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Thought for the Day Selected by Alta Peacock. I am part of all that, I have met, Yet all experience is an arch where through Gleams that untraveled world, whose margin fades Forever and forever when I move. —Alfred Tennyson.

From now until after Thanksgiving the foot ball boys will do most of the corner brightening.

If the culprit's guilt is established, there is no punishment prescribed by law too severe for him.

Time must elapse before the country can size up the democratic party's preparedness for a split.

With the close of the navigation season approaching, another waterways campaign will soon be due.

The trouble with that big "wet" parade in Chicago is that Mayor Thompson shut down the Sunday lid without letting them march first.

Considering what our democratic governor and democratic state treasurer were going to do to one another, neither of them is moving very fast.

Besides the regular street lights, those beautiful new ornamental lamps on the court house square are strikingly conspicuous by the difference.

Three years is a long wait between accession and coronation, but Emperor Yoshihito will forgive the arrangement committee if the crown is put on straight.

So numerous and widely diffused were the knockers of the New York constitution that a search for causes affords as much useless exercise as chasing the guy who struck Billy Patterson.

President Wilson advocates preparedness to defend himself. The German notion of preparedness is to be ready to strike first and to "beat the enemy to it." The president will have to be more specific.

Of course none of the other big and strong roads had anything to do with the Missouri Pacific attack on the 2-cent fare law. But as spectators they cannot conceal their exuberant interest in the outcome.

Mr. Taft emphasizes his withdrawal from political activities by advocating the revival of spanking as a corrective of youth. Political preferment is hopelessly handicapped with impressions built that way.

One of the claims made for the "Billy" Sunday campaign here was that it would open the purse strings of converts and church members wider for all sorts of religious, charitable and philanthropic enterprises. How about it?

An unidentified statistical sharp estimates that within two years the people of this country invested \$700,000,000 in projects so unprofitable that all the money was lost. It is quite evident that munition factories have considerable competition for easy money.

Thirtieth Years Ago This Day in Omaha

Fourteenth street property owners protested against the closing of the street by the railroad track at a meeting at which the following committee was appointed to act on the city council: Richard Kitchin, B. F. Smith, Edward Alincow, M. Hillman, William Mack, V. Burley, F. W. Boucni and A. Frank.

Bartley Campbell's great play, "The White Slave," was put on at the Regal.

Frank Bandle disposed of his opera house cigar store to A. J. Webb, and expects to go to Chicago to spend the winter with his folks, returning in the spring.

Miss Julia Carter of Ottumwa, Ia., is visiting her brother, Dr. Carter.

George S. Robbins, for twenty-five years an employe of the Burlington, has left for Los Angeles, where he will make his future home.

Miss Lillie Koeh, who has been visiting Miss Lucy Drexel, has returned to St. Joseph.

The Board of Trade at its regular monthly meeting discussed the advisability of having the office of city building inspector created.

The New Note to Great Britain.

The new note to Great Britain is voluminous, comprehensive and plain-spoken, yet merely restates and makes more emphatic the position which our government has taken from the outset with reference to violations of the rights of neutrals on the seas. We insist that previous to this war neutrals had secured the embodiment of certain principles in the accepted international law, all in the direction of freedom of navigation, and we protest against the curtailment or impairment of these rights under any pretext whatever. We do not propose to have either Great Britain or Germany set up that we have acquiesced in their self-made rules of blockade, war zone or warlike submarine operations.

So far as scoring immediate results out of the present note goes, we have grave doubts. The protest is hardly an ultimatum, and an ultimatum would be no more effective unless we were ready to enforce our demands. It will, however, enable the United States to renew the propositions when the international code comes to be reformulated, and also to prosecute claims for damages which may have been sustained by American citizens. The note is not to be taken as the final step in the correspondence, for it is to be presumed Great Britain will digest it liberally and form its answer with like deliberation, as befits the ways of diplomacy. The Britishers, however, may as well accept it as certain that the United States, as the principal neutral nation, will not yield a position which our people unanimously believe is right.

Circumstances Alter Cases. The humor of the "stuck elevator" which kept the president of the Nebraska State Teachers' association from attending the big public meeting at the Auditorium last week was generally caught, but not the moral of the incident. It is said that in announcing the meeting the distinguished educator had himself admonished the teachers that, if they could not be present punctually at the appointed hour, they should stay away from the session. And then by the irony of fate the most noticeable case of tardiness was brought home to his own door.

