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Thought for the Day

Selected by Pres. John R. Kirk. In battle or business, whatever the game, in law or in love, it is ever the same; in the struggle for power or scramble for self, let this be your motto: rely on yourself. For whether the prize be a ribbon or throne, the victor is he who can "go it alone." —John G. Saxe.

Only three days left, so keep at it.

Santa Claus ought to slip the weather man something nice.

The deadly glories of Suvia bay vanish with the failure of the grip.

Omaha is going to have one glorious Christmas, if preparedness counts for anything.

Problems of unemployment become acute every time the democrats get into power.

A few more "acid tests" and the Ford peace pilgrims will be coming home in groups of one.

President Wilson has made another record. He is the first president to take his bride on an auto ride.

The delights of the Christmas will be materially enhanced by strictly observing the rules of safety first.

Holiday merriment may proceed without danger of disturbance. The White House typewriter has taken to the woods.

If, as suggested, immunity to Pancho Villa covered only his political offenses, and not his crimes, he is justified in hiding.

Just to keep the record straight, Colonel Roosevelt announced a New Year eruption before the Gary dinner was pulled off.

Contract conditions that prevail at the Omaha postoffice today with those abroad, and be thankful you live in the United States.

Work on another skyscraper for a downtown corner is soon to start. The changes in the skyline hereabouts have not all been made yet.

There is an urgent need of spreading among Saunders county democrats the news that P. L. Hall already declined the gubernatorial crown.

After ten years of war and robbery, murder and outrage, surviving Mexicans have occasion for gratitude over checking prospects for peace.

Events almost justify the belief that part of the responsibility Lloyd-George places on the labor unions might be shared by the generals who have handled the British campaigns.

Truly these are sobering times abroad. Even King George of England apologizes through his physicians for suspending his war temperance pledge while stimulating convalescence by an occasional nip.

By some unaccountable oversight Nebraska's primary boosters failed to launch the republican presidential boom of New York's governor. Mr. Whitman's home county of Kings beat the alert Antelope to it.

As it by common impulse, war correspondents have given up bulletining the ill-health of Emperor Francis Joseph. The dean of Europe's warring monarchs at 85 proves utterly unresponsive to obituary despatches.

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Dealing with Unemployment.

The Welfare board and the city council have jointly tackled the unemployment question, at least to the extent of elaborately discussing conditions and suggesting local palliatives. Plans for providing employment during the winter to those who would otherwise be out of work, and, therefore, dependent on public charity, may be put into force. It is quite possible to do a great deal of work in the winter that is ordinarily left over for summer. Some of this work can easily be undertaken at this time and a great deal of good be accomplished in the way of removing the condition of unemployment. Popular belief to the contrary, not a great many men prefer to be supported in idleness. The great majority of them are not only willing, but eager to work at anything that will give them living wages. The fact that work is to precede charity will inevitably operate to drive away the professional beggar.

The plan is not new and has been successfully tried by other communities. If the city commissioners or the county commissioners have ready any program that will provide employment for any number of men, they should not hesitate to set the work going. This applies equally to private enterprises. Well remunerated work is far more desirable than the most generous of giving.

Why He Worries.

The home editor of the senator's personal organ is greatly exercised over the harmony that prevailed at the meeting of the republican national committee at Washington. He would have been wonderfully well pleased if that meeting had been attended by serious dissension, or had expressed any doubt as to the outcome of the campaign next year. The confidence with which each member of the committee views the prospect, and the certainty that the disgruntled democrats will face a reunited and militant republican party, affords little consolation, and no hope to those whose political fortunes are bound up with the present administration. The senator himself, who but a few months ago was in opposition to the president and defiant to the caucus, and who felt the chastening rod of party discipline, is now both amenable and compliant and can see only good coming out of the White House. His continuance in his seat at Washington turns entirely on his ability to maintain himself in the good graces of those whose hands dispense the favors at Washington. It is, therefore, very necessary that the senator's home editor rally at the republicans and pretend to discover much that is "contemptible" in all they do. Behind his front of assumed nonchalance he wears a worried look. The reunion of republicans promises very little for democratic success.

Preparing for Preparedness.

The earnest opponents of a general program for national defense have almost reached their last ditch in their retreat before the facts that confront the country. They now admit the possibility of the United States being called upon to defend its people, or maybe its territory, against aggression from some foreign power. This need, they hold, readily can be met through means now at hand. Herein lies the ultimate weakness of their proposition. It is no longer a question of willingness, but of ability to fight. The call for volunteers undoubtedly would realize Mr. Bryan's prophecy of "a million men leaping to arms between sunrise and sunset," and these million men and the other millions who would follow them would be comparatively helpless, even with guns in their hands, because of the lack of that training which distinguishes a soldier from a citizen.

