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DWIGHT WILLIAMS, Circulation Manager.  
Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 4th day of May, 1914.  
ROBERT HUNTER, Notary Public.

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Have all those 50,000 harvest jobs been taken?

Villa is still busy trying to pose like an honorable man of war.

Al-Sar-Ben's opening day is fixed for June 1. Get in early and avoid the rush.

An old-time egyptian star is reported killed by a mere lion in Egypt—a slam on foot ball.

One would almost as soon be an American consul in Mexico as he a base ball umpire at home.

It will be worse than pushing and shoving in that democratic gubernatorial scramble before time is called.

It is announced that open street cars are about ready for business. Undertakers and doctors will take notice.

A sociologist asks if a man can live decently in New York on \$2,000 a year. Most of them do who are, undoubtedly.

Pressure for commissions in the army has subsided. It looks as if there were not going to be any new commissions.

Florida reports the season's first water-melons. Who wants to eat a watermelon before sassafras season is over?

Mr. Mellen's idea of the right sort of government-controlled monopoly doubtless would be with a J. P. Morgan to run it.

It does not take a sleuth to uncover that \$50,000 jail-feeding graft that our reform democratic sheriff is trying to enucleate.

As the Chicago Tribune remarks, "The election is yet to come" in Pennsylvania. That was only the primary held the other day.

Charged With Attempt to Beat the Civil Service Law—Headline.  
Who, the democrats? No one else wants to beat it.

The Omaha police force has undergone the annual official inspection, and the only thing where they fall noticeably short is in paucity of numbers.

The existence of an ice trust in Omaha is to be investigated. Just as if the ice trust here had not been dissolved at the close of nearly every season!

"Detective" Burns now repudiates "Detective" Hansen. As a matter of fact, it ought not to worry either of them greatly if called upon to grove an alibi.

Suppose somebody had been duped by the imported "detective," do you think the eminent mouthpiece of uplift and reform would be so solemnly silent as it is?

Mr. Mellen's testimony makes perfectly clear the current belief that Mr. Morgan went on the theory that one mind was sufficient to do all the thinking necessary for one group of railroads and banking institutions.

According to Mr. Mellen, no railroad president is entitled to a salary of more than \$25,000 a year, yet being unwilling to admit himself of less value than any other railroad president, he reluctantly consented to give himself \$50,000 a year.

Modjeska made her first appearance at Boyd's in "As You Like It," supported by Maurice Barrymore and Mary Shaw.

The Episcopal council finally on the twenty-first ballot gave Dr. Werthman a clear majority for the recommendation for bishop, which was confirmed Tuesday by the lay delegates.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Orr were married at the Midland by the Omaha Olive Club.

Mrs. Thorton and Mr. and Mrs. Har Nye, all of Fremont, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nye.

The bridge at the 47th and 48th by Prof. Edgerton of the Chicago university was postponed on account of his illness.

Miss Helen Vinton, who has been visiting friends in Omaha, returned to her home in Denver, Co.

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Points of Agreement.

It is worth noting that the only topics on which Colonel Roosevelt has made public pronouncement since his return from South America are those in which there is the most substantial agreement between the different elements of republicans past and present.

The colonel is emphatic in his opposition to the proposed Colombian treaty, with its apologetic preface and its \$25,000,000 hand-out as a bribe for wounded feelings. He rightly declares that such a backdown by our government is uncalled for and inexcusable, and should not be tolerated by the people of this country.

Again, on the exemption of our own coastwise shipping from Panama canal tolls, the colonel is distinctly opposed to repeal either as a concession to Great Britain or as a relinquishment of our hope to hold and develop this carrying trade. The farthest he would go would be to consent to arbitrate any claims set up by Great Britain alleging violation of treaty obligations.

While on both these propositions as they come up in congress individual difference will, of course, be manifested among members of the party, the opposition will be practically made up of republicans and progressives standing together as against partisan-blinded democrats supporting whatever the administration demands. If the opposition elements can get together on these two questions of most far-reaching importance, they can and will get together on other things as well.

