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GERMANY AT THE TURNING POINT.
Premier Poincare has the approval of the French cabinet in the stand he took at London, but a more significant fact is that his further retaliatory measures have been postponed.

On Friday of last week the Germans celebrated with something of national enthusiasm the third anniversary of the adoption of the constitution and the definite establishment of the republic.

On this anniversary of the day when Germany adopted the republican form of government I am happy to express to you my sincere good wishes and my hope that the great German republic may go steadily forward along the paths of peace which lead to good understanding and prosperity and happiness.

The felicity of this message is not alone in its phrasing, but in the fact that it simply and clearly expresses the attitude of thinking Americans toward Germany. It emphasizes what was said by Mr. Wilson in the beginning of the war, that we were not fighting the German people, but a militaristic imperialism, which has disappeared.

The German government is convinced of the intention of the American government to carry out in an accommodating and just manner the questions of the settlement still to be solved between the two states concerned.

Such expressions can not be mistaken. The war is over, so far as our government and that of Germany are concerned, and the renewal of the traditional friendship between the two peoples is proceeding apace.

REFORM IN ASSESSMENT METHODS.
Tax Commissioner Osborne, defending the revamp law of Nebraska, places responsibility for loss in value of intangibles on the assessors. This assertion of the commissioner contains enough of merit to warrant examination.

One of the difficulties encountered in the collection of taxes is to uncover the property that is subject to tax. Real property, that is visible can be located and listed without much effort, although sometimes the weakness of the assessor system, or rather its application in practice, is exhibited in the disparity of values obtained from the tax rolls.

Students of tax problems have laid down several broad rules to govern the process of revenue raising. Not all of these have been applied in Nebraska. The Omaha Bee has no intention of condemning the assessor system, nor of subscribing to the commissioner's suggestion that the local assessor is exclusively responsible for the evasion of taxation by certain classes of property, or to adopt his further proposal that the office of assessor be done away with, and the matter of listing property be turned over to the county clerk.

GRIST FOR OMAHA CITIZEN FACTORIES.
Whatever else is true about Omaha, and its people never get tired of telling its good points, it excels as a melting pot. Our public schools, great citizen factories, are establishments where the raw material of the world's races is remolded into the firm and durable quality of manhood and womanhood that become true American citizens.

On Second Thought
By H. M. STANBERRY.
The world is seldom, it ever, ready to accept a new truth.

their adopted home, and in time will also be able to qualify as English-speaking. Their children, though, are under no such handicap.

Of the children enrolled, 9,767, or more than 26 per cent, are of parents born in non-English speaking foreign lands. All of Europe is represented in the list, a veritable babel of tongues. Here they come to a focus, a common meeting point, where their racial differences are fused in the gentle heat of the American public school.

The public schools of the city are great citizen factories, not alone for working with the raw material of the little folks, but also catching up and training their elders.

THE PLATFORM AND TICKET.
With the adoption of a republican platform at the state convention at Lincoln, which officially launches the fall campaign, the voters of Nebraska turn to careful scrutiny of both platform and candidates.

Among the many important planks embodied in the republican platform are those dealing with taxation and the direct primary. On the prohibition question the republican platform provides for the maintenance and enforcement of the Volstead law.

On the complex and vexatious problem of taxation the republican party in Nebraska goes before the voters not alone with a vague promise to reduce taxes. Republican officials have by good business methods reduced the taxes in Nebraska 33 1-3 per cent, and this despite the prevailing high price era.

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With the voters bearing these facts in mind there can be no doubt that the entire republican ticket will be elected on November 7, with absolute assurance that every platform utterance will be faithfully carried out.

PRIMARY VOTE IN MISSISSIPPI.
Aside from the closeness of the result, the primary election contest in Mississippi holds some interest for the country. First, it indicates a preference on part of the voters for James K. Vardaman, despite his record and that Woodrow Wilson recently denounced him as unworthy of support.

WHILE THE WEATHER IS HOT.
This is old stuff, but it is good. A considerable hot wave is just now manifesting itself in these parts. Our weather man says he thinks the peak has passed. Let us hope so, but, while waiting for the thought to develop, try to keep cool. Help in this direction will be derived from frequent bathing, avoiding excitement, refraining from worry, eating moderately, and drinking freely of clear, cool water.