All of which only emphasizes the time-proved fact that circumstances alter cases. Teachers can lay down rules galore for pupils to follow, but emergencies are bound to arise when the rules do not apply. The object of all education is not to lay down inevitable commandments, but to teach people to think and to conform their actions to the exigency of the moment.

Coronation of Emperor of Japan.

The ceremonies incident to the coronation of the emperor of Japan, which commenced Sunday and will continue for a couple of weeks, are in strange contrast to conditions prevailing in the other nations parties to the great war now in progress. The part played by Japan in the actual warfare was a small one, completed early in the struggle, and its participation at present is merely industrial, and in consequence, instead of desolate homes and sorrow, the land is given over to rejoicing and its people are laying aside their usual avocations to participate in the century old ceremonies incident to the induction of a new ruler. Politically, the events are robbed of any particular significance by the fact that the emperor has actually been on the throne long enough to indicate what his ideals and ambitions are and the coronation is simply the formality of crowning, so that no developments either in the relations of Japan to other nations or of internal policy are to be anticipated. In other and less strenuous times, however, the ancient ceremonies would have attracted thousands of visitors from all over the world and descriptions of them would have filled columns upon columns in the newspapers.

Lincoln Ought to Know.

"Council Bluffs is praying for prohibition in Nebraska," so a well known citizen of that place is quoted in the Lincoln Journal, which adds in its own account, "Iowa turns dry with the new year. Council Bluffs boozers later will be able to get drunk in Omaha, after which they will return and mope up their home town. So Council Bluffs would like to see Omaha dry, too."

Well! Lincoln ought to know, because Lincoln folks wore out all the street railway rolling stock running to Havelock during the brief period Lincoln was dry. We in Omaha, too, are supposed to close at 8 o'clock, while Council Bluffs is reaping the advantage of keeping open several hours longer—but there was no movement in Council Bluffs to reduce the after-8 o'clock bridge travel until forced by state enactment. It is really too bad Lincoln is not as close to Council Bluffs as Havelock is to Lincoln.

War and Transfer of Industries.

The European war has forced this country into numerous lines of manufacturing activity in which the United States had previously played but a minor role if it had done anything at all. In spite of the fact this country was at one time the largest producer of furs in the world and still is one of the largest, the dressing and dyeing of furs has been practically monopolized by Europe. The most noticeable instance of this was the fur seal, which has all been dyed in London. The war has so seriously interfered with the industry that fur dealers in this country have seized the opportunity to induce workers in the London dyeing establishments to come to the United States and bring their industry with them. As the United States government, through its control of the principal source of seal fur production, dominates the supply of raw material, it would be reasonable to expect the project to succeed. Other furs have largely been dressed and dyed in Germany, and from the seal experiment it is but a step towards taking in the entire field of fur dressing and dyeing, the magnitude of which is little appreciated. The people of this country are among the largest users as well as producers of fur, and just why England and Germany have monopolized the business of preparing them for use is not explained on any logical ground, but simply because they have reached out after the business, and it will be a good thing in this instance, as in several others, if the necessities of the occasion force the country to utilize its opportunities and resources.

If Mr. Bryan resigned from the cabinet for fear we would not have at least a year of conversation with either Great Britain or Germany, he certainly made an egregious mistake.

The Jews in the War Zone

The American author, who just returned from his trip of investigation in Europe, reports his findings to the American Jewish Relief committee.

WHENEVER I went in blood-drenched Europe—in England, France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Austria and Holland—the Jewish leaders and the Jewish rank and file have asked me to transmit their message to the Jews of America. The war of the European powers has made it impossible for the Jews to speak in the same terms in their appeals to their brethren for their brethren. Divided by their sympathies, by their patriotism, though united by the sufferings and the martyrdom of the Jewish people in the war-stricken lands, they have to be diplomats even when they ask "bread for the living and shrouds for the dead."

All eyes of the Jewish people abroad are turned to American Israel, all hands are stretched out to the great Jewish center in the new world, waiting for help. They are hopeful that the great American Jewish center will surely act quickly, generously and energetically and help in saving the Jewish centers that are being destroyed now, the mothers and children who are dying of hunger and of cold, driven from town to town, like cattle, yet without the care accorded to cattle. They are hopeful that the Jews of America will be aroused to a realization of their full duty to their brethren, to the Jewish people which is becoming a people of starving wanderers.

