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**Thought for the Day**  
 Selected by Mrs. A. C. Hart  
 That which is not for the interest of the whole nation is not for the interest of a single one.  
 —Marcus Aurelius.

That hideous and unhealthy tin-can and rubbish dump must go.

It turns out that the first vehicle over the Jefferson highway, though still in the "on-paper" stage, is the steam roller.

The president is himself pounding out his message to congress on his own typewriter. He knows that is the only sure way to prevent leaks.

Forty-five states have put laws on their statute books to protect children and prohibit or regulate child labor—and Nebraska was one of the first in the procession.

If it really comes to wearing pink overalls, the good wife may find it hard to tell whether the wage-earning member of the household is going to work or coming to bed.

If one result of the "Billy" Sunday campaign is to loosen the purse strings and make people more charitable, the Thanksgiving and Christmas time helping hands should be more numerous in Omaha this year than ever before.

The grand opera season is on with a rush in the big cities. Omaha would appreciate grand opera again, providing no eleventh-hour substitutions of high-priced warblers with lower priced ones is attempted when the opera next visits our city.

King Constantine of Greece is a bold monarch. Although the allies guaranteed his salary at \$40,000 a year, he manifests cool indifference to his financial backers and scoffs at threats of selling off the ghost walk. The other side has something just as good.

Having their own presidential candidate predetermined, our democratic friends are busy trying to select the man for the republicans to nominate. This delicate duty, however, the republicans will at the right time insist on performing for themselves.

Just for information, let it be known that the records show 145 homicides in New York in ten months of this year, and in thirty-four of these cases of killing no arrests made. That is no excuse for the police letting murderers get away, but it proves that the unpunished murder is not confined to any one particular city.

A significant incident in the coronation of the emperor of Japan should not escape attention. Formerly the coronation robes bore designs symbolic of Chinese history. These were abolished by the present emperor's father, whose crown kimono was pure white. Emperor Yoshihito restored the Chinese symbols and linked them in his sunburst robe with an equal area of Japanese characters, thus emphasizing the direction of the Japanese spirit.

**Thirteen Years Ago**  
*This is why in Omaha*

The formal transfer of Prospect Hill cemetery was made to the Forest Hill cemetery by J. H. Daniels in the office of O. E. Davis, who will take charge of the papers. Byron Reed, who has turned over the entire control, when asked if the Prospect Hill cemetery would revert to the city for park purposes, said: "Probably not; it would continue to be used as a cemetery at present, but there is no telling what might happen in the distant future."

Haverly's minstrel played to a crowded house. The Craig family of acrobats were the headliners in the specialties, and the closing sketch was "Bavardo," a travesty on Gilbert & Sullivan's "Mikado."

George Darow of Parrott & Co. returned from Tennessee with his bride.

Dr. Mercer made a ten-strike when he bought the old city hall lot from E. C. Pattee. Less than ninety days ago he purchased this property (northwest corner of Sixteenth and Farnam) through C. E. Mayne for \$20,000, and this week received an offer of \$45,000 for it.

Miss Addie Hurlbut entertained a party of friends at the home of her parents, 1841 Saunders street, among those present being the Misses King, Grace and Alice Pratt, Whitcomb, Olson and Mrs. Taylor, Messrs. Dwight, Ostrom, King, Russell, Taylor, Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kitchen.

Prof. Andre Christol, the famous French wrestler, arrived from Wichita with the intention of remaining two weeks. He will challenge any wrestler for \$20 to \$25 in Graciosa-Homero or catch-as-catch-can.

**Time for Sober Thought and Common Sense.**  
 If there was ever a time in this country calling for sober thought and common sense it is right now when the craving for popularity puts a premium upon catch-word slogans. "Take the private profits out of preparedness" is an airy phrase, but what does it really propose, and what does it really mean? If it means the elimination of the money-getting motive for stirring up strife between nations and driving peoples into war, everyone will be for it, except the few get-rich-quick lunatics, whose cupidty would coin the ravages of the battlefield into shining gold. If, however, it means that the government should make all its own war supplies and munitions called for by a preparedness program, merely in order to put private manufacturers out of business, there are several other features to be considered.

