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PERILOUS SWAGGERING... France, in the new role of the European bully, has refused to consider the new reparations offer from Germany.

Until the German note is brought up before the cabinet in London for discussion there can be no official comment on the part of Britain.

The German memorandum represents, in fact, the last word of the German government, in the sense that its mere rejection would almost certainly lead to the abandonment of any further attempt of the kind, and to political and social chaos in Germany.

Contrast this with the semi-official position of the Paris Temps, which puts the matter up to the British premier thus: "Either you throw down the German note as worthless of discussion, in which case you are on our side and endorsing our policy in the Ruhr, or you announce that the note is a basis for discussion, in which case you openly ally yourself with Germany."

An influential Berlin newspaper declares: "Poincaré is not looking for money, negotiations or securities—he wants the Rhine," and adds: "The world's capitals would do well to settle down to serious contemplation of the ultimate significance and working out of the Rhineland irreidents, which aspire forcibly to place 20,000,000 Germans under hostile foreign domination."

What Germany offers is, briefly, the payment of \$300,000,000 a year for reparations, beginning in 1927, after the German people have had an opportunity to recover from their disorganized condition.

This proposal, which amounts to the suggestion that the whole controversy be taken out of the hands of the politicians and settled on a businesslike basis, is due to attract favorable attention in the United States.

Certainly the American people hope for a speedy adjustment of the dissension that threatens to plunge Europe into ruin. The spirit of force and fear that Clemenceau advertised so frankly on his American tour offers neither peace nor safety but only an everlasting struggle for the upper hand.

France, refusing consideration to this reparations plan, warrants the conclusion that no matter what Germany offered, still more would be demanded. Poincaré turns a deaf ear to any proposal that would take the French armies out of the Ruhr.

AN ARMY OF DESTRUCTION... Oregon is just now reported to be infested by an army of caterpillars, whose forward march is one of complete devastation.

Something in this will recall to Nebraskans of the older generation the experiences of half a century ago, when the grasshopper indeed was a burden.

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FIXING FENCE... Fixing fence! The awful horror of that task of Long Ago: When it rained I could expect it and it seemed to chide me so.

Cadets in camp are getting a taste of what the boys put up with in France.

HONEY LORE

"How doth the little busy bee?" has puzzled more than the author of that famous juvenile epic. Honey is not a new thing in human life. It was known to the ancients, far back in the early days of recorded time, and was esteemed greatly.

All of which leads up, by easy stages to the presence in Omaha of a group of earnest men, who represent an industry that turns several thousands of tons of delicious nectar to the tables of the homes each year.

A bee is not to be blamed for making more honey than he can use; he shows a human trait in this, for there are men who labor all their lives to accumulate that they can never use.

While the passion for paving has not subsided in any of the Nebraska towns, and the general program for street and highway improvement goes steadily on, a number of the smaller communities are turning attention to another important element of municipal housekeeping.

No other undertaking is of more importance to the general health and well-being of a community than proper drainage. This was one of the features of city life that developed very slowly.

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Under the undertakers agree that a golfer may be buried in his knickerbockers, but "Sandy" long ago solved the real question by requesting that his "sticks" be packed in his "boxie."

Captain Robert Dollar is after the United States vessels running from Pacific coast ports to the Orient. And the captain has a reputation for never getting on a losing venture.

"Curb market" brokers in New York are failing at a rate that gives rise to the belief that oil stock and similar suckers are scarce animals.

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Homespun Verse... By Omaha's Own Poet—Robert Worthington Davie... FIXING FENCE... Fixing fence! The awful horror of that task of Long Ago: When it rained I could expect it and it seemed to chide me so.

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"The People's Voice"

Editorials from readers of The Morning Bee, and the Omaha Morning Bee are invited to use this column freely for expression on matters of public interest.

Right Will Prevail... Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Discard love company and will have it, even though it blocks the wheels of progress, starves the innocent and robs the defenceless.

As these seeds of right thinking bring forth the sweet fruiting of progress, so the seeds of right thinking will bring forth the sweet fruiting of progress.

Let us recognize, both rich and poor, labor and capital, that the standard of right can never be harmed, can never be destroyed, that right must prevail.

Would it not be wise then to recognize that the only path to real success or progress possible to men, is to think right, do right, judge right, and most necessary first and last, to daily train ourselves to know right, when we come in contact with it, then make sure we never lose contact?

Rebellion at the Table... Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Who, I wonder, makes the etiquette rules. By what right does he exercise authority and what kind of a race of spineless creatures are we, that we should be dictated to at sacrifice of our comfort and sense of fitness?