It is not of the Jewish soldiers who have fallen that I write. Nor of the Jewish officers who have bravely given their lives upon the battlefields. In Austria alone upwards of 1,500 Jewish officers have already died on the battlefield in this war. The Jews everywhere have furnished proportionately a larger share to the armies than the other elements of the populations and their blood has been shed on all battlefields. It is not of these victims of the war that I write now. The Jews have given their lives as the other nations have given them in this most useless, most terrible of wars in history. But it is of the people they have left behind that I write, of their fathers, their mothers, their sisters, their wives and their children who are starving, of Jewish communities of ancient Jewish centers of culture and learning that have been uprooted. Millions of Jews in Russia and Galicia have been utterly ruined; they are now homeless, hopeless, starving. Thousands of thousands are actually dying of hunger. They are starving in Russia, they are starving in Galicia, and they are starving in the Polish provinces occupied by the German forces. Yes, they are dying of hunger in Lous and in Warsaw, and in countless other places.

It is not of equal rights, not of emancipation that I wish to write just now; it is of bread, of shelter for the hundreds of thousands who have been torn away from their homes, driven to the mercy of the cold winds. They cannot even utter cries for help. The censor is suppressing these cries everywhere. The refugees are crying in vain in the wilderness, but their hopes are directed to the Jews of America. When our people are starving, when the Jewish question is being solved in certain places through annihilation, when Jewish communities and Jewish centers of culture are being wiped out, will American Jews turn a deaf ear to the call of despair? Will they remain silent? Will they withhold their generous aid? Can they minimize the tragedy by speaking of its enormity and the impossibility of meeting the problems adequately?

I have seen the Jewish victims of the war. Indeed, the Jewish people is the tragic victim of the war. I have seen the nation of sorrows in mourning, plunged into the depths of grief.

I have seen Jews who have gone insane from the horrors that have come upon the Jewish people in Europe. I saw one of these victims in Switzerland. He had come from Russia. Some of his relatives died on the battlefield. Others were tortured by pogrom-makers—pillaged, violated, hanged. He has seen children tortured, women violated and old men put to death, and the Holy Scrolls desecrated. This has driven him insane, and his "mantis" expresses itself in a peculiar form. Wherever he goes he shouts about the terrors he has witnessed, about the cruelties against the Jewish people. All day long he sits in his little room and writes hysterical and heart-rending letters and appeals to the rulers and potentates of the nations, relating his experiences and begging them to make an end to the persecution and sufferings of the Jews.

There are many such unfortunates in the Russian and Polish provinces where the Jews are starving today.

When the whole story of Israel's tragedy in this war will be told the world will shudder.

Aimed at Omaha

Tekamah Herald: Omaha is getting better. Last week it revoked a saloon license for violating the 3 o'clock closing law—the first in the history of that city. "Billy" Sunday's meetings are bearing fruit.

Beaver City Times-Tribune: Things go by opposites. For instance, the rankest democrat in town takes the Omaha Bee, because he has no use for the World-Herald.

York News: If the authorities are still unable to locate those M. K. & T. holdup men, we suggest that they send over to Omaha and get their police force at work on the case.

Franklin News: The Omaha Commercial club has a membership of 1,800 and believe us they are all boosters—for Omaha. If Franklin had a Commercial club of one-eighth the membership of the Omaha club, and it should have, there would be something stirring here every time anything came up that would be of benefit to the city.

Rushville Recorder: The Bee reminds Governor Shallenberger that under the direct election system, he cannot be a candidate for both senator and congressman at the same time. What do you know about that. There's nothing a democrat can't do.

Albion News: There are indications that Omaha has been reformed in a degree, at least. A saloon-keeper has been convicted of violating the law and his license revoked. If such a thing ever happened before it was at such a remote period as to have been forgotten by the present generation.

Grand Island Independent: The Omaha newspapers have answered the Fremont Tribune's charge that those of the metropolitan dailies have received \$2,000 for the publicity given by them to the "Billy" Sunday campaign. The Bee, speaking for itself, states that not three cents, to say nothing of \$2,000, was received by it for the most prominent and valuable columns of the paper, and Editor Hammond has been compelled to retract the charge, the correction having already been cheerfully and gracefully made. It can be accepted, therefore, as a fact, that never before have the newspapers of a city experiencing a Sunday campaign, given the extravagant more assistance than was given in Nebraska's metropolis.

Grand Island Independent: Because a highwayman or two have crept themselves behind trees in Omaha recently, it has been suggested by the city commissioners, according to the Omaha prints, that the trees be materially thinned out and the shrubbery in the private grounds near the leading streets be rooted out. Has it not come to a decidedly bad pass if the situation is such as to justify this suggestion? Has Omaha done all it could do as to other plans it might be desirable to attempt, before being driven to the necessity of laying waste to its trees and gardens on account of the criminal element which it seems at the moment to harbor? Are there not less useful, less ornamental, less valuable recondite sources of protection which it were better first to thin out?