If the government goes into munitions manufacturing on its own account, should it build its own plants or buy up those now in existence? The owners of these factories would doubtless be very glad to sell to Uncle Sam on completion of their present profitable contracts with the European combatants, and doubtless at prices lower than the government could duplicate them for. But is the plan to take private profits out of preparedness just a scheme to help the present munitions makers, unload a lot of junk upon the government? If so, we do not believe it will be quite so popular as may at first appear.

Another thing that must be borne in mind is this: Our traditional policy in the United States has been in times of emergency to buy arms and munitions wherever we could get them. The advocates of taking private profits out of preparedness would, of course, have to urge the same policy for adoption also by other countries. That would mean that each country would have to make and store up for itself in advance all the supplies it might have need of to engage in war—for plainly, our government could not sell to a belligerent and maintain a position of neutrality, and no government of any neutral country could furnish arms or munitions to us in time of war without taking up our fight, and, in fact, becoming a military ally for the time being.

What the proposition must in the end sift down to, then, is this, to which there can be no serious dissent: That the pecuniary motive for inflating the preparedness program, or for embroiling the country in war, must be reduced to the very minimum by every reasonable precaution. It will be well for the government to do for itself, and for whatever it must buy from private concerns it should certainly pay no greater price than the cost if manufactured for itself. But neither should the government be put in a position where it cannot supplement its own production by outside purchases when required. So long as the traffic in arms is legitimate commerce sanctioned by international law, the profits on the sales by American manufacturers to foreign governments need not concern us any more than would a foreign government be concerned with private profits on sales to the United States if we should buy abroad. In a word, our preparedness program should be laid out so much with reference to the present European war as to what the best provision of the future admonishes as necessary and wise.

**Omaha's Bank Exhibit.**  
 The exhibit made by the Omaha banks in response to the call of the comptroller are especially gratifying as indicating not alone the expansion of business, but the ability of Omaha and the territory of which it is the natural center to finance its own needs in a commercial way. Under existing conditions had there been a shortage of money and consequent high interest rate, cattle feeding, which is a necessity if a large portion of the corn crop, which is soft and light, is to be realized on, would have been difficult. The marketing of small grain, for which there has been a shipping demand at all times, has boosted deposits \$13,922,071 compared with a year ago, and the same doubtless applies proportionately to the banks in other cities in this territory. Last year was a disastrous one to cattle feeders, and without favorable conditions this fall it is a certainty many feed lots would have remained empty just when the reverse should be true.

Reports both from the banks which furnish the money, from the stock yards and from the country, confirm the statement that the great expansion of loans is from cattle feeders, who are corn along with a large portion of the entire crop. In this is found one of the most promising signs for business in this section, and particularly for Omaha, to which most of the cattle will come when ready for the market.

**Increased Mail Transportation Cost.**  
 Figures given out by the postal department show that during the next four-year period the railroads in the middlewest will receive \$20,073,454.36 per year for transporting the mails, being an increase since 1907 of \$4,300,000. A large portion of this increase is due, of course, to the installation of the parcel post system, but the most significant fact is that the increase in volume of mail handled has been greater in the middle west than in any other section of the country. Postal business always has been regarded as the most reliable of the business barometers, and from this it would seem that the middle west was expanding more rapidly than any section of the country. This only bears out the observation of all who have taken an invoice of the business conditions of the country. Basic conditions here are right for building up, and the faith of the people in the future as well as the present of this section has never faltered. The conditions noted in the postal report are not temporary, but have been of steady and consistent growth, with every reason to believe it will continue. They mean that whether the country as a whole goes forward industrially or marks time, the middle west will be just a little ahead of the procession.