How the driven creatures, harassed under the lash of the hooded and unknown autocrat of etiquette would flock to the banner! How we would laugh at his face! How his bludge would crumble under the battering of a free people, determined to dip their toast if they want to!

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Minority Rule... Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Our theory of government is that the majority must rule, that any other rule is a denial of democracy. But actually, we submit to the domination of minorities, blind to what is wrong.

Flapperism and Future America... Omaha, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Must America suffer the fate of ancient Rome? Must the young American with high ideals be a victim of a Cleopatra as was Caesar?

Life's Little Tragedies... The great tragedy of this mortal existence is this, that by the time a man gets better sense he'd lots rather have better teeth.—Ohio State Journal.

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Debating Governor Smith

Reactions of Nation's Press to New York's Move Vary Widely.

To judge from the newspaper comment, the country is taken somewhat at a loss by the action of Governor Alfred E. Smith in signing the measure abolishing the state prohibition enforcement laws of New York.

"It is an act of nullification. There is no getting around it. It is a declaration of state's rights," says the Rocky Mountain News of Denver, and the Kansas City Star agrees.

"The Volstead law was never an honest measure, honestly designed to enforce the 18th amendment in accordance with the will of the American people. The act was not drafted by the mercenary of the Anti-Saloon league, who wrote their personal and their paid fanaticism into the law.

"It is plain," observes the New York Times, "that the whole matter of prohibition has been thrown into the hands of the politicians. We may approve it or deplore it, but all such public questions, when they rouse general interest and seem to party leaders to be big with the possibility of votes, have a fashion, sooner or later, of being flung into the political arena."

The Brooklyn Eagle contents itself with remarking that "if the repeal leads to larger floods of liquor, good or bad, the issue of state enforcement will become a dominant one in the campaign next year."

"A courageous decision," is the verdict of the New York Journal of Commerce, which alleges that the whole question of prohibition has been obscured by sheer hypocrisy and blind fanaticism.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch discovers that "down at Omaha there is a movement on foot to launch a Smith-for-President club. It believes, however, that the democrats back of this are off on the wrong foot, for the majority of the people are by no means convinced that prohibition does not prohibit, and they are going to keep at enforcement until they prove their contention is right or find out what is wrong."

There is no clear note in the chorus from the Nebraska editors. The York News-Times thinks that "Governor Smith said a fond farewell to his political ambitions." Edgar Howard in the Columbus Telegram says that Smith's "demand that all the states be left free to determine the alcoholic content of all liquors dispensed with provisions of any federal statute regarding interstate traffic in liquors manufactured or sold as a beverage," is "deserving of earnest consideration."

Adam Bredde of the Hastings Tribune refuses to become excited.

Young America, must the solid foundation and untiring effort of Washington be turned into dissatisfaction; must the modesty of Lincoln be converted into a style; must the sturdiness of Roosevelt be changed into feckleness, and America dwindle and fall for the lack of modesty and a dutiful living to God and country in the young American?

Capital and Surplus Two Million Dollars... The Omaha National Bank... Farnam at 17th St.

Abe Martin



Before we have any more "ten greatest" contests, let's all get together on what constitutes greatness. If some folks profit by their mistakes they must be awful tight-wads.

A Book of Today

Milford W. Howard's romantic story of life in the Ozarks of the south has been published by the Times-Mirror Press of Los Angeles. It is melodramatic in spots and contains some sound philosophy.

state enforcement laws are simply kidding themselves. The sale of intoxicating liquor is going to remain outside the law in this country. Why not let it go at that and turn our attention to things in which we can effect needed changes.

The liquor question has been so useful to politicians that they simply will not give it up. It has brought office to thousands of them and has been a great source of revenue to their friends. Probably it has cost the friends and foes of liquor and the taxpayers more than did the war which put an end to human slavery in this country.

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"Pioneers"



Butter, Eggs, and Ice Cream, too

Nebraska farms grow more valuable and Nebraska farmers grow more prosperous as new markets are opened for the products of the state.

In 1900, Nebraska's entire output of butter was no more than that of the Omaha plant of The Fairmont Creamery Company today.

In 1884, when this company was established, it churned approximately 35,000 pounds of butter. Today it churns more than that much in a single day in June.

The Omaha National Bank points with justifiable pride to the part it has played in facilitating the distribution of Nebraska products by the various marketing agencies.

For many years the Fairmont Creamery Company has been a customer of this bank.

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