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the average 52,328, 1914, was 52,328, DW13HT 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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War not only is hell, but it draws no color line.

Note that nothing more is heard of the danger of a car famine.

Optimism and opportunity make a fine alliterative combination

Those folks over in Paris must be looking for something they hope they won't get.

If the Germans take even the art galleries they will no doubt take the Brussels carpets also

Let us all breathe easier-no Nebraska names on the suffragist women's congressional blacklist.

Unless they hurry the frosts of winter will add their withering blight to the "flower of the European armies."

Virginia may be the home of presidents, but Texas has them all skinned when it comes to cradling cabinet officers.

The navies are fairly busy, but really, as compared with the armies, they are not keeping up their end of the game.

Entente cordiales seem to be things of the past in Europe, when even the opposing censors refuse to pass each other's copy.

While the theater of war has the run, other varieties of theaters will have to have some special attraction to command attention.



Competitive Armaments.

bigger and more destructive than his neigh-

bor's. During all the period of peace, the Eu-

But nations are only aggregations of Indi-

Where would they all land, and how long would

failed of their purpose. They are breaking and

crumbling. Some new and better way of keep-

ing the peace of nations will have to be sub-

Why Shove it on the Women ?

and the time to do it is at the coming election

sponsible for the existing unsatisfactory condi-

tion, and if the remedy is to be applied, they

have no right to stand back with the remark,

England and Germany.

the rupture of the ties of relationship between

England and Germany. True, the impression

had long prevailed, and not without apparent

cause, that each was jealous of the other's ag-

gression. England dreading Germany's commer-

cial supremacy, Germany England's maritime

prowess. But, nevertheless, they were and are

blood kin, sprung from a common ancestry.

Their royal houses have intermarried, forms of

international affection have been kept up. The

kaiser bore as the insignia of this kinship the

honorary titles of field marshal in the British

army and admiral in the British navy. But

these he put aside with the war.

Saxons."

One of the pathetic features of this war is

Our Omaha school board needs a re-creation.

As peacemakers competitive armaments have

it take them to get there?

duction of the average.

'Let the women do it."

stituted.

#### Brief contributions on timely topics invited. The Bee assumes no responsibility for opinions of correspondents. All letters enbject to condensation by editor.

American Women's War Relief Fund LONDON, Aug. II-To the Editor of The Bee: Our faith in the ties that unite ur country to Great Britain render us confident that Americana will respond to ur appeal to alleviate the terrible sufferng caused by the war.

viduals. Suppose the individual man in a com-We American women are equipping a petitive race to load himself down with guns, hospital in connection with the Red Cross pistols and bombs, and to make his dwelling society and if funds permit, an ambulance place armor proof! Suppose every time his

In the name of our common ancestry. neighbor bought a new rifle he endeavored to go in the name of humanity, please send us him one better, and every time his neighbor put as much as you can. up a wall, he sought to raise his still higher!

Donations will be received by Mesars J. P. Morgan & Co., Wall street, New York, marked "American Women's War Rellef Fund," or may be sent directly to the honorary treasurer, Walter Burns, 50 Grasvenor street, London, England. MINNIE PAGET. CONSUELO MARLBOROUGH ALICE LOWTHER.

MARY HARCOURT JENNIE RANDOLPH CHURCHILL. AVA ASTOR.

### Down with the Long Ballot.

when eight of the twelve memberships are to be OMAHA, Aug. 29 .- To the Editor of The filled by the voters. The board has a number Bee: You are absolutely right on the long ballot. It is an unmitigated nuisance and of good men in it, but as a whole the standard of largely defeats the purpose for which it ability and efficiency is too low. Vacancies was designed. One cannot possibly know have been filled from time to time by the ruling all the men on an eight-foot ballot: good majority to accomplish a particular object candidates are often hidden under a pile of rubbish. Under this absurd law, every rather than to enlist business capacity or educacitizen might become a candidate who can tional experience and ideas with consequent repay the registration fee; we might have a ballot a mile long The old convention It is suggested that the job of re-casting the method, in spite of its evils, is infinitely school board belongs to the women. We ask, better. It is a cheap way for unknowns to get before the public, most of whom Why shove it off on the women when it belongs never expect a nomination. It is a at least as much to the men. True, women posnuisance to have every tree, fence and sessing prescribed qualifications may vote at old building plastered with these unknowns for three months, as very few school board elections, but we all know they take them down after defeat. have not voted in the past. The men are re-

The primary law practically disfranchises the independent voter and ought to be declared unconstitutional. Independent voters select the best men in all parties when they can, but they can't do this in primary elections. This law seems intended for the boosting of partles rather than the selection of the best candidates. It often compels one to vote for an inferior candidate or not vote at ail. It is a positive interference with the right of suffrage. It makes candidacy too cheap and arouses the aspirations of too many incompetents for office. A candidate should be required to have 100 signatures of actual voters to his petition before securing registration. If some check is not put on this business there will not be trees enough to hold the photos of the candidates. The only parties benefited will be the photographers and newspapers, but the voter will have to hire a man to help him handle his ballot. D. C. JOHN, 4828 Webster Street.

