

Writers who feel disconsolate that they have written nothing that will live may feel some satisfaction in writing something that enables them to.

It is too bad that the interstate commerce commissioners did not delay making that ruling about checking baggage until after they had taken their own trunks away to a summer resort.

The first Saturday afternoon concert was a success and many people were in from the country to enjoy it. It is no doubt the proper caper, and will be followed up during the summer season.

## "PSYCHOLOGICAL."

President Wilson was so mercilessly criticised for using the word "psychological" in relation to a business situation, that in a subsequent address he laughingly said that he would never use that word again, but Joseph H. Finn, who made the principal address to the annual convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs in Chicago the other day, made the same statement even in stronger language than the president used. He said: "It is the truth that good times and bad times are largely a matter of psychology."

The word that the bankers use to describe that condition of mind is "confidence," but the educated man uses the word "psychological." It is a state of mind, but how a great community can all get into a depressed state of mind at once is more puzzling, especially when all the conditions would indicate that the very opposite state of mind, if facts were considered, should exist. Such effects must be numbered among "those things that no fellow can find out."

Mr. Finn, who seems to be a philosopher, says: "Undoubtedly the greatest thing that newspapers can do for advertisers—for the business world, for humanity—is to spread the gospel of optimism—to start a straight course of confidence. A newspaper that deals in unquieting rumors, that dispenses gloom and that is always on the hair trigger of uncertainty, defeats the advertiser and defeats itself." That is "psychology" of newspaper work. The same principle applies in the philosophy of life and to politics as well as in business. The party that appeals for votes by declaring everything is going to ruin is not likely to win. The winning reformer says: "These things are wrong, but the country is not going to smash, for we propose to right them."

A psychological wave struck Georgia recently and swept every man, except the stronger, off his feet. The wave will pass and then a good many men will be ashamed of their actions. Just such a wave sometimes sweeps over the business world. The stronger minds are not affected by it, and when the thing is past, those are the men who have the fortunes.—World-Herald.

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## TO THOSE WHO STAY.

Now, or soon after, comes the heated term, when the tired toiler would like to discard his job and hasten to seashore, northern lake or lofty mountain, where summer is moderated by a refrigerating plant which isn't good for the corn crop, but provides great nights for sleeping. Some few will go and write home of big fish and sleeping under blankets, and otherwise torture their perspiring friends. But most of us must stay and for them is the consolation that they usually live through it, and will have a finer appreciation of fall, when that joyous period arrives, and the frost is on the pumpkin and such like. For them also is the knowledge that they can do much toward making summer life worth while, even in the corn belt, where hot days and sultry nights are essential to crop prospects. People are coming to dress somewhat more sensibly than they used to at such times, thanks to the Palm Beach suits and other hints grabbed by the travelers from tropic and semi-tropic regions. To all intents and purposes this might as well be the torrid zone for a few months each year, except that it is more so at times, and one can learn several lessons of living from people who put up with a steam-heated climate the whole year through. Besides dressing for the occasion, one can learn to eat for it, which is to eat less and of less heating foods than are common to our tables throughout the more rigorous seasons. Also, in the matter of drink, one should learn to drink lots of water, and not much of anything else. Particularly should he shun alcoholic beverages, for a hot fire is concealed

in the cold bottle, and a busthead begets prostration at this time more certainly than work in the harvest field. Also it is a time to avoid working too hard, and to join the don't worry club. With these few remarks taken seriously and acted upon, one should go through our torrid temperature in good condition, and without great discomfort, and the advice is given at much less than summer resort rates, to be taken or left alone.

Marriage performed in other states in violation of the Illinois law are void under a law that has been approved by Governor Dunne. The law also makes illegal marriages performed in Illinois contrary to the statutes of the state in which the contracting parties live. Evidently that's some law.

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