In every war the United States has engaged in thousands of lives have been needlessly sacrificed because of the ignorance of men and officers alike of military practice. It is not alone the discipline and training that moulds the mob into the efficient machine, and unifies its action so that its strength is multiplied many times because of the co-ordination of individual members, but it is the subordinate, though tremendously important, knowledge of camp life requisite to health and the preservation of proper conditions that must be instilled before the volunteers are fit for the service as soldiers.

Gratefully Appreciated.

Omaha has finally done something that meets the approval of an outsider. Harry M. Bushnell comments in his Trade Review of Lincoln in commendatory fashion on the manner in which traffic is handled on the crowded streets of this city and concludes his article with the following graceful paragraph: There may be a good many things to criticize in Omaha and there is always a tendency generally to criticize laxity in observing laws, but compared with any other city in this territory, there is no criticism to be made regarding Omaha and the way it lives up to the state automobile law and the traffic regulations for the safety and comfort of pedestrians in the business center of that city.

At this time, when most of our friends of the country press find only occasion for stricture and censure in referring to Omaha, these words from Brother Bushnell shine, as Shakespeare has it, "like a good deed in a naughty world." It is so rare a thing, The Bee finds much pleasure in reproducing this complimentary allusion and feels justified in expressing on behalf of the city and its citizens grateful appreciation. Maybe if some of the critics were to come to Omaha oftener, they would find more things to praise and less to blame in our ways of doing.

President Ernst gave the improvers' committee some good advice, when he suggested that they wait until the School board has named its new committees. But the public will be glad to hear from the School board very soon as to the sites for the new buildings.

Index figures of commodity prices show an advance from 9.1431 in January to 10.8473 in December, this year. The democratic promise of economy and reduced cost of living looms large as a companion for the one-term plank.

Women Doctors and War

Journal of American Medical Ass'n.

THE present war, in draining the belligerent countries of their male population, has naturally thrown unwanted responsibilities on women. In various callings, positions from which women had previously been rigorously excluded, or to which they had been admitted only under protest, are now being thrown open, and women are eagerly invited to enter. In the medical profession especially the demands of the military service have produced a deficiency in the supply of civilian practitioners which can be remedied only by utilizing the services of women physicians.

The London correspondent of The Journal of the American Medical Association reports that the medical journals in Great Britain are full of advertisements offering posts to women, and that the situation has become so acute that a large hospital sent an application to the secretary of the London School of Medicine for Women, "Send us any women at any salary." A daily newspaper also states, on the authority of the London School of Medicine for Women, that an infirmary post in the Whitechapel district, previously held only by a man at a salary of \$50 a year and emoluments, is now advertised to open to a woman at \$1,000 and emoluments.

This extreme demand for women, of course, cannot continue indefinitely after the close of the war. Still, for many years after the cessation of hostilities, it will probably be literally impossible to fill all medical posts with men as exclusively as heretofore. Not only will the medical staffs of the armies in the field return from the front with ranks thinned by the hardships of war, but also the younger generation of men physicians will be greatly depleted for a time by the fact that the men who should now be acquiring a medical education are serving under the flag.

This prospect of a continuance of the demand for women physicians at least for some years, has caused a marked increase in the numbers of women medical students. The registration in the London School of Medicine for Women has doubled. Other British medical schools and hospitals are said to be considering the admission of women, and one (Charing Cross hospital), it is reported, has already opened its doors to women students.

In Germany, according to press reports, in spite of the absence of the customary numbers of American, Russian, English and Swiss women students, the enrollment of women medical students has risen from 374 to 1,150, and the entry of German women in the medical course has been greatly facilitated by a recent measure recognizing the diplomas of girls' schools as adequate entrance credentials throughout the empire.

While at the close of the war men will tend to displace women physicians granted to a greater or less extent, it may be taken for granted that the old order will never be reestablished in its entirety. If there are fields of medical work for which women are entirely unfitted, the fact will have been demonstrated and they will be replaced as speedily as possible; but if there are posts which a competent woman may fill as well as a competent man (it is said, by the way, that even in the organization and administration of Red Cross units women have done excellent service), it will be impossible for conservatism any longer to deny all opportunity to women. If there is any department of medicine to which women are especially adapted, that fact also will probably have been demonstrated on a larger scale than has hitherto been possible.

After the war, in short, there will be a readjustment accounted for more or less friction, but European women physicians may undoubtedly look forward in the end to a fair field, from which old prejudices have been to a considerable degree eliminated by the pressure of necessity. It will be interesting to see what use they make of their enlarged opportunities.