War a Fight for Self-Preservation. "Who are the English?" the student in his-HINCKLEY, Minn., Aug. 30 .- To the tory asks. And the answer is, "They are Editor of The Bee: I have been reading with interest the opinions of different persons in your columns regarding the great Caesar led his Roman legions across the war now being waged by civilized (?) channel to prevent Britons from going to the man. One man feels that he has found the cause of all war (that is a great step). aid of the Gauls, then the enemy of Rome. Not It is in the church and the teaching of its ministers; another thinks it is the crowned heads of Europe; another feels that it is the great gunmakers of the world who are responsible for the awful

# Topics of the War

### The Great Paradox. (Scientific American.)

The huge war now raging in Europe is the inevitable outcome of the waymmetrical development of the mind of man. Perhaps the leading country of the world in the sciences and the arts is Germany. Certainly the leading country in the world in developing an aggressive and militarist policy is Germany. It is at once the most enlightened and the most reactionary of the greater nations of the earth. It is above all other countries, the living embodiment of that monstrous paradox we call the advancement of science. Our progress in the control of nature for the benefit of mankind has been equalled only by the splendid intelligence with which we have perfected means of slaying one another. We learn how to abolish a discase and simultaneously invent a dreadnought. As scientific men, while half of us work for the establishment of heaven upon earth, the other half strengthens the possibilities of an increasingly ghastly hell. We approach the milennium and Armageddon along parallel roads.

This towering paradox will now be resolved. The destructive half of manAind have beaten their brethren in the race. The war lords triumph over the aporties of peace. For the moment the service of the devil takes precedence over the service of God But only for the moment. Clever and energetic as they have been, the destroyers have not been clever and energetic enough. The foundations of peace are too firmly laid. The fear that civilization is now rocking to its fall is a fear without justification. The war will progress from horror to horror and with it the disgust and anger of the people will deepen. Thfoolishness of war! More and more will this thought permeate the consciousness of the whole world. Already this view is clearly expressed by countless men throughout Europe. As they suffer more they will see more clearly, and when this war ends there will he no more wars. We are not witnessing the triumph of the destroyers. We are witnessing their vast collective suicide. As ruthless as they have been in war, so shall we be ruthless for peace. At present we play their game; we fight, because fight we must. But ----- there shall be no more war lords. The after paradox will be resolved. Science shall no longer ignobly serve the forces of destruction, but, released from this dire bondage, shall bend all its energies to the task of making this fair world more beautiful and more secure. The savage, trained and equipped, shall no longer preside at our councils. His day is over. His last and greatest attempt at dominanc. shall result in his utter overthrow and destruction whatever be his nationality; and the race of the future will be a race of civilized men, united by th bonds of mutual interest and appreciation and developing their powers in concord in the security ac corded by an agreed and permanent world-peace.

### What it Costs to Kill a Mau in Battle, (General Percin, in La Science et la Vie.)

"I read in an American newspaper that to kill a nan in modern warfare costs in the neighborhood of \$15,000. This figure seeming to me to be excessive sought to verify it. My results show that really the newspaper was below rather than above the truth. To get at the cost of killing one soldier it is necessary to divide the cost of the war to one of the bel ligerants by the number of men killed on the other side.