The Voice of Niagara.  
"Tis sweet to be awakened by the lark,  
Or lulled by falling waters," wrote the poet. Many poets have sung their praises of praise to the lark. "The lark whose notes do beat the vaulted heaven, so high above our heads," wrote Shakespeare. With Milton it "started the dull night." And yet again says Juliet:  
It is the lark that sings so out of tune,  
Straining harsh discords and unpleasing sharps.  
Some say the lark makes sweet division.

In which voice of the lark shall the voice of Niagara speak? Nations are ready to be lulled by the music of gentle falling waters, awakened from the nightmare of war by the sweet notes of peace perfected. But our nation stands committed to this, that

A nation's right to speak a nation's voice,  
And own no power but a nation's choice!  
And this has full sway at this Niagara Falls council of mediation. It is peace we seek, peace we love, peace we fervently hope for, but honorable peace, not "peace at any cost." No doubt the majority of Americans, beseeching the God of peace to avert war, are deep in the conviction that our nation has up to now done all it honorably could do to secure the ends of justice, honor and honorable peace in Mexico. We have from the first pursued with grave intent the purpose of leading our neighbor out of its turmoil and strife onto higher ground, and success of the effort will be written large on the pages of history.

Omaha Abroad.

A Wall street broker, J. P. Cobb, who visited Omaha during the week, has been quoted as saying some very complimentary things of this city's business stability. He pronounced it, in fact, the "bright spot on the map," and predicted greater brightness for the future.

As Mr. Cobb is identified with real estate investments in Omaha and keeps a close watch on its progress, his opinion, of course, may be regarded as of some real value, based, at least, on more than mere hearsay knowledge. Our city is, indeed, strong and substantial commercially and industrially, and yet while finding satisfaction in this, we should not overlook another criticism abroad which is not quite as favorable as Mr. Cobb's.

If "an honest confession is good for the soul," then Omaha should profit by the confession that, as we frequently hear from investors, we have given ground for a good deal of unfavorable and decidedly unprofitable criticism of our treatment of outside capital. As a city we have been too indifferent to it on more than one occasion. Nothing is gained by attempting to ignore the fact that foreign capital has become just a bit squeamish about accepting our invitations because it has found itself on the anxious seat too often. The city is charged rather prominently with being careless of living up to the spirit, as well as the letter, of its obligations, which reputation, whether true or false, is not helpful to a community still on the threshold of its development, and in need of outside money for its up-building.

We trust The Bee, with its record as a constant champion of Omaha's superiority as an investment field, can make these suggestions without being misunderstood. We must appreciate the reasons that determine the flow of capital as between different cities, and try to strengthen Omaha's position on the investment map where by rights it is entitled to be written in big letters.

Governor Metcalf is to be kept on the payroll at the rate of \$10,000 a year for the remainder of the year as vice chairman of the committee in charge of the canal inaugural exercises. His onerous official duties, we take it, will keep him out of active participation in the Nebraska campaign this year, which may be another stroke of "Met's" luck.

Former Senator Allen may hold the record for the longest speech actually made, but Senator La Follette has him beat six ways on leave to print with a speech in the Congressional Record, consuming 365 pages, and entailing an expense, according to a house member, of more than \$13,000.

An American minister of the gospel, returning from a tour of inspection in the Philippines, says the Philippines will not be ready for self-government in 100 years. Even discounting that 75 per cent leaves little logic back of plans for our early withdrawal from the islands.

Gary, Ind., a bull moose stronghold in 1912—as most steel centers were—showed up at a county election the other day with these returns: Republicans, 1,379; democrats, 842; progressives, 59. But then, of course, that does not count.

"It's an ill wind that blows nobody good." Abolition of the summer school may be expected to increase the revenues of the teachers who give private lessons to backward pupils.



In Other Lands

South Omaha, May 22.—To the Editor of The Bee: The carnival that is now being carried on at the corner of Twenty-fourth and O streets, South Omaha, may be creditable in some ways and probably is, but from the number of gambling games that are going on openly, it seems to me that it is a disgrace to any city.

Skin games and gambling of all kinds are being carried on at from fifteen to twenty stands and many young "ruckers" are being drawn into them. One man told the writer that he saw one young man from the country fleeced out of his own money at the gambling stands, and that he saw other beaten gamblers who had earned money by the gamblers' games of chance and skin games that were kicked out of the Omaha carnival grounds last year flourish in fine shape here this week.

