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As an innocent outsider, poor little Belgium is not escaping anything.

A reunion of Ak-Sar-Ben kings and queens will be next in order.

Some of the poetry written on the war reads as if it had seen service at the front.

Attendance figures at the Ak-Sar-Ben carnival are equivalent to a rain gauge.

The 1914 Ak-Sar-Ben dynasty will have to take no back seat for any of its predecessors.

When Count Zeppelin says he will raid Europe he may not be building mere aircastles.

A kind friend has sent us a Chinese almanac which, we regret to report, is all Chinese to us.

"I'll be back," shouts the Hon. A. Rustem Bey from the ship. That is what Jack Johnson said, too.

If the volume of war news continues to increase, we shall suspect the censors of deserting their posts.

"Gossip of the Gridiron." Yes, that reminds us that our own little autumnal college war is about to begin.

Mary Garden is said to be thinking of going to the theater of war as a Red Cross nurse. Well, she would add some action.

The practice of paying a child for doing what is his simple, child duty to do, is fraught with some peril, to say the least.

It is said that the democratic patronage war in Nebraska is about to yield to the pressure of mediation. Pie hunters will take notice.

One photograph pictures Villa sitting on the steps of his private car. Which shows what leaving off the old bandit life did for him.

The Belgian signal corps is using carrier pigeons with great success. But the dove of peace is not yet working on its job as it should.

The foot ball squad is waiting just behind the scenes to take possession of the center of the stage as soon as the base ball players vacate.

The Hon. Roger C. Sullivan might be one of that kind of senators who "sit tight and do not rock the boat," though he would weight it down a good bit.

And now the war novelists are all getting busy. It would seem that no volume without a military flavor may expect to land among the "six best sellers."

Not the least of the enjoyable features of our annual Ak-Sar-Ben festivals is the presence and music of the small-town band, which holds its place as an institution in our national life. Long live the band!

Kansas will get there some way, by fair means or foul. The San Francisco Chronicle notes the names of H. Rider Haggard and Robert Louis Stevenson of Sabatha, Kan., on a hotel register of that city.

The Missouri river commission held a session in Omaha. Attending were Major Charles R. Suter, Major O. B. Ernest, Lieutenant Pisk and Major A. R. Mackenzie of the army, Major C. G. Broadhead of Pleasant Hill and Major Broach of Omaha.

Mrs. Carrie Southard was the fortunate winner of a sewing machine given by a local agency to the person guessing nearest to the number of tacks in a ten-inch wooden ball shown in its store window.

A social party at Falconer's hall last night was under the direction of a committee composed of E. H. Potter, P. P. Shelby and T. C. Smith. The affair was given in return for the last year reception which the women had tendered the men at the close of the last season.

A gold-headed cane inscribed "Mrs. E. Reeves, age eighty-five years, presented by the firemen of No. 1 Engine House," was delivered to that estimable old lady at the residence of Mr. Jones by a committee headed by Jerome C. Evans and James O'Brien in acknowledgment of favors received by the fire boys.

Officers of the Apollo Social club are being chosen. President, John B. Booth; vice president, George J. Sternsdorf; secretary, W. J. Ward; treasurer, A. B. Cook.

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In other words, the progress of the Germans in clearing their path of obstacles, which were counted insuperable, only exemplifies the comparative uselessness of fortresses and bastions to interpose more than a temporary check to their invasion.

Aside from its military aspect, the pitiful side of Antwerp's bombardment is to be seen in the loss of life and property sustained by its peaceful inhabitants, the destruction of their homes and the paralyzing of their industries.

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One prominent and fashionable hotel restaurant is said to have actually broken the ice with a bill of fare in plain English from which what was formerly ordered as "Canape Russe" is now served as "Caviar on toast," and what used to be "Filet Mignon, Stanley," answers to the call of "tenderloin steak with horseradish sauce," and so on down the list.

The crucial question is, however, whether people with plethoric pocketbooks, supporting a pretense to epicurean eating, will be willing to pay skyscraper prices for culinary concoctions without the imported label. To put it more plainly, will a "tenderloin steak with horseradish sauce" extort as much money as "Filet Mignon, Stanley," although identical in ingredients and composed by the same kitchen artist? Hope as we may for the successful expulsion of the menu card masqueraders, we must confess to a fear that they are too strongly entrenched to be easily routed.

