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Our September morns thus far have been almost that mild.

Nebraska weather at this season of the year is a world beater.

That European balance of power seems to be pretty evenly balanced.

Be sure to extend the glad hand to Ak-Sar-Ben, and all his guests.

About the severest loss any man can sustain is the loss of opportunity.

At any rate this present conflict will not go down in history as a "religious war."

Come all ye faithful subjects of Ak-Sar-Ben and welcome to the chief city of Cibols.

It turns out after all to be a rather bad season for thieving court house fee grabbers.

Some of us may fall before Przemysl does if we attempt to pronounce the name too hurriedly.

October 10 is the date now fixed tentatively for the adjournment of congress-subject to change without notice.

By the way, boys and girls, we are not forgetting the Christmas cargo for the good ship "In His Name," are we?

"Maupin knows Nebraska," exclaims one of

The Doubtful Wager of Battle.

Probably the most stubbornly fought battle in history is still in progress between the lines. of the Germans and the Allies, and, in the nature of things, must soon come to an end either as a victory for one or the other of the combatants, or as a draw with both stopped by exhaustion.

But whatever the wager of battle, it is too much to expect the outcome to be decisive of the whole war, for defeat of the weaker arms is hardly apt to force complete surrender or start immediate suit for terms of peace. A substantial victory, however, could not fail to inspirit and enthuse the winners and correspondingly depress and discourage the losers, though it might drive them to more desperate efforts to re-establish their military prowess. On the other hand, if gains and losses are approximately offset, each of the combatants may be claiming the victory, and the actual result be so obscured as to render unbiased judgment impossible for the moment, if not to keep it in dispute for all time to come.

The Coming Democratic Slush Fund.

"To him that hath shall be given" is the rule that applies in politics, or, to use more explicit language, the party in power always finds it easier to replenish the campaign fund with the sinews of political warfare than the party out. of power. That was the complaint of the democrats when the republicans were in the saddle, and now the situation is naturally reversed with the democrats administering the pie counter and stirring the legislative program. For authority we quote from the reliable old democratic Brooklyn Eagle, whose Washington correspondent divulges this open secret:

Despite the prospect that the democrats may have an easy time this fall carrying the house, the party leaders are perfecting plans as if they looked for the fight of their lives. The democratic congressional ommittee and the democratic national committee, which are working in close co-operation, appear to be well supplied with funds. They are maintaining lavish headquarters in Washington and are conducting an extensive literary campaign. In the recent Maine election a corps of spellbinders and press agents were transferred from Washington to headquarters established at Augusta. The democrats spent a large sum of money in the Maine campaign. On the other hand, if the stories of their leaders are to be accepted, the republicans are in a bad way for money.

The car load of gold coin that used to be shipped annually on paper for allotment among local patriots will this year come from democratic headquarters, and be consigned to the accredited democratic slush fund distributers. Political workers are hereby notified to put their applications in early.

From Dictator to Dictator.

The latest report from Chihuahua is that 'immediate resignation" of General Carranza as first chief of the constitutionalists is "the only basis" on which General Villa will agree to a settlement of the differences between himself and Carranza.

It is the same old story of the last three years. It is exactly what Carranza said as to Huerta and forms but another link in the chain of dictatorship that is choking all semblance of orderly government out of Mexico. From the first, it has seemed inevitable to Americans that Villa and Carranza would fall out, and even if Carranza should do the unexpected and yield to Villa, there is no sort of assurance that the latter would not soon tire of any other man elevated to the leadership by or with his influence his boosters. Yes, but the real question is, does or approval. While yet protesting unselfish



No Gambling Games.

OMAHA, Sept. 28 .- To the Editor The Bee: In looking over the Ak-Sar-Ben carnival grounds 1 notice that there are at least six concessions that are being used as gambling devices. Last year you, and you alone, took the stand to abolish this nuisance. Are you going to let them by this year, or are you going to use your influence in abolishing the same? Those devices are used to defraud the poor people, as the rich never indulge in this kind of graft. I am also surprised that the board of governors would allow such work to go on. Kindly publish this in your letterbox and oblige a citizen and taxpayer.

