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### THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Die when we may, I want it said of me, by those who knew me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower when I thought a flower would grow.—Lincoln.

Do not jeer. Two can play at that game.

Harmonizing the democratic party is a job, but it can be done.

It usually takes more than a magnetic personality to draw the cash.

You are talking too much, even if you repeat one-half of what you hear.

Two important events next week—Monday is Labor day, and school begins.

The number of idle freight cars on American railroads is said to be increasing.

To talk of laws of fashion is manifestly absurd, since fashion is founded on caprice.

Business won't go just because you want it to go. You must back up what you want with push.

The man who can write a protest that brings forth results, is greater than he who taketh a Russian city.

If it is true that Bryan and Hitchcock have formed an alliance, what are the other fellows going to do about it?

Certain obliging "experts" are charging the high cost of flour to the war. Certainly—of course—just so! And the poor old war will be a scapegoat for every piece of speculation skulduggery for the next fifty years to come.

General Leonard Wood has been rebuked by Secretary Garrison for allowing a political speech to be made at the Plattsmouth military encampment by Teddy Roosevelt, and he promises hereafter to obey the government policy.

And, now, there is talk of a special session of the legislature. Better cut out such a proposition, and wait till the next regular session to correct mistakes made by the last session. The taxpayers pay the freight, and they are taxed to death now.

Teddy Roosevelt will see the time that he will feel ashamed of what he said at the Plattsmouth encampment, if there is any shame in him. He had few enough friends before this speech was delivered, and what he said has not had the effect to increase his admirers.

Remember, we have the Teachers' Institute with us this week. And, remember also, that a big majority of these teachers are young ladies, and the pride of Cass county. Treat them nicely by welcoming them in a royal manner. They will appreciate your kindness, and want to come again.

Why not boost for a "Home Coming" reunion? Of course it will take a little time and trouble, but it will be worth all this and more, too, to have former citizens who have not been here for many years to visit the old town. Come! Of course they will come, and come in large numbers to meet old neighbors and friends of years ago. By all means let's try it.

Well, it looks like the light question was settled for five years, any way.

Man is born on this earth to enjoy liberty, pursue happiness and pay rent.

Don't cross the streets by ear; the motorist is also forgetful to honk, honk.

A lecturer inquired: "Is civilization a disease?" It seems to be worse than that.

If a man won't back down when he knows, it won't do any good to knock him down, will it?

Looking backward, we observe that in May was the hottest day and nobody took a vacation.

The promoters of peace for Mexico will go ahead with their plans regardless of the stand of Carranza. Good!

There are signs that the straw hat has received a staggering blow; it may linger on two or three weeks longer.

If all the people who are mildly insane were in the mad house, it would take the rest of the population to guard them.

A British force, it is said, has captured the Garden of Eden. If so, it is not the first time the spot has been the scene of serious trouble.

The news that the United States and Germany are about to settle the troubles that have existed between the two countries is not very pleasing to the war howlers in this land of the free which wants peace and harmony.

It is reported that manufacturers of explosives have granted their employes 50 per cent increase in wages as a result of the European war, and that if the war continues a few months longer another 50 per cent increase will be given.

One important lesson of the war is that a navy doesn't amount to much unless it is the strongest navy. The German grand fleet has been out but once, and was then glad to get back with as much of itself as possible, and the lesser squadrons which couldn't get home were lost. There are the submarines, of course, but that, as Col. Kipling would say, is another story.

Many of our prominent citizens are becoming greatly interested in the oil prospecting proposition, and numerous farmers have given leases upon their farms. Mr. Baker, who is here prospecting, and a scientific oil man, is positive that there is oil in Cass county, and is so sure of this fact that in a short time he will have machinery here to go down in the bowls of the earth to find oil in paying quantities. Those who have signed leases have the greatest confidence in Mr. Baker as a man who understands his business.

Iowa, the same as Nebraska, has a law against tipping, and it is proposed to enforce it in our neighboring state. The penalty over there is a fine of \$25 or thirty days in jail for one who gives or receives a tip, be it only a nickel. We have not learned of any attempt to enforce the law in Nebraska, and we hope there never will be. Such gratuities are purely personal matters and it is certainly an interference with individual liberty to say that they should not be offered. In spite of the law the tips will continue just the same.