Lawyers and Divorce. In Kansas City, they have a divorce proctor whose duty it is to investigate as many applications for divorce as possible. During the last term of circuit court 560 cases were filed, which is said to represent a heavy increase. So marked is this increase that, according to the Star, "the divorce cases are slightly more than 25 per cent of the total number of suits."

Nor is Kansas City unique in this respect, though it may lead in percentage of increase over some other cities. The distressing fact is that the increase in divorce is noticeable the country over and down at Kansas City it has been concluded, as it has elsewhere, that the ease with which a divorce may be obtained has a lot to do with it. First, it is "easy money" for lawyers who covet that line of practice. "The divorce end of the law has come to occupy almost the entire time of some law firms," again says the Star. "Cut away the divorce fees and their income would be almost nil."

Another collateral question, Does divorce generally lead to good results? Kansas City's divorce proctor, W. W. Wright, answers that decidedly in the negative, adding: "The relief hoped for is not found. The woman usually marries again. The second time it is for a home and seldom is the love part of it considered. Again, divorce becomes a habit. It is the frequent thing in a divorce case to learn that the husband has been married two or three times and the wife a similar number of times. The law which makes divorce easy is to blame."

Some day, perhaps, members of the bar will see this and exert an influence against it, for lawyers not only construe and administer laws in our country, but make the laws as well.

Power of the Catch Phrase. When we stop to think of it, we find that most of our modern movements for social and civic betterment revolve around a catch phrase. "Safe and Sane Fourth" is the life of the reform in celebrating our natal day. "Swat the Fly" has done wonders for improved sanitation. Over in Indiana they have an annual "Disease Prevention Day," when all join hands in a special effort to stamp out disease-breeding places, and here are some of the mottoes they flaunt to inspire the project:

The only good fly is a dead fly. Well-kept alleys pay better dividends than well-kept cemeteries. Public health is public wealth. Bat the rat and swat the fly. All the time is clean-up time. Dust, dirt, dampness, darkness and drink will always kill.

The campaign is said to be making wonderful headway. It might do well if taken up elsewhere in this organized manner.

But as far as the memory of man reaches back into the dimness of time, slogans, battle cries, mottoes and epigrams have played their part in most of the great movements for progress and improvement. It was so throughout the long period of the history of Israel and it has been so in the new dispensation ushered by "a voice crying in the wilderness, 'repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand.'" It was so in the crusades, in the beautiful story of the quest for the holy grail, in the reformation period when the Lutheran cry, "Deus vult, Deus vult," split the air of Europe like a rapier of lightning through a summer cloud. Every great army has been moved by the might of some material

MUFFLED KNOCKS.

It is easy to raise Cain. But you won't get much for the crop. A fat woman may have her faults, but she is generally a good sister. A life insurance company is about the only thing a man wouldn't like to beat legitimately.

A whole lot of premeditated onerousness is blamed on the philosophy once advanced by Old Man Plato. A woman may fall down on managing a business. But she is there with bells on when it comes to managing a business man.

A man never seems to connect the two. But the fellow who has a lot of bad habits is the fellow who has a lot of bad luck. The reason some men are unmarried is because they are waiting for a chance to grab a wealthy woman who is deaf and dumb.

It would far a man all over if he knew that the same stories he hears in his pet cafe his wife hears at her pet sewing club. We haven't any sympathy with the girl who remains single. She has only herself to blame. There's one born every minute, girls.

A girl's idea of a disaster is to have a nice young man call at the house when her hair is drying on the clothes line in the back yard. The old fashioned girl who prepared for matrimony by helping her mother with the cooking for five years now has a daughter who buys a can opener and stands pat.

There are a whole lot of men in the world just like the fighter who kicks about the referee's decision as soon as he wakes up out of the slumber caused by the knockout. The world is a big, deserted place when you are trying to borrow some money. But it is a small crowded spot when you are trying to dodge the fellows from whom you borrowed the coin.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

CONSTRUCTIVE RELIEF WORK. The prince of Wales evidently has some excellent ideas as to the character of the assistance the poor of his nation most need in consequence of war conditions. Speaking of the fund bearing his name, already amounting to \$15,000,000, he says: "I trust that the portion of the fund which will be applied to the relief of civil distress may, as far as possible, flow into productive channels, such as assisting schemes for male and female employment and perhaps industrial training, for it is important to us as it must be to the recipients, that assistance should be distributed only in the form of doles."

