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With \$2-wheat in prospect, American "hog and houndry" are preparing to play popular-priced engagements this winter.

Macedonians are said to be marking time until conditions are ripe for the next revolution. It is intimated that they will then mark Turks.

Omaha continues to hold its place in the comparative weekly exhibit of bank clearings—which indicates that business here is again better than normal.

Italy reports the burning of a city near Palermo, which would indicate that Italy is about 200 years behind New England in point of development.

Mr. Harroun must have hit St. Joseph hard since the managers of the base ball team find it necessary to transfer games to Omaha in order to secure attendance.

The American foot ball season has been formally opened at Chicago. Hereafter one will have to read to learn if the casualty list tells of a railroad wreck or college game.

The heir of the Italian throne may never govern as many subjects as the son of the czar of Russia, but the latter was not able to bring out a poem from the pen of Carmen Silva.

It is too much to ask a man to contribute more than \$50,000 to pay the expenses of his own political funeral, but evidently Tom Taggart would be a "bull" on the cemetery market.

Candidate Berge's remarks about the Nebraska revenue law would be much more effective if he could show where either of his twin reform parties had ever made a serious attempt to improve the condition.

Russian sailors have one great advantage over soldiers in the service of the czar. There are always neutral ports willing to entertain them for an indefinite period whenever they make a visit while war is in progress.

It is now explained that Senator Gorman will act on the democratic national committee only in an advisory capacity. In other words, the foxy Marylander does not intend to be held responsible in any way for the inevitable defeat.

Those Russian vessels supposed to be cruising near the Pacific coast of America may be out to capture contraband of war; and then again they may be waiting to learn the reception accorded the Lena before applying for winter quarters.

Russian newspapers allege that there is an understanding between Japan and China. They should not complain, for it will probably be easy for Russia to have a similar agreement as soon as it is able to bring the proper amount of coercion to bear.

France is threatening Spanish territory in northwestern Africa. If the loss of that territory should prove as beneficial to Spain as the loss of Cuba and the Philippines has done it is possible the grantees of Castile may yet regain their ancient glory.

General Kuroki would probably like to know which end of the Russian army he is touching near Mukden. Some armies, like mules, are more dangerous at the heels than at the head, and it is difficult to tell at this time which way General Kourapatkin is facing.

Henri Dunant, the man responsible for the creation of the International Red Cross league, is said to be dying poor and friendless in Switzerland, having spent his money in the interests of the society. Here is an opportunity for those who have had the benefits of the Red Cross to show their appreciation.

A NEW GROUPING OF NATIONS

Will there be a new grouping of nations as the result of the war in the east? It appears to be the opinion of some European statesmen that this is inevitable and very plausible if not conclusive reasons are given for this view.

While Great Britain, Japan and the United States are standing together in support of a policy in eastern Asia adverse to that steadily pursued by Russia, it is a noteworthy circumstance in the situation that on the part of Germany there appears to be a growing friendliness toward Russia, which is heartily reciprocated by the czar.

A writer on the subject observes that it can hardly be said to be an unforeseen result of the present struggle in the east that Russia should have more to expect from German than from French sympathy and co-operation. But he points out that this result is highly suggestive and tends to bring out rather strongly the difficulty of the task to which German statesmanship has set itself.

This program would involve America and the world at large in a most desperate and bloody struggle for the possession of wealth. A much more rational and peaceful plan for making everybody wealthy and happy was projected years ago by the greenbackers, who wanted the government to issue an unlimited amount of legal tender currency based on the wealth of the nation.

By this plan the government printing presses would have turned out billions and trillions of currency at the mere cost of the paper and printing. Everybody would have all the money he wanted, and when everybody he wanted poverty would be abolished and the good things of the world would be within the reach of all.

CAUSES OF TRUANCY

Among the subjects that are receiving the attention of boards of education and educators generally none have aroused more controversy than the cause and suppression of truancy. In a recent debate on the battleground of modern thought attention has been directed to the fact that the present system of education fosters discontent and idleness among juveniles.