### A DIPLOMATIC VICTORY.

Former President Roosevelt, who has been shaking his saber at President Wilson and clamoring for bloody "deeds," not "words," is given the opportunity to behold a deed.

It is not a deed dripping with gore. It is not one accomplished amid the roar of cannon and the groans of dying men. But it is, apparently, the identical deed which to such a hellish accompaniment Colonel Roosevelt was clamoring to have consummated.

According to the usually reliable and conservative Associated Press-dispatches from Washington the very sharp and critical differences long existing between the German and American governments have reached the stage where they can and will be satisfactorily settled by diplomacy. The settlement, it is plainly fore-shadowed, will be such as will involve recognition of the rights and principles for which the American government has been contending.

Berlin has assured Washington that if it is disclosed that the Arabic was sunk without warning "full satisfaction" and not merely disclaimer and expression of regret, will be given the American government. It is further stated that a submarine policy satisfactory to the United States will be announced by Germany. Since reparation is promised if the Arabic was sunk without warning, and since the Arabic was a British merchantman principally engaged in the business of carrying munitions of war from the United States to England, the conclusion can only be that Germany is prepared to announce that not even English ships engaged in the contraband traffic will be sunk without warning at the cost of danger to the lives of American citizens.

If Germany indeed goes that far to placate American sentiment and to preserve the long-standing friendly relations between the two countries the imperial government will be going a great deal further than many thoughtful students of the situation believed possible at the beginning of the controversy. And it is very safe to say that it will have yielded to reason and to calm and firm but polite insistence a great deal more than it would have yielded to the saber rattling angry and pre-emptory threats that would have emanated from Washington had Theodore Roosevelt, rather than Woodrow Wilson, occupied the White house.

Mr. Roosevelt, as president, could have easily involved this country in the war, and doubtless ere this he would have done so. Mr. Wilson, as president, bids fair to accomplish without war all that Mr. Roosevelt, with war, would have failed utterly to gain. For, with war between this country and Germany declared, what safety could there have been assured to American travelers on the high seas, whether in English vessels or our own? If American participation in the war were to have been anything but a farce it would have involved the sinking of many ships, the expenditure of no one can say how many hundreds of millions of dollars, the loss of thousands, possibly hundreds of thousands of American lives, before a single victory could have been gained for American rights as substantial as that which Woodrow Wilson has gained by the methods of peace and reason, which Mr. Roosevelt has so violently denounced as "ignoble."

Contrasting what is with what might have been, the American people have cause to congratulate themselves on their good luck as well as their good sense when they rejected Mr. Roosevelt and chose Mr. Wilson for their chief executive in the election of 1912.—World-Herald.

In 1776 those pacificers would have been Tories.

"Do your Christmas shopping early," and save time.

Although it's a grand old democratic state, we venture the assertion that Texas is wearying of the watchful waiting policy, and would like to see President Wilson give the Mexicans both barrels.

Use a second thought in business, and a second sight in love. That rule will save you a lot of discomfiture.

It goes hard, but we may have to worry through another Christmas without those inimitable Nuberg toys.

Only one man in a thousand is a leader of men, while 999 out of every thousand married women are leaders of men.

That's what Mr. Bryan gets for leaving the cabinet. No one would dare kiss him while he was secretary of state.

The weather man should provide a rubber stamp bearing the word, "Unsettled!" And then he would be right all the time.

The death of the last wife of Brigham Young is announced, but George Washington's nurses are passing away with becoming regularity, it would seem.

A Chicago manufacturer says Germany is buying munitions in the the United States, like other belligerents. Well, what of it? They have that right, the same as the other warring nations.

The new supreme court commission have decided to go ahead with their work, regardless of the fact that the legislature, which provided for such appointment, failed to make any provision for their pay.

Next Monday is Labor day. The shops will be closed, and in honor of the event, to give our employes a holiday, as usual on this occasion, the Journal will issue no paper on that date. All interested please note the fact.