This strikes the keynote of rational philanthropy. Much worthy effort and money are often wasted simply from a misguided application. The sort of relief that counts most is always that which helps the recipient to help himself.

England, as well as other countries, of course, has its chronic helpless who require direct aid, but they are not included in the victims of misfortune for whom the prince of Wales fund is intended. War or peace, the real need of the armies of unfortunates, idle and jobless, is a fair chance to make a decent living on a basis of self-respecting independence. And this object, lesson may well be heeded by us on this side of the water as well, as by other warring nations.

THE ART OF BUYING. Every successful merchant will emphasize the importance of buying as a factor in his business. All large mercantile establishments, particularly the big stores, have their geniuses and artists in buying. Without the right kind of buying all the economy and science at the command of the merchant in disposing of his goods would not count for par in the year's business.

If commercial institutions pursued the indifferent, haphazard methods of buying that the average householder does, they would probably soon go broke. Yet with all our talk about high prices, we persist in "ordering" instead of "buying," as it has been expressed in New York, where through what is known as the mayor's committee a campaign of education on "How to buy" has been launched for the benefit of all the plain people. Circulars of information are distributed in the schools, and by the children carried into 1,000,000 homes. These circulars are said to contain valuable advice, which if followed will help bring down many a household's expense account. One lesson, of course, will hardly teach folks to adjust themselves to the really economical way of buying, but periodic hammering along this line will surely in time produce visible results.

GOOD AMERICANISM. "Am I my brother's keeper?" certainly is receiving an affirmative answer today by Americans with reference to the newcomers from foreign lands, especially those preparing for American citizenship. We are no longer content to allow these sturdy folk to grope their way through the dark and devious paths of experiment and experience to that goal unaided. Very wisely our people are alert to their own responsibilities in the matter and are exerting splendid efforts to make the best Americans of all those who come to cast their lot permanently among us. The mutual advantage, of course, is obvious.

In this connection it is gratifying to note the additional use to be made one night a week of our public library for the teaching of history and civics to prospective citizens. This, coming on top of such rudimentary instruction in the English language as is given through the Young Men's Christian association educational department and the public night schools, is the kind of philanthropy that appeals to practical and patriotic men and women. It is especially timely now to enlarge upon this work. When we stop to think of how many of our own native-born Americans are deficient in the knowledge of their own history and civil government, we will not become impatient at the foreign-born for requiring special instruction along these lines. It is good Americanism and deserves to prosper.

NO EXTORTION AT SAN FRANCISCO FAIR. Recalling our own Trans-Mississippi exposition, which taught anew that, in this respect, eternal vigilance is the price of safety, it is interesting to note the extra precautions that are being taken to prevent visitors to the California fair from being gouged and imposed upon by excess of greed. The authorities of both San Francisco and San Diego remember the complaints of other expositions against extortionate prices exacted for indifferent accommodations, and as a consequence they aim to forestall repetition by organizing the owners of hotels and apartment houses into a sort of clearing house for the proper handling and distribution of the expected influx of guests. The hope is that by this system exposition visitors will depart "with a sweet taste in their mouth instead of snarls on their lips."

Here's wishing success to the efforts of the California people to repress the birds of prey who might otherwise lie in wait for the unwary and inexperienced, for we know that their efforts can be successful if properly-directed preventive measures are devised and enforced fearlessly and without favor.

From the issue of another Omaha newspaper the day after Ak-Sar-Ben's big electrical parade we take the following headlines: "Police Handle the Crowds Without Any Difficulty. Pocket Picking Kept Down and Only One Robbery Reported During the Evening." The police force of Omaha must be serving the purpose tolerably well, after all.

The dismissal of Prof. Bernstein was a much more high-handed proceeding than the dismissal of Miss Stegner. The Bee protested and protests against both, but when it protested against the former act of mistreatment, those now loudest in their outcry were as dumb as oysters.

It becomes daily more evident that the issues of the war will have to be fought out in Europe, since they cannot be argued out—especially in peaceful, neutral America.

PEOPLE AND EVENTS.

A famine in glass eyes is promised abroad. Another industrial opportunity for Uncle Sam to look into. "Cheer up, fellows! Frost has not yet appeared on the pumpkins, but pumpkins pile in all its glory beckons mankind to fill up and be happy."