Still another point of view as to the causes of truancy is that the children of the wretched poor and shiftless have an aversion to association with the children of the well-to-do as a matter of pride. They feel keenly the contrast between their own wretched garments and the clothes of the more fortunate children of the middle and wealthier classes, who are dressed more comfortably and neatly.

TO PLEAD FOR ARMENIANS

Several Armenian bishops are coming to the United States to make an appeal to President Roosevelt in behalf of the Armenians who are the victims of Turkish oppression. Recently another insurrection against Moslem persecution was started in Asia Minor, due to the massacre of Armenian Christians by the Turks and the situation has been reported to be very bad.

THE SOCIALIST PROGRAM

The program mapped out by the socialist leaders in their appeal for support through the ballot box is certainly very attractive to men who have everything to gain and nothing to lose. As summarized in the latest issue of The Socialist, published at Seattle, the aims and objects of socialism are these:

Plenty of the good things of life for everybody. A fine house to live in, fine furniture in it and fine laws and trees about it. A table loaded with good things to eat. An abundance of clothing comfortable and elegant.

Take to ourselves the vast new inventions of the age and use them for producing wealth for all instead of producing it for a few. When we own the factories, the railroads, the mines and mills and work them to produce wealth for our own use and happiness all the troubles of poverty will disappear at once.

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Although this particular physician credits himself with having turned down the demand, he goes on to say that this experience effectually cured him of all desire for insurance examination work, and to intimate that a physician is better off without this practice, which offers so many temptations and turns so many friends into enemies.

We presume we have a right to entertain grave doubts whether this is a typical case of the average physician. We certainly fail to see anything commendable in a physician refusing a legitimate part of his medical practice because he distrusts his own moral stamina to withstand the pressure of dishonest friends.

Physicians as a class are not accustomed to flinching a duty. It is obviously necessary, if life insurance is to continue, that each risk be subjected to a thorough test of physical health. If these examinations are essential to the scheme of life insurance, and the scheme of life insurance is recognized as a beneficent institution, then the work of examination becomes just as necessary as medical attendance in sickness to restore health, to prolong life, or to make the end easier.

When it comes to the temptations put into the path of a physician, there is room also to doubt whether these come often without invitation or whether they do come oftener to physicians than they do to other professional or business men. A dishonest applicant for life insurance is the exception rather than the rule and a physician who connives with a dishonest applicant is surely more exceptional.

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REGULATION OF TRUST COMPANIES

The rapid growth of trust companies in recent years, and the departure from the true functions of this class of institutions has given rise to the question of their regulation. This matter was discussed at the meeting of the American Bankers' association the past week and it was shown that there is a very general interest in the question among financiers. In one of the addresses before the meeting it was said that the trust company was intended to take the place of the trusted personal representative, who acts for others in the charge of estates and pecuniary interests of various kinds, dealing with property not his own and conducting transactions as the agent of others with all prudence and fidelity. It was urged that the trust company should have no more right than the individual trustee to use the funds entrusted to its care in specu-

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THEORY OF OVERWORK KNOCKED

The "rest cure" has been worked to death, a good many sensible people think. There are high medical authorities who maintain that a "work cure" is what modern conditions call for much more than a rest cure, more especially among well-to-do people. The Boston Medical and Surgical Journal thinks it about time for a systematized method of treatment "which shall have work, either physical or mental, as its fundamental principle," for it says that "overwork," as the term is popularly employed, means almost nothing. It is the rarest possible experience to come in contact with a person who is really suffering from overwork as such. The men and women who have occupations—a good job that they take satisfaction in doing well—do not realize that their work is physical, mental and moral salvation.

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT

Chicago Inter Ocean: The more Bishop Potter's sermon is talked about the less disposition does there seem to be to regard it as in any way a reformatory institution.

New York Tribune: A young negro was testifying at a revival at Troy, Kan., last week, and said that, although he had stolen watermelons, chickens and an occasional ham, as well as having carved two men, he was thankful that he was trying to be a Christian still.

Chicago Chronicle: A Russian archbishop has just suppressed the Gregorian almanac because it contained an article on the Darwinian theory of evolution. Fortunately he could not suppress the theory itself, and the doctrine of the survival of the fittest holds good, especially in Corea and Manchuria.

