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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

No man need hunt for his mission. His mission comes to him. It is not above, it is not below, it is not far—not to make happy human faces now and then among children of misery, but to keep happy human faces about us all the time.—J. E. F. Ware.

And the next day it rained.

Big crowd of turners attended the tournament Sunday.

The man who thinks he knows who will be president next is an idiot.

England is not ready to make any move looking to peace. Neither is Germany.

How serene life is when it might be like the sort you see portrayed in the movie show.

We are not going to abuse Georgia. Give the best Georgians time and they'll rise to the top.

Is there no such thing as self-starting furnaces? Thought provoked by recent early morns.

Charity would go so much farther if your beneficiaries would only do as you tell them to—but they won't.

Here's hoping that Villa will get his "right in the neck" very soon. And may Carranza follow soon thereafter.

Tom Allen has drawn his first month's salary as United States district judge, whether he is entitled to it or not.

How long do you suppose the war would last if left alone to England and Germany to fight it out? About one month.

We must find some way to get those Christmas goods out of Germany. Santa Claus is the neutralist of all neutrals.

Some hard-hearted business men will keep their young men working all summer when they ought to be at the summer resorts teaching the girls how to swim.

The government has just issued a new 11-cent stamp, which will be none too much postage for those fat letters the boarding school girls will soon be writing home.

It seems strange that some people are so egotistical that they think they know it all and that the members of the council have not sufficient judgment to transact the business for which they are elected.

Berlin reports a financial crisis in Russia, and almost a revolution. There is no wonder. The Russians are hard to control when they once get started, and are liable to pillage and burn their own homes.

The man who is cican in mind and the rich nor down on the poor; who can lose without squealing and win without bragging; who is considerate of women, children and of people; who is too generous to cheat and too energetic to loaf; who takes his share of the world's goods, and who lets others have theirs; who does not carry in his heart the green-eyed monster jealousy, is indeed a true gentleman, and is an asset to any community.—Lincoln Herald.

## DRAMATIZING BILLY SUNDAY.

The expected has happened. Billy Sunday is about to be dramatized. A New York dispatch is authority for the statement that George M. Cohan, perceiving the financial possibilities in dramatizing the burlesquing Sunday is about to use him as the central character in a strong dramatic play. In the near future, therefore, we may expect to see a powerful dramatic production branded with a New York success, in which the chief character will rage up and down the stage hurling defiance at the foe, and especially defying the devil to come up through the carpet and put on a ten-round bout with him. The very nature of such a play would make it a great success. If there is anything the average man wants to see it is something to knock out the devil. The latter has so many claims upon the human race that if they could feel sure he was done for they could spend the rest of their days in perfect ease and quiet. The devil has really been a great moral agency for a good many years. The average man is so afraid of going to hell that he is restrained from committing a good deal of devilry that he otherwise might indulge in. Therefore if his satanic majesty should accept Billy's deft and come up through 'the carpet some night and get knocked out it might prove a positive detriment to the human race. We trust, therefore, that Billy will continue to hurl defiance to him, but that the devil will discreetly refrain from accepting it, and remain in hiding under the floor where he now is.

The Halls—one the democratic state treasurer, and the other republican railroad commissioner—seem to go hand-in-hand in making all the disturbances they can around the state house, but they don't seem to be hurting anyone but themselves.

We knew a man who once boasted that he never let anybody put anything over on him because he never read advertisements in newspapers, so one day he went out and bought a house for \$2,500 that had been advertised in his home paper for \$2,000.

General Orozco is now a good Mexican commander. He, with four other cutthroats, were caught raiding Dick Love's ranch in Texas, and all four were killed. The secretary of war should reinforce the border troops and try and put an end to this sort of business.

Seventy-five business men of Alliance went out the other day and helped in harvesting the crop of a sick farmer who was entirely unable to work. This is a good example of co-operation, and a circumstance that will break down a good many prejudices.

While it is a cinch that President Wilson will be re-nominated on the democratic ticket if he wants to be, that does not mean that he can be re-elected as easily as he can get the nomination. Not by any means. While he has been a good and efficient chief executive, there are many democrats who voted for him that will not do so again. And if the republicans get together and nominate a good, strong man, it is a foregone conclusion that they will vote their ticket. And should the republicans succeed in getting united on a popular republican, notwithstanding the fact that President Wilson has performed his duties faithfully, there is bound to be a very close race. Many republicans have said they would vote for Wilson, but they will never do it if there is any possible show to elect a republican.

