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In making your New Year's resolutions, begin with the old ones as usual.

In the autumn the leaves begin to fall, but in New Year's they begin to turn.

Harry Thaw doubtless thinks less of the United States supreme court than of any other he has ever met.

Here is a man exposed as so utterly vulgar in his prodigality as to give a friend a ton of coal for Christmas.

Whatever happens, the war cannot squeeze Brand Whitlock out of his job as American minister to Belgium.

Well, winter brings this joy to the hen-pecked husband, that he does not have to empty the water pan under the ice box.

If any one doubts that peace and good will abound, just let him look over the line-up of Nebraska democrats at the pie counter.

And now comes the report that Mr. Bryan does not even take grape juice. What is to be done with a man who never feels thirsty?

Armaments, the vaccination against war.—Boston Transcript.

Do not always prevent an outbreak of the malady.

Trust the movie men are not neglecting opportunities in Mexico, where the battling armies are so willing to accommodate—all camera requirements.

That eight and a half-foot ballot used in Omaha at the last election is still in demand as a horrible example—object lesson of what the long ballot leads to. What about it?

"Those Virginia saloonkeepers," says an exchange, "are in the business still." Yes, and when the new dry law takes effect some of them will be tempted to go into the still business.

Buenos Aires is the present address of "Li'l Aytiah" Johnson, and that is about as close as he cares to come to his dear old Galveston fireside, or even the hospitable port of Chicago.

The return of China under President Yuan Shi Kai to the official religion of the pagan dynasty suggests quite a lot yet to be done in completing the regeneration of this oldest of monarchies.

"When the great war in Europe is over it will be found that the sum total killed on the field of battle for all nations will average less than 1,500 a day," says Congressman Hobson, who evidently has an advance tip from the inside.

Talk about election corruption in Indiana must be different from talk about election corruption in Omaha. Here when the bluff is called, the accused simply "fades" while in Indiana a grand jury brings in real indictments.

And now Cincinnati ministers are petitioning for Rev. "Billy" Sunday to invade the unholy precincts of that city with his evangelizing forces. Well, remembering what Mr. Sunday did in Pittsburgh, who will say that Cincinnati is too tough for him to tackle?

Some reprehensible malingerer of character has taken a straw vote among his circle of friends on presidential preferences showing Mr. Justice Hughes leading the republican list of seven with 1,584 votes and Colonel Theodore Roosevelt bringing up the rear with an even eleven.

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The Japan Episode.

Rejection of the measure for military increases by the Japanese Diet, which was, therefore, dissolved by the emperor, serves to emphasize the existence of a peace party, even in Japan. More than that, it goes to show that this peace party, whether numerically in the majority or not, has both the courage and the power to oppose the government and the pro-military party in plans for greater war equipment.

Some of our American jingoos ought to find a morsel of consolation, if not rebuke, in this demonstration. The impression sought to be spread abroad is that Japan is so thoroughly saturated with pro-militarism that almost any war-defying program would sweep along without substantial opposition.

What is the big significance in this evident rising tide of peace sentiment everywhere? Is it not at least stimulated by the European war? Paradoxically, this most terrible war of all history is, we believe, already exercising a powerful influence for world peace, and when it is over and the nations enter upon the long and arduous task of recuperation, this influence will undoubtedly spread and deepen until it has become dominant among civilized countries.

Thoughtful men, whether residing in the accident or in the orient, are not long to be deceived by what it means to wage war in this day, seeing that, according to expert estimates based on present progress, it costs more to keep up the European war one year than it cost to fight all other wars for the last half century. But the money cost is not the worst of it. Passing over the direct human slaughter and the mortgages plastered on future generations, modern war means irreparable destruction of the fruits of genius and invention, the heritage of human greatness, together with the devastation or paralysis of sources of wealth supply.

He misses the most impressive fact of current history who does not perceive the inevitable progress of the principle of peace as a direct effect of this present titanic slaughter, which the crown prince of Germany pronounces the most senseless and stupid war of all history.

The unemployment problem.

