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WILL THIS WAR PAY?

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

For God rewards good deeds done here below.—Lessing.

"Home Coming." Tell your friends.

August 31 to Monday, September 4, inclusive.

Everybody is looking forward to the great event.

Really very few women have ever stooped to conquer.

Even even wore her skirts shorter than the women of today.

Remorse so seldom gets in its good work before the victim is caught.

They say a cat has nine lives, but at that it is a mile in the rear of Villa.

Outlandish fashions are the ones we haven't had time to get accustomed to.

By eating too much men are prevented from thinking—but in some cases perhaps this is just as well.

There's one good feature about an oratorical campaign such as is threatened this year—you don't have to listen.

What does a garment workers' strike amount to with girls who have been taught to make their own clothes?

A Plattsouth woman is such a poor bread maker that her husband intended to sell the loaves to the paving contractor.

A woman may have a right to kill her husband, but she should be young and good looking before deeming such a right a vested privilege.

Most men manage their preparedness this way: If they have two umbrellas and a rain coat, all at the wrong end of the line when the storm begins.

It begins to look as though Nebraska would get her wheat crop harvested and threshed in spite of J. P. Pius and the other Industrial Workers of the World.

After all, times have not changed very much in spite of our boasted progress worries. People continue to blame the postmaster if they don't get a letter they are expecting.

There is some satisfaction in knowing that while the Mexican army is equipped with machine guns, the American soldier's kit includes a bar of soap, which, if used on a Mexican, would land him in the hospital until the war is over.

The wheat harvest is virtually over in this vicinity, and is turning out some better than expected. We have heard of fields yielding as low as sixteen bushels to the acre, while others are going as high as twenty-five bushels and some fields still higher.

The truth is, there is no better town on earth in which to live than this one. Nature did much for it, and man came along and did more. It was located here through chance to a certain extent, but its development was not left to chance. The splendid men and women who lived here early, and the just as splendid men and women who are living here later, have made and are making it a fit abiding place for all of us—clean and wholesome and robust in its every aspect—as good an solid an American city as exists.

This war in Europe has gone too far to be of pecuniary benefit to any belligerent is a fact that ought to be considered. The present war would never have come about if it had not been that Europe has, in recent years seen wars that paid. It paid Prussia to fight a few weeks for Schleswig-Holstein. It paid her to fight a few days to whip Austria. It paid her, in territory, in francs and in political unity to fight France, who paid "through the nose" for the privilege of being thrashed and gave up Alsace-Lorraine besides. All these wars were highly profitable for the victor. The present war can not be. It has gone too long and cost too much. No indemnity that could be paid to any nation by any other nation could make it profitable to the recipient of that indemnity to have engaged in the fight. The total resources of the central banks of all the belligerents would be but a trifle besides what the war has cost either England, Germany, France or Russia. In other words there is nothing in this war that ought to make any nation glad when the profit and loss is figured up and it is through they ought all to be willing to quit war forever and turn to the paths of peace and harmony. But right here strikes a discordant note. It comes from Prince Von Buelow, who, in his new book on "German Policies," boldly announces: "We must make ourselves stronger and harder to be attacked on our borders and coast than we were at the beginning of this war. Our enemies, too, will strengthen their armaments on land and water and we, on our part, must meet this condition." Does this mean that any peace that may be concluded at this time will be only a breathing space in which the contestants can gain strength to spring at each other's throats again? Heaven forbid if this is true, it is better to have the war continue until the nations are forced to come to an agreement of some kind that will be permanent. But there ought to be a better way.

It is a long way to Berlin, either east or west.

If you are late, the chances are the train is on time.

It takes more than a staggon to reach the top of the perch.

The alarm clock does not sound so unpleasant on the morning when a man is rising early to go fishing.

We do not remember what became of the terrible Uhlands about whom so much was heard during the early stages of the European war, but we fancy they met somebody else who had still a meaner disposition.

Following the example of Lady Mainwaring, English society women have agreed to take care of their own babies. Practically all of the mothers have learned to recognize their children at sight, and the motto now is: "Be sure it's yours, then go ahead."

A patronizing friend writes in to tell this department that obviously our fault is youth, and that we'll get over that. And in a few days, our hypercritical friend will return long enough to say that our glaring fault is age, and that we'll never get over it.

