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### THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

Pleasure has to be paid for in advance. A red letter day is never such to the man whose existence is one perpetual holiday. "With the sweat of thy brow" is the law today as much as it was centuries ago.—Baker.

A downpour Wednesday night, and now much cooler.

The coal trade is looming up, while the ice trade is not so good.

If you have any doubt about honesty being the best policy, try it.

Some people can forget a favor quicker than they can earn a dollar.

A large number of people borrow trouble. Others buy an automobile.

There are many a good swift kick concealed in the crank of a Ford car.

The cold, chilly winds of December are on the way. How's your coal bin?

Ex-President Taft advocates an army of 500,000, and stands with President Wilson.

Autoists are still being killed at railroad crossings by the fool idea that they can beat the train to it.

It takes three years to build a dreadnaught in American ship yards. Then why not begin building a few right now?

And now the allies want two billions more money. But where are they going to get it? Not in the United States, we hope.

Prof. Usher says the nations of Europe will never be the same after the war; and what concerns us is that we fear America won't, either.

Theodore Burton should have given his reason for opposing appropriations for the improvement of the Missouri river, while he was in Omaha.

It is hoped the Panama canal diggers will hurry up and remove that million cubic feet of earth so that there will be plenty of room for the next slide.

You can't judge the size of a steamboat by its whistle, an auto by the sound of its horn, or the generosity of a man by the size of his tip to the pretty waiter.

Could a man but read before death the fine things said about him after he is gone, it would brighten his life 500 per cent—and not swell his head either.

The wise merchant always believes in preparedness on the approach of Christmas and New Year's. His stock is always complete and he lets the people know what he has in the line of suitable Christmas presents. Now is the time to advertise.

Mr. Bryan's opposition to President Wilson greatly elates the republicans and gives them renewed courage and hope for success next year. How Mr. Bryan can be a friend of President Wilson, as he claims to be, and every day working against his chances for re-election, we are unable to perceive. To our notion of thinking, Mr. Bryan is working right into the hands of the republicans.

If you want to be appreciated be kind to the old.

Imitation may be the sincerest flattery, but it isn't the most acceptable.

If you are sure you are right, sit right down and enjoy the fruits of your wisdom.

Uncle John Rockefeller can give the newer millionaires some pointers on not being too frequently interviewed.

Diplomacy is something which makes you glad that if a man can't be sincere, at least he has a large supply of soft soap.

Congressman Mann, republican leader in congress, is for Elihu Root for president, and predicts there will be no walkaway in the election next year.

More than 100 girls weighing over 200 pounds are enrolled at the State University of Kansas at Lawrence. It was to be expected that the superwoman would first appear in Kansas.

Elmwood already has a candidate for sheriff in the field. The Leader-Echo makes the announcement, and there is nothing in the announcement as to who the candidate is only "Bert." So we presume it is Bert Reed, who was a candidate for the republican nomination at the last election.

Thanksgiving only a few days now. We can all feel thankful for something—that we are alive, for instance, and others that they are in the enjoyment of good health. The farmers, generally speaking, are thankful for the fine crops they have in store. Thanksgiving is all right, even if we don't all have turkey.

One thousand acres of land will be presented to President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt as a wedding gift by an organization of large land owners near Earl, Arkansas. The donors met and voted unanimously to make the present and to have the land deeded to both the president and the future Mrs. Wilson. The land faces the Mississippi river on one side and the St. Francis river on the other. It is well protected by a levee system. It is an ideal location for a hunting preserve. United States Senator James P. Clarke was chosen to carry the deed for the land to Washington.

Naval experts say the submarine has failed to revolutionize naval warfare. Great Britain has fairly checked the German undersea menace, and the greatest advantage in the war the advantage that must win, if they ever win, is that Great Britain still rules the waves. The submarine, of course, has proved its efficiency—it has made damaging inroads on British commerce, even in the face of a superior British navy, and necessitating devising new means of offense and defense. The submarine might even sink the greatest battleship as easily as it wrecks a cargo boat, but is itself so vulnerable and so limited in scope of operation that it cannot be said to have revolutionized naval methods, as many thought it had when a single U-boat sank three British cruisers at the beginning of the war.