Called It Another Blunder.

BROKEN HOW, Neb., May 22.—To the Editor of The Bee: All patriotic citizens of the United States, regardless of party, ought to stand with the president in his efforts to avert war. The people of the United States do not want a war with Mexico or with any other nation. The military spirit is dormant and must go, citizens are glad to see it. We heartily believe that the Wilson administration is honest in its desire to avert war; but, either from bad advice or from a lamentable ignorance of international law or of the ordinary usages between civilized nations, President Wilson is constantly making blunders which have a tendency to make war more probable. He is apparently proceeding on the false assumption that the so-called constitutionalists are a higher class of citizens, possessing a higher degree of patriotism, having more honest purposes than the federalists, when anyone at all conversant with the Mexican situation knows that it is not true.

His last announcement was that any settlement made by the mediators must include a readjustment of the land laws of Mexico and a equitable distribution of its lands. Mexico has no government lands, its lands being owned by a few people, most of them tracing their titles back to the Spanish conquest—titles which have not been disturbed for 300 years and which are supported by the laws of the republic. It is a most absurd and preposterous proposition that the head of a sister republic should presume to dominate, control and dictate the private laws of a sister republic which are entirely domestic in their nature. It would have been just as reasonable had Great Britain at the close of the civil war undertaken to say that there must be a redistribution of the lands of the south and that the southern negro be given a part of the lands of their recent owners before Great Britain would recognize our republic. From the time that President Wilson refused to recognize the Huerta government and tacitly at least aided the murderer, Villa, to the present time, the administration has made one blunder after another.

Deals with the Devil

Chicago News: No other common carrier in the country is in so pitiable a condition—morally, at least. No other railroad has so many jockeys by false friends nor so bitterly assailed by open enemies. Is this what is gained by a tolerant and broad-minded readiness to dicker with the devil? If so, Mr. Mellen preached a powerful sermon when he thought he was making an epigram.

Chicago Record-Herald: Today there exists an awakened public conscience that is wiping out the "necessity" for dealing with the devil. Every deal with him is a crooked deal. What all the people want is a square deal. Business is entitled to it; it is equally the public's right. The nation should thank Mr. Mellen for his frankness and his phrase. It burns. Let it be the radium applied to the cancer.

New York Post: Now, the devil as a business man is one of the most affable and ingratiating gentlemen you could meet. He always has "good things" to sell. Why, it is on record that he once offered all the kingdoms of the world at a great bargain—his asking price being merely a square deal. Business should fall down and worship him. But that was a wholesale transaction, which didn't come off. The devil, however, is always ready to do business at retail. He peddles his wares wherever he can find a purchaser. And he is certain to turn up whenever the rumor gets about that a rich man or a powerful corporation, with more money than scruples, is in the market. He suddenly appears as an adroit seller of gold bricks, a skilled unloader of worthless properties, the most successful agent ever known in the business of addition, division and silence. Anybody wishing to do business with the devil may count upon finding him, ready for a trade, at the same old stand.

Editorial Viewpoint

Louisville Courier-Journal: Anyway, even in the midst of war's alarms we must have White House weddings.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The conviction of a California woman on a murder charge indicates that equality of the sexes is becoming a fact on the coast.

Wall Street Journal: Standard Oil companies earn \$60,000,000 more per year now than before dissolution—which shows what the Department of Justice can do in the way of advertising.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Philadelphia women have introduced a crusade in favor of individual drinking buckets for horses. Individual straps for strap hangers, even individual umbrellas for umbrella users, may come in time.

Springfield Republican: It may be convenient for the government if all the Italians killed in the Colorado strike were naturalized American citizens, so that no damages can be claimed. As an argument for becoming an American citizen, however, it leaves something to be desired.

Philadelphia Ledger: The administration is making every effort to centralize control at Washington, on the theory that only by central control on the business of the nation be properly directed and efficiency be gained. Yet this same administration avers that decentralization of business is infamous, that diversity of direction is the sole salvation of the country, and that littleness is the synonym of honesty.

