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A neutral nation is bound to be criticised by all the belligerents. That's inevitable. At that, there is no more excuse for anti-German riots in London than for anti-British riots in Berlin.

Those who fear for the nation's honor in the present crisis should survey President Wilson's lower jaw and cheer up. The international court peace plan at the start involves an infringement of Colonel Roosevelt's justly celebrated device.

Observe that we always hear of these predictions that come true, but never of the predictions that fail to materialize.

Unless San Francisco can enjoin the slides of Cuba, the prospect of annexing the fleet to the show next summer goes glimmering.

If the Lincoln Highway is to be the route for the cross-continent airship race, the landing places, as well as the roadbed, may need attention.

"Birds of a feather flock together." The knockers on Omaha always find mutual comfort in one another's company, and when one starts, the chorus follows.

Another advantage held out by Nebraska is that a man dying here without heirs may have heirs promptly manufactured for him if only the fortune be big enough.

So long as President Wilson has the last word in foreign affairs the country will bear with equanimity the baking powder explosion of Senator Gurnes Bill Stone.

Even if the city hall pie factory worked double shifts, it could not supply the demand. As an appetizing confection municipal pie commands higher favor than the article mother used to bake.

The disclosure of crooked election methods in the election commissioner's office in Kansas City, Kan., illustrates how easily the best designed laws respond to the touch of dishonest administrators.

The dangerous situation in which bearers of German names find themselves in maddened England emphasizes the folly of lighting the fires of racial hate without providing fire escapes for innocent victims.

On the first of April the cold storage warehouses of New Jersey held 16,233,115 pounds of meat, or 60 per cent more than a year ago, and seven times the quantity in storage two years ago.

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An International Court of Justice. The court convention at Cleveland has tentatively put forth a suggestion that deserves serious consideration. It is for an international court of justice, to which may be brought cases that are now handled through other channels, and which only too frequently lead to serious friction between nations.

Judge Alton B. Parker's criticism of the United States senate for having blocked the way to the consummation of the Taft treaties is well put. Partisan or personal selfishness engendered opposition to President Taft's plans and brought his efforts to naught.

The weakness of an international court of justice will lie in the difficulty of enforcing its decrees. However, the strong likelihood that after the present war more attention will be paid to treaties between nations supports the hope that harmony will be more easily established and preserved.

One Disadvantage Apparent. One complication that is likely to arise from interruption of friendly intercourse with Germany is the possible disqualification of the United States to act as mediator when the time for readjustment of international relations on a peace basis arrives.

If the United States should be disqualified, the situation might bring to the fore one of the South American republics, for the neutral European nations will suffer for the same reason that we do.

Bring Back the Backstamping. Here is a demand voiced by former Congressman Murdock, again on the job with the Witchita Eagle, which we want to endorse and emphasize.

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Letting Off Steam. Every once in a while the pressure in the boiler of the big locomotive becomes so strong that the engineer finds it wise to let off steam. That is the condition produced in this country by the Lusitania incident, followed as it has been by over-heated outbursts of excited people denouncing the torpedoing of the vessel as an outrage or defending it as a legitimate measure of warfare.

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Is Nebraska Slowing Up?

Frederick M. Davenport in The Outlook. I AM not at all sure that the distinction would hold, but if slowing up in the pace of progress is more or less of a voluntary act, and slowing down indicates fatigue, that is the precise distinction I wish to make between conditions in Nebraska and circumstances in Kansas.

There is nothing clearer in the development of Nebraska than the growth of political moderation, than the lessening of mere radicalism.

In Nebraska it was a revolution. Great open-air meetings from one end of the state to the other had farewell to ancient political ties, to the music of the homely song of "Good By, Old Party, Good By."

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The advance of the people of Nebraska is steeper than it was, but easier and continuous. Owing to the long-standing feud between Bryan and Hitchcock, between radical and reactionary republicans, it is pretty difficult for mediocre ability to enter into elected public leadership for state officers.

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Defense of Gerhard. ENROUTE, May 12.-To the Editor of The Bee: Permit me to criticize severely your headline artist who took joy upon himself to write the caption for Dr. Gerhard's letter, "From a German Who Glories in It."

It was stated, actuated by a "sense of Christian duty," that Christian Science taught, "If you want to get rid of your sins, just forget them."

Your Platanus contributor attacks George Weisenfeld's letter with the brilliant conclusion that the writer must be a German and therefore not possessed of good sense.

The destruction of the Lusitania was an act horrible enough to shame every fair minded individual. It is an act that will undoubtedly set all nations to thinking seriously of the right and wrong of war.

There are few people in the United States that really know why this European war started, and still less who can reason how it can be stopped and settled for.

To Put a Preacher Right. OMAHA, May 12.-To the Editor of The Bee: A sermon recently preached in Omaha in opposition to Christian Science assumed such a bias as to call for a few words of comment.

It would seem that we might all agree upon certain axioms, propositions or statements that one should not make solemn and reiterated statements that the textbook of Christian Science is such a mass of jumbled confusion that no one can understand it, and then proceed for over two hours to expound its fundamental teachings and denounce them.

That Christian Science teaches that God is Love, that God is Spirit, Life, Truth is indeed true. The mystery lies in the fact that a minister of the Gospel, of an orthodox church in an unusually intelligent community should find fault with the proposition.

Moreover, it is quite true that Christian Science draws a very sharp line of demarcation between the real man, made in the image and likeness of God, and the carnal or mortal man. In common however, with the other teachings of Christian Science there is no originality in this.

The carnal mind is inimic against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither, indeed, can be. So, then,

they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the spirit of God dwell in you."

After you have gotten the victory over sin, do you still wish to keep it on hand like an Egyptian mummy?

It must be highly gratifying to an audience of thinking people to be adjured to investigate Christian Science for themselves, as they were billy fitted to do it, and anyway it was lots of trouble.

Surely there is no "commercialism" in going to the public library and getting a copy of "Science and Health" and finding out what Mrs. Eddy really does say about the Book of Genesis, about prayer, about the healing as taught by Jesus, and if they do this the words of the Fatalist will again be verified.

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