## GROWTH OF SHIPPING.

When the attempt was made last winter to force through congress without change or amendment a bill providing for a semi-public and semi-private line of steamships the country was warned that only by the passage of such a bill could the American merchant marine be strengthened and restored to something like its former flourishing condition. This was undoubtedly the sincere conviction of many able men, and for that reason their support of the shipping bill was the more insistent.

It must be gratifying to the friends of the measure to find they were mistaken, just as it will gratify its opponents to have their judgment so soon sustained to the effect that private enterprise, given half a chance could be depended on to restore American shipping.

Figures just made public by the Department of Commerce show that the American flag now floats over more ships in the foreign trade than at any other time since 1863. The fiscal year shows an unprecedented increase in American shipping.

During the fiscal year the number of ships increased from 2,405 to 2,768, and the tonnage increased from 1,076,152 to 1,813,775—an increase of 363 ships and 737,623 tons. This is triple the increase in registered tonnage for any previous year in American history, even when our shipping was most flourishing and the American flag dotted every sea. Our registered tonnage is now much greater than at any time since 1863, when we had 2,026,114 gross tons in foreign trade. It is many times more efficient, however, as the steam tonnage now amounts to 1,273,067 gross tons, while in 1863 it amounted to only 133,215 tons.

The result of this phenomenal growth is that within twelve months the United States has passed the merchant fleets in foreign trade of Holland, Sweden, Russia, Italy and Japan. Tenth in importance at the beginning of the war, it now occupies fourth place, only a little behind Norway and France, but greatly exceeded, of course, by Great Britain.

There still remains much to be done in the way of liberalizing the American shipping laws and freeing our ships of restrictions that hamper them in competition with those of other countries. But so much as was done under the American Registry act was enough to give to our shipping the greatest boom it has known in a single year since the birth of the republic, and the boom is a continuing one. Our ship yards are still working to capacity to supply the demand for more ships that will sail under the Stars and Stripes. With further progressive legislation it can be accepted as assured that the American ocean carrying trade can and will be restored, in a few years, to the position of importance it held under democratic administration in the ante-bellum days.

With such a showing made in a single year, and with the prospects for the coming year so exceptionally bright, it is a bit mystifying to find the Washington correspondents prophesying that the administration, next winter, will continue to push the "government shipping bill." With the necessity for bond issues or additional war taxes staring us in the face, owing to a revenue deficit running as high as \$15,000,000 a month, it is not easy to understand why \$50,000,000 or \$100,000,000 should be taken out of the pockets of the people to establish an industry that is fast establishing itself. The World-Herald ventures to predict that if a new shipping bill is pushed in the next congress it will differ materially from that which the last congress refused to enact.—World-Herald.

It is hoped that the people who are buying war stocks will soon sell out and bet on something comparatively sure like the weather.

If the Annapolis naval students are permitted to fight with their fists, special honors will of course be awarded to any one of them who can lick a professor.

Mr. Bryan has to work harder for his money than Roosevelt does for his fame.

Money makes the mare go, though not usually, unless the man makes the money.

Cupid's wings are undoubtedly for ornament. He has few embellished haunts.

The cattle tick costs this country \$80,000,000 a year, and it isn't worth it.

If you are determined to wear whiskers, for heaven's sake curry them occasionally.

Haiti thinks we want to annex her. Heaven forbid! But we want to boss her for her own good.

Germany is pushing on with the sole purpose of getting St. Petersburg's name on straight once more.

A Mr. Reynolds is confident that the republicans can win with John Doe and Richard Roe as candidates next year.

Lay up treasures in heaven and Palm Beach suits on the top shelf, for they shall return after many days and flock together.

Nearly a week has passed since the enterprising metropolitan papers informed us just what Harry Thaw had to eat every day.

The boys are preparing for an appropriate opening of the fall term of school by administering lickings to the smaller youngsters.

General Carranza will probably find that the appeal of the Pan-American powers will make excellent kindling for the kitchen stove.