In Other Lands

Viewing Bulgaria.  
In the mass of reports covering last summer's war among the Balkan allies in and about Macedonia there appeared overwhelming testimony of atrocious crimes against life and property committed by Bulgaria's army. These reports were vigorously denied at the time, and several Americans who were in or near the stricken region affirmed the truth of Bulgaria's denial. But the Greeks and Servians had more direct access to the press of the world and their joint accusations, persistently reiterated, largely moulded public opinion against the Bulgars. The wide belief thus created is now shown to be grossly unjust to Bulgaria. The vindication of King Ferdinand and his people is contained in the report of the International commission sent into the Balkan peninsula last year on behalf of the Carnegie Peace Foundation to investigate charges of atrocities made on all sides. The report, which was made public in New York this week, consists of some 200 book pages, with maps and photographs, and appendices giving the testimony of witnesses examined by the commission. The conclusions of the commission are that the Greek army ruthlessly spread death and desolation everywhere, sparing neither young nor old; that the Servians were a close second to the Greeks in savagery; and that the Bulgars, instead of being the masterhand of atrocities, ranked third—the commission finding only three instances of murderous slaughter chargeable to the latter. The appalling record of man's inhumanity to man, as given by the commission is a startling indictment of greed, creed and racial savagery, which mocks the Balkan pretense of a civilization superior to the Moslem.

The Irish Squabble.  
Irish home rule is moving steadily toward accomplishment, despite threats and parliamentary artifices of the opposition. The third annual session of the House of Commons is expected by Tuesday next, possibly sooner. The bill then goes to the House of Lords, which is allowed by the Parliament act thirty days to consider the measure. Should the peers fail to act in that time, home rule becomes a law with the assent of the king. By the end of June, therefore, Ireland will have recovered in part the legislative independence which the forbears of the Tories of today destroyed 113 years ago. Premier Asquith has announced that an amending bill will be introduced as soon as the present measure is out of the way. As yet the nature of the amendments is wholly conjectural. Conferences are now proceeding with the object of arriving at a settlement by consent. Outwardly, at least, the nationalists and the Ulsterites maintain their old hostility, but there is confidence in many quarters that a round table conference of Asquith, Redmond and Carson will eventually produce satisfactory results. The result in fact may be playing party politics up to the verge of civil war, and the sudden revival of the Irish volunteer movement, springing its life with as much ardor as the "Volunteers of '88," carries an impressive warning to last ditchers.

China's Press Gag Law.

The first unflinching sign of usurpation of power is muzzling the press. Politicians and place hunters of every nation, republic or monarchy, eventually institute a free press and arrive to muzzle it whenever possible. China is the latest example of the usurper exercising his power to strangle the press and make Chinese news and views carry the official label. The oldest newspaper in the world, the Peking Gazette, a government organ for hundreds of years before the downfall of the Manchu dynasty, now leads an organization of publishers vehemently protesting against a new law of censorship. This law, promulgated by the government of Yuan Shih Kai, provides for a newspaper license fee of from \$30 to \$50 per annum, the amount being graded according to the frequency of the publication. Authority is vested in the police of the locality of publication, and they may pounce upon an offending publisher whenever in their judgment published news or opinion violates the law or hurts their feelings. Publication of judicial proceedings, diplomatic, military or naval affairs is prohibited, and attacks on the government are penalized by fines. The Peking correspondent of the New York Post, commenting on the Chinese muzzle, explains the cause in this sentence: "The plain truth of the matter is that the power of the press, although a new phenomenon in the orient, has been a matter of deep concern to the politicians, especially in China and Japan."

War Scores and Budgets.

War scores and bigger navy armaments mark the reassembling of the German Reichstag. The alleged development of the Russian army is effectively worked as a prelude to bigger appropriations. Old as the game is, when given a semi-official tag the scare produces the desired effect and is then laid aside for a year. There is no doubt of the determination of the German government to press forward both army and navy plans until both establishments are able to cope with any contingency that may arise, east or west. The army is believed to be in a state of preparedness unsurpassed in Europe. In naval power only one superior is conceded. Development in this line already doubles the naval strength of France, and approved plans provide for tripling Germany's sea superiority over its western neighbor. Agitation for a bigger navy is systematic, aggressive, practically irresistible. The German Navy League is reported to have 3,000,000 members enrolled in 400 local branches scattered throughout the empire. Prominent officials deliver patriotic lectures under the auspices of local branches, keeping the members and the local public in proper temper for sacrifices they must make to pay the bills. The needs of the hour and the coming glories of the fatherland as master on land and sea are the vocal pictures which make the Naval League a mighty power in crippling political opposition to the government's plans.