The Bee's Letter Box

The Bible and Hell.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Nov. 8.—To the Editor of The Bee: I read Mr. Rosicky's views of hell and his flaying of William Sunday. All I have to say is that so far as I can see and understand, "Billy" was right in seeking admission into the public schools in Omaha to give a lecture or sermon there. "Billy" does not ask any one to accept any creed or discipline other than the holy Bible (a-men), and why shouldn't we have the Bible in our schools?

I think a majority of the school board members everywhere need a little enlightenment along this line. They seem to think when they become members of the school board it (the public schools) belongs solely to them. While I am not acquainted with any of the Omaha school board members, I will leave some brother in that city to voice his opinion.

The latter part of Mr. Rosicky's letter is so nonsensical that it is just about worthless to comment or debate on. As all he says or knows is that, suppose, suppose this and that.

When he says "Billy" Sunday is causing more unhappiness, strife and making more people insane than all other things he is a fool, and I can get the proof all to make him out as such. A person can readily figure out between lines what Mr. Rosicky is. He is undoubtedly an ingenuo, Christian Scientist or one of the Russelites. Those three seem to have a key that drops out of the skies. They seem to delight in slashing the Scriptures of the holy Bible in order to fit their own ideas. He might call hell, snakes, wild beast or anything he wishes, but that does not change the real meaning as set forth in the Bible one iota. When Jesus said cast them into a furnace of fire, I don't think he meant get an electric fan and a chunk of ice. No, I should say, no, he meant just what he said, and said just what he meant. There's about fifty verses in the Bible that will give Mr. Rosicky or any one of his believers a good idea of hell. Here's a few. Wish I could have space to give 'em all to you: Matthew xxv:12. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous will go into eternal life. Deuteronomy xxxii:22. For a fire is kindled in Mine anger and shall burn into the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.

V. A. BRADSHAW.

Stebbins to the Rescue.

CHICAGO, Nov. 8.—To the Editor of The Bee: President Wilson's address may be summed up as follows: "Patriotism, Americanism, and the American Citizenship." "No Religion in Politics," and general procedure under the "Direction of the God of Nations." "Patriotism," sure; that is nature's first law. It follows from individualism to the aggregation of government-self-preservation. The more we preserve ourselves, the less time we shall have to preserve other people.

"Preparedness for war." Who are we going to fight? Are European governments combine here to fight us? Or are we going abroad to fight them? Or are we going to fight among ourselves? Along with "preparedness for war," the people of this country want to know who and what they are going to fight.

"Qualified American citizenship." Now you have struck the keynote, President Wilson. Who are these "Hyphenated or otherwise?" They are those who hold a supreme allegiance to a foreign power, political, economic, religious or otherwise. What is termed the "invisible" government? This invisible government already has entire control of this government in all its departments, its chief executive included. Do you, Mr. President, want your army and navy to fight this "invisible" government, or to compel some poor devil to shoot his mother if the "invisible" government ordered him to do so?

"No religion in politics," coming from a schoolmaster, a preacher, a college professor, and the president of the United States of America. Such a declaration is enough to stun an Egyptian mummy. Since the history of the world, religion and politics have been the two co-operative prime factors of government; the two parents of despotism; so recognized by President Wilson when he declares that religion is free, but don't talk about it. He is like a president of a prohibition society usurping the society, and declaring that the members could drink all they wanted to and such as they wanted to, just so they would be prohibitionists.

"Under the direction of the God of Nations," in which case, why should Wilson concern himself about it, leave it to God. According to current reports God has been running this thing for 6,000 years, which is another evidence that religion always was in politics; the efficiency of which is demonstrated by the war in Europe; regardless of President Wilson's special prayers, and the nationwide prayers of all the clergy in the United States.

What hope can the people take from four columns of this conglomeration in the Chicago Tribune of November 5? How can the people return to the "democracy of Paine and Jefferson; and the republicanism of Lincoln." True, the constitution guarantees the freedom of speech and the press, civil and religious liberty, and against special privileges. But these are being usurped by the "invisible" government well nigh to completion, which, if allowed to proceed, will complete their purpose entirely.

It is now up to an emergency. The survival of the fittest by direct action of the people through their congress. The people cannot elect a president that they can control. Get together, you people. Throw your Jonah onboard and save your republic. LUCIEN STEBBINS.