J. W. AVERY.

A Last Word from Matt Spader. OMAHA, Sept. 27 .- To the Editor of The Bee: The old saying goes, "Throw a stone in a pack of dogs, and the one you hurt will holler." My letter in The Bee of last week had the same effect, but it seems to have hurt more than one Well, No. 1 calls me a windjammer and bluffer," but I ain't either, but would rather be both than a liar. No. 2 gives me the advice to go back to Germany and help them fight, but I don't need to do that, for they have enough soldiers to whip her enemies into submission by and by without me.

I am an American citizen for over twenty-five years, and a fairly good one at that as I pay my debts to state and church regular. But I couldn't be if I wouldn't sympathize with the land of my birth in this, her hour of dire calamity, so long as I have blood kin there. ome of them who are right on the front. The whole world wants to crush her with sword and ink, the latter is the worst, for she cannot defend herself against it. The first heroic act England did in this was was to cut the German cables so she could have everything her own way to publish war storles without contradiction. But never mind, a land that tries to win her battles with sprending lies against her enemy is whipped already. A lie will run its course for awhile, but the truth will prevail forever.

Well, I will quit reading the letters the Letterbox, for I am afraid if I would I couldn't keep quiet, for I cannot stand lies-anyhow, not now.

MATT SPADER.

Did Lincoln Enfranchise the Negrof / BRADSHAW, Neb., Sept. 28.-To the Editor of The Bee: In your "Letter Box" we note that Marjorle Dorman makes the statement that Lincoln enfranchised the slaves. According to Webster, the word enfranchise has two distinct meanings. One is to "set free or liberate;" the other is to "confer the electoral franchise upon." Now as to what Lincoln said or did not say on the question of woman suffrage, it seems to us, is going a long way back to find argument to either prove or disprove women's right to vote. Lincoin dealt with the issues that confronted him at the time. Lincoln made another statement when about the same age and it was like this: He happened to be where a lot of slave traders, in carrying on their diabolical and nefarious business, had stripped a negro, girl almost nude that her relative value in the market might be fixed. Lincoln said: "If ever I have a chance to hit that thing. I hit it hard." Lincoln had the chance and kept his word; but in his emancipation proclamation he only enfranchised the negro with freedom, but not with the ballot. It took the boys in blue who had returned to their homes, at an election held in 1867, to ratify the fifteenth amondment. The writer, who had the pleasure to know something about Idncoln when he did things, feels quite confident that had woman suffrage been as prominent an issue in Lincoln's time as at present and a delegation of women had waited upon him, he would not only have received them courteously, but would have given them a direct answer. Lincoln was no dodger, neither did he have any of the will-o'-the-wisp proclivities, and would, no doubt, have reiterated what he said on "June 13, 1836." nothwithstanding Mr. Agnew's "dublety" nor Marjorie Dorman's "specializing." JOHN B. DEY.

"Asquith"

Alexander Wenyon Samuel in New York World. The career of Herbert Henry Asquith, prime min ister of Great Britain, who has become an outstanding world figure, has in each of its four epochs been marked by strength and success. Without the aid of wealth he won his way by scholarships to Oxford. where he proceeded from one academic triumph to another; he won his way into Parliament by his magnificent clearness in enunciating his political principles of liberalism; without influence he secured commanding position at the English bar, and, having proved himself during the last six years the strongest statesman of modern times in England by his overthrow of the house of lords, and by the final placing of the Irish home rule bill on the statute books, he has now in foreign policy achieved a new fame.

When he was cartooned by the famous Spy in Vanity Fair in the great days of that journal, the only description underneath was the single word. "Brains." His unusual endowment of abilities combined with great moral strength explains a career that is not by any means romantic, but which will leave a permanent mark on history.

Won His Education by Hard Work

His father died when he was a boy of 10, and, being only a small manufacturer, the means of the family were so limited that entrance at Oxford was only possible because he swept the boards of prizes at the City of London school, and won not merely an open scholarship, but also a leaving exhibition. When he began at the bar he was unknown to the powerful solicitors upon whose favors the young barrister must depend, and he helped to maintain himself by contributing articles on economics to the Statist and other leading papers. His rise at the bar was in no sense meteoric, but he did achieve a great triumph by his brilliant and overwhelming cross-examination of Mr. MacDonald, the manager of the London Times, in the historic case arising out of the Piggott forgeries. 'You take him, Asquith; you will do it well enough, said Sir Charles Russell, who led for Parnell against the Times. He did it well enough, and Mr. MacDonald left the witness box so utterly discredited in journalistic circles that he had to resign his position.