And now we are told that Sir Douglas Haig commander of the British army in Flanders, persistently refuses to talk for newspapermen. Which is really not such a surprise after all, considering that scores of talkative men like Kitchener, Brusiloff, Joffre, Petain and Von Hindenberg must have told all there was to tell long ago.

Thursday, August 31—big Auto parade.

Have your auto ready to join the procession.

If you are looking for a mountain of trouble a mole hill will scare you half to death.

The I. W. W. is creating considerable trouble out in the state, as well as in other section.

A man never gets so old that the street parade doesn't interest him, particularly if it is a young and good looking parade.

One of the most difficult problems of married life is for the man to convince his wife that she can buy things cheaper down town than an agent will sell them to her.

Lincoln Star: Republicans manifest much concern over the reputed repudiation of the one-term presidential plank. This is hard to understand because, first, there was no one-term plank, and second, if it is a good thing, why the republicans have never declared for it.

Altoona, Wis., has opened a municipal saloon, the revenue from which will be used on a municipal water works, the idea probably being to teach the natives the use of water gradually, showing them first what a wonderful help water is in the washing of clothes.

THAT DUTY ON DYES

There is wrath in the elephant coral and gnashing of teeth in the tents of the tariff barons. The democratic revenue bill now before the house provides for a temporary protective duty on dyes, and the republican members cry aloud that the democrats are stealing their thunder. The cry is natural, but not correct. The democrats are taking a leaf from the students of economics, not from G. O. P. tariff makers. The protection offered in the democratic bill is limited to a brief term of years while the new industry is getting established. After that it must take its chances; and here is the point where the new bill diverges sharply from republican practice, and agrees with the only branch of economic thought which tolerates the protective notion at all. No educator of any standing dares teach any longer that protection should be continuous, that incompetent manufacturers should be saved from the consequences of their inefficiency forever and ever, world without end, amen. Everywhere—save in G. O. P. tariff making conclaves—it is admitted that protective duties should be discarded or reduced to a revenue basis as soon as the new industry has had a chance to get established. It is this idea which is expressed in the democratic bill, not the "principles" which produced the Aldrich tariff. Experience has shown that when any group of manufacturers get their fingers into the public treasury it takes a surgical operation with an ax to get them out again.

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CHEAP BUTTINSKI.

In a single day two circulars addressed to newspapermen have come to hand presenting reasons why this country should not go to war with Mexico. They are of a sort that is altogether too common. One of them is from a so-called American Union Against Militarism, with headquarters in Washington, and bears no name by which the nature of the organization may be guessed at. It assumes that the United States is on the point of war with Mexico and undertakes to show that this country has no cause for such a war. "It is conceded by the state department," says this circular, "that up to the Carrizal engagement between American and Mexican troops nothing has happened that amounts to a substantial cause for war," and the letter of Captain Morey is quoted to prove that Captain Boyd, who lost his life in that engagement, was to blame for the trouble and loss of life that then ensued.

No attention is given to the fact that bandits had been crossing the Rio Grande into this country and precipitating wholesale murders of American citizens before the Carrizal episode occurred, nor is recognition given to the fact that it was to aid the Mexican government in preventing that sort of thing that the troops were sent into Mexico, as it had been found impossible to prevent raids by stationing troops here and there along the long dividing line.

Nor is recognition given to the fact that Captain Boyd, in taking the step that invited the Carrizal murders, was simply carrying out orders. He had been directed by his superior officer to go a certain place for a certain specific purpose entirely friendly to the Mexican government, and no objection from any Mexican commander absolved him from obeying his orders.

The other circular letter referred to at the beginning of this discussion comes from the office of The Survey, and contains a protest against the United States engaging in a war with Mexico from Senator LaFontaine, of Belgium, a winner of the Nobel peace prize. It, too, is based upon an ostensible fear that this government is about to engage in an unwise and unjust war against Mexico.

It is hard to attribute fulminations as these to disinterested or altruistic motive. It is the very worst sort of buttinski. The president knows quite well what he is doing. He is not anxious to bring on an unjust war. That these circulars are at fault is shown by the fact that no war with Mexico has ensued. Should such a war ensue it will be for cause, ample and compelling.

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Let's make it the finest parade on record.

A little dry. A gullywasher would help a great deal.