Editorial Siftings

Pittsburgh Dispatch: At the worst the suffragists may take heart of grace from the remembrance that such immortal pioneers as Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton never for a moment forgot that optimism was a far superior thought to pessimism.

Baltimore American: A New York politician on duty at the polls remarked that the presence of women there had made his duty merely formal, as the men were trying to beat one another in the showing of good behavior before the women. This disposes of one slender argument against American chivalry of women's forfeiting respect by mixing with all sorts and conditions at the polls. A New York judge declared the election the quietest for years, ascribing this phenomenal lack of disorder to the presence of the women.

Tips on Home Topics

Boston Transcript: The Bull Moose party may be dead, but it will take ten years for the proffroom to stop spelling the good old word Progressive with a capital "P."

Philadelphia Ledger: Mr. Bryan's reference to the advocates of preparedness as paid agents of the shipbuilders and ammunition makers illustrates a familiar habit of mind. Why should any one champion a cause except for what there is in it?

New York World: A banker's cashier is charged with losing \$10,000 of his employer's money "shooting craps." Stock gambling cannot be blamed in this instance. But why did he desert the regular game for one having no standing in the Street?

Pittsburgh Dispatch: Now they are quoting the prophet Nostradamus, who something like 400 years ago, predicted that "One day the British fleet will steam up to Constantinople in a foggy sea mist and win laurels in a great worldwide war." It seems to have come true so far as the foggy part of the operations is concerned.

St. Louis Republic: The moral of this brief tale is that the people of Colorado ought to own the Rio Grande and the people of Missouri and the states to the west ought to own the Missouri Pacific. If our banks were owned in Wall street, and their stocks were gambled in there, what sort of financial chaos would rule west of the Mississippi? And how can a state of things that would mean ruin to the banking business mean anything else to the railroad business? Look at the St. Louis Receivers' club for the answer.

WHEN MOTHER READS A STORY

Christian Herald: When mother reads a story 'jes' before we go to bed, there's not a one of all of us that is a sleepy-head. We gather round and crowd up close about her rockin' chair. An' as she reads I watch the light a-glowin' on her hair. Oh! Jimmy's eyes get big as plates, an' Mary sometimes squeals. An' Betty sits with a tear-stained face because she sorter feels Real sorry for the dragon when the hero kills him dead. When mother reads a story 'jes' before we go to bed.

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CHEERY CHAFF.

"That baker is the most valuable man we have in the place—always ready to back up any movement with a cash contribution."

"But, then, you know it is a baker's business to be always ready with the dough."—Baltimore American.

"What wonderful performers there are in that orchestra!" exclaimed Mrs. Cummins.

"Wonderful isn't the word," replied Mr. Cummins. "They're almost superhuman. Why, they sound to me as if they could take a tune and play it backward as easily as they could forward."—Washington Star.

"Well, Hibber, how did your little affair last night come off? Did the boys enter into the spirit of the occasion?"

"Yes, and the spirit of the occasion entered into the boys—seven gallons of it."—Boston Transcript.

"I wish," said one motorcyclist, to another, after they had been admonished three times in two blocks by watchful policemen for speeding, "that we had the same affliction here they are working over in Germany."

"What's that?" asked his friend.

"A copper shortage."

"Up in the Arctic regions the nights are six months long," remarked the Extensive Traveler.

"That's so," said the Inebriated One. "Gee! Think of a crowd of Eskimos singing. 'We won't go home until morning.'"—Life.

"My wife hasn't been able to use up half the material she bought for canning and bottling purposes. She's all in a jam about her jam."

"Mind is in the same fix. She's trying to ketch up with her ketchup."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Why does the professor stay up all night these nights?"

"He's investigating that theory that it is always darkest just before the dawn."—Pittsburgh Post.

"She (after reproving him)—Now say you are sorry that you kissed me."

"He—All right, I'm sorry I kissed you, but it's better than being sorry that I didn't."—Chicago Post.

"Did the failure of women to get the vote in your state change views in favor of a famine?"

"Not a bit of it. It convinced me that the vote is naturally qualified for the women. As soon as the returns were in she began to say 'fraud' like a regular veteran in politics."—Washington Star.

"I never saw that monkey skydiving," remarked a man who understood monkey language. "I never see him swinging by the tail or having fun of any sort."

"Oh, that monkey has accumulated 3,000,000 coconuts," explained an old chimpanzee. "He has to spend all his time watching 'em. He can't have any fun."—Kansas City Journal.

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