But although Asquith achieved a high place at the bar, and might well have risen to be lord chancellor. it is not as a lawyer that he will be remembered, nor was there any belief among his colleagues at the bar that he would spend his life in a legal career. As I heard Lord Haldane say of him at a dinner given in his honor by the Eighty club shortly after he became "I have known our guest all the days of our premier: working lives, and from the beginning of his career at the bar we always said that one day Asquith would be prime minister."

In his parliamentary speech he possesses one gift in an incomparable degree, which is probably derived from his years of experience in the courts. He can represent the weakest of cases as though it were of overwhelming strength, the most startling of innovations as though it were an every-day procedure, the most disreputable of propositions as though it were au axiom of universal acceptance. And yet Mr. Asquith has always had the parliamentary manner and succeeded in making the House of commons forget the lawyer in the statesman. This has contributed greatly to his parliamentary success, for it is commonplace at Westminster that the House of Common does not love lawyers.

Gladstone Recognized His Promise.

Mr. Gladstone took to him from the beginning, and when he formed his last government in 1892 took the young barrister from the back benches to a seat on the treasury bench and made him a member of the cabinet as home secretary without any preliminary ministerial training. He administered that important office in a way that insured the success which Mr. Gladstone predicted for him after he had delivered his maiden speech in the House of Commons, when he said: "The speech we have just listened to from the bonorable member for East Fife proves that there has been made a valuable addition to the debating strength of this house and augurs well for the day when the honorable gentleman will stand high in the councils of the nation."

It was during his administration of the home office that the British troops fired upon some riotous strikers at Featherstone, when several men fell to the bullets of the firing party. This caused an angry debate in the House of Commons, led by the labor and radical

SAID TO BE FUNNY. The Awakened Turk

Philadelphia Ledger: Rustern Bey can-

Philadelphis inquirer: The sultan of

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: If Turkey

Turkey seems to be "a very sick man"

once more, and doesn't know it:

more this friendship will grow.

tot be called an "Unspeakable Turk."

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ing of the allies.

He-You seem surprised that I have asked you to marry me. She-Yes. I've been proceeding all along on the theory that you hadn't the cour-age to do such a thing.-Boston Tran-

"Is it true that that awful Aliss Perkins is advertising for a husband?" "Pratty nearly-sha's walking the streets with a cookbook prominently displayed under her arm."-Philadelphia Ledger. Baltimore American: Turkey evidently is itching to lose its tail feathers if not

"That young college professor seems to have a great many tricks for catching the gris" fancy, hasn't he". "Yes, but then, you know, he took the degree of, bachelor of, arts."-Baltimore American. Chicago Herald: The Turkish ambassador's indiscretion suggests a careful study of the recent career of George Fred

Williams. Philadelphia Bulletin: The Turk is tearing up a few "scrape of paper" him-melf, now that the powers have shown him the way. "I was reminded strongly of the war "What caused it?" "Saw my dachushund chasing my neigh-bor's Belgian hares."-Baltimore Ameri-can.

PRAYER.

can think of anything else it wants Prayer, as the longing of the mind Or heart's desire for right. If reinforced by action kind. 'Can demonstrate its might. It softens, as a summer shower, The beaten path of ruthless power. changed, now is the time to make its Philadelphia Record: Within the last few days the Turkish newspapers have

ceased using offensive language in speak-But hope cannot materialize Without consent of reason. Who can himself enlarge in size By wishing for a season? The deeds in line with equity— Not merely words—that make us free. WILLIS HUDSPETTE. Kansas City Star: Turkey is said to be growing more friendly toward the silles. The further the Germans fall back the



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Nebraska know Maupin?

Omaha's esteemed ball team held its ground to the last, which, however, was in the lowlands instead of on the heights.

The Hon. A. Rustem Bey is like the fellow, who, having made a fool of himself, has at least the courage to stick to his folly.

Now that the base ball seasons are ending, it is time for the magnates to begin telling the fans what wonderful lineups they have for next. year.

Anyway, our Congressman Lobeck has not had his salary docked for being absent from his post since the no-work-no-pay order went into effect.

Those prayers for peace should rest upon the petition for a permanent peace, not a temporary truce, which only might ensure if the war prematurely ended.