The democrats of Nebraska are not at all pleased with Attorney General Reed nor State Treasurer Hall, and they are not slow in expressing their disapproval of their recent acts. They no doubt will hear more opposition if they are either one candidates for reelection next year.

The Indianapolis News tells of a Jeffersonville man who had his amputated leg buried in the same lot with his three former wives. While the Journal does not care to go on record as lacking in sentiment, still it can't keep from believing that the man buried his leg with his wives because they had pulled it so often he felt that it belonged to them.

That husky, hairy German farmer undoubtedly kissed Mr. Bryan because he said Americans had no business to be on the Arabic. And Mr. Bryan was right about it. If such Americans persist in sailing to and from Europe on English vessels, in a time of war between England and Germany, they will have to suffer the consequences of defying all warnings from the United States government.

In the first fiscal year, which measured only ten and a half months, the gross earnings of the Panama canal from tolls were \$4,343,383, or \$230,838 more than the operating expenses. That does not take into account the interest on capital, depreciation, sinking fund or other items which must be charged against the canal. But this first year's record gives ground for hope that in the not distant future these latter will be provided for.

To our mind, J. W. Woodrow, an eminent lawyer of Omaha, would be the proper man to select for the United States district judgeship. He is not only one of the best men in the state, but he is acknowledged to be, by those who are competent to judge, one of the ablest attorneys in Nebraska. He is every inch a gentleman, and if selected for this very important position would undoubtedly prove a judge of eminence and a great credit to his friends who know his worth and ability.

### NOT SUCH A BAD COUNTRY.

If you only listened to the yawns and wails of certain loud-voiced individuals who are going up and down the country shooting off their rapid-fire mouths, and didn't use your own intellect at all, you'd be pretty sure to go to bed sick with the idea that this country of ours had gone hopelessly to the dogs and was past cure with a complication of fatal diseases.

The people are asked to believe that a disastrous war impends, and that the country is abjectly defenseless, with not so much as a nickel package of firecrackers to shoot at the enemy.

They are asked to believe that there is no government at Washington, that democratic policies have laid the nation prostrate, that business is rotten, that finances have collapsed and that the frost and drouth and the wet and the army worm and the chinch bug have gobbled all the crops.

They are asked to believe that Uncle Sam is a craven and a fool, that the whole world despises him, and that his country is the kicking post of all nations.

They are asked to believe that ruin, complete, final and inescapable, broods over the desolation that was the United States, that the glory of the American people and their country has faded and gone out, that its star of destiny has sunk forever and that black, imperishable night has spread its wing over the scene, to hide from pitying eyes the pathos of the final extinction of our hopes.

But do the people believe it? They do not!

It isn't so, gentle reader, it isn't so. It's a pretty good old country after all.

No war impends. Defenseless as we are, our word has brought Germany, the mightiest of belligerents, to a recognition of our rights and the rights of civilization and humanity—not because we were armed, but because we were right. We are at peace; we shall remain at peace. No mighty armament crushes the American people beneath its awful burden; no mighty armament will be heaped upon them. Crops are record-breaking, and they will bring good prices. Commerce and industry have recovered from the war-created disturbance of a year ago, and throbbing looms and busy wheels and pouring smokestacks mark the risen tide of prosperity.

And not only is there a government at Washington, but its high purpose is a beacon light in a dark time, its splendid moral courage commands the respect of nations, and the staunch, true, firm and high-idealized president who is the keystone of that government is enshrined in the hearts of his countrymen and is bulwarked by their confidence and affection. "God reigns, and the government at Washington still lives."

Financial disaster? The world worships at the feet of the American dollar, the world besieges our markets, our chief embarrassment is an unwanted flood of gold and of orders too numerous to fill.