Comparatively few farmers belong to the "Don't Worry" club. After this year's crops are "laid by," they begin to worry about next year.

We haven't heard of Roosevelt since his Plattsburg speech. Maybe he feels so ashamed that he has gone in his hole and pulled the hole in after him.

The allies are afraid that Russia will make a separate peace. It appears to us that Russia has earned it and isn't beholden much to the allies, especially Old England.

Medical men say that persons who attain their thirtieth year without suffering from any serious diseases are likely—all things equal—to live till they are at least seventy-eight years of age.

There is a good deal of talk about having military drill taught in the public schools, and it is believed the school marm is just as competent to give this form of instruction as to teach civil government.

Oh, yes, prohibition prohibits, but very rarely. A New York Sun reporter who spent a month in Kansas making an investigation of prohibition says prohibition is a failure because he bought drinks of hotel porters in all the principal cities of Kansas.

State School Superintendent Thomas has quit the National Educational association, because he could not run the meeting at Los Angeles. He may be a big man among the teachers of Nebraska, but in meetings of national teachers he is one of "the little toads in the puddle."

For the first three years after our coming to Plattsmouth, Labor Day was a big day in our city, and it was celebrated in a manner and by such enthusiasm as becomes the meaning of the day—a celebration that was creditable to our city and those who labor in our shops and stores. But recently it does not seem to mean all that the labor holiday means—an appropriate celebration. Let us not let another Labor Day pass without doing justice to the day in all that it means.

## SANE PREPAREDNESS.

The most dangerous enemies of reasonable and rational military preparedness on the part of the United States are not the ultra-pacifists, but the militarists. It requires only the proper campaign of education to win public support for such a policy as will put the American army and navy in condition where they could fight, if it was necessary, in defense of their country, and fight with a reasonable chance of success while the needed volunteer armies were forming. But no kind of campaign can win public support for a policy of militarism run riot—for the kind of "preparedness" advocated in New York and other eastern quarters involving an initial additional expenditure of \$500,000,000 for military purposes. And the more this extreme doctrine is preached, the louder it is talked, the more difficult is made the program of President Wilson and Secretaries Garrison and Daniels, who stand for a policy of moderation combined with efficiency.

When Senator Kern, in Washington a few days ago, announced his opposition to any \$500,000,000 military program, he was at once assailed by the New York press, and the most dismal prophesies were indulged as to how a "fool democratic congress" could be depended upon to defeat the president's preparedness policy. Commenting upon it the senator said: "To burden an already over-burdened people with such a load at this time, when there is not only no danger but apparently no possibility of war, seems preposterous. I advocate a reasonable and sane program rather than one sensational and hysterical."

In this, we feel sure, the country is with Senator Kern and Senator Kern is with the administration. This country is already spending large amounts of money for military purposes—almost as much, indeed, exclusive of pensions, as Germany spent when on a peace basis. That money, particularly as regards the army, has not been spent with the best results. While a moderate addition to the army is desirable, it is rather reorganization and new methods than increase that constitute the imperative demand. The army should be made a training school for soldiers rather than a permanent home. Short term enlistments should be the rule, with every year a large body of trained soldiers graduated and others taking their places to be trained in turn. The militia organizations of the various states should be encouraged and more closely co-ordinated with the regular army. Provision should be made for the thorough training of more officers, so that should war ever come there would be a much larger number of men skilled to command companies and regiments. It is toward such ends as these—not toward a standing army of a million or more of men—that the president and his advisers are looking. It is such a policy as this that the country, even now we believe, is prepared to sanction.—World-Herald.

Mr. Bryan is president at last—of the Winona chautauqua.

Most of the reform work is predicted on the theory that it pays.