"In 1870-71 France spent about 2,000,000 francs in the actual warfare and 1,000,000 more in restoring its own property and in payments for injuries caused to others, which it is perfectly fair to include in the costs. Then there were 5,000,000 for war indemnity and still 2 000,000,000 more for interest, loss of revenue and seizures by the enemy for maintenance during the German occupation. In the same way the Russo-Turkish war of 1877-78 cost 2,000,000 francs to th-Turks, and the Russo-Japanese war, 1905, cost the Russians 6,000,000,000. In the Franco-Prussian war there were 28,000 Germans killed or mortally wounded: in the Russo-Turkish war, 16,600, and in the Russo Japanese, 58,600, in the latter instances, of Russia and Japan, respectively. From these figures it is evident that the price per man killed to the opposing s'de was, in 1870-71, \$21,000; 1877-78, \$15,000, and in 1905, \$20,400, all of the figures in excess of those named in the American journal, "I rather expected when I undertook this calculation to find that the costs were increasing. On the one side the engines of war cost more as they are perfected. On the other hand, progress in the art of killing is always surpassed by progress in the art of defense. The result is that the ratio of men killed or wounded in actual battle is continually diminishing. This ratio was 6 per cent under Frederick the Great, 3 per cent under Napoleon, 2 per cent in 1870, and 14 per cent in Manchuria. But in 1870 there were not a dozen great battles. The German armies fought little between Froschwiller and Sedan and the French little between Sedan and Coulmiers. The fight was taken up again in December, but less sharply than at the beginning. During much of the time men did not kill, but the expenses never ceased. In Manchuria, on the contrary, they fought nearly every day. The batties were long ones, fifteen days at Mukden, twelve at Cha-Ho, and eight at Liao-Yang. This increase in duration of the battles compensates for the slight loss in any individual hour of the fight. One may see also why the cost of a man killed is not higher in 1905 than in 1870. "That which kills and reduces efficiency in war is not the cannot or the rifle, but fatigue, cholera and typhoid. In 1870 there were registered in the hospitals no less than 280,000 Germans, who, although they survived, were inactive for some time. The Crimcan war cost the allies four times as many deaths from sickness as from battle. This rat'o was three to one among the Russians in 1877-78 and only two to one among the Japanese, thanks to their excellent hygiene. I count more, therefore, on improved hystenic methods and the art of avoiding losses in war than on progress of ballistics and of the means of destruction."

# **Industrial Notes**

The United States makes the steel pens for about fifty countries. There are twenty-eight railway tunnels

) England a mile or more long. Cotton goods constitute about one-third of England's manufactured exports.

ubmarines in the last ten years eleven have occurred to British vessels.

Bombay, which lights its streets with gas and oil lamps, soon will begin a six months' test of electric lighting. A recent government estimate of the population of Sweden placed the figure

at 5,838,583, an increase in two years of 11,291 The seventy-fifth anniversary of the

first manufacture of pig iron with anthrafirst manufacture of pig the selebrated in Penn-cite coal recently was celebrated in Penn-sylvania. Irrigation projects now under way or Irrigation projects now under way or

ontemplated by the union of South Africa call for an expenditure of more than \$5:000.000.

There are coal fields in Great Britain hat have been worked for at least 700 years, yielding every kind of coal except

The government, of the Sudan has quipped a shallow draft boat as a floating laboratory for the study of tropical

gambling instrument, a ministure affair taking the place of the ball and wheel in a form of roulette in which ammen of cities are substituted for num-

In Italy electricity used for lighting is taxed and that used for heating is not and to prevent persons using heating circuits for lights there has been invented apparatus to periodically interrupt the

The newcet battleship building for the United States will be 1.4000 tons larger than Japan's largest, 3,490 tons larger than Germany's, 3,500 tons larger than Great Britain's, and 6,550 tons larger than anything France plans.

Maggets feed on battle folk.

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## MIRTH FOR MONDAY.

Church-If Mars is inhabiled they possibly have railroads Gotham—Yes, and from this point of view I should any they were elevated roads.—Yonkers Statesman.

"Why don't you get an auto?"

I prefer a horse. "A horse may die a' any time." "Yes, and he may live ten years. And that's a long time to ge without changing the model.—Kansas City Journal.

What do you do for a living?" asked A B, being the sort of inquisitive person at everybody wants to kick. T breathe," answered II to A. B being e sarcastic sort of person that every-size the wants to kick.-Cleveland Plain eater. Dealer.

Particular-I would like to hire a car-ringe with only one seat. Liveryman-Ob; you'll find that at the undertaker's.-Pele Mele

"There len't an original thing about

Hotel Walter-Come, sir. you really must go off to bed, sir. (Yawns.) Why, the dawn's a breaking, sir. Late Reveler-Let it break-and put it down in the bill, waiter,-Punch.

Dr. A.-Why do you always make such maticular inquiries as to what your pa-ients cat? Does that assist you in your manuals?

diagnosis" Dr. R.-Not that, but it enables me to ascertain their social position and ar-range my fees accordingly.-Topeka Jour-

### THE WAR GHOULS.

Caesar, kalser, czar and king Fatten man for a bellish thing: Cnezar, kalser, king and czar, Cannibals whose feast is war.