Incidentally, do not forget to give a share of the credit for those decisions protecting the public treasury to Chief Justice Reese, whose name will be found on the nonpartisan judicial ballot.

Secretary Royse of the State Banking board promptly wired Secretary of the Treasurer. McAdoo that no state banks in Nebraska were hoarding money, and then issued a call for a report to find out whether the figures support the assertion.

What about our newspaper contemporaries who complained so bitterly because the county board risked the expense of calling a jury to resist the sheriff's \$50,000 jail feeding graft? What, if anything, were they to have gotten out of the haul?



The newly elected officers of the Home Circle club are: President, W. H. Latey; vice president, J. W. Gammon; secretary, T. W. Pickens; treasurer, B. F. Redman. The club will give a series of five parties, the first one next month.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuchn celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary at their residence, corner Twenty-third and Davenport.

In the Saturday's Bee a notice was printed that an expressman had been paid a \$10 gold piece instead of a silver dollar. Today the expressman returned it. His name was Anderson.

Fred Huth, formerly a resident of Omaha, died this week, according to advices, in Bozeman, Mont. Mrs. C. B. Havens and daughter are spending a

few duys with relatives in Schuyler. Fremant Everett, formerly of Lyons, has come to

Omaha ta practice law. Will Johnson, one of the popular fireman on the

Union Pacific, and his sister, Miss Christing. have gone to Ohio on a visit.

Miss Minnle S. Dye has returned from Santa Ross, Cal., to resume her duties as teacher in the Omaha public schools.

The school board is about to start two night schools manage to a demand.

motives and his own self-abnegation insofar as office holding-for which his illiteracy and bandit life wholly unfit him-is concerned, Villa by his persistent refusal to be satisfied with anybody not of his own naming, gives ground for suspecting that nothing sort of his own exaltation will quiet him. If the situation resolves itself down to the old status of merely a choice of dictators, neither side will have any good claim to the sympathy of outsiders.

The Exposition is a Go.

Now that San Francisco has finally declared that the Panama-Pacific exposition will be held in 1915, with no postponement, it is time for Americans to cease all cavil and question on the subject and help to pull for the success of the enterprise.

What if a few foreign nations have withheld or withdrawn their support, so long as the others, together with nearly all the states of our union to some extent or other, are standing by their pledges of participation? So far as support goes, this, added to the backing of the federal government, ought to be sufficient. Most of the exposition visitors, of course, will

be from our own land and the same thing would have been true even if there had been no European war, though, perhaps, not in the same proportion. The war will naturally keep many Europeans away from the fair, but by the same token the American patronage should be greater.

San Francisco is bound to be the one big center of attraction on this continent in 1915. With the Panama canal new and sharing in the interest of the great show, eastern people will have the added novelty of traveling through the canal and up the Pacific coast. This should entice many who otherwise might not go. But, of course, the greater pilgrimages will travel overland, for the most part through the Omaha gateway, the most direct of all routes. Herein lies immense opportunities for us of Nebraska. Undoubtedly thousands who go west on this pleasure jaunt will also be alert to business and investment opportunities, and so, while Omaha and Nebraska are boosting for the exposition, they may at the same time, exploit their own resources to all comers.

The down-town campus committee is still telling how much taxpayers of Nebraska will save, by rejecting university consolidation, although they know as a matter of fact that taxpayers will save nothing, because the appropriation has already been made, the only open question being whether the money shall be spent in building up a new and greater unversity on the farm campus or be used to buy high-priced city lots and stimulate the boarding-house business. The board of university regents only three years ago voted unanimously for consolidation on the sole condition that the necessary funds be provided, which funds are now to be forthcoming.

"Carranza must resign immediately," is Villa's ultimatum. "Huerta must resign immediately." was President Wilson's ultimatum. It remains to be seen which of them will last the longer.

Praise for the Germans.

LINCOLN, Sept. 28.-To the Editor of The Bee: I desire to take to task those who criticise Mr. Matt Spader for his enthusiastic defense of Germany in the present crisis in Europe. I venture to say that if our country were in trouble Mr. Spader would be just as enthusiastic in defense of our flag. Generally speaking a man's loyalty to his adopted country depends largely upon the loyalty he has for his native land.

