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The description of Edgar Howard reveals the desperate character of democracy's forlorn hope.

St. Louis wants to pull off that debate between Bryan and "Met." Don't worry, it will never happen.

Should the bag at Erserum prove as large as the advance notice, the bear may dine on Turkey for an indefinite time.

With the Omaha fire department it seems that hope is here just so the selling commission goes to the political favorite.

Erserum radiates considerable joy among the bear's allies, but it falls far short of compensation for Warsaw, the Dardanelles and the Balkans.

Note that it is the democratic organs that are most solicitous about the so-called Roosevelt boom, and most anxious lest it fail to materialize.

Kansas City's mayor has been renominated in direct primary. A mayor, well seated in the saddle of any of these western cities, is mighty hard to dislodge.

There is still hope that the editorial seer of Columbus, having due regard for the honor of the profession, will hitch his political cart to a job worth while.

Our good friends, the Mexicans, have killed only seventy-six Americans in the three years of the present democratic administration. Exhibit No. 1 for "watchful waiting."

Of course, a protective tariff on sugar has ceased to be "robbery," as denominated in democratic platforms, now that the democratic president and congress are ready to endorse it.

The famous epic of one Flanagan, "Off agin, on agin, gone agin," must have been inspired not so much for railroad use, but to visualize the Louisiana "settlement" that fails to settle.

Now that the senator is an out-and-out candidate for re-election, Postmaster Wharton may as well reconcile himself to being a hold-over until after the primary, and, perhaps, until after election.

Utilizing discarded naval craft as training ships for civilians is a proper step toward naval preparedness. The first need of the navy service is a reliable equipment of sea legs, which must be acquired by easy stages on hobbled craft.

The separation of John Wesley Gaines from the job of gauging the waters of the Rio Grande started with an error in the payroll. "Dire events off from trifles spring," still the Rio Grande flows on unmeasured, and the country may survive the jolt.

Thirteen Years Ago This Day in Omaha

Compiled from Bee Files.

Dean Millsbach, who is about to leave Trinity and Omaha to go to Minneapolis, was tendered a reception in the parlors of the Millard. Judge Wakeley, as spokesman for the congregation, in a complimentary speech presented him with an elegant gold watch, garb and a purse of \$500 as a testimonial of appreciation, and for the congregation of St. Philip's chapel, Elias Bell presented a gold-headed cane. Finally a third speaker, Mr. Jones, on behalf of the Omaha bootblack, presented the departing dean with a beautiful cross of solid gold.

A company of amateurs put on Howells' "The Garreters" at the First Congregational church. Those taking part were the Misses Alice Rustin, Lillian Allen, Abbie Herbold, and Messrs. Herbert Snow, George Holbrook, W. B. Allen, Chauncey O. Howard, Fred Hainsworth.

A good house witnessed the opening performance of "Michael Strouff" at the Boyd, a spectacular drama based on the novel of the same name.

Hon. Charles H. Brown has gone to Albany, N. Y., summoned by the serious illness of his mother.

Mrs. Georgia Taylor, formerly of Cleveland, has entered the office of Assistant Freight Agent Johnson of the Union Pacific as stenographer.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Young entertained a number of friends in their new home on Walnut Hill.

Joseph Bell, one of the old residents, died at his home on 27th St. Mary's avenue. He had been in the service of the Union Pacific as ticket agent and later as depot agent.

Board of Trade directors met and authorized gateway bankers to negotiate a loan of \$50,000 for the new building they propose to erect.

The "Watchful Waiting" Record.
 President Wilson has reported to the senate, in response to a request for information, the names of seventy-six American citizens who have been murdered in Mexico during his time in office. He also informs the senate that as fast as these murders were brought to the attention of his State department, "representations" were made to Carranza, to Villa, or to someone equally interested. Beyond these representations no effort was ever made to secure protection that would guaranty safety of life or property in Mexico. Yet 40,000 Americans have made their homes across the border on invitation of the Mexican government, and more than a billion of dollars of American money was invested there in various productive enterprises.

No reckoning is made by the president of the unspeakable outrages against American women and children, reported to the State department, and there hidden away; and no accounting of property taken from Americans by the banditti during three years of "watchful waiting" is given. Only the toll of men and women, murdered by the irresponsible marauders, is presented. Their blood cries out for justice, but it has not been done. Homes desecrated, women violated, children made sport of, are accompaniments of the tale not yet told, all the fruits of the hot and cold policy of the president of the United States.

"Watchful waiting" was patient under insult and outrage, and could also brook the murder of American citizens, but it finally landed the "first chief" as de facto head of a "military" government, to which it now wants to send an ambassador. At this time the head of this "military" government is playing hide and seek with his late chief butcher. This spectacle must make old line democrats, who worship "Andy" Jackson and Grover Cleveland, proud of their successor.

