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AUGUST CIRCULATION. 56,554

State of Nebraska, County of Douglas, ss. Dwight Williams, circulation manager of The Bee Publishing Company, being duly sworn, says that the average daily circulation for the month of August, 1914, was 56,554.

Old Man Disease seems also to have enlisted and gone to the front. Still, we did not know that a bull moose could aeroplane on his ears.

If those Carranza fellows are not careful, Uncle Sam may demand another salute. It is a safe guess that mapmakers are fully alive to the business opportunities of the fracas.

The debating clubs may as well proceed to rehash that old theme, "Is it safer to fight on land than on sea?" Somebody says there will be no multi-millionaires after the present crop dies off.

The proposed tax of \$1.50 on beer and only 2 cents on gasoline throws a sidelight on the motor power of congressmen. It may be inferred from the report that J. B. Haggis left a fortune of \$15,000,000, that he did not overplay his own races.

Where, oh where, was our Senator Hitchcock when that rivers and harbors pork barrel was being knocked in the head? Our old friend, Villa, does not propose to be snuffed out of the news columns so easily by these upstart European military men.

Reports of close-in fighting indicate that the army bayonet has been rescued from the threatened humiliation of a mere trenching tool. An international convention of moving picture actors and actresses is to be held in San Francisco next winter. Who says the world does not move?

The colonel stopped in Iowa just long enough, we take it, to convince Senator Cummins that he made a mistake in siding with Roosevelt as against Taft in 1912. A hard jolt seems necessary to impress upon foreign diplomats in this country that the president's neutrality proclamation applies to them as well as to our American citizens.

Lopping off a total of \$33,000,000 from the "pork barrel bill" is admitted by political doctors to be the most painful surgical operation performed in congress in a generation. A German diplomat kindly informs us that there is an intense hatred for American people throughout Japan. Perhaps, but also an intense respect for American fairness and firmness.

Those Roman citizens who are working up sentiment in favor of Italy going to war can be depended on to dodge the recruiting office should war come. The patriotism of agitators quickly peters out. The names of two dozen British authors appear on a paper declaring that England's part in the war is just and should be fought to a finish.

Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha. The first meeting of the Young Men's Republican, Blaine and Logan Military company held last night shows these officers: Clinton Powell, president; J. C. Howard, vice president; C. O. Howard, secretary; R. C. Walker, treasurer; membership committee, David Lowe, J. B. Crawford, I. M. Knott, William Stokes and Samuel Crawford.

McAdoo and the Southern Bankers.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo's discipline of the southern bankers, caught in an attempt to take undue advantage of the financial condition produced by the war, will meet with no protests except possibly from a few other bankers in the same boat.

The whole southern situation, due to the stoppage of the European outlet for cotton, is causing much concern, but the people everywhere realize that it is not an affair solely of the south.

Look Out for the Snickernee. Under the caption, "Our Advice to Mr. Wooster," Senator Hitchcock's local democratic paper sagely declares: "If Mr. Wooster has a quarrel with the president or with the party, the course of prudence and patriotism, it seems to our humble judgment, would be for him to wait until the crisis is past—then swing his snickernee."

War Light on the Tariff. A survey of the trade currents interrupted by the war recalls to us that there are certain articles of commerce in which Germany holds a virtual monopoly.

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Making Life Insurance a Life Protection. A paper presented by former President Taft to the National Life Underwriters' association meeting last week in Cincinnati dwells upon a new departure, that of life insurance companies exercising a sort of continuous medical supervision over their policyholders.

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Nebraska state prison inmates are to be classified according to the record of first, second or subsequent offenses, and branded by the color of their prison clothes. Theoretically fine, but practically questionable. Clothes do not make the man in prison or out.

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.

"Worse Than Silly." ARLINGTON, Neb., Sept. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: I see in the letter box a number of contributions by Matt Spader, who is the biggest wind jammer and bluffer I ever saw or heard of.

England and France are ahead of Germany and I believe any sane person will say that England had a right to go into this, when it is Germany who is the militarist for its power and it will be a second-rate nation when this war is over.

"Pork" Makes Him Weary. OMAHA, Sept. 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: It would be too much to expect anything like consistency from the "reformers," who set away out ahead of the procession and shout "come up!"

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A Boost for McGovern. OMAHA, Sept. 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: There have been so many fiery letters verging on the vicious and aimed at the commission body, as a whole, appearing in the papers the last few weeks that I feel forced, out of indignation, to make a general reply.

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Kitchener

By T. P. O'CONNOR, M. P. in Colliers. Humanity of the Man of Iron.