"In the sweat of thy face shalt thou earn thy bread," was an original command given to man and from that day to this it has been not only man's duty, but primal right to labor and live.

And 6,000 years after the command is given approximately 2,000,000 men and women willing to earn their bread by the sweat of their face vainly seek employment in the land more nearly than any other "flowing with milk and honey."

This problem of unemployment cannot be dismissed by simply charging it up to "the war," because it was here before the war. A more rational sense of appreciation of our own resources, needs and possibilities and a saner business confidence would more than neutralize all the effects of the war. When it comes to that, the war has for one thing practically closed the channels of immigration and for another turned over to our merchants and manufacturers enormous demands for certain lines of products.

Charles M. Schwab, fresh from Europe, says one of the things that encourages him at present is that orders for \$300,000,000 of American goods have come or are coming from Europe.

At last the people are in a measure awakening to the enormity of the unemployment problem, as they awoke to the grievousness of the problem of the high cost of living, which thus far, however, has not been greatly disturbed by their awaking. In attacking the unemployment problem, though, it is going to require the best possible co-operation of the biggest brains of the country, for the problem is a general one. Nothing may be expected from purely local or sporadic effort.

Among the many suggested plans for improvement is an "industrial reserve," such as our banking reserve, to be drawn on when business is slack and the demand for labor low. This suggestion comes from the Saturday Evening Post, which proposes as complementary the reservation of as much public work as possible for the slack periods. But before getting down to details, this much is apparent to all, that nowhere near 2,000,000 men and women should be idle in this land of inexhaustible resources and possibilities—this land of promise and opportunity, this Elysian field of Homeric imagination at this or any other time.

The Thaw Case.

In returning Thaw to New York without even going into the subtle issues of the lawyers, the United States supreme court encourages the claim of another state's rights victory, but that is incidental to the main feature of the decision. The brusque disposition of this case, on which lawyers have fed for years, challenges admiration and strengthens the feeling that in our highest court men with or without money stand squarely on their merits; that while a Harry Thaw case may dangle in the air indefinitely, it amounts to no more here than an appeal from the most ineffectual wretch in the land.

And the short shrift which the supreme court made of Thaw's case only goes to confirm many in the belief that there was nothing to this present aspect of the case beyond what has been injected into it by a band of money-grabbing lawyers. Whether Thaw is sane or insane, or subject to prosecution on the charge of conspiring to free himself from an asylum for the criminal insane, or where to draw the line between legal responsibility and irresponsibility in such a case, the court does not take time to say, except in effect by authorizing the state of New York to put Thaw back at Matteawan, where, in behalf of public morals, he ought to remain for a while at least.

But as the court wipes its hands of the case without determining any of the cuneiform questions the lawyers have raised, nothing prevents most of these from being raised again and the case dragged on just as far as the Thaw fortune will make it profitable to carry it.

"No seer, clairvoyant, astrologer or spiritualist foretold this war," exclaims the esteemed New York Commercial, evidently forgetting the forecast of that Brooklyn mountebank, who also put us "hep" to the fact that the world was coming to a last final end in October, 1914.

Can the Government and Railroads Co-operate? Headlines.

Why, sure. The day is coming, we are told, when even the lion and the lamb shall lie down together, without either first swallowing the other.

North Pays the Freight

Discrimination in War Taxes.

During the debate in congress on the war tax bill last October, opponents of the measure charged administration leaders with purposely shifting an unjust share of the taxes on the industries of the northern states. The Washington correspondent of the Boston Transcript presents some impressive figures in support of the charge of sectional discrimination, including the income tax in his compilation. He writes, in part:

" Voters who for one reason or another determined that the welfare of their states would be served by electing a democrat president two years ago may well be cheerful if they live in the south and may well do a little sober thinking if they are northern men—provided, of course, that they pay taxes cheerfully and willingly. Aside from the customs tariff, the internal revenue taxes on liquor and tobacco and the so-called war revenue tax, the United States government has three important sources of income. One is the corporation excise tax, another a tax on the income of corporations and the third a tax on individual incomes. Throughout the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914, these three sources yielded revenue as follows:

