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

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For safety first in war news read The Bee. Bee extras give reliable up-to-the-minute war news.

These are the days when the "doubtful voter" begins to get cheery.

What a dull, prosaic thing a repetition of the Cailloux trial would be.

Russia is coming, no doubt, but with characteristic Russian deliberation.

Europe continues to buy our American wheat. Oh, how could it keep from it?

Mexico is making haste slowly—in fact, despite all its mad rush, is in no hurry at all.

If you would live long and happy, avoid a conversation on the war with the telegraph editor.

The United States will maintain neutrality. That's so! We were neutral in the Mexican war, too.

Twenty miles of British war ships is enough to send the cold chills up the back of the bravest enemy.

After this war Europe may look as if some great map-changing finder of rivers of doubt had struck it.

What chance has a poor American tourist to get out of Europe when they commandeer his automobile and stop the trains?

But in the United States Germans, Britons, French, Slavs, Russians and Austrians are all just plain, everyday peaceful Americans.

Up to the hour of going to press. Mr. T. Withdrawal Blackburn was still hesitating about withdrawing the withdrawal of his withdrawal.

No doubt some well known bribe peddlers are saying to themselves, "It's an ill wind that blows nobody good." But the excitement may pass sooner than they hope.

It is officially announced that there is plenty of money available to move the crops. Yes, and the Nebraska farmer wants it known that he has plenty of crops in sight to move the money.

If he were only sure of being able to hang on to all those naturalization fees, District Court Clerk Robert Smith might be just as much of a hypocrite as a peace advocate as he is as a reformer.

Omaha taxpayers are paying about \$30 a day for the time which the three high-salaried Water board employees are putting in churning votes. But, of course, there are no politics in the Water board!

Bearing in mind this, that all of these war-mad monarchs claim to rule by Divine right, one gets the full force of the folly of a war that drives men of peaceful pursuits and purposes away from their life's work and into the bloody business of killing each other.

Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha

William Segalle, of the well known firm of Pomy & Segalle, celebrated his forty-second birthday with a number of invited friends at his residence on South Tenth street.

Among those present were Judge and Mrs. Beneka, Mr. and Mrs. George Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. George Pomy, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Broad, Mr. Maurer, Carl Rodman of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stuberoff and Mr. Stuberoff's mother, who arrived last week from Germany.

A. L. Strong & Co. of this city has secured the contract to construct the water works at Lincoln.

The funeral of Rev. William McCandish was largely attended, the services being participated in by Rev. G. W. Sabidge, Rev. W. J. Harsha, Rev. G. T. Crossman and Rev. J. H. Stewart. The pallbearers were O. H. Ballou, G. F. Davis, Levi Kennedy, P. L. Perrine, Howard Kennedy and W. J. Weisshane.

Marshall Cumings is wretched over the council order to send a one-horse patrol wagon. He says it will be of an use, and will only go out on a side hill and get stuck in the mud, and that two-horse wagon is needed badly.

Mr. Samuel Shivers, landlord of the Millard, returned with his wife from a three weeks' trip east.

Prof. Harry Irvine, leader of the Musical Union orchestra, is in the city.

Miss Jennie McCoy of Hastings is visiting her sisters at the city, Miss Manie and Kate McCoy.

The United States Neutral.

The neutrality proclamation issued by President Wilson officially recognizes the state of war between the leading European nations and warns all that we are not to take sides in the conflict.

To maintain strict neutrality it is obviously the duty of this country. Having no entangling alliances with any of the belligerents, and no desire to be drawn into the vortex, no effort should be spared to observe neutrality, and to perform all the duties imposed upon a non-combatant country to exact observance of neutral rights by those at war with one another.

The maintenance of strict neutrality on the part of the United States cannot, however, govern the sympathies of our people. With our population made up almost wholly of former subjects of the different European countries, or descendants of their former subjects, their sympathies are bound to be divided. The peculiar combinations which this war presents must confuse those sympathies still further, as, for example, where friends of Britain entertain an abhorrence of Russia, or where admirers of the German emperor have no patience with the fierce Balkan bands.

It is natural and inevitable that Americans will have a lively interest in the fortunes of the war, regardless of our neutrality, and will sit in stern judgment upon the conduct of the battling races and the prowess of their military masters.

America's Offer of Mediation.

While too much to expect that war-mad Europe will at once leave off the passion for fighting, President Wilson's proffered mediation is nevertheless consistent with both our national peace professions and our obligations under The Hague tribunal. Its eventual acceptance is no doubt within the probabilities, but not until the warring nations have sufficiently felt the force of one another's steel to be willing to heed their own better judgment.

