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Petrograd won't sound so bad after we once get used to it.

Those engines of war are running without horn, light or cowcatcher.

If Spain could only forget a few things, she, too, might get into the game.

First, it was the inaction of peace that sent prices up, now it is the hurry-burly of war.

Sick or well, dead or alive, the eighty-year old emperor, Franz Joseph, is a royal wonder.

The Lord not only fights with the battalions, but also with the superior commissary department.

Deprived of their accustomed free advertising, the vote-chasing candidates have hard sledding.

If there's anything else the south wants of the present democratic administration, now is the time to ask for it.

Here's an invitation to the poet who wants to write about "in pastures green" to come to Nebraska without delay.

Of course, the fact that sugar took this last flight upward just on the eve of the canning season is purely incidental.

Judging from the debate between our letter box contributors, the war fever over here is just beginning to get good.

It would help civilization a lot for certain crowned heads to realize that "peace hath her victories, no less renowned than war."

"What's one man's meat is another man's poison." An advance by the allies means retreat for the Germans and vice-versa.

President Wilson has just joined the Buy-a-Bale-of-Cotton club. The only thing lacking now is enrollment and initiation in Ak-Sar-Ben.

Those five American newspaper correspondents who sent out the clean bill for the Germans are now, you may have observed, detained under German guard.

One out of twelve voters participating in the recent Nebraska primary failed to mark his ballot for governor. What's the nomination of a governor anyway beside that of constable or justice of the peace?

Looping the loop in mid-air is doubtless diabolically dangerous, but, at that, it is much safer when performed over the state fair grounds at Lincoln than above the war arena in France or Belgium.

In the California primary more republican ballots were cast by far than democratic ballots and progressive ballots put together.

The Union Pacific were again defeated by the St. Pauls, 13 to 5, this time. Vlasner, the new man taken from the Keokuks, established himself at once as a good catcher and a safe batsman for the home team.

According to a story from Chicago, the new Callaway management for the Union Pacific is preparing to let out a lot of old Clark officials, among them J. W. Morse, general passenger agent; P. J. Shelby, general freight agent, and Superintendent J. P. Nichols, H. H. Egbert and W. P. Doldridge.

The anti-monopoly congressional convention nominated Charles H. Brown for congress.

George Loomis and Miss May Waggoner were married yesterday afternoon at the residence of the bride's parents. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Harris, and the young couple left for Boston on a wedding tour.

The finest exhibition of musical instruments at the state fair is made by A. Hospe, Jr., who deserves great credit for bringing out the only baby grand piano on the grounds.

The Young Peoples' association of the First Presbyterian church has elected these officers: President, H. A. Dodd; vice president, George A. Joplin; secretary, Miss Lydia P. Wilson; treasurer, Miss Hastings.

A Mutual Interest.

Judging from the preparations, "Omaha day" will doubtless prove to be one of the red-letter days of the state fair this year, as it should be every year. The plan of sending a delegation from the metropolis on one particular day tends to make our interest more definite and center the attention of other cities and towns on the state's big annual exposition.

True, neither the fair nor Ak-Sar-Ben is to be considered a local institution; on the contrary both belong to the whole state, yet each is held necessarily where local pride naturally and properly claims a special interest.

Not a Valid Objection.

Discussing the short ballot proposal, several state newspapers seem to fear that transforming offices now elective into appointive places will to that extent deprive the people of their power of self-government.

As a matter of fact, however, the people of Nebraska have gone on record, when they last had the opportunity to express themselves, as against elective administration officers even at the increase of the governor's responsibilities.

Theoretically, every public servant should be the choice of the people he serves, but in practice this choice must be indirect by leaving the selection of subordinates to the responsible executive heads of the government.

An Opening for Home Missionary Work.

A large delegation of representative business men from Chile is to tour the United States early in 1915, coming by way of the Panama, and Chicago—and doubtless other cities—preparing to entertain the visitors on a very elaborate scale.

Backing Up on the Tariff.

Our amiable democratic contemporary is quoting the republican platform of 1912 to justify the failure of the democratic tariff to redeem the democratic promise to reduce the high cost of living.

Make It the Last War.

It is said that the terrific struggle in Europe will settle nothing; that if Germany wins and levies its tribute of gold and territory, the subjugated nations will bide their time until strong enough to seek revenge; that if the allies win Germany, humbled in the dust, will not forget its conquerors and when it gathers renewed strength will call them to severe account.

An Imperial Gamble.

It must strike those familiar with the national game of draw poker that the German emperor is betting all he can get together on a single hand. He thinks that the capture of Paris would have the same moral effect upon the world that it did in 1871.

Shirky's Loop.

It is expected to take one year to value the estate of the late J. P. Morgan, which, however, threatens to shrink into a measly little \$100,000,000. That inheritance tax soap must be of a very poor quality.

The Stars and Stripes.

The Stars and Stripes continue to float over Vera Cruz, but our secretary of state discreetly refrains from reopening the question whether the constitution follows the flag.

Topics of the War

Why They Went to War. New York Independent.

The British and German white papers, giving the diplomatic correspondence that preceded the war, have been made public. From these it appears that the various nations involved went to war for the following reasons (accepting each nation's statement of its own case):

Austria: Because Serbia would not permit Austrian officials to take part in investigations in Serbia into the responsibility of Servians for the murder of the Austrian crown prince and princess.

Serbia: Because upon its refusal to accede to this demand of Austria on the ground that it would be sacrificing its own sovereignty, and in spite of its proposal to leave the matter to arbitration, Austria attacked it.

Russia: Because Austria was making war upon Serbia.

Germany: Because Russia declined to cease mobilizing its army—a mobilization which Germany believed was directed at itself as well as at its ally, Austria.

France: Because its ally, Russia, was attacked by Germany.

Belgium: Because its neutral territory, whose neutrality was guaranteed by a treaty signed by Germany, was invaded by German arms.

England: Because Germany had violated the treaty guaranteeing the neutrality of Belgium, of which both Germany and England were signers.

Japan: Because its treaty with England bound it to join with England when the peace of the Far East was threatened.

The impartial historian will some day know how to apportion the final responsibility for the great war among the nations that entered it. We now merely report what each nation has to say for itself.

"German Brutality."

George Sylvester Viereck in Fatherland. Among a thousand men, there are invariably two or three brutes.

If Germany destroyed Louvain it did so because the non-combatants in that city attacked German soldiers. The Belgian story that the German soldiers shot at themselves is too absurd to receive credence.

The German government, too proud to deny such dastardly stories officially, has made it possible for American correspondents to investigate for themselves the reports of German cruelty to Belgians.

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The Bee's Letter Box

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

Results of the Pan-European War.

OMAHA, Sept. 9.—To the Editor of The Bee: It is too early to prophesy results of the struggle now going on in Europe.

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