Corporation excise tax \$10,671,077
Income tax 22,456,928
Individual income tax 28,233,514
Total \$61,361,519

Contributions of States. "How the bulk of the money has been contributed is strikingly shown in the following tables; and a significant fact in this connection is that the states which have been most heavily taxed have repaid their adventures of two years ago and gone republican. Following are the excise and income tax receipts from the eleven states which in the elections of 1914 decided that they preferred republican to democratic representation in Washington or in their state capitals or both:

Table with 3 columns: State, Corporation Excise, Individual Income. Rows include Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, and Totals.

Where the Income Tax Fell. "When we come to figure the proportion of the new taxes this group of great industrial states has been compelled to pay in comparison with the other states of the union, the results are startling. They may be shown at a glance in the following compact fashion:

Table with 3 columns: State, Corporation Excise, Individual Income. Rows include Michigan, Indiana, and Other republican states, with Totals.

Easy on the South. "What it may be proper to ask, has been the showing of the states represented by the democratic leaders in congress who have assessed these taxes upon the industrial community? What proportion of the burden has been borne by the section which has used its political power to escape taxation itself and put the burden upon others?"

The answer is at hand. Taking the states of Senator Simmons, chairman of the committee on finance; Representative Underwood, chairman of ways and means; and Carter Glass, chairman of the house banking committee, we find as follows for the totals of North Carolina, Alabama, Oklahoma and Virginia:

Table with 3 columns: Corporation Excise, Income Tax, Individual Income. Rows include North Carolina, Alabama, Oklahoma, and Virginia, with Totals.

People and Events. Out at Seattle the "I Won't Work" workers justify the name. They are demanding food, but refuse to work for it.

Despite the clashing of armies and the thunder-tones of big guns, Monte Carlo maintains its customary repose. Now, as heretofore, the voice of the croupier drowns the sob of the trimmed. The bank remains unbroken.

The very latest link in cabaret performances in New York is "My Lady Smoking a Cigarette While Doing the Tango Trot." It is a Broadway convolution, and any man in an open coat suit, dancing pumps and some coin, may view the spectacle.

A snug steamer load of 1,800 passengers bound out from New York were halted long enough to contribute \$5,535 to Uncle Sam's treasury. It's a rare day when outbound travelers get away from your Uncle's war tax on steamer tickets.

Uncle John Laws of Hillsboro, N. C., kept out of reach of the man with the scepter until he was 82. That was not his sole claim to fame. He held the office of registrar of deeds of his county for sixty-four years, and leaves a son only 7 years old.

The Chicago Federation of Labor puts up to union men the necessity of patronizing union-made funeral goods. A union man who permits himself to be buried in a non-union coffin and by a non-union gravedigger will be marked off the rolls as a sure dead one.

The Bee's Letter Box

The Street-Regging Business. PENDER, Neb., Dec. 27.—To the Editor of The Bee: Don't you know that the way (Zeb and I) that it's a shame the way those great big stout looking "bums" bother strangers that go to your city. My son and I go to the city once in a while to take in the sights and walking from Farnam street south on Sixteenth we have had as high as five different tough looking fellows follow along and beg for money. They are professionals at the business, and know the strangers and it is very unpleasant to have them walk along beside you. I am not uncharitable and always do more than my part when anyone is in need. I guess some of these fellows are that, but it's a bad thing to allow it in a city like Omaha. We go to other cities and don't see it, and I feel sure you have laws there that prohibit such things. We are not alone with this complaint for I have heard lots of my friends speak of it. I hear it talked of on the trains and feel sure that anyone can see these facts if they look for them. Thanking you if you publish this. S. Z. LANDON.

Old Glory as Peace Maker. OMAHA, Neb., Christmas Day, 1914.—To the Editor of The Bee: On this birthday anniversary of the Prince of Peace, so hallowed with memories, the following suggestion seems appropriate:

Let our government furnish an American flag to each of the European nations now at war. Then, when the stars and stripes are carried to the front by each army, the war would come to an end, as none of the forces would care to fire upon the emblem of our country, which has so generously come to the aid of the nations now suffering so much from the hell-broth which is inundating Europe. And surely Old Glory could not be put to a more sublime purpose.