Man is meat for tyrant's throne, Dripping fiesh and splintered bone, Salt with tears and scald with pain, Sacrifice to despot Cain.

Blood's the cup mad rulers crave Fresh from martyr subjects grave; War's hoofs tread the crimson pulp, Ghouls in palace smack and gulp.

Vermin spawned of ermine cloak; These the chief of magnets are. Caesar, kaiser, king and czar. -WALTER IRVING CLARKE.

anthracite.

discases where they occur.

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current.

In France the accopiane has been made

Perhaps one thing that made Wagner's music so heavenly was the fact that he had a "good angel" in young King Ludwig of Bavaria.

The American who persists in remaining in the war some after warning to get out, will not be entitled to much sympathy if trouble overtakes him.

And yet we must remember that Frederick the Great, the great-great-great granduncle of the ruling kaiser, fought a successful war against six nations.

Prince William of Wied is now ampret of Albania .--Springfield Republican. But surely they will not blame that on our

George Fred Williams.

What is needed at the city hall is one of these new-fangled efficiency engineers.-San Francisco Chronicle

No, the Chronicle is referring to its own city hall, yet there are others.

Railroads in 2-cent fare states will make a great mistake if they undertake to boost passenger rates, as it is hinted they will do. The railroads ought by this time to have learned enough to know when to let well enough alone.

In the list of congressmen marked for reelection slaughter by the votes-for-women advocates is Underwood of Alabama. Our good women friends seem to have forgotten that Mr. Underwood will not stand for re-election, having been already chosen to represent Alabama in the United States senate for six years, beginning next March.



The finest organ in Nebraska has just been set up in the English Lutheran church at Sixteenth and Harney at a cost of \$2,000. It was a donation to the church by Kountze Bros. The organ is sixteen feet wide, ninetcen feet high and contains 1,044 pipes.

N. Merriam will thankfully receive any information regarding a thoroughbred Jersey cow with leather strap around her neck, which strayed from his premises on Twenty-third and Burt streets.

Miss Jennie E. Talbot has gone to visit for a week with friends at Sidney and Hawthorne, Ia. The plasterers' picnic at Hascall's park was live-

lier than expected, being overrun by a gang of toughs. Officer Mostyn was hit over the left eye and Captain Donahue had to use his club to protect himself.

D. O. McEwan, 511 Fairview street, pays for advertising space to let it be known that "the man who was seen to pick up a sky terrier pup in front of the govery store at the head of St. Mary's avenue, will be arrested unless he returns the same to me nediately

T. O. Melum's restaurant, 10.9 Sixteenth street. wants a girl for klitchen work, also one girl, 14 or 15 years of age, to take care of baby.

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Mills, Seventeenth and Castellan are receiving sympathy over the loss of their young son,

until 350 years later did the Romans quit the country. When they did they left it as free of Roman customs or language as if they had never been there. In no sense did Britain become Roman and in no sense is it Roman today. crime, etc. Then came another invasion from over the sea, a friendly host of peace-loving, land-tilling

Saxons from northwest Germany, and by 830 A. D. the Germanic tribes had overrun what is now England. The newcomers stayed, cleared their forests,

built their homes and laid the foundations of the modern state. From the Saxons the Britons derived their chief elements of character and temperament more than from any of the other German tribes. It is true that a little later came the Angles, Danes and Normans, conquering in turn the peaceable, yet indomitable Saxon-Britons, but each in time was overcome and assimilated by the stronger parent people. So today the old Saxon still dominates in the English character and temperament. His love of peace, submission to law, aversion for public office, all mark the modern Englishman as the descendant of that root tribe described by Tacitus as "the finest of all the German tribes that strive more than the rest to found their greatness upon equity."

Americans are reluctant to take sides in this grievous alignment of kinsmen, but they may be pardoned if they pause to remark upon this. one of the most pathetic of all "he melancholy features of the war-this deadly antagonism between cousins on the opposite shores of the North Sea.

### Separate and Distinct.

The demand for a short ballot relates as much to the election as it does to the primary. Let no one confuse the short ballot movement with the disposition manifest in many quarters to do away with the primary altogether. Quite the contrary, the short ballot would make the scheme of direct nominations workable as nothing else would. The unanswerable indictment against the primary as we now have it is that the confusion of multiplicity of offices and candidates prevents intelligent choice of party nominees, and seriously impedes successful application of the principle of popular government and this indictment would be met by reducing the number of elective offices.