Twice Told Tales

Profitable Sport. Representative Barthold of Missouri tells the story of an old man with a soft, daff look, who sat on a park bench in the sun, with rod and line, as if he were fishing, but the line, with a worm on the hook, dangled over a bed of bright primroses. "Daff!" said a passer-by to himself. "Daff! Bushonest! Nice looking fellow, too. It's a pity." Then, with a gentle smile, the passer-by approached the old man and said: "What are you doing, uncle?" "Fishing, sir," answered the old man solemnly. "Fishing, eh? Well, uncle, come and have a drink."

The old man shouldered his rod and followed the kindly stranger to the corner saloon. There he regaled himself with a large glass of dark beer and a good 5-cent cigar. His host, contemplating him in a friendly, protecting way, as he sipped and smoked, said: "So you were fishing, uncle? And how many have you caught this morning?" The old man blew a smoke cloud toward the ceiling. Then, after a pause, he said: "You are the seventh, sir." —Philadelphia Bulletin.

A Careful Witness. Not long ago a man was charged at a country court with trespassing, and also with shooting some pigeons belonging to a farmer. In giving his evidence the farmer was exceedingly careful, even nervous, and the lawyer for the defense endeavored to frighten him. "Now," he remarked sternly, "remember you're on oath! Are you prepared to swear that this man shot your pigeons?" "I didn't say he did shoot 'em," was the reply. "I said I suspected him of doing it." "Ah! Now you're coming to it. What made you suspect the man?"

"Well, first, I caught him on my land with a gun. Secondly, I'd heard a gun go off and had seen some pigeons fall. Thirdly, I found four of my pigeons in his pocket—and I don't think them birds flew into his pocket and committed suicide for the fun of the thing." —Chicago News.

The Bees Letter Box

Fire Churches and Great Navies.

CINCINNATI, Neb., Dec. 17.—To the Editor of The Bee: Not long ago it was the pleasure of the writer to hear an evangelist of world-wide fame tell the "old story." He left no stone unturned to gain points of vantage which would break down the ramparts of sin and delusion as it appeared to him. In the course of his remarks he said the best was none too good for the Lord. His arguments were strongly in favor of fine places of worship. A forgetting of self when the collection plate was passed was strongly urged. That this argument was effective was evidenced by the fact that a generous public contributed more than \$400 per day recently to keep the "gospel hall" rolling.

Commendable, indeed, on the part of the public and clever of the evangelist to show what can be done for the Lord or anybody if we set busy. Strong arguments are now being brought forth to strengthen our army and navy, the reason for the same being patent to all. There is a great diversity of opinion here because of expense involved, with great economic questions part of the consideration. The sum total for "preparedness" runs so high in multiplied millions that it is a serious task for some of us democrats to figure out how we are at in dollars and cents. A southern senator is quoted as saying that it is reason to talk against preparedness. Take it for granted he is right, are we going to barter away rights of unborn generations, with a mortgage on their souls, with a war tax to supply present-day demands of those who control armor plate and factories of munitions of death-dealing machinery, all for the sake of honor, peace, home and reality? It is said that a man once died for the sake of this world. His blood is an atonement. His mission was on earth and good will. And now nations far and near are about to celebrate the anniversary of His advent to this mundane sphere.

Fire churches may be right, great navies may be right, but the death-dealing machinery of nations should be sunk in the bottom of the ocean. Let us begin life over with more common sense for the masses and less law for the classes and the world will improve wonderfully with the humble little man in the corner corner filling its place and the navies of the world out of sight and out of mind. T. J. HILDEBRAND.

Use for Convicts.

OMAHA, Dec. 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: Here is a problem that may be classed under the subject of "Efficiency and preparedness." If convicts of the state prison were drafted for army service it would have an uplifting effect, instilling patriotism, a sense of citizenship and a future outlook. For the government it means recruits that may be drawn for service in case of war. C. C. BEAVERS.

Middle in Mexico

KANSAS HOP RANCH, Blaine County, Nebraska, Dec. 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: The controversy now going on between Tumulty, who is presumed to represent the administration, and certain officials of the Catholic church, relative to the treatment of the church by Carranza, who has been recognized by our government as the de facto leader in Mexico, emphasizes the weakness of the administration's Mexican policy; a weakness which has characterized the policy from the beginning until the present time.

Our nation has been made the laughing stock of the dignified and civilized nations of the world because of a constant disposition to interfere with matters entirely domestic in their nature. It insisted upon establishing a land reform in the sister republic and now the quarrel is over church reforms; whether or not one church or another shall dominate and control in Mexico, whether or not the soldiers of Mexico are treating the members of certain churches and certain religious sects with due and careful consideration; whether or not the new government, which is established by Carranza, if he can, shall guarantee religious liberty within the borders of Mexico. All of these questions are entirely domestic in their nature and without the pale of consideration by a sister republic.