Would Help All Alike. COLUMBUS, Neb., Dec. 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have seen in your paper from a member of your Belgian relief committee from Upland, Neb., that he says "let everybody help." That means that everybody help to keep the Belgians alive. Why does he only want the Belgians helped? If he is one of the relief committee, he certainly must know that there are more Polish starving and freezing than Belgians.

Neutrality and Sympathy. LOVELAND, Colo., Dec. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: "The Bee's Letter Box" is a source of much information and clearing-house of ideas and notions of the different people. The European war is naturally a never-ending topic and your readers are given the opportunity of viewing it from all angles. Many of the articles would have appeared in a modified form, had the writers kept in mind the old ad saying, "Think before you speak."

For the deliverance of these people Mr. J. F. Weybright of Scott's Bluff, Neb., in a recent issue, offers a simple solution. He says: "In the name of humanity, let all who are able to give contribute freely to the relief of this unfortunate nation, and in addition congress should appropriate at least \$100,000,000 for their relief, and when the proper time comes compel Germany to reimburse us."

We all know that your Uncle Sam is rich, and, as humor strikes him, extravagant or penurious to a fault. Whether he would advance above named sum without first investigating the legal aspect of the transaction, also figure the probable cost of collection of principal and interest, remains to be seen. It would help some if Mr. Weybright could produce two or more reputable witnesses who could substantiate his allegation in other parts of his letter that "the present outrageous slaughter in Europe is of the latter's own making and his ambition to be emperor of Europe and build a German empire that shall rule the world."

However, should our dear old uncle put his hand deep enough in his pocket there would be a precedent—we could advance and then assess the other belligerents to an equal or even larger amount, distribute the proceeds among all of the suffering and needy and thus, with one stroke of the pen, create a millennium of peace and plenty. ADOLPH DONATH.

Tabloids of Science. To keep the base lines of ball grounds dry when it rains a Pennsylvania man has patented a canvas cover, easily rolled for removal.

In a British arsenal there has been installed a scale that will weigh guns up to 100 tons with a possible error of less than seven pounds.

For riding on water there has been invented a tricycle with hollow, watertight wheels, the rear pair being provided with blades for propulsion.

A recently patented stairway for reaching seldom used portions of buildings folds into a ceiling and is hidden by a panel when not in use.

Riveting a spring to the side of a nail set a Massachusetts man has invented a tool which will hold a nail in a place difficult to reach until the point has been driven.

Editorial Viewpoint

St. Louis Republic: If feeling blue consider the fact that exports are increasing, money rates going down and bank surpluses rising.

Baltimore American: As a first result of pulling chestnuts out of the fire, Turkey has lost its right in Egypt. But handling hot chestnuts always has proved a losing proposition.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Mr. Bryan doubtless could give other reasons than the one assigned for dispensing with the New Year's diplomatic dinner. He does not wish to begin the new year with a fight.

New York World: The plight of the Austrian army after its defeat by the Serbians from all reports was thoroughly desperate. There was no "reorganization of lines" or "strategic withdrawal," but a complete rout of the shattered army.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Let us be kickers. Join the chorus of the dissatisfied. Tell the mayor and his associates, the governor and his associates, even the president and his department chiefs, how you think they ought to conduct their offices. That's democracy, that's progress. The trouble with most of us is that we do not kick enough.

Springfield Republican: Preparedness is a matter for military and naval experts to judge, and its principles are the same whether a military establishment is large or small. How large that establishment should be is an entirely different matter, and there the military expert must defer to the statesman. If the country means to wage a war it is not prepared unless it is stronger than the country to be attacked; if it desires peace its forces can safely be reduced in proportion to the likelihood of an unprovoked aggression, and that is a matter upon which the military expert is subordinate to the civilian. As Clausewitz long ago put it, a nation should have "the armament of its policy," and to effect this correlation is the important but subordinate task of the military expert. To discuss preparedness in the abstract is to waste words; there is no such thing.