In the recent primary election in Omaha large numbers of democrats changed their party registration to vote for candidates for nomination on the republican ticket while out in the rural districts large numbers of republicans voted the democratic ballot to help out particular democratic friends. We repeat that party enrollment should be required not only in the cities, but throughout the state, and no changes should be permitted after the time for candidate filings.

It is recorded that in Rome, under the Caesars, two soothsayers could not meet on the street without laughing in one another's face. It must be equally impossible for a candidate in the late primary to read the sworn expense statement of his competitor and keep a straight countenance,

A moment's reflection will teach us that none of these are the cause of war, nor are the moneyed interests, so often chargd with wanting war, the cause. The teachings that go out from the

church do not make men go to war, but they go to war nothwithstanding the teachings of the church.

We have to take only a few pages from history to show us that men do wage war where there are no "crowned heads." Men have fought under all conditions they still fight and always will fight until reason prevails and they not only know but understand to do the better way. The fight in us is part of our creation, just as with the lower animals. It is an instinct for self-preservation.

Let the pulpit and the press tell us what an awful murder has been committed, tell us the cost in human lives and rivers of tears, tell us what the money so spent would do in educating those nations' children. Let them all unite to show us what war really is and its results and what these valiant dead might have accomplished under a united banner of A. J. HUNT. peace.

### Pulpit and Suffrage.

OMAHA, Aug. 30 .- To the Editor of The See: When any question of public polity secures the attention of the intelligent public the opinions of ministers are always interesting. A referendum of the ministers of four denominations concerning their opinions on woman suffrage resulted as follows: Episcopal clergymen were in favor 2 to 1. Baptist ministers to 1. Congregationalists 5 to 1. Methodists 9 to 1 and Presbyterians 11 to 1. The Episcopal diocese of Olympia, Wash., has given women an equal voice with men in church government. The first diocese in the world to take this step was in Callfornia. On request 300 ministers preached on woman suffrage in Cleveland, O. Rabbi Stephen Wise, speaking on the question of "Votes for Women." said: "It is the office of the pulpit to battle against injustice." There is no reason why any church should oppose and every reason why all churches should work for woman's political freedom. The churches should be the rallying point for workers for humanity's uplift.

VIOLA KAUPMAN.

#### In Spirit of Neutrality.

LYNCH, Neb., Aug. 30 .- To the Editor of The Bee: President Wilson has declared the United States neutral, but a large portion of the English-American press has been hostile and anti-German in its reports. This is not for the best welfare of the United States. As a mighty agency that helps mold public opinion more that any one thing, it is necessary in the interest of the peaceful abidance in our midst of all the nations making up the republic that the press help safeguard the peace of the nation, especially now that the torch of war has been carried to the Orient. Let us keep up the spirit of neutrality, remembering that the United States may be drawn into this world conflict

So let us all unite-the press and the public-and help safeguard the peace of this nation, if possible, for it will be the best service American citizens can ren-M. M. ROHDE. der to our nation.

Twice Told Tales

Saved the Family's Reputation. At a banquet of the ministers of New York, Dr. Johnston of the Morrisania church totd this story: "One of the members of my church has instilled into his family the belief that the collection is a vitally important part of the service.

"Consequently his little boy, Thomas, never comes ehurch without his contribution.

"One Sunday, as the elders began to take up the collection at the morning service. Themas looked along the pew to see if the various members of the family were provided with a contribution.

"Noticing a guest of his sister's empty handed, he whispered:

" "Where is your money?"

"'I have none,' was the reply. "Time was short and the necessity great. In a flash the little fellow met the emergency by saying:

"'Here-take mine. That'll pay for you, and I'll got under the seat"

"And, flinging he own coin into her lap, he disappeared under the new, where he remained until the elder had gone by-and the reputation of the family was saved.

The Too Calm Public.

Senator La Follette was talking about corruption. "The public is to blame for this corruption." he

said "The public accepts the corruption in police and finance too calmly. The public, in fact, reminds me in this connection of the old lady.

"An old lady sat knitting in her armchair when a young girl burst in on her.

"'Oh. grandma.' she said, 'father has just fallen off the root."

"'I know, my child,' the old lady answered placidly, "I saw him pass the window." -- Washington Star.

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"Can undertake to locate and reforward baggage left in England, Italy and Paris."

Impracticable to move baggage from Switzerland or French interior points other than Paris at present, condi-tions changing daily. Traffic may open shortly." "Many hotels where baggage left closed."

"Impracticable to move anything in Germany, Belgium

or Austria-Hungary." "All transportation at owner's risk."

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