I am in sympathy with Germapy. believe Germany was forced to fight against the wishes of the kaiser. I believe when the truth is known dermany will not be held responsible for bringing on the war. It had to fight for its life. No one can say Andrew Carnegie is a German, still when he returned from Scotland he gave an interview, the substance of which was that the kalser was not responsible for the war.

We should remember Germany has been at peace with the world for more than forty years. All other nations have had war, including our own, during that time. We should remember that America never had trouble with Germany. We should remember Germany was the first nation to recognize our independence. Germans have helped build up America by cultivating its soil, establishing its industries, encouraging commerce and art, and are today among our most substantial citi-Sens. They have attested their loyalty to their adopted country on our battlefields. They are broad-minded, law-abiding, peace-loving and home-loving. They despise deceit, hypocrisy and double-dealing, and we should be patient with those who become a little over-enthusiastic in extending their good wishes across the sea to their fatherland.

I am not a German, but I was reared among them, and I know whereof I JOHN G. MAHER. speak.

Editorial Snapshots

Bt. Louis Globe-Democrat: Europe is looking less like an armed camp and more like a collection of hospitals.

Houston Post: Considering the ferocity of the war between them, Germany and France are rather polite and refined in the language they employ in calling each other a liar.

St. Louis Republic: Colonel Roosevelt seems to carry the same scenery as of The wide, soft, black hat, the yore. dental display and the abrupt manner are on duty, but the old energy and enbi thusiasm are lacking.

sections, and Asquith assumed all the blame and responsibility, which might well have prejudiced his chances of still higher promotion in a party depending so largely upon inbor votes. It is only within the last two years that, by the publishing of some papers after the death of the officer responsible, it became publicly known that not merely had Asquith not. ordered the troops to fire, but had given express instructions to the contrary. But, like all strong men, Asquith can endure in quietness. The ministry which Asquith had resigned his prac-

tice at the bar to join was short lived, and then Asquith did something that is splendidly illustrative of the simplicity and manliners of his character. When he returned the scals of his office to his sovereign, he went back to his chambers in the temple, and donning his wig and gown, resumed his practice in the courts. It was entirely without precedent for a cabinet mininter to do this, and particularly one who had held the high office of home secretary, during which he was called upon to make decisions overriding the judges in cases where appeals were made for the exercise of the royal prerogative of mercy. The matter was brought up in the House of Commons, and in a few straightforward sentences Asquith explained that his own private fortune was not sufficient provision for his family, and that in the circumstances he did not feel it derogatory either to his personal dignity or to the dignity of an ex-secretary of state to resume his work. The fact that he had married but the year before one of the wealthiest helresses in England made this statement the more revealing of his sternly upright character.

Ilis Success as Prime Minister.

When he became prime minister, in 1908, having served two years as chancellor of the exchequer, the forces of the party he led were almost entirely depleted of morale and strength by meason of the persistence of the House of Lords in the arbitrary exercise of its control over parliament by maintaining their hereditary rights to refuse to pass liberal legislation through their chamber, however large the liberal majority might be that had passed it in the commons. The year after he took office he gave the lords battle on the issue of the budget, declaring to the country that the whole representative system was in peril unless the supreme control of the houses of mons over finance was secured. His fight with the lords, in which he thoroughly overthrew them, leaving them no control whatsoever over finance and only a power of delay and revision over domestic legislation, raised him from a party leader to a national leader.

His firmness in dealing with the little pinchbeck revolutions that Sir Edward Carson tried to work up through the agency of some officers in Currash camp when he assumed the portfolio of minister of war made him perhaps for the first time a world figure. Today he appears as one of the strongest statesmen England has ever known, and it was his recent speech in the House of Commons in which he referred to the "infamous proposals" of Germany during the negotiations that, even more than that speeches of Sir Edward Grey, rallied the British people as one man in its determination to prosecute the war to the end.

People and Events

Yon thousand sing ug canaries from Germany were brought to New York last week. Cheer up and listen to the birds.

The democratic campaign book carries a whole page of "the wise sayings of Vice President Marshall." This is the biggest accop pulled off on the newspapers of the country since Marshall woke up Hoosierdom.

Truman M. Hubbard, the veteran undertaker of Oswego, N. Y., has concluded to quit the melancholy business and cultivate the "smiley glad" habit. Mr. Hubbard has a score of \$45 funerals in forty-one years and thinks it is about time to relax his face and jolly the live ones. anthe to start with a start

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