A man whose wife can whip him, should be too proud to fight.

Cade Rodgers, and you all know Cade, will be here "Home Coming" week.

"Stealing republican thunder," is what the standpatters accuse Wilson of doing now. Oh, thunder!

The "Home Coming" committees are all at work. And the people can look for something great, too.

The weather bureau compels admiration. It never admits that the weather is more than "warm."

It is small comfort for the average bald-headed man to contemplate the generous growths of hair in a high-priced orchestra.

The trouble in America is too much freedom is allowed the wrong people. Some men will work at fair wages, while others won't work unless they double price.

The regular republican nominee for flood representative had to go to the Mexican border, with his company in the National Guard, and unable to make the race, a new man had to be nominated. Consequently Marshall T. Harrison of Dunbar, who had served one term, renominated in 1908, and defeated proposes to try it again. He will have to hustle if he expects to beat L. G. Todd, the democratic candidate.

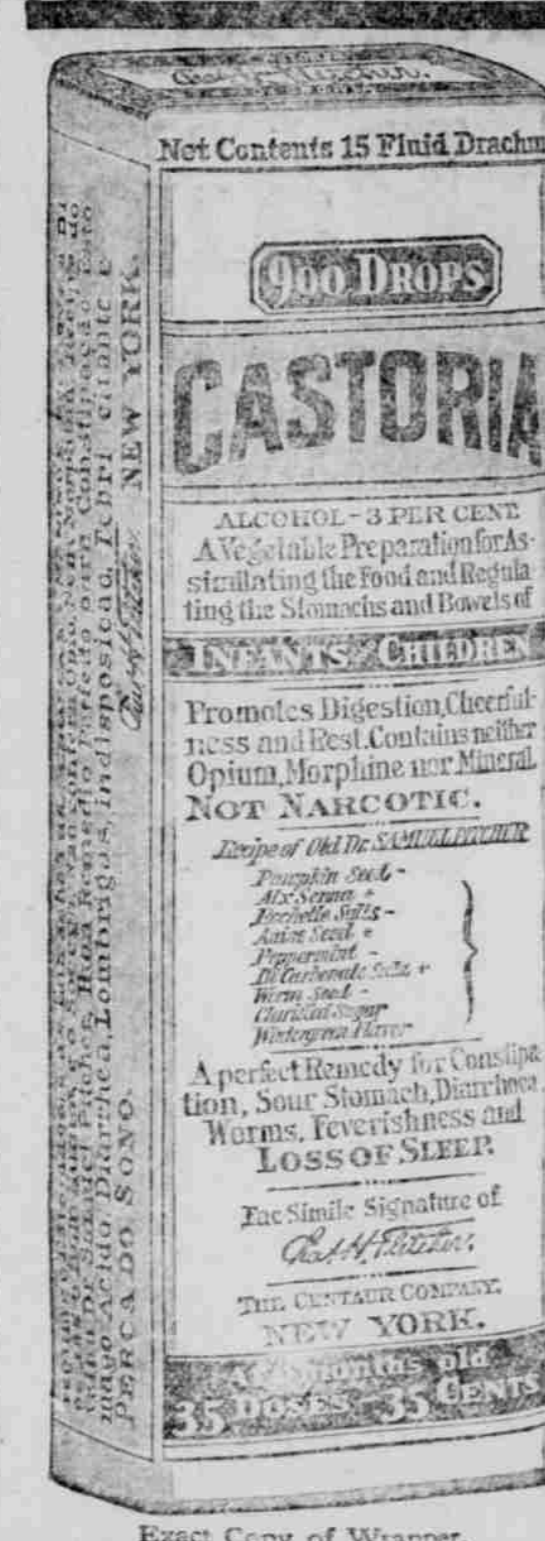
Personal liberty got a hard crack over the fifth rib the other day at Springfield, Mo., when the council there put an anti-mashing ordinance on the records. The law provides a fine of from \$1 to \$200 or not longer than sixty days in the city's weed gang, or both fine and weeding. The ordinance should have been more complete, making it equally as binding on girl flirts, and make the fine a compulsion on the part of the girls that she stay at home and help their mothers sixty days.

