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BANKRUPT STATECRAFT.

France tightens its grip on the Ruhr, while the Germans boil, the Belgians hesitate and British opinion presses for a peaceful compromise.

It is one of the surprises of the present situation that the wrath of the poor is turned against their wealthy fellow countrymen instead of the French.

Home L. Morris, professor of economics in Earlham college, a Quaker school in Indiana, who has just returned after two months of service with the Friends' relief committee in the Ruhr valley, expresses the conviction that France's actions are resulting in the spread of dangerous doctrines in Germany.

"The situation is daily growing more serious, and a communistic Germany may be the result of the present French policy. The rapid depreciation of the German mark, which is resulting from the occupation, is accompanied by an equally rapid advance in prices. This makes it difficult for the people to buy food, and as a result there have been serious food riots within the last two weeks.

It would almost seem as if the French were willing to take the chance of a radical revolution in Germany. Communism can not save Germany. Much more likely it would result in the splitting up of the country into small units that might later fall under French domination.

Two articles in last Sunday's edition of the Omaha Bee give a very good picture of conditions. Mark Sullivan there expressed the belief that if the French people could learn the objects and results of the policy of their leaders, they might bring a sudden halt to the whole militaristic adventure.

A BOY AND A GIRL.

People are most real in their own homes; in fact, it is only after one has seen a person in the midst of his one family that one can feel truly acquainted.

A good book to read is Mrs. Canfield's "Rough Hewn," which is now beginning serially in the morning edition of the Omaha Bee.

An American boy grows up in a model home on the Atlantic coast. We see him in one chapter, and in the next we visit a little girl who is living in France, utterly without any home life.

THE ECHO OF A GREAT BOOM.

The salvaging of the big potash plants at Antioch, Neb., marks the final collapse of one of the greatest industrial booms in the history of the central west.

Then the World War ended, and the potash balloon collapsed. Fortunes disappeared overnight. Now the big factories are being torn down, the shacks for the workers are being hauled away, and Antioch is becoming a memory, all too painful to some people.

WITHOUT FAITH.

At a moment when religious effort all over the world is stimulated to greater activity by the admitted success noted in the awakening of man's faith in God, comes a harsh note from Russia.

"In our program we do not declare war against honest but religious workers, but our program is based on scientific materialism, which includes unconditionally the necessity of propagating atheism."

To the "honest but religious workers," and you will please note the plain distinction Zinoff draws, this is flat notice that when a clash arises between their "honesty" and their religion, the latter must go.

"Honesty" is a strange word in such mouths, yet America is represented at that gathering, just as it was when the First, and the Second, and the "Two-and-One-Half" Internationales were framed.

WIVES WHO WORK.

How far is the modern system of industry intruding on the home life of the nation? The question is one sociologists are studying now with a little more intensity than it has had in the past.

Miss Mary N. Winslow, of the women's bureau of the Department of Labor, says that between 1910 and 1920 the number of married women employed in mechanical occupations has increased by 41 per cent, while the total number of women so employed has gained but 9 per cent.

When further examination of the figures has been made, a basis may be found for determining the economic situation of the married woman who works outside the home.

HUSTLING THE NEAR EAST.

While the constitution follows the flag, the spread of American enlightenment goes ahead of either. Syria, allotted by the grab-bag game at Paris to France, is coming under the influence of America.

First of all, it will be well to remember that no similar area on earth has been so copiously or continuously drenched with human blood.

Almost within sight of these memorials of a bloody and desolate past and present, an American typesetting machine, capable of producing both English and Arabic characters, is turning out reading matter for the Syrians of today.

A California girl eloped and got married, despite her broken back. You can't hold 'em, once they take the notion.

A counterfeit \$1,000 bill is in circulation, but that fact need alarm but few.

Homespun Verse

JUST THINK. Just think. Some future day Beloved ones will pray. And grace with flowers the clay Beside a burial stone— Your own, your very own.

"THE PEOPLE'S VOICE"

Editorial from readers of The Morning Bee. Readers of The Morning Bee are invited to use this column freely for expression on matters of public interest.

Calls Butler a Failure.

Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: It is only a matter of time until the citizens of Omaha will have to decide whether we are going to have an autocratic or commission form of government.

Several months ago Mr. Butler boasted how he could clean up the city and the commission took him at his word and placed him in charge of the police department.

GUBERNATORIAL CORRUPTION—NECESSITY OF IMMEDIATE LEGISLATION.

Never in the history of any state have the public interests been so shamefully neglected, official obligations and pledges so boldly violated, and public trusts so audaciously covered up by a public press, than has been done in the state within the past two years.

For Standardized Farm Freight Rates. Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: In the theory of the "long and short haul" some prospect of success on the farm may be found.

Immune to Worry. Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The greatest miserie in the world today is worry. Many men and women go to premature graves because of this diabolic disease.