Had the administration confined its negotiations from the start to purely national and international questions; recognized that leader who was able to bring order out of the chaos of Mexico and establish law and order within its boundaries; and left the settlement of purely domestic questions to the Mexican people themselves, the whole Mexican policy would not have been the huge joke that it now is. PLANISTA.

We Fight with Witte.

When we draw near to war's dread brink, We grab our trusty pen and ink; O, mercy, on the way we light. When we take aim at him and write. When Mexico shoots up our tars And for grin war lays down the bars, We watch the stars in Mexico's night. When we take aim at him and write. When England grabs our merchant fleets And with their own cold storage eats 'em! Watch her double up in fright. When we take aim at her and write.

When otto Europe's shores we go, One England's ship we shoot or two. And their craft don't prove bullet tight. We take aim at the Dutch and write. When France takes Germans from our skirts, And over us one in our midrifts, We rise to passion's dizzy height—Take steady aim at her and write. When Austria, the cruel knave, Plants our sightseers near the wave, We rise in our colonial might. Take steady aim at her and write.

When Bryan's prohibition darts The vitals pierce of Met's ramparts, Does Met with bricks his old pal fight? Not he—he hunkers down to write. When Roosevelt bombards Garrison With his big, long, spent or gun, Does Garrison choose fists to fight? O, no—he sits him down to write.

All hail our sturdy ink and pen! And 'tis saved our laid ten billion men, O, when we're called to run or fight Help us to ever bravely write. GEORGE B. CHILD.

Mothers' Pensions.

OMAHA, Dec. 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: I was much interested in Mr. Sears' article, in which he advocates extending and broadening the mothers' pension law by making a temporary loan to worthy mothers without interest, to be paid later on, thereby helping the mother and child to help themselves. My husband, because of drink, lost position after position, and seven years ago deserted me with six children, the eldest then 17 years of age. I necessarily compelled this boy to leave high school, from which he would have been graduated in a couple of months. Both myself and children worked to save from foreclosure our modest little home, also another property on which my husband had no claim. He would not sign his name to borrow or sell unless at least half of the sale price. I was not entitled to the

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

"I wish a door mat," announced Mrs. De Sille. "Here is a very nice pattern," said the salesman, "with the word 'Welcome' woven into the fiber." "I see, I suppose that will do if you can add the words 'Tuesdays and Fridays'." —Louisville Courier-Journal.

"The highest compliment a girl can receive is for a man to ask her to marry him." "Well, I don't know. Most girls get two or three of those compliments. But how many girls are asked to permit their features to appear upon a soap calendar?" —Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Mother—Elsie, why are you tearing the leaves off that calendar?" "Elsie is just trying to make my birthday hurry up, mamma." —Boston Transcript.

Bacon—The giraffe is said to be the only animal in nature that is entirely dumb, not being able to express itself by any sound whatever. "Egbert—It's just as well, for if it could speak it would talk over everybody's head." —Yonkers Statesman.

AS OF TODAY.

Strickland Gillilan in Judge. "Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. Were the stockings all 'hung by the chimney with care,' In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there? Had 'mamma in her kerchief and I in my cap Just settled ourselves for a long winter's nap?"

Not so you could notice! Each child had gone out To its favorite movie, somewhere round about. Instead of being tucked snugly up in their beds, With "visions of sugar plums" filling their heads, They sat in dark parlors while many a scan Of bloodshed and horror flicked over a scene. They hadn't a moment for Santa Claus' gift. But had you referred to such silly "old guff," They each would have sneered at your old-fashioned notions. And turned to their pickfordesque, chaplainoid potions.

And mother and I had no time for it, nay, sir! We knew where they'd put on a new Bushman play, sir! And grandma, who commonly stayed with the housewife, Was out for a regular four-real carouse With some other dame of similar age, Who still had a leaning to go on the stage.

These "nights before Christmas" when "all through the house" "Not a creature" is "stirring, not even a mouse," Don't ever expect to find folks in their "old-fashioned notions." With visions of joy for the following day! Instead, hunt around 'mid the neighborhood. Where Pickford and Chaplin are handing out snickers; Where "cowboys" no cattleman ever would hire; Are hanging some villain with grimaces dire!

Pale, Sallow Cheeks

show that the blood is impoverished and that the stomach is not properly assimilating its food. In fact a woman's physical condition always shows in her face. Paleness, blotches, pimples, sallowness or dull eyes all

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