Failure on the part of President Wilson to have acted would have subjected our government to criticism, though with no prospect of immediate response. So long as The Hague treaty both permits and requires us as a stranger to the dispute to offer mediation, there was nothing else for us to do and uphold our reputation as a peace-loving nation.

Is This What We Want?

One of the constitutional amendments submitted by the last Nebraska legislature for popular ratification proposes to change our system of unanimous jury verdicts, and to substitute verdicts by a five-sixth vote.

This change is urged as a matter of judicial reform to do away with the single obstinate juror holding out against his fellows, either defeating justice or forcing a new trial. Verdicts by less than the full number of twelve jurors, it is pointed out, have been provided for in Missouri, Kentucky, Idaho, South Dakota, Wyoming and Washington, and Nebraska is asked to follow the lead of these six states.

Careful investigation discloses, however, that the form of our proposed amendment carries the five-sixths jury verdict, not only for civil cases, but also for criminal cases where the offense is less than a felony. In this feature only one state, Idaho, has taken this departure of withholding from any criminal on final trial the presumption of innocence until adjudged guilty by the unanimous finding of a jury of his peers.

Let Aliens Here Become Citizens.

The bill introduced in the house excluding re-admission into the United States of all aliens who leave to engage in the European war may, if enacted into law, have the desired effect of discouraging foreigners in the future continuing in this country without becoming citizens. Prolonged alienhood should bear its penalties because it is both unjust to the United States as well as to the native country. It tends to introduce here exclusive domestic problems of the fatherland and thereby complicate relations between otherwise friendly nations.

Notes of Progress.

A revolving plow has been patented, in which a gasoline motor drives the cutting wheel. Supported entirely from a horse's collar, a new feed bag admits an animal to have the free use of its head.

An American automatic telephone system has been established in Simla, the summer capital of India.

Portable power plants up to fifty horsepower that use crude oil for fuel are coming into common use in France.



Send contributions on timely topics. The Bee assumes no responsibility for opinions of correspondents. All letters subject to condensation by editor.

How Many Kansas Women Voters? SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: I noticed a press dispatch in The Bee of yesterday that 300,000 women are expected to vote in Kansas. It every woman in Kansas who is eligible to a vote casts a ballot today, I doubt if any 300,000 or any 90,000 will vote.

WHEATLAND, Wyo., Aug. 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: In the sneering, contemptuous tone in which that woman (I will not call her a lady) from Council Bluffs replies to Rev. Hult a sample of what we may expect when equal suffrage gets under full headway? What more convincing evidence of the essential infidelity and immorality so characteristic of the feminist movement is afforded than her discursive, not to say insolent, remarks? When equal suffrage is introduced to attack the Bible and to denounce St. Paul as a sex-maniac, are we not warranted in believing that feminism was conceived in the spirit of anarchy and is now about to be brought forth in rebellion and revolution?

Irishland's Opportunity. OMAHA, Aug. 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: In a personal letter to Mr. Redmond I am reminding him of the old Irish adage, "England's difficulty is Ireland's opportunity." Copy of the letter forwarded to J. E. Redmond and to the leading Irish papers. To him I say: "It is with feelings of deep regret we notice your duplicity in dealing with the Irish home rule question during the present European crisis. Your action at the present time does not in any way postulate patriotism, and your assertion in the House of Commons on August 4, that the Irish national volunteers would safeguard British interests in Ireland is nothing short of felonious, when we judge it from an Irish viewpoint. You seem to forget, or utterly ignore the principle for which Irishmen gave their last drop of blood. "England's difficulty is Ireland's opportunity." Your honesty and integrity as an Irish patriot is now being tested and your quick action now depends whether your name is to be held up to honor or buried in obliquity. We want an undivided Ireland from north to south, from east to west, and when I say this I am voicing not only the sentiments of the Irish in America, but of every son of the Gael the world over. If you cannot afford to hurt British sensibilities, then in the name of freedom in the name of the Irish race; yes, in the name of God Himself render up the scepter of authority to some other Irishman who will wield it more effectively for the honor of old Ireland and for the glory of the Gael." JOHN A. McCHRISTAL, 1351 North Seventeenth Street.