Chicago Post: Here is a Methodist church, down in Wilkesbarre, where the members have been requested to go for a whole week without meat, butter, pastries, candies and all delicacies and give the money saved thereby to the pastor to apply on his mortgage. And yet in the face of such exhortations as this some people are wondering why more men do not join the church and why religion is losing its hold on the country. It is in Evanston the Methodists are giving meat suppers to lure men to the blessings of Christianity, which shows what divergent opinions are held in various sections of the country. It is quite a pity that we cannot have a uniform system of Christianity, but doubtless every pastor knows what is best for his flock and neighborhood.

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SERMONS BOILED DOWN. Mud will only stick to mud. Success must be measured by the soul. A shadowless world would be a sunless one. Kindness is more convincing than keenness. There is no sanctification in self-satisfaction. Watching the clock is but wasting the time. Forget justice and you will find judgment. A godly man is the man who does good to men as well as to beasts. A half-hearted servant always has a hard hearted boss. Correct opinions cannot straighten crooked practice. Some people think they have fallen from grace if they forget to grumble. A man's moral measure may be known by the things that move him to mirth. The wise are those who learn from the follies of others as well as their own. The mind that bears ripe fruit always bends so that a child can pick it. Tomorrow often shows that we have been begging off from the best things of today. When hatred has a long time lease on the heart no one is much deceived by your hanging out the "dear brother" sign on the lips.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. Be happy while you're free. Tomorrow you may stumble on a nomination for office. If the Russians want one of their cruisers to escape they might rename it "Fainting Bertha." The popping of champagne corks no longer rends the air at Manassas and peace broods once more over Bull Run. "Czar Passes Sleepless Nights," reads a pathetic headline. The joys of fatherhood spares neither throne nor cabin. St. Louis turned out 400,000 strong and overhauled the Pike. The Showme club is the numerous when the best things of today. Russia's Lena must shed her war clothes. Uncle Sam is usually a gallant old guy, but this is a matter of peace or pieces. People really sincere in fighting the trusts can prove the faith that is in them by quitting the use of tobacco. If that is too much of a test, chew the tag. The Japs are playing ball cleverly and stand a first-class chance of crowding Kouropatkin off the third base and walking off with the pennant. They do things in Massachusetts occasionally. An offending insurance company has been fined \$5,000 and told to pay up or quit business in the state. One Dr. Mason of the Smithsonian Institute staff says blondes as a feminine type will disappear within 500 years. Even now there are people who think blondes are out of sight. King Corn's mighty host is trumpeting golden notes from the shallows of Minnecaduit to the purpling plains of Egypt. U. S. A. Ears they have, but they heed not the murmurs of Medicine Hat and Calgary. The spectacle of automobiles thundering down the pike at Bull Run, while artillery belched blank cartridges and militiamen swathed their tired limbs with witching hazel, is one that should spur inspired poets to action. Get busy, bard, and pluck immortelles before it is eternally too late! Rev. Father Reany, chaplain of the receiving ship Hancock at the Brooklyn navy yard, found the bully of the crew thumping a raw recruit without orders and proceeding to give the thumper a beautiful lesson in the arts of peace with muscular trimmings. Several pious texts were handed out impressively and the solemn tones of a requiem were embossed about the peepers of the soothed bully. He hailed from Denver. Chaplain Reany was a visitor to Omaha three years ago and has many friends in this city.

UNDER WESTERN SKIES. Under the western skies The winds blow wild and free, Where swift the curlew flies Above the grassy sea, And his shadow lies Of shrub or bush or tree. Under the western skies The plains are like a floor, And reach out level-wise Where tempests rage and roar, And freedom never dies, But blossoms more and more. Under the western skies The prairie lingers yawn And the speckled darkness dies To greet a tremulous dawn, And the restless winds that rise Flow on and on and on. Under the western skies The men are men of might, And look with fearless eyes On all that may affright, On all that may affright, Between the dawn and night. Under the western skies The soul surmounts all fear, All craven things appear, And stand forth in the clear, Where wild the westland lies, A land of boundless cheer.

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