Mr. Bryan's Regularity.
 Nebraska democrats will feel that we are doing them a favor, we know, in bringing to their attention a letter written by William Jennings Bryan to the Washington correspondent of the New York Evening Post, who quotes from it as follows with reference to support or opposition to the re-election of President Wilson:

I have never done anything to justify the suspicion that I would not support the ticket. My support of Taylor at least ought to raise a presumption in favor of my regularity. As I am asking nothing and desire nothing except an opportunity to work for the reforms in which I am interested, I feel that I can take my own time, and in speaking on the subject be governed by my own judgment.

And in another place he declares:
 I have no enemies to punish and no friends whom I would be willing to reward at the expense of the country or the party.

While the citation now of the Parker episode, preceded as it was by the consignment of Belmont-Ryan campaign boodles to Nebraska, and followed as it was by the disastrous defeat of Parker and the whole democratic ticket, may be far from reassuring, it is circumstantial evidence, at least, that Mr. Bryan will remain "regular" in presidential elections, because he has always been "regular," and has taken such decided exception to democrats who refused to remain "regular" on the three occasions in which he, himself, ran for president.

But the suggestion is not, we fear, conclusive as to whether this regularity of Mr. Bryan will include anything besides the presidential ticket. His bolt of Mayor "Jim" when he captured the nomination is ominous for the democratic gubernatorial nominee this year, in case it is anyone else than "Brother Charley." And as for the senator, there is no certainty that Bryan's acceptance of Wilson for another term will include him, even though the senator succeeds in attaching himself to the presidential coat-tails.

Incidentally, let no one overlook the observation, "I want nothing except an opportunity to work for the reforms in which I am interested," which must not be construed into meaning that Mr. Bryan abjures his right to claim the patronage for "deserving democrats" and that none are deserving—at any rate, in Nebraska—who have not been steadfastly devoted to the Bryan political fortunes. If the president would take this remark at face value, he might jar loose the long hung-up political plums without further enforced "watchful waiting," but again there is the big "If."

King Peter's Plea.
 Something in the pathetic figure of the fugitive king of Serbia will enlist and hold the sympathy of Americans. Peter is an old man, broken in health and fortune, but filled with a spirit that lifts him above his present and looks to the future with the faith that is born of freedom. His plight is a portion of the price war exacts. He looms nobler in retreat than he would in submission. His gratitude to Americans, graciously expressed, is surely the sentiment of his scattered people, who appreciate what has been done for them by the only nation that could afford succor in their extremity.

Might does not yet make right, and the sturdy peasants of Serbia may yet have a chance at that freedom they dearly cherish. Austria's perplexity of administration will only be increased by suzerainty over Serbia. Another Bohemia, on a smaller scale, but quite as determined, will not make the double crown of the Hapsburg house sit more easily. Even in defeat, King Peter may look ahead a little and gain some consolation from the reasonable promise of the future.

A New York woman of tender sensibilities and devoted to good works, though poor in worldly goods, refused a bequest of \$40,000 or more from a miser uncle, because she believed the money was ill-gotten. The act is creditable to her sense of right and wrong, but strangely inconsistent. Even if the money was ill-gotten, devoting it to charitable uses would cleanse the taint and cover a multitude of the sins of the miser.

The big voice from Pike county is steaming for preparedness. At the rate Speaker Clark is bristling up on the side of the administration the chances of a Bryanite obtaining recognition from the chair grows slimmer as the days pass. Oh, you Baltimore!

A League of Nations To Enforce Peace
 John Bates Clark, Professor Political Economy, Columbia University.

THE belligerent nations have now fought over a year and a half and can fight as much longer without bankruptcy. Though they should spend \$100,000,000 a day for 1,000 consecutive days, their outlays would fall short of their total resources; and if they should fight for ten years, their lands would still remain, with most of their buildings and other improvements, and so would their railways, harbors, mines and canals.

But what will be the condition of the countries if peace shall come at the end of three years of warfare?

The productive properties that will remain will be mortgaged to the creditors of the states. Taxation will have reached a limit that will confiscate a large share of every income.

There will be a need of costly reforms and a demand for them backed by a new and powerful democracy.

Unless something new and effective can be done to make great armaments unnecessary the old rivalry in enlarging them will continue.

There is one possible escape from this, and only one—namely, a league of nations that can preserve the peace and make great armaments gradually less necessary. What the world is fighting for now is security against more fighting.

Every nation thinks it more important that peace should stay when it comes than that it should come at any particular time. The Teutons would like to insure this by conquering their enemies and making themselves dominant, and the allies have a like ambition.

In the one case there would be a Pax Romana—a peace by the supremacy of a single power, and in the other there would be peace by a league of a considerable number of the European nations and one Asiatic power.

Conceivably a single union might embrace all of these states. The two warring leagues might lay aside their enmities and form, as it were, a great trust for the protection of mankind. They might bury the hatchet, as rival producers bury it, for their own mutual benefit. That would preserve peace while the great union should last. The conditions that make such a union difficult to form would make it difficult to preserve. It would seethe with jealousies and be in perpetual danger of disruption.