In studying Lord Kitchener, one has to get rid of the legends, Kitchener, and try to reconstruct the real man. The silent soldier, the motionless machine; the harsh and heartless commander; all these picturesque phrases which have been applied to Lord Kitchener, sometimes by ardent friends and sometimes by violent foes, are absolutely misleading.

This man, who has fought such tremendous and historic battles and confronted great odds, is yet a man who prefers a deal to a struggle; and, though he can be so stern, has yet a diplomatic tact that gets him and his country out of difficult hours.

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Of all the pictures I have seen of Kitchener's stirring career, the one I like best is that of him at Wady Halfa when he had changed it into a miniature crew. "Rarely impatient," writes one of his biographers of him at that station, "never unreasonable, he moved among his workmen and about the line, addressing himself that all was proceeding well, and him the affection of the subalterns. Nowhere in the Sudan was he better known than on the railroad. Nowhere was he so ardently beloved."

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Scoffing at Mars

Washington Post: After all, the Swiss navy is making as much noise as the rest. New York World: The Krupps take \$2,000,000 of the German war loan. They can afford it.

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Brooklyn Eagle: The censors will have a terrific job when they get to editing the Turk's prayerful proclamations.

Wall Street Journal: "Since 1866 the Austrian army has had no war experience." Well, what's the matter? Isn't it getting some?

Minneapolis Journal: Modern bullets are advertised as making a clean, neat puncture through a man. But who wants a clean, neat puncture?

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Germans posing as beggars have been arrested in Italy as spies. A German beggar would arouse suspicion anywhere.

Detroit Free Press: Here and there seems to be considerable surprise at the discovery that cannon and Krupp artillery were not made merely for show purposes.

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PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

Maud-Jack told me last night that I was the greatest girl at the dance. Marie—Of course it was you, he told; he knew, so you else would believe it.—Boston Transcript.

Real Estate Operator—Old man, I can sell that Marsh Farm lot I sold you five years ago for a price of \$100.00. I used to say there was one like me born every minute.—Fuss.

Teacher—How many zepes are there, Bobby?—Oh, a whole lot. There's one torrid, two temperate, two frigid and a whole lot of postal zones.—Boston Transcript.

THE CUSTER BATTLEFIELD.

Arthur Chapman in New York Times. The hand that smote at Custer rests on the shining plow. The war drums in the tepees are strangely silent now.

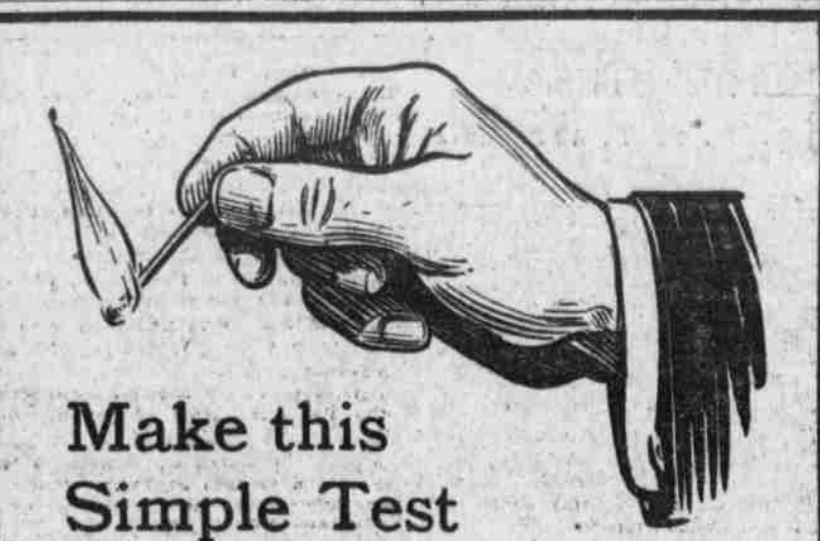
The meadow lark is singing where sleep the white and red. Its nest is in the grasses where martyred heroes bleed. Its song shall reach Vallonia, home of the Seventh's dead.

There are no fluttering bonnets upon the river's brink. No hoists in blue are marching—no hoofs of charred chink. But, in the little Big Horn, a lamb has passed by.

A lamb which yonder shepherd has guarded tenderly. The while his flock has wandered across the sage-drawn lea; It drinks where reddened waters once hastened to the sea.

And thus the lark, full-throated, and lamb beside the stream. Are strolled on by the heavens that caught the anbre's gleam. And the day of death and glory is but a warrior's dream.

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