People and Events

Cheer up, old baldies! Austria reports a sure thing method of sawing hair on shiny scalps.

F. A. Madison of Savannah, Ga., claims to be a direct descendant of President James Madison, and shows a razor and family Bible which the latter used in confounding his enemies.

One of the big magnates of the tobacco business challenges Tom Edison to prove his statement that cigarettes are harmful. The wizard is welcome to put the challenge in his pipe and fire it.

A New Jersey policeman arrested his wife on the street, called the patrol wagon, left her in the lockup overnight to cool off and in the morning had her charged with using abusive language. The Carnegie Hero commission will please take notice.

"Diamond Jim" Brady of New York is taking up-to-date dance lessons at \$20 per hour. Having considerable lightness near the foot, Jim feels that an extension of the line to his feet will harmonize the extremes.

A sack containing 1,000 silver dollars in transit from one depository to another in Cincinnati burst its bonds, letting the single on the pavement. As only one dollar got away the reputation of Cincinnati remains near the top notch.

Despite the efforts of congressmen to prove that unselfish economists they are, the senate wouldn't stand for it and restored the 2-cent mileage grab to the appropriation bill. Wherefore joyful chuckles may be heard in both wings of the national capitol.

Arthur Ibert, on whom President Huerta of Mexico has just conferred the Cross of Honor, is a San Francisco engineer, and the award was made for his services in the Mexican campaign against the Maya Indians. He is the only American who has won such recognition.

Mell Besse, Germany's famous woman aviator, has announced her intention of trying for the honor of being the first air pilot to fly across the Atlantic. Frau Besse, who is a pioneer aviator, is building her own aeroplane, in which she will attempt to make the flight.

Charles Baniago Sanders Pierce, noted logician, mathematician and philosopher, died recently in the quaint little cabin in the mountains near Milford, Pa., where he had been in seclusion for twenty-seven years to pursue his studies. He had been ill of cancer a long time. He was 74 years old.

SAID IN FUN.

"A man should always put duty before pleasure."  
"Right you are! Especially if he is compiling a dictionary."—Boston Transcript.

"That girl does not eat enough to keep a bird alive."  
"Now you speak, I noticed when she was asked her preference for wine, she said canary."—Indianapolis News.

"Why does Hiram dig around so among those old haidian records?"  
"He wants to get something on the weather bureau. He hopes they predicted drought the day before the flood started."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Are you a policeman?" asked one paying guest of another at a charity picnic dinner.  
"No," said the other. "Why do you ask?"  
"Merely that I noticed," said the first speaker, glancing at the section of fried chicken in the other's fingers. "That you are pulling a tough joint."—Baltimore American.

"Just come from the club. Nothing left but smoking ruins."  
"What? Not burned down?"  
"Oh, no; everyone but half a dozen cigarette fiends had gone home."—Boston Transcript.

AWAY OUT IN THE COUNTRY.

Chicago Record-Herald.  
Away out in the country, where there is no ceaseless roar,  
Where its eight miles to the railroad and it's three miles to the store,  
There is hope and there is pleasure and perhaps some maiden there  
Has contrived to make somebody think her farthest of the fair.

Away out in the country, where the fragrant lilacs blow  
There are people who have never seen a moving picture show;  
But they may not need your pity, though the thrills they have are few;  
They may go to bed untroubled by such cares as come to you.

Away out in the country, where the woods are full of song  
And the hens are cackling loudly and few men are going wrong,  
There are people who are never filled with fear or discontent  
When the grocer wants a money or it's time to pay the rent.

Away out in the country, where no mobs disturb the peace  
There are people who are happy, though their neighbors' gains increase  
There are men and there are women who believe that life is sweet,  
Though they aren't busy spending all on what they wear and eat.

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