Some two years ago the state of Pennsylvania levied a direct tax on the output of anthracite coal mines. Owners of the mines objected to the tax, but collected it nevertheless, passing it down to the consumer at the rate of 25 cents a ton, or double the amount of the tax. Instead of splitting with the state the operators put the money in their pockets, fought the tax in the courts and won a decision annulling the tax. What becomes of the money collected is a problem which keeps outsiders guessing. The operators are not worrying. The juice of melon cutting smother the dark brown taste of a gouge.

**Woman Behind the Gun**  
 Constance Drexel in the Deliverator.

ONE step more, and the women will be marching off to the war with the men. A look about any of the great war capitals—Paris, London or Berlin—would lead you to think that they were, doing everything except shouldering the gun. In his plans for an ideal republic, the great Greek philosopher Plato decreed that women should go off to fight like men. Is it coming?

In France, more than in any other country, when war was declared, the mobilization seized every available man. Imagine the situation! Every man between 20 and 45, with few exceptions, off to the war! Poor, dear France! It was so proud of its complete, rapid mobilization, not realizing that workers would be needed at home. What use the soldier, without the necessary organization behind him to furnish ammunition and keep the machinery of the nation running?

With all the men precipitately withdrawn, small wonder that offices, factories, shops, closed down and all things were at a sudden standstill. Everywhere in Paris the ubiquitous small shops were shuttered tight. "Ferme par cause de mobilisation" or "Nous les drapoux" ("Under the Colors") stared one in the face. And many more would have been closed but for the happy habit of French couples of working together and living together in their shops. In all the little creameries and cleaning shops, Madame presided proudly over the cash box, while Monsieur deftly waited on customers. When Monsieur went off to war, Madame did both; and if, one day, you found her in black you knew she would continue to do both.

But it was in the large stores, offices and banks that the worst confusion reigned, until women could be found and trained to take the places of absent men.

The crisis was far more crippling than it would be in this country, for in France, the business woman, unless in partnership with her husband, is something of an innovation. For a while the street car and subway services were paralyzed. And then the women jumped in. One day, turning the corner of a Paris boulevard, I came upon a street car at a standstill. The trolley was off the wire, and a woman, a frail little French woman in a conductor's cap and with the cashbox strapped to her waist, was trying to right it. Grasping the cord in both hands, she was down in the street, her delicate little body bent almost to the pavement, as she strove to swing the rod into place. Somehow that figure was symbolic of the ability and pluck women have shown in taking the places of their men.

Germany was more fully organized than any other country to handle the emergency which arose. Industrially, as well as militarily, all had been planned out beforehand. Nevertheless, the role of women has been pre-eminently important, and the hatifrau has shown unsuspected capabilities, and arisen to heights unforeseen. In Berlin women are running street cars and elevators, and in the Frankfurter bank, in Frankfurt, one of the largest in Germany, I saw clerks and bookkeepers' stools occupied by girls instead of men. The great Krupp gun works at Essen now officially report 5,000 women among their employees, an increase of 3,471 in five months.

All German women became painstakingly saving. When the government needed brass and tin and gold the women were appealed to. I saw homes diamond-filled of chandeliers; I saw women wearing iron wedding rings and iron pins in place of gold ones given to the common cause. When the word went forth that Germany must depend upon its own harvest for next winter's food, the women filled the fields with renewed ardor, and every inch of ground was cultivated. Women hitherto isolated in their homes—the women of "Kinder, Küche and Kirche" fame—have shown surprising capacity in handling all sorts of relief work.

"Woman can do the work of some man and release him for duty at the front!" "Get busy quick so some man can get fit quick!"—London is ablaze with these flaming posters. And legions of women are responding in highly practical fashion.

In my London hotel the lifts were run by uniformed girls, and there were no men clerks at the desk. In front of smart Bond street shops the porters are Amazons, impressive in riding boots, long dust coats, and derby hats. Delivery vans are run by women, and the London hobbly is a woman, controlling traffic and guiding pedestrians. In Piccadilly or on the Strand it is no strange sight to see women in khaki. They belong to the Women's Defense corps, ready to shoulder a rifle in case of invasion.