CAMPAIGNING IN MEXICO

Something of the hardships of an American campaign in Mexico are indicated in the Washington dispatches telling of the retirement for disabilities due to the climate itself and the task of chasing bandits there, of five American colonels of the regular army. It recalls the practice of General Winfield Scott in the war with Mexico when he kept his whole army in camp and training around Vera Cruz, for six months, as we recall it, before he would risk the march on Mexico City.

This also brings to mind the fact that the change of climate from Nebraska to the Mexican border is more than mere miles, for the National Guard. Properly conducted the outing will do them good and harden them in a physical way, and with modern sanitary methods, there appears no reason why this should not be the case. But an actual march into the heart of Mexico would have to be undertaken with caution for purely health reasons, by means not at all inured to the exigencies of climate and soldier life.

But as the days go by the likelihood of serious trouble with Mexico diminishes. So far as Mexico is concerned the present crisis, though it promised to be disastrous to the country south of us, may even result in some good. When the foreign enemy threatened, there was a natural tendency toward a union of factions within the country. It may be that this drift will result in a solidity of relations that will exert an influence in favor of a well established government. It is to be hoped that this will be the case and that no emergency will arise which will make it devolve upon us to do a "police job" throughout all Mexico and take upon ourselves responsibilities out of which there can come little of what is labeled "glory in battle," but offer the reward only that comes out of a disagreeable duty well performed.—World-Herald.



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Hats off, gentlemen to the Deutchland.

Very hot in the east, as well as here.

Don't get discouraged; the other fellow has his troubles, too.

Attend the democratic county convention at Weeping Water tomorrow.

The good Lord never intended that you should have a good time all the time.

Truth crushed to earth will rise again, but it's different with a busted aeroplane.

There are some men, not to mention a few women, who seem to enjoy being grouchy.

With some cleanliness is next to Godliness, with a great many others it is next to impossible.

The military training of women is going to make it hard on the men when the military discipline is introduced in the home.

The difference between the British and German submarine fleets is that the former is submerged for keeps and the latter submerged only temporarily.

Cuba is having a presidential campaign, and it is going about it in quiet orderly way. A few years ago it would have been decided at the points of guns. Another testimonial for Uncle Sam.

ENMITY TO U. S. POPULAR

A remarkable fact which cannot have escaped the notice of the intelligent reader is that hatred of the United States has become general throughout Mexico. While Villa was doing all he could to embarrass and injure this country he was the idol of a large part of the people. When Carranza became friendly towards the United States, he lost the confidence of his people, and as his friendship towards us cooled, he became popular again. Reports indicate that his greatest popularity was attained at the time war with the United States seemed the most likely outcome of the controversy over border crimes. Since Carranza capitulated and resumed friendly relations with Washington, Villa has come to the front again, and his strength grows daily.

It is up to the young man either to produce marriage or ice cream.

The Mexicans should keep their heads, for where else could they wear those enormous haystack hats?

The rapid auto driver want to curb their speed within the city limits, or they may wish they had. There are eagle eyes upon you.

The progressives are not strong for Teddy since he tried to sell them out to Hughes, Root, Barnes & Co. But he has made a dismal failure in his effort to deliver the goods. And now the leaders of the progressives whom Teddy could not deliver will have a convention in Chicago to nominate a head to the progressive ticket. Parker, the candidate for vice president, is still in the running.

-GO SOMEWHERE!-

'TIS THE THING TO DO!

Do not let the Summer slip by without joining the vacation throng. With Europe out of the question, with industrial, financial and agricultural prosperity throughout the land, you will find large numbers of pleasure-seeking Americans wherever you go.

TO THE EAST: A complete scheme of low excursion fares are daily in effect to all resort regions of the East—New England, Atlantic Coast, etc.; diverse routes that embrace the historical and most beautiful sections.

TO THE BLACK HILLS: Here is a Summer vacation region that is increasing its patronage each year.

THE YELLOWSTONE PARK: Commencing July 1st we have through standard sleepers direct to Cody, the scenic and automobile gateway. No tour of the park is complete that does not include this 90-mile automobile journey.

TO COLORADO: Low daily rates to Denver and Colorado Springs. Colorado is ideal for a vacation. Rates are low. The change is complete. Beautiful Estes Park, Colorado's typical resort, is reached overnight. We have low rate tours everywhere. Tell us what you have in mind. Let us help you.



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