John D. Rockefeller's wild bird refuge in Louisiana covers 13,000 acres bought at a price less than \$1 an acre. Uncle John D. can pipe a real estate bargain as quickly as an owl.

That fat wad of certified checks and drafts which Birdman Beachey carries around on his person are imposing as a business asset, but not half as useful as a base ball cushion in breaking the force of a fall.

The fashion oracle of the corset rules that a red necktie is perfectly proper, even nifty, in October, as long as the temperature doesn't go below 60 degrees. Again the country is saved and the dove of peace blinks contentedly on its perch.

By a unanimous vote the national senate of Albania elected Essad Pasha governor-general of the newly created state. Essad had "an army of 16,000 men" near by who gave considerable eclat to the election. A reserve of armed voices is a mighty handy standby in an emergency.

Congressman Bartholdt of St. Louis supplements the south's "buy a bale" movement with a war cry: "Buy a barrel of beer." The latter plan he considers more patriotic because beer brings more war taxes than cotton, and is more effective in smothering the ribald notes of "How Dry I Am."

Italy is taking pains to notify prospective globe trotters that the sunny peninsula is at peace with all the world and ready to entertain all comers with the price. There is no section of Europe so delightfully insulating as Italy in wooing American coin from the native to the alien pocket.

There is some substance in the claim that New York City is experiencing a religious uplift. A contribution of \$300 has just been made to the conscience fund of the city, the first in two years.

New York does not look for an epidemic of regeneration and will raise the necessary revenue in the usual way. There is something more than a jolly in the assertion that postoffice employees like to read postcards. Postmaster Fay of San Francisco announces that "hereafter five demerits will be imposed where it is shown that a distributor is wasting time looking at the pictures or reading the correspondence on postcards." A bunch of demerits foreshadows a bounce.

A glass skyscraper, reared as a memorial to the late Colonel Gwynne, is one of the novel enterprises just completed in Cincinnati. It is said to be the only five-sixths glass and one-sixth metal and concrete. The glass is translucent, not transparent, and business may be carried on inside without attracting the gaze of prying eyes on the outside.

Some men are so constituted that they would do anything for money, except work for it. In the matter of making mistakes most of us are willing to concede the superior industry of our friends.

It sometimes happens that even the man who always knows what to do can't find any one to do it for him. Self-conceit is a good asset. A man can't hope to be popular with his friends unless he is popular with himself.

Even the study of physiognomy won't always help us in sizing up a man who can be crooked with a perfectly straight face. Lay something by for a rainy day, and just as soon as the clouds begin to gather some fellow will come along and borrow it.—New York Times.

ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN. Margaret Pike of Canton, O., escaped alive when lightning melted a gold chain which she wore around her neck. Miss M. L. Jobe of New York, a teacher in Normal college, declares she discovered a mountain peak 150 miles northwest of Mount Robson, British Columbia. A Russian woman is leading an expedition, which has started to cross Arabia at its widest part and which will try to penetrate land never before explored.

The first woman lawyer in Australia is Miss Anna Brennan, who recently tried her first case, wearing a white dress, over which was a black robe of the professional barrister. Miss Edythe Havermeier, who inherited a fortune of something like \$7,000,000 from her father, is said to have set up her own bachelor girl establishment in London, having obtained the privilege of doing so when she had attained the age of 22.

Miss Catherine Finegan, a factory worker of Chicago, has gone on the stump for suffrage. She has been busy at Kansas City and it is expected that she will do some work for the cause in other parts of the state, stopping off at St. Louis for a few days.

Mrs. Russell Sage started on her eighty-seventh year last week and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller began her seventy-sixth year. Mrs. Sage is said to be the more robust of the two. Mrs. Rockefeller not having been very strong for some time. Both women have a long life of well doing to look back upon.

MINNESOTA NOW PRODUCES A SUPERIOR QUALITY OF SORGHUM. The 6,980,471 long tons of iron ore mined in the United States last year was the greatest production on record according to recently compiled government statistics. Vessels lined with metal that will conduct electric currents have been patented by a Pennsylvania to heat liquids as they are being poured from one to another.

In an Indianapolis carburetor factory a big refrigerator in which automobiles engines are run is used to duplicate the conditions confronted in zero weather. In the opinion of a French scientist the swinging motion that often breaks electric transmission lines is due as much to terrestrial magnetism as it is to wind.