Legislator Explains Marriage Law. O'Neill, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: For the benefit of many people over the state who seem to be laboring under a false impression of the new Nebraska marriage law as passed in the recent session of the legislature, I will give a synopsis of the law which goes into effect August 2.

Center Shots

Sky-writing would seem to offer a splendid chance to a man who wants to go back and tell some town what he really thinks of it without giving the inhabitants opportunity to retaliate.—New York Herald.

An Ohio girl prodigy has slept outdoors since she was a baby, and to this fact her mental alertness is attributed. Now we know why hoboes are such intellectual giants.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Bandits Get Miners' Pay," says a headline. Supporting our contention that hard work and strict attention to duty will bring promotion in time.—Kansas City Star.

Greatness is three parts vision, two parts industry and five parts head-lines.—Birmingham News.

The police seem able to see only the "Shin" in Deputy Sinclair.—Greenville Piedmont.

If your motor is missing keep cheerful. In many people find their entire cars missing.—Hartford Times.

Getting old is just a slow process of becoming where all the new books seem rotten.—Birmingham News.

Daily Prayer

I prayed unto the Lord, my God, and made my confession.—Dan. 9:4. Ever living, ever loving God, our Heavenly Father, we bless and praise Thee, that Thou hast set the human race in families for its higher development and its greater influence.

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"From State and Nation"

Editorials from other newspapers.

To Those Who Didn't Pass. From the Detroit Free Press. Here's one for the pupils who "didn't pass."

Some of you have been hoping to graduate, and for one reason or another cannot do so. Some of the rest of you have been expecting a promotion you are not going to get.

Maybe your failure is partly your own fault or maybe it is only your misfortune. You may have been ill, or the work you have been taking may have been especially hard for you.

But however things are, don't be discouraged. There is a very old and very wise Chinese saying that goes this way: "It is no disgrace to fail, but it is a disgrace to give up."

So if you have done your best and have failed, grit your teeth and hold up your head and smile. Or if you have not done your best, be just sorry enough to make some good, lasting resolutions, remember that another chance is coming and determine not to be foolish again.

Too Many Laws. From the Washington Post. Senator King tells the public what everybody cognizant of the plethora of legislation knows when he says that America is afflicted with too many laws.

The Roman code and connected parts ran only to a few volumes. Their contents covered the legal needs of the Romans. They have also served as the fountain head of laws for modern civilization.

Happy University Commencement. From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The possibility that the University of Texas will come into enormous wealth from the possession of oil lands appears in an account of the drilling of an oil well in Reagan county, Texas, near the center of 72 sections of land owned by the university.

Prohibit It, of Course. Complaining because people in England still make fun of prohibition, Lady Astor says, "It has got to stop. But how is Lady Astor going to stop it? Freedom to say what he likes is one of the Englishman's most cherished privileges.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

They lie close and offer greatest thickness where required. The Big Best Shingles. Winthrop Tapered Asphalt Shingles. Years of service, without apparent deterioration, have proved the superiority of tapered asphalt shingle roofs.



It's a Boy--

Time to "tell the boys"—pass the cigars—receive congratulations! But what of the future? The boy in a few years will need an education.

A TRUST FUND, properly safeguarded, will insure him against the chance—ever present—of his father's financial failure.

Don't take chances! Play safe! Consult our Trust Officer! The Omaha Trust Company Omaha National Bank Building

Exclusive Dealers in This Territory. Complete Stock Carried at Our Omaha Yards. UPDIKE LUMBER & COAL CO.

Abe Martin



Have you noticed this about our world famous prosperity—that while ever-buddy's spendin' money freely an' only work when they feel like it, all th' towns an' cities are broke? We never knowed a feller named "Al" that wuzn' partly liberal.

may become the richest educational institution in the world. Through the instance are few institutions of learning have benefited through kindred possessions.

Iron deposits in the Mesaba range have contributed substantially to the funds of the University of Minnesota. But in owning 72 sections of land—46,080 acres—which may prove valuable in oil, it seems possible that the University of Texas will obtain far greater wealth from such source than has ever come to any other like institution.

Should this Texas oil field actually prove as rich in oil as the flow of the first well is thought to indicate, there will be cause for more general satisfaction than in the case of many other successful oil operations, where the promoters, and not the public, were chiefly benefited.

From the time of "Coal Oil Johnnie" to the present wealth from petroleum has often been directed in the wrong channels, and never before has there been as great a probability as in this case that it would be directed toward worthy purposes. And since state universities are seldom the recipients of bequests as liberal as those made to private institutions, it would be especially fortunate if the state institution in Texas should find a source of huge income in the possession of lands proved valuable in oil.

What do you plan to make of your boy? "We are going to get him a place with the housing commission, as soon as he is old enough. Some day he may be able to find a house for his parents.—The Musketeer (Vienna).

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