Where there is a woman in the case it makes a great difference. The Greek nation as a people want to join the allies, but the wife of the king and the kaiser are old sweethearts, so this is what causes all the trouble at home. She being of German blood, wants to join the Germans, while the king prefers to battle with the allies. Too much intermixing of royal blood.

### Is an opinion an idea?

Fall weather is perfectly grand. May it continue so.

Indications point to Elihu Root as the republican candidate for president.

Jasper L. McBrien is trying to get into the political limelight again.

With the campaign of 1916 coming on, it is extremely difficult to become interested in the moons of Jupiter.

Optimistic voters go forth to elect somebody to office, pessimistic voters to beat somebody for office

James Whitcomb Riley has an estate of \$250,000, it is said. The world do move—since the days of John Milton.

A woman never boasts that she is self-made; but one is rather proud that she is tailor-made.

If you want a thing done, do it yourself, seems to have occurred to Lord Kitchener; so he has gone to the Near East.

It is alarming to see how the price of cut-glass is coming down, so that the Christmas present you made that cost \$7 is now only worth \$2.10.

Some of the politicians who hastily climbed aboard the suffrage wagon in New York now look, no doubt, as if they were recalling "the devil was sick, the devil a monk would be."

Mr. Kitchin served so long in congress without anybody knowing that he was there, that he enjoys the prominence his position as house leader, won by seniority, gives him.

If it will ease Col. Roosevelt's feelings any, maybe the Mr. Bryan wrote "I Didn't Raise My Boy to Be a Soldier" will write another song full of bayonets, Old Glory and gunpowder. Most song writers are versatile.

The wisecracks who have it that Roosevelt and Bryan will form a ticket of their own next year, Roosevelt for president and Bryan for vice president. Don't you believe it. Bryan will be first or he won't play at all. And this Roosevelt would not submit to. And there you are.

There doesn't seem to be much life in political circles in Lincoln, and the primaries only about six months away. The way Mr. Bryan is acting has put many on the study line, especially prospective candidates, and they evidently fear the result in this state. It is hard to elect any of our ticket when the party is united, and no one cares to enter the race with such an outlook before them.

Speaker Clark believes in preparedness for defense for any attack that should be made upon this country, but he does not believe in the schemes of some of the military and naval men who have axes to grind. Mr. Clark favors a trained citizen soldiery. He is a democrat, but not one of the kind that, if he can't have his way about everything the party does, he will try to ruin the whole business.

After the war is over we will probably have a settlement, and who knows what will come? Though the allies have been able to buy immense quantities of war munitions which have made it possible for them to make as good a showing as they have made, there is no doubt that the allies would be just as sharply critical and maybe just as ready to show their enmity of the United States as would Germany and Austria, which have been cut off largely from getting supplies from this country. The wisdom of the policy of true neutrality and the further doctrine of preparedness for any eventuality may be demonstrated. The men of the Bryan type who would leave the United States a helpless thing, depending upon the forbearance of smaller but better armed powers, should be rebuked and given to understand that they are not to have their way.

### A CHICKEN HOUSE TO ROOST.

When Leo Frank was lynched in Georgia, and the rope which hanged him was cut up into souvenirs of the Georgia holiday, a Chicago paper, the Tribune, took occasion to slam the Sunny South in general for resorting to such measures. Naturally the southern press replied, and the controversy attained such proportions that it became subject of a review in the Literary Digest. If a westerner of northern parentage has prejudices, they would naturally swing north of Mason and Dixon's well known line, and yet we can't approve the indictment of a whole people. What happened in Georgia might have happened in Maine under similar circumstances, and that the standard of culture isn't so much higher in Illinois is indicated by a recent occurrence in this grand old state. Here recently a notorious negro murderer was legally hanged. If we have grasped the case accurately from casual reading, it was deemed prudent to have troops present at the trial to prevent a lynching. And when, in due course, the legal hanging occurred, two thousand people were permitted within the stockade to see the prisoner pay the penalty. These gained admission by being appointed deputies, and therefore were still within the law as it stands in Illinois. Yet their nature shows the same morbid trait as that of the Georgia gathering disposed to make a festive occasion of the finish of Leo Frank. Every community has people of that sort; the morbid and the vengeful and the curious, who might grace such an occasion should it offer. To think there is such a difference in east or west, north or south, is to show a provincialism unworthy of a united nation.

