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Thought for the Day. Selected by W. M. Davidson. After all, you cannot write well with ink on soft paper.

Bunker Hall underscores the "no" in his political note.

China shows a distinct desire to become the Mexico of the Orient.

After all that was said and done, who would imagine that Henry Ford would take back water so soon?

Considering the progress already made in that direction another year of war will transform Europe into a vast soup house.

"Peace through victory" is the holiday slogan of the western trenches. It sounds good. Now for fulfillment. The sooner the better.

The waning days of the year hobble to the finish weighted with the mystery of Colonel Bryan's abstention from current conversation.

A state of preparedness would be materially advanced if gun-toting was more vigorously suppressed. Liberty in this direction becomes an enemy of life.

Just as the allies closed the Swiss door to Germany, the Teutons opened the Roumanian door and let out the wheat. Expert locksmiths are a serviceable adjunct to a war staff.

Civic pride is splendidly exemplified by Henry Frick in guaranteeing the payment of the deposits of school children in a bankrupt Pittsburgh bank. His generosity has the added merit of quickly meeting a holiday emergency.

The Poland of the nineteenth century has been described as the "Niobe of nations." The twentieth century does not alter the pathos of title, but mingles blood with the tears. The borderland of warring powers is a settled menace to longevity.

A casual reading of the interviews given out by members of the Ford Peace party are more a source of astonishment than of light. That a peace army of generals and no privates got as far as Sweden can be explained only on their inability to boss the ship.

According to the official returns the majority against suffrage in New York state totals 194,467. This is not a bad showing for the cause, considering the source. It is rather encouraging by contrast. The man-made new constitution was laid out by a majority of 509,623.

Poor old New York! The city's defenseless condition is revealed in a Christmas windup of rain, hail, snow, thunder and lightning, and a ninety-mile gale. The sympathy of the sunny Missouri valley goes out to the terrified, coupled with regrets for their failure to heed Horace Greeley's advice.

By a second series of hammer knocks the supreme court of Illinois conveys to legislators the fact that the state constitution is not a "wreck of paper." A mileage grab of \$10,000 is declared unlawful, and the members must refund the money. Illinois lawmakers receive \$3,000 per annum, but the liberal salary does not diminish greed for grabs.

Thirty Years Ago. This is a day in Omaha. A. U. Wyman and family returned from Washington. E. W. Spenser has gone to Washington to attend the wedding of J. O. Adams.

William Gentlemen and family left for Baltimore, where they will make their future home. The report of the clearing house showed Omaha's clearings for the week to have been \$2,624,851. The Union Pacific filed articles of incorporation for a company to build a line from Manhattan to Meriville, Kan., to connect up the Kansas and Nebraska divisions of the road.

Victor B. Caldwell. The news of the death of Victor B. Caldwell came as a distinct shock to the community wherein he had spent his life and in whose business and social affairs he had been so long a prominent actor. To his close associates, the unwelcome knowledge for several days that his condition was hopeless, was sad and stunning.

Prodding the British Lion. With the armies at the front at a standstill or retreating, and the politicians at home in more or less active ebullition, these are certainly unpleasant days for that noblest of all beasts, the British lion.

Attacks by the Tory press on the liberal members of the coalition government are significant only as verification of what has heretofore been surmised. The people of England are moving more than ever rapidly towards a condition of true democracy.

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Views, Reviews and Interviews

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The Bee's Letter Box

Too Many Presidents. NORTH LOUIS, Neb., Dec. 26.—To the Editor of The Bee: For the love of Mike, will someone take a club and kill off some of the presidential aspirations of Nebraska? First, it was the proposal of Mr. Roosevelt's name about the time the polls closed in 1912.

Retorts to Weybright. OMAHA, Dec. 27.—To the Editor of The Bee: J. F. Weybright of Scott's Bluff, Neb., volunteered through The Bee's Letter Box, to tell the 30,000 Germans in Omaha how the public schools should be run.

Cherry Chaff. "Why are you late?" "My watch was slow." "I know it. That's from going with you so much."—Harvard Lampoon.

Tips on Home Topics. Boston Transcript: We have generally noticed that the fellow who never did anything always knows how to do it better than the fellow who did.

Twice Told Tales. A Cautious Judge. "Safety first" seems to be the motto of some of the judges in the West Indies.

Tabloids of Science. The bones of a human being will bear three times as great pressure as oak and nearly as much as wrought iron, without being crushed.

Editorial Sittings

Philadelphia Ledger: Who could have really expected to keep the colonel off the front page very long?

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Scrub-high. "I was afraid some souvenir hunter out there in San Francisco would steal the crack."—New York Times.

Tramp—Kind sir, will you please help me in my extremity? Gentleman—What's your trouble, halfness or corns?—Houston Transcript.

KABIBBLE KABARET. DEAR MR. KABIBBLE, MY GIRL FRIENDS DO NOT LIKE MY FIANCE, SHOULD I JILT HIM ON THAT ACCOUNT?

Lawyer—Did he call you a liar, in so many words? Client—No, he said I reminded him of a war expert. Lawyer—Quite sufficient, my dear sir—you caused a secure very heavy damages.—Passing Show.

A FRIEND'S GREETING. Edgar A. Goetz in Detroit Free Press. I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me.

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I'm wishing at this Christmas time that I could but repay. A portion of the gladness that you've strewn along my way.

Baltimore & Ohio announcement! The New York Limited has been equipped with Drawing room-compartment and library observation sleeping cars.

FACE DISFIGURED WITH PIMPLES. HEALED BY CUTICURA SOAP AND OINTMENT. "I had disgusting pimples all over my face. They gave me a very ugly look, and were red and numerous, and when I thought they had vanished they appeared again."

FLORENCE is to be given next and believe me she is a very pretty dolly. She has such sweet winning ways that we would like to have her go to some little girl that didn't get a doll for Xmas.



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