Uncensored Opinions. Baltimore Sun: Mr. Carnegie can hardly be heard above the thunder of the cannon and the tramping feet of war horses. Washington Post: This thing of holding Americans in Europe looks like a substitute for making this country pay the war expenses. Baltimore American: Another generation will no doubt be wondering how such a situation as this one boasts ever tolerated war lords. New York World: If it is any satisfaction to little Serbia, it can take pride in the fact that it served as the pretext for Europe's amazing display of statesmanship. Pittsburgh Dispatch: Perhaps if one were to hunt for the loneliest job in the world we might find it in close vicinity to the watchman of the Hague Peace palace. Springfield Republican: If Islam, long replete, should take the moment for a Jihad, Europe would have big trouble on its hands in addition to the trouble it has brought on itself.

What Is Contraband? (From the New York Times.) The question what constitutes contraband of war is causing the greatest concern to shippers, and the perplexed state of the international law on the question is making it difficult for steamship men to know when they are carrying a cargo that is reasonably safe from confiscation, in the event of further declarations of war in Europe.

While the definition of contraband is elastic, there is now an international list of articles which can never at any time be contraband. The most important of these articles to America is cotton, which heads the list of noncontraband goods. Of almost equal importance is the fact that gold is on the conditional contraband list. Gold becomes contraband if it is shipped to a nation involved in war, and is liable to seizure by ships of the enemy of that country.

Absolute contraband, which is always liable to seizure, consists of war material, guns, ammunition, military vehicles, etc. Other articles, except those on the noncontraband list, may be treated as contraband by a belligerent after giving notice to neutral nations of the articles which it has classed as liable to seizure.

Conditional contraband is liable to seizure at no time except when it is destined to the territory of an enemy, and then it can be seized with as little ceremony as if it were actual war material. Article 23 of the London declaration is as follows: "Conditional contraband is not liable to capture except when found on board a vessel bound for territory belonging to or occupied by an enemy or for the armed forces of the enemy, and when it is not to be discharged at an intervening neutral port. The ship's papers are conclusive proof both as to the voyage in which the vessel is engaged and as to the port of discharge of the goods, unless it is found clearly out of the course indicated by its papers and unable to give adequate reasons to justify such deviation."

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BITS OF MERRIMENT.

First Trooper Imperial Yeomanry (discussing a new officer)—Swears a bit, don't he, sometimes? Second Trooper—It's a masterpiece, 'e is, just opens 'is mouth and lets 'is wit 'e like—Punch.

"Jane is so very romantic. She says she's going right down on her knees to beg her father to let her marry Bobby." "What's she waiting for?" "For the styles to change."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mrs. Platts—This paper says almost half of many thousand loaves of bread recently tested in London were about weight. Mr. Platts—No such charge can ever be brought against your bread, dear—Yeoman's Statesman.

Father—How do you mean your check book is crazy? Son—It's unbalanced, that's all—Yale Record.

"Let's go to the circus, uncle." "I don't think I will, nephew. I'd rather wait for election time when our candidate comes."—Budapest Borazson Jank.

Imp—Where will your majesty summer? Satan—I think I'll stay in town; I notice a lot of people are coming from the country.—New York Sun.

"Who led the army in that recent expedition?" "I did," replied General Tamsie. "I thought the attack was led by General Concarne." "It was I who prevented great loss of life," said the other. "I was the only one coming back."—Washington Star.

The Girl (watching Pavlova dance)—It looks easy, but she must make sacrifices to keep in condition. She has eaten little or no food for a week to pay for this evening's entertainment. Her Impenetrable Escort (impressively)—Just like me.—Punch.

AN OVERTURE TO MORN. Edna Mead in New York Times. I unclosed sleepy eyes to find the Dawn. Demure in Quaker garb of softest gray. Awaiting that bold cavalier, the Day-Attendant on her royal progress. Through A world all hushed, that halted her queen there. A band of court musicians led the way. I caught the throb and thrill of myriad throats. Testing their pitch, upon the opening notes Of a diviner arias and magic tones. Resulted from mankind's a unique endeavor! First, a low thrill, like to a single flute in a vast orchestra which also is mute; Then, a sweet, plaintive call, resembling most The shepherd's piping on that Breague coast. The while brave Tristan lay Dying death and mourning Igolda. And, after these, a swiftly running scale Of mingled melodies, that wove a tale—Thus the sound swelled increasingly in power. Rising and falling in a ripping shower Of brilliant arias and magic tones. Like clear-tongued bells, high in some ancient tower. Each answering each perfect full accord. As master instruments, the maestro's word. So, raised the chorus of the feathered realm. A wordless glory, that must overwhelm Each morning's audience, who wait expectant. Until the overture's last note is done. The curtain rises on the pageant Sun.

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Letter's Old Age

Genuine Old German Double Beer