The war in Europe has proved what women can do. Are we glad or are we sorry? We may be both; glad because the few doubting ones, not excluding our brothers, will be convinced; sorry because of the necessity which drives women to men's work. Producing the rice and producing the work is a bit too much to expect of even a woman. And when war is the grim taskmaster, the fate of the woman behind the gun, marvel though we may at her ability, is tragic indeed.

**Causes and Cures of Crime.**  
 OMAHA, Nov. 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: Kindly permit me to reply briefly to Mr. Howell's article in the Letter Box captioned "Parole Business is Overdone."

In the opening paragraph Mr. Howell says: "Relation of crime and punishment is timely." I say the relation of crime, its cause, cure and the remedy is timely and of more importance to society than the recommendations he has made. Crime can be classified into the following divisions:

Environment	Per Cent.
Insane	45
Insane dope	49
Injust police restriction and hounding	15
Involuntary or voluntary	1

Taking them in their order:

- A child born into this world amongst crime and criminals is not responsible for that fact, and when he or she develops from childhood into manhood or womanhood and is a criminal, society, which is responsible for their condition, punishes them, instead of curing them or correcting the condition surrounding them.
- Starvation facing a man's wife and children, as well as the cold, will force any otherwise honest man to steal. Pleasure, pretty dresses and nice warm clothing and other necessary things to please the eye and senses, will often force an otherwise honest person to steal. Society denies people access to the things necessary to health, happiness and comfort; then punishes people for trying to possess themselves of them—when there is sufficient for all.
- The insane should be cured, not punished. Dope, incompetent physicians and surgeons have started them into the use of, or the greed for profit by druggists. Again society is to blame here.
- Many an honest heart beats under prison stripes, and numbers of first-termers are made second and third and life-termers through the unjust discrimination of employers of labor and the continual hounding of the police of every man who leaves prison and goes out into the world with a firm determination to lead an honest, upright life. But prejudice and persecution will not permit them, so what other alternative except crime?
- Involuntary criminals made so by circumstantial evidence; voluntary and criminal made so by prejudice.

Mr. Editor, these are the fundamental reasons, therefore logical. I defy Mr. Howell or any one else to disprove my assertions. I, for one, am not revengeful and further our system of punishment has failed to stop crime. Crime primarily has an economic basis, and before we can correct crime we must banish its cause.  
 JESSE T. BRILLIANT,  
 708 Farnam Street.

**Twice Told Tales**

**Just the Job for Him.**  
 He was the slowest boy on earth and had been sacked at three places in two weeks, so his parents had apprenticed him to a naturalist.

But even he found him slow. It took him two hours to give the canaries their seed, three to stick a pin through a dead butterfly and four to pick a convolvulus. The only point about him was that he was willing.

"And what," he asked, having spent a whole afternoon changing the gold fishes' water, "shall I do now, sir?"

The naturalist ran his fingers through his locks.

"Well, Robert," he replied at length. I think you might take the tortoise out for a run."—Philadelphia Ledger.

**He Didn't Want to Die.**  
 He was ticketed to undergo a slight operation at the city hospital. Simple though the operation was, the man didn't feel quite easy about himself. A few minutes before the anesthetic was to be applied he sent for his physician, who was to handle the instruments.

"Please, doctor," he said, "be careful about me."

"Oh, don't worry," the doctor said, with fine assurance. "You'll be all right."

"But I wish you to be careful, doctor," the patient insisted.

"You seem quite anxious about yourself," the doctor remarked, with a smile.

"I am," the patient replied, nervously. "I have \$50 life insurance, and I don't like my wife."