### NEW TESTAMENT AUTHORITY.

It is with a sense of temerity that a mere layman will presume to intrude upon the discussion of preparedness carried into the biblical field by Woodrow Wilson, and William Jennings Bryan. The plain facts, however, may be reverently set forth. President Wilson ventured to quote, in substantiation of his belief that this nation owes to itself the duty of being prepared to defend itself against aggression, a certain passage from the Holy Scripture. Mr. Bryan, thereupon, expresses surprise and manifests indignation. It is surprising to him that "the President, a Presbyterian elder," should quote the Old Testament and "ignore the teachings of Christ." He fails to make plain whether he considers it improper for Mr. Wilson to quote the Old Testament because he is president, or because he is a Presbyterian elder. Inasmuch as Mr. Bryan himself is a Presbyterian elder, as we recall, and inasmuch as he himself has frequently quoted the Old Testament—the story of Naboth's vineyard has long been a favorite with him—we are forced to conclude that in his belief Mr. Wilson has transgressed because, as president, he relies on the Old Testament for support. Having proceeded thus far, however, we are lost. We had presumed that Mr. Bryan, "as a Presbyterian elder" accepted the bible as consisting of both the Old and New Testaments, and regarded them alike as the inspired word of God. If now the Old Testament is to be rejected, if the New alone is to be looked upon as worthy of respect, are we to have a bible cut in two?

### AN OPENING WEDGE.

While the allies, as Sir Edward Grey reminds us, are bound by the pact of September 5, 1914, not to conclude peace separately, there is nothing to prevent each talking peace terms. The pact may hold, although Serbia in its distress might sue for peace as a matter of self-preservation. No doubt the Germans had a separate peace with Russia as one of the objectives of their aggressive movement in the land of the czar. The first rush toward Paris may have been to force France to sue for peace. But, aside from Serbia, there is no prospect now of dissolving the entente, unless we accept the low estimate some critics place on Japan's sense of obligation. Yet there can be no peace until somebody discusses it as a possibility. We quoted yesterday some sane observations by a British paper, now suppressed, apparently for other reasons, on the propriety of the official spokesman of the belligerents dropping their rhetorical generalities and setting out their purposes specifically. By a singular coincidence the same idea was being urged in the British house of lords. The lords a little while ago were in bad repute in Great Britain and their veto power was taken away. But it is reasonable to suppose that the views so freely expressed by several lords to the effect that Great Britain should not hesitate to listen to any suggestions of peace will find an echo in the breasts of millions of Englishmen, not because the lords gave utterance to them, but because the views are so sensible and so humane. Prosecution of an undecided war to the verge of physical and financial bankruptcy would be not merely monumental folly, but a crime against civilization. Men like "Bloody Bridges" Carson may talk bravely, but what has there been in the results and what is there in the prospects to justify their confidence? Let us trust that the debate in the house of lords was an opening wedge.

The Kansas tornado snuffed out the lives of twenty people, but the toll taken by reckless automobile drivers is more horrible than that. But what are we going to do about it? Mr. Wannamaker might divert one-thousandth of that \$100,000,000,000 Belgium fund to provide an endowment for the Red Cross.