A Cleveland woodworker has mounted a work bench on wheels and tows it behind his automobile, using the power of the latter to drive a hand saw and other tools. Parchment manuscripts nearly 800 years old, from which the ink has faded from view, have been read by a Berlin scientist who photographed them with ultraviolet rays.

There are no native industries in the Belgian Congo. In every community there is the village blacksmith, who can fashion knives and spears of a certain quality, and there are also village experts (always women) in weaving, pottery and kindred occupations.

SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT.

New York Times: According to Dr. Hadley of Yale, prayer is apt to be only the indulgence of the luxury of expressing one's emotions in public. While this may be true, the doctor will probably admit that in self-governing countries where a majority of the people take that method of proclaiming their emotions, prayers are likely to be rather powerful in the course of time.

Boston Transcript: The record of church attendance Sunday was a demonstration that our people in no part of the country were beyond the pale of a moral and spiritual awakening. There are special occasions in the year when the churches are full. There are many who attend at Easter and at Christmas who rarely attend at any other time. They are prompted by the spirit of the season. They enjoy the music and the flowers. But Sunday there were none of these attractions beyond the ordinary. Moreover, there were contributions in prospect, which as a rule are not a drawing feature. But never within the memory of the present generation has there been a greater outpouring among all classes and all faiths in their respective sanctuaries than that which answered the call of the president to make the day one of prayer for peace and righteousness in the world.

Brooklyn Eagle: Religion did not prevent this war, because the conquest of sin is not a slight-of-hand performance of a miracle, but a daily and hourly battle in the soul of man. It is not yet won, but it is in the winning, and one proof of the coming conquest is that now, for almost the first time, the eyes of our country are opened to the truth that war is not merely an evil, but a preventable evil, and one which it is the duty of the nation and the individual not to glorify, but to deplore. The churches which have been potential in bringing in that higher vision, have no call to raise their heads in shame because rulers far removed from their influence have plunged helpless lands in blood. Shame it is, but it is not their shame, nor the shame of that particular vineyard whereof they have been made stewards.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES. Angry Householder—Why don't you stop the fire is all out. Captain Village Hose Company—I broke it; but there's three winders not broke yet.—Boston Transcript.

"She sings with a good deal of expression, doesn't she?" "Yes, she does; but it's the kind of expression you must close your eyes to appreciate."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Why does Wombat speak so frequently about his wife?" He praises her in the most extravagant terms. She makes a nice woman, but why drag her into the conversation all the time?" "It's a little thing in her case she has a daguergraph stuck around."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"Are you kind and generous toward your neighbors?" asked the uplifter. "I should say I am," replied Mr. Crosslots. "I let 'em listen to my phonograph every evening and never charge 'em a cent."—Washington Star.

"I went to dine at Amanda's the other day, and she gave me the cold shoulder." "You must have felt badly." "Not at all. She had made it into such delicious salad."—Baltimore American.

Annie—Do you like his dancing? Fannie—Yes; but I wish he wouldn't tread on my toes so often. Annie—What size shoe do you wear?—Judge.

Ragged Rogers—I haven't had a bite for nearly a week, mum. Have patience a few weeks longer and you'll get frost-bitten.—Boston Transcript.

"A woman's devotion is a wonderful thing," said the sentimentalist. "No doubt of it," replied Mr. Meekton. "Where Henrietta places her affections her admiration is unquestioning. The only reason she objects to muzzling our bulldog is that she thinks the muzzle will spoil his facial expression."—Washington Star.

NEW "STAR-SPANGLED BANNER" Francis Scott Key, III, O. say, can you see by the dawn's early light. What so proudly we hauled as the twilight's last gleaming.

Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight. O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming!

And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there, O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Kate Devereux Blake, 1914, O. say, can you see, you who glorify in war. All the wounded and dead of the red battle, how many?

Can you listen unmoved to the agonized screams. Hear the children who starve, and the pale widows weeping? Henceforth let us swear. Bomb shells can burst in air. Nor war's desolation wreck all that is fair. But the star-spangled banner by workers unfurled. Shall give hope to the nations and peace to the world.

Philadelphia uses a testing plant, carried on an automobile, to ascertain whether its various forms of street lights are maintained at the contract standard. Of the seventy-two persons killed by vehicles in Greater New York in September, forty-five were children, thirty-five of them killed by automobiles, eight by wagons and two by trolley cars.

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