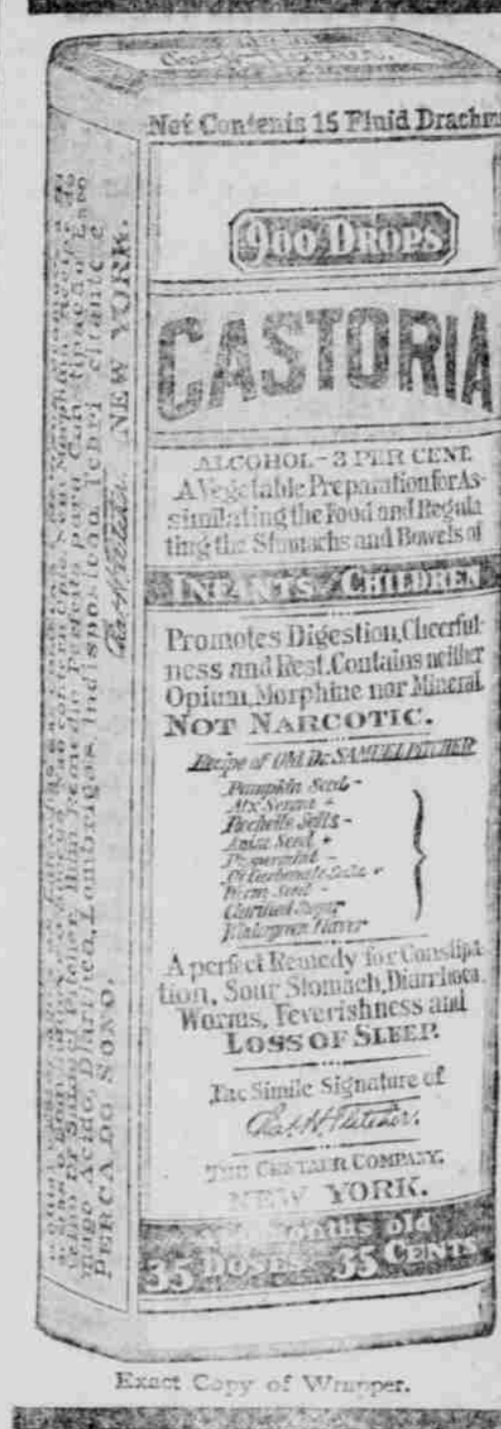
Those who are striving to weave a speck of hopeless pessimism over the country are beating their black wings and blunting their hooked beaks in vain against an impassable barrier of mounting facts. They are out of place, out of time. The place and time for the buzzard is a place and time of real disaster.

It's a pretty good old country after all, gentle reader, and it is still untried, still on its splendid way, still mounting the heights toward the glory summits just beyond.

It's the pessimists who are sick, not the country.

And isn't it a curious thing, by the way, that every last one of them, whether dealer in munitions, political jobs and jobbery or stock in Mexican investments, is a republican?—Duluth Herald.

Paris being unable to dictate the fashions, owing to circumstances over which she has no control, women are wearing skirts exactly the way they want them—convenient and comfortable—and they're wearing them short.



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Conscience is at times afflicted with aphasia.

The wise man bottles his wrath and loses the corkscrew.

It's a long way to Tipperary with some of those who want to run for office.

There is a difference between being an optimist and merely a rattle-brain. The optimist can give a reason.

Belated word reaches us that the hurricane blew all the suits off the Palm Beach trees in Florida, as well as destroying the Jamaica banana plantation?

A learned judge down east decided that a tomato was a fruit because it could be eaten raw. At once somebody cited the onion; but don't overlook the turnip and the radish?

Germany promises to "come across" with a communication practically granting what America insists on. That ought to be satisfactory to everybody but Roosevelt.

The first year of the war has cost the belligerent governments about \$16,500,000,000 in direct expenditures for military purposes. Experts agree fairly well on these figures. The Berlin Vorwarts finds the total \$16,676,130,000; the French economist, Edmund Thierry, \$17,400,000,000. This is the expense of putting about 9,000,000 men into the field for the central powers, and about 13,000,000 for the allies. It does not include, however, the far greater amount lost through the destruction of towns and villages, the razing of countryside, the wrecking of bridges and railroads and the wholesale sinking of ships, and the economic loss through the diminution in productive industries, the killing of the strongest men in the community and the creation of a class of cripples and madmen. The war is now costing about \$45,000,000 a day, \$2,000,000 an hour and \$30,000 a minutes.

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