**People and Events**

The Civic league of New York City, which is slouting for violations of the anti-gambling laws, is spoliing the industry of churches which promoted card parties at which prizes were given for high scores. Such parties have been numerous heretofore and frequently as many as 3,000 persons participated in the games for prizes.

Word comes out of the far west, through the Manila Times, that Dr. Fred Cook is browsing around in Borneo, where bloom the wild men of the circus. It isn't a voluntary destination, some compulsion having been exerted by Indian authorities, and Borneo has the most convenient part. Some of the finest oriental romances in print come out of Borneo, and the doctor will have some of the comforts of home in that salt sea atmosphere.

The mystery house at Battle Creek, Mich., has given up its mystery. Mrs. John H. Quilhot, imprisoned there by her husband, escaped by means of an automobile, a bathrobe and two daring friends. The villain in this bit of modern realism forced Mrs. Quilhot to convey to him property valued at \$100,000 and action to recover has been started in the courts. The third feature of the mystery house is that Quilhot, the alleged villain, is the active agent of a purist organization for the suppression of vice.

**The Bee's Letter Box**

**Here's a Gentle Kick.**  
 OMAHA, Nov. 17.—To the Editor of The Bee: Do you think I could engage Mr. Hummel, city commissioner, to build for me a lagoon or lake on the side of my residence? I see he is about building one for the city on the east side of the boulevard above the Rome Miller place. The people should auto out there and see the most foolhardy piece of business. The city is crying "no money," but have mercy on the taxpayer. He is having as much trouble as he can stand to pay it. It certainly was a great stunt for Hummel.  
 CHARLES E. CRANE.

**Home Grown Sugar Beet Seed.**  
 TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 17.—To the Editor of The Bee: An experiment of much importance to the beet sugar industry of the United States is being undertaken in Colorado. For the first time in our history an extensive effort will be made to grow sugar beets from home-raised beet seed. If this experiment proves successful, our domestic industry will cease to be at the mercy of Europe for beet seed and will become self-perpetuating.

As you know, we import the seed from which all our domestic beet crop is produced, because we have not reached that point in its development where seed of sufficient quality for successful culture is raised. The chief reason is that we have not seriously tried to do so. We have been content to improve, but emergency shows us our weaknesses.

A few weeks ago the United States government had to interfere with Great Britain to lift its war blockade to permit us to secure beet seed from Germany for our 1915 crop. But for this our domestic sugar industry, worth \$70,000,000, would have ended this fall, and with our importations of European sugar beet cut off, we should have experienced such a famine in sugar as we have not known since the civil war. Prices would have gone sky-high and it would have been practically impossible for the majority of our people to obtain sugar.

Utah a year or so ago began experimenting with sugar beet seed and some very fine home-raised seed will be planted for the 1916 crop. Colorado growers are hopeful that they can accomplish the same thing, and if their efforts prove satisfactory, it will not be a short time until our beet sugar industry will be able to stand on its legs regardless of European wars and European countries.  
 PHIL EASTMAN.

**Dear Mr. Kabibble.**  
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"When I was a youngster," remarked a baby brother who had just arrived and little Edna was greatly disappointed.

**What's Your Hurry.**  
 Peoria Journal.

Slack up, brother, what's your hurry. That so recklessly you scurry. With your elbows jabbing sideways and your glance fixed straight ahead? Is a minute's time so precious. That you needs must be ungracious And so trampin' on your fellow like a hungry quadruped?

Can't you spare a nod of greeting. Pass the time of day on meeting? Swap a joke or laugh a little when a neighbor drifts along? Is the dollar so enticing. Is "success" so all-sufficing. That you can't devote a second to a brother in the throng?

Do you know your destination? It's a quiet little station. Where ambition never troubles and the dollar jingles not. Where there is no bootless striving. And the richest man's possession is a little grassy plot.

Why be over-keen for speeding. On a trail so surely leading. To that lonely little village where we all must come at last? Slack up, brother, what's your hurry. That so recklessly you scurry? You may head a slow procession ere another year is past.

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