The German power, which has called the rival union into being, may help in an essential way to preserve it. It may furnish a needed bond of union capable of holding the members together until the strength of the union shall be fully developed.

More Religion—Less Theology.
 OMAHA, Feb. 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: I take ability, a rich spiritual experience and a high degree of moral courage to produce such a clear-cut, fearless article as that of the Rev. Frederic E. Pamp in The Bee. It renewed my strength and made the world look brighter to hear of a minister who was looking for the truth and could recognize it when found. It is a relief to find a minister who is willing to rest his faith in the power of the Scriptures rather than in methods and cheap vaudeville.

If the pulpit had more religion and less theology perhaps the results would be different. Could there be any hypocrisy there to stand in the forefront of the Sunday campaign and appear to endorse it, and then no sooner than it is over to turn about and lend influence to the very things this campaign condemned? There seems also to be a concerted effort on the part of the best salaried preachers to establish themselves rather than harvest the fruits of the Sunday meetings. It has been openly proclaimed that the preacher was entitled to unquestioned support, that he was supreme, that he was above criticism. Know a preacher who took this pledge from his members who would accept that that he go anywhere at any time the Lord called there. Later this man intimated that this pledge meant that these persons had promised to do anything he might ask. Trying to establish himself at the expense of God's work. The political boss is a paragon of honor compared with such a man. I know a church that was stirred to its depths by the Sunday meetings. Its membership was filled with zeal for work; but the attendance has fallen off over the past few weeks. They came asking for the bread of life, but were given a personal bread of pre-digested spiritual breakfast food about as nutritious as sawdust. The men who have failed to lead the awakening of the Sunday meetings have assumed a terrible responsibility.

S. J. WOODRUFF.

Twice Told Tales
 Not What He Expected.

As the brisk philanthropist thrust her fare into the taxidriver's hand she saw that he was wet and apparently cold after the half hour of pouring rain.

"Do you ever take anything when you get soaked through?" she asked.

"Yes, ma'am," said the driver, with humility, "I generally do."

"Wait here just a minute," commanded the philanthropist; and she ran up her steps, inserted her key in the lock, opened the door and vanished, to reappear in a moment. When she had come down to the taxi-man she gave him a small envelope. "There are some two-grain aspirin tablets," she said; "you take two of them now, and two more in an hour."—Harper's Magazine.

Had to Have an Office.
 An inherited fortune and the disposal of an organized business enabled a well-known Chicagoan to retire. He had the inclination for leisure, but could not surrender the idea of having a definite business abiding spot.

He rented an office in a loft building and went to Europe. After a six months' absence he returned, looked the building over and went to South America. Then, after again verifying the report that the building was not crumbling, he took a jaunt to Japan.

Not long ago one of his old cronies said: "Frank, why don't you give up your office—you don't need it?"

"That's true," said Frank. "I would give it up, but I don't know what to do with the rug."—New York Times.

A New Start.
 Dr. Max Starkloff says a friend who has a reputation for a very "touching way" met him recently and said:

"Look here, doctor, I'm terribly mortified about not having paid back that dollar I borrowed from you last June, but honestly, old man—"

"Oh, that's all right," said Starkloff. "Don't speak of it."

"Oh, but I must speak of it," said the fellow. "I can't treat a friend that way, you know, and I—I want to pay you and I will, doctor—sure thing. If you will lend me \$2, I'll pay that dollar right this minute and we can start the new year fresh."—Philadelphia Ledger.

People and Events

The story is again going the rounds that Thomas A. Edison persists in working twenty-one hours a day, at the age of 69. The vitality of the story defies Tom's celebrated batteries.

A real Kentucky mule is the chief prize offered in Hopkinsville, Ky., to the first girl who does the leap year act. Local sports, knowing the material in sight, are betting on the winner getting a team.

After standing off his doctor for 19 years, the conscience of a St. Louis man got busy and the doctor got \$3-a-fee of \$3, the balance interest. The moral of this may be had by consulting a doctor.

"I suppose I'll break my neck," remarked William L. Griffin of South Weymouth, Mass., as he put on skates for the first time in years. Five minutes later the prophecy was fulfilled.

Judge Philip Q. Churchman of Wilmington, Del., the other day solemnly adjudged himself guilty of neglecting to shovel snow off his sidewalk and forked over a fine of \$5.33. He didn't have a string to his coat, either.

A freshly dressed young man was picked up by the police in Chicago and found to be a wandering bear. A shoe clerk in Cleveland is pictured as heir to a fortune of \$2,500,000. These afford no reliable clue to publicity's favorites of fortune.



Preparedness, Peace, Disarmament.
 MARQUETTE, Neb., Feb. 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: Military preparation for the purpose of conquest is a willful descent to murder and rob on a gigantic scale, but military preparation for defense is an obligation and a duty, that if neglected leads to humiliation and loss