GRINS AND GROANS.

"Yes, for the last two months I've been positively living within my income." "Don't you feel rather cramped?" "Cramped? Say, lend me \$30, will you? I want to stretch myself."—Boston Transcript.

The Human Ostrich, devourer of hardware, glassware and scrapie, lay dying. "I shouldn't have eaten candy from the Christmas tree," he wailed. But he found consolation in the thought that he had not attended the Diet of Worms.—Philadelphia Ledger.

"You wife needs rides in the open air." "All right, doc, I'll drop word among the real estate agents that I might look at property in the suburbs."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Pa, why does a woman give up her job in an office as soon as she gets a husband?" "She can't very well help in both places, can she?"—Buffalo Express.

THE ETERNAL MASCULINE.

Philander Johnson, in Washington Star. The trait called vanity is not considered masculine. Yet did you ever watch a barber's chair? And see how every occupant is trying to look fine? And showing much concern about his hair? Into the mirror each will cast a half-approving glance. Which presently is tinged with mild regret. No man is quite so honestly that he thinks there is no chance for him.

And, somehow, he will be good-looking yet. No doubt, if one of them attained the beauty and the grace which in the tailor's advertising grow. He'd go and get a shotgun, look it squarely in the face. And deftly pull the trigger with his toe. Yet the fascination lingers and he hopes will make him look more like a social pet. He thinks the touch of time will liven up his winsome smile. And, somehow, he will be good-looking yet.

His legs may be quite crooked and too lengthy in the shank. His face look something like an old valve. His waistline may be very like a barrel or a tank. And his hair may be a hectic bunch of weeds. But, just the same, he holds his nerve. And buys a jaunty hat. And takes a cane and smokes a cigarette. And whether he keeps getting far too thin or fat, he'll be good-looking yet.

GULF COAST. June temperature all winter. PASS CHRISTIAN, BILOXI, GULFPORT, OCEAN SPRINGS, BAY ST. LOUIS, PENSACOLA, NEW ORLEANS, MOBILE. No better or more interesting locality can be found in which to spend a winter vacation. There are many good hotels where accommodations can be found to meet all requirements, rates are reasonable, fishing, boating, bathing, shooting and fishing. Magnificent shellfish. Throughout the winter flowers bloom in the temperature of June. Low round trip fares. Unexcelled train service from St. Louis via Louisville & Nashville Railroad. GEO. E. HERRING, D. P. A. 312 N. 8th St. ST. LOUIS, MO.

Next We Will Give The Twins. Now listen to this, girls. When we opened the doll box to get one for this week, what should greet us but a pair of twins. Think of it—we were quite puzzled to know what to do at first, because one is enough for any little Busy Bee to care for, but we soon decided upon a plan—The Twins are to go in the country to some little girl living on a farm, where there's plenty of nice fresh milk every day, and lots of room to romp and play when they are big enough to run about. All the dollies so far have been won by the girls in the cities, and now I am sure you will all be glad to help some little girl on a farm win the Twins. No one else can get them. The Twins will be given free to the little girl under 12 years of age, that brings or mails us the largest number of doll's pictures cut out of the Daily and Sunday Bee before 4 p. m. Saturday, January 2. The Twins pictures will be in The Bee every day this week. Cut them out and ask your friends to save the pictures in their paper for you too. See how many pictures of The Twins you can get, and be sure to turn them in to The Bee office before 4 p. m. Saturday, Jan. 2. You Can See the Twins at The Bee Office. Last week's sled was won by Chas. M. West, 43d and D Sts., South Omaha, with 1,118 pictures. Chas. Fisher, 4518 Marcy, was second, with 446 pictures. Third Sled FREE This Week. The picture of the Sled will be in The Bee every day this week. Cut them all out and ask your friends to save the pictures in their paper for you, too. See how many pictures you can get and bring them in to The Bee office. The Sled will be given free to the boy that sends us the most pictures before 4 P. M. Saturday, January 2.