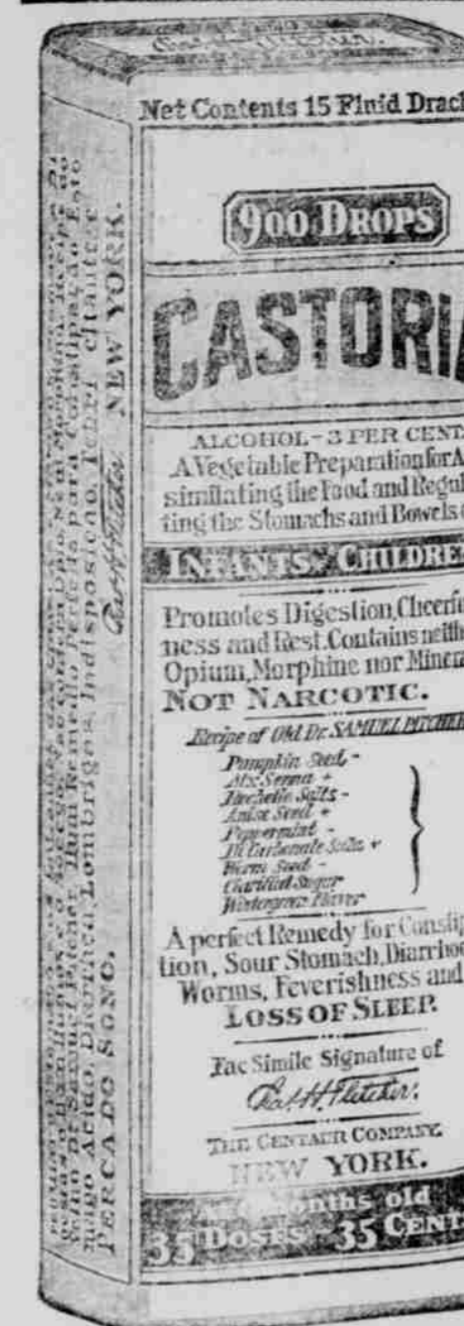
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"If my kingdom were of this world then would my servants fight." The kingdom of Woodrow Wilson is of this world. He has been delegated by the people to safeguard the worldly rights and interests of the United States of America. The kingdom he guards is as much that of the humblest citizen, as it is of the president himself. The president asks, not that it fight, but that it prepare in some reasonable measure to defend itself should the day come when there would be those clamoring for the chance to heap indignity and insult upon it, to pillage it, to put it to death. President Wilson therefore, does not "ignore the teachings of Christ," as Mr. Bryan alleges, in summoning his fellow countrymen to be prepared to do that which Jesus said that his servants would likewise have done if his kingdom had been of earth and not of heaven. The Christian religion does not require of the peoples that follow it that they lay themselves naked before their enemies or the enemies of the faith. In Revelations, indeed, we read that "there was war in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon \* \* \* and the great dragon was cast out."

With New Testament authority that war had to be waged in heaven itself to defend its integrity, President Wilson will not be likely to feel that he has demeaned himself as a Presbyterian elder or as a president by summoning Americans to be prepared to defend the integrity of their country should it ever be forcefully assailed.—World-Herald.

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A fat woman's notion of triumph is to lose weight.

Imitation may be the sincerest flattery, but it isn't the most acceptable.

If one keeps busy enough he will not have time to wish for anything.

The turkey crop is reported big, but that will not make them lower in price.

Nebraska won the Missouri valley football championship last Saturday by defeating Kansas, 33 to 0.

A popular hero after death gets a tablet on the house where he lived, even if he didn't pay his rent.

Twentieth century is nearly sixteen years old and we begin to detect signs of its varied changing—if we are listening toward Europe.

That Judge Begley has made good as district judge, is but to listen to the voice of the people in Otoe and Cass counties. In his own county of Sarpy they all regard him as one of the brightest young men in the state, and as an able judge, almost without a peer. The people over the entire district are almost unanimous for him to continue in the position he has so ably proved himself well qualified to fill.

Only nine days till Thanksgiving. It is now reported that the state house is crumbling. That's nothing new. It has been crumbling for years, if we leave it to those who want a new building. The name of Associate Justice Charles E. Hughes has been filed in the office of the secretary of Nebraska for president, notwithstanding Judge Hughes has time and time again refused to permit his name to be used in other states by his friends. Congressman Shallenberger says he will not run for United States senator, but will be a candidate for re-election to congress. "Shally" knows his own business a great deal better than those who insisted upon him running for the senate. Some of our readers may not agree with the Journal in opposing the measures adopted by W. J. Bryan in his attack on President Wilson. If they think we are wrong in so doing, what can they think of R. L. Metcalfe, who opposes Mr. Bryan's policies more bitterly than we ever have, and who was intimately associated with him for many years, and was considered his lifelong friend? The democrats are not going to stand by any man, right or wrong. He must be right to receive the party support.

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