Street Car Fares at \$1 Per Week.
Tacoma, Wash., is trying an experiment in street railway management. The plan is to sell permits, each good for seven days, entitling the holder, in exchange for \$1, to ride anywhere on the street cars of the Tacoma Railway and Power company.

The Unchangeable Villain.
From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.
No villain really looks the part, according to popular fancy in America, unless he wears a black mustache. A blond mustache on the upper lip will not do. No one can be a villain with a blond mustache. Through facial trimmings have pretty much gone out of fashion in this country, movie audiences remain oblivious. No black mustache, no villain, the decision is irrevocable.

What we have gained has come by social inheritance. It has come by the relatively recent habit of keeping what one generation learned for the use of the next. While each generation starts, as far as capacity is concerned, just where its remote forbears started, it starts, as far as the matter of knowledge is concerned, where the last generation left off. Though it has the brains of its early progenitors, it has the recorded knowledge of its fathers more ways than one. There may be some point in living long. That is, if we make use of the extra time.

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What Other Editors Say

Efficiency gone to seed.
From the Boston News.
The word efficiency has been much overworked and most people are tired of it, having found that the rules laid down by "experts" seldom result in more work accomplished. But experts are still on the job. They have one in the Navy department at Washington. Everything that can distract the attention of the employees from the business of the navy must be eliminated. Hence this "efficiency memorandum No. 45," copies of which the clerks found on their desks a few days ago.

Two Trade Pictures.
From the New York Herald.
In urging his plan for a world bank Senator Hitchcock last week drew a picture of our conditions not readily recognizable. Disclaiming pessimism, he set forth an "improvement" and an "improvement" with "bankruptcy" and more "bankruptcies" impending than in the post-war period to date.

Was He Spoofing Sir Eric?
From the New York Herald.
The democratic candidate for president in 1920, Mr. Cox, is reported to have said to Sir Eric Drummond, general secretary of the league of nations: "Wait for a movement favorable to the league of nations in the United States."

Why Seek to Live Long?
From the New York Herald.
If statistics are correct we are living longer these days than used to be the fashion. Though bunched up in larger and larger cities and living in many ways faster and more hectic, we are hanging on better. "Can a man, by taking thought, add a cubit to his stature?" In any case add a cubit to his life—several of them.

Where the Country Boys Score.
Complaint that the country boy does not get a fair chance at education may be softened by the discovery that he scores on his city-bred cousin in the intelligence tests that call for ingenuity and judgment.—Boston Herald.

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THEN IT'S BACK TO THE OLD DUSTY HARNESS



Center Shots.
Columbus—the man who discovered a place for Europe to borrow money.—Nashville Tennessean.
Pity the poor Russian school boy who must do his sums in rubles.—Asheville Times.

Use for Moonshiners.
At last a use has been found for "moonshine" whiskey. If the facts are as stated it has been used with deadly effect on the cockroaches infesting the court house. Old John Harleycorn was never given credit for such good work.—Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph.

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When in Need of Help Bee Want Ads

The Women Are Voting THIS WEEK IN THE 10,000,000 NATION-WIDE POLL ON Prohibition and the Bonus If Your Wife, Mother, Daughter, or Sister Has Received a Ballot, Have Her Mark and Mail It At Once!
In this week's "Digest" there is shown the first tabulation of votes received from the 2,200,000 ballots sent to women. "They're wetter than the men!" announced a surprised tally-taker in the counting-room, after making the first tabulation. Since that time, however, the poll has shown a consistent tendency towards "dryness." The 2,200,000 women who are now being polled appear for the most part on the voters' lists of the country, whereas the main Digest poll, as previously explained, is founded on telephone lists, and several publicists have argued that the general voters' lists would show a slightly less responsible class of citizens, and therefore, one more likely to favor "wetness" and the Soldiers' Bonus. On the other hand, it seems to have been generally conceded that a poll of women would produce a "drier" sentiment than a poll in which men predominate, as is true of the main poll now being taken.