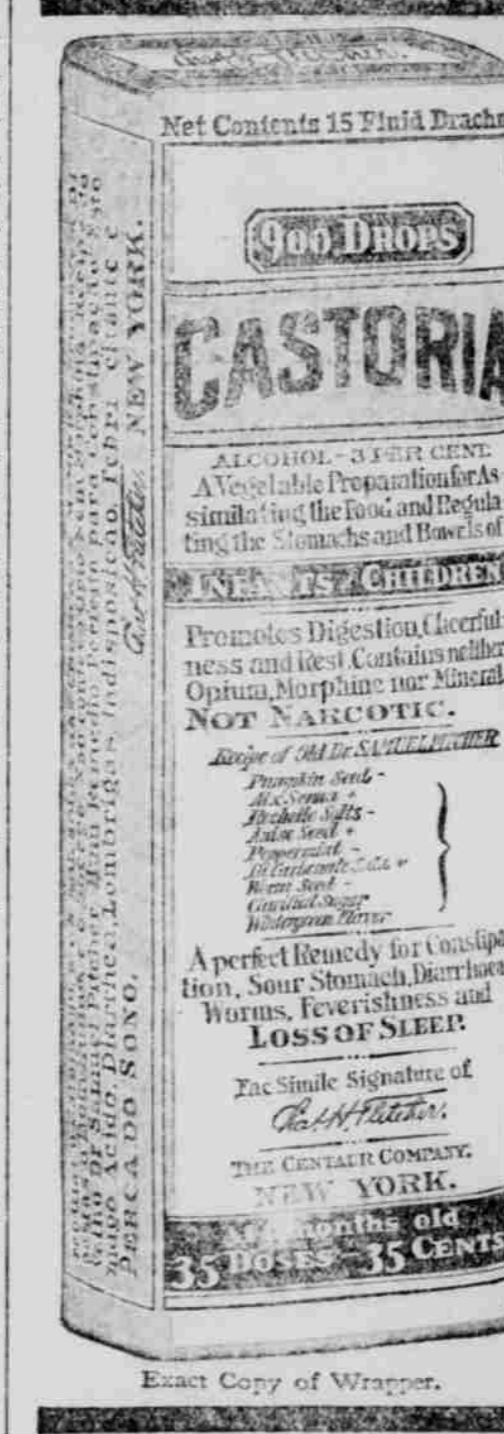
Sherlock Holmes himself couldn't find out much on a visit to Marietta, Georgia.

Eugenists have a slogan; it is "A better race." A worthy aim, no doubt, but hardly to be helped by meddlesome laws.

Minnesota has decided that James J. Hill is her greatest living citizen. This should be a sure cure for James J.'s pessimistic moods.

Invention picked out the coldest summer in a century to bring forth the sport shirt. It doesn't seem to have been the physiological moment.

Governor Morehead knows how to "shoot it into" pinheaded State Treasurer Hall. But shots will have no effect upon men who possess no realization qualities.



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Selfishness is the worst form of slavery.

We may not tell what General Carranza was in his previous state of existence, but we suspect he was a cantaloupe that never ripened.

War, however, isn't all tragedy and desolation; even humor creeps into the dispatches occasionally, as in those describing the tears the kaiser sheds.

Yes, oil the streets, even if the humblest among us must thereby make footprints on the sands—well, right up the front steps and on the hall rug.

If this paper fails to "rip up the back" the men who believe differently than the policies of this paper, it is because this paper thinks they have a right to their opinion the same as this paper does. If it is being cowardly to fail to print scandal, then this paper would rather be decent than courageous. If it is a sin to not publish the drawbacks to a town and to place the best side to the public, then we are sinners. And if this plan of action sends us to hades, we'll be certain of having all those who wished the other plan for prospective subscribers, and then we'll promise to run them a paper that will cause that place to become 100 degrees warmer by the turmoil it will stir up.

The feud among the democratic officials at the state house is not doing those engaged in it any good, nor the party, either. But we admire Governor Morehead for the stand he takes against Sate Treasurer Hall, who attempts to control the affairs of his office as he sees fit and not as the law says. The governor is right in appealing to the supreme court to settle Mr. Hall down to business, instead of trying to bulldoze other officials.

If the United States army cannot keep Mexican raiding parties from crossing over into this country and destroying property and plundering American citizens, how could we be very efficient in fighting even Mexico in our present state of "preparedness" for war? A smashing lesson to the Mexican bandits would let the people of that fiery country know that there is to be much grief for them if they cross the border, and make them realize they must stay on their own side and do their stealing and murdering. Suppose we were at war with a European power and had no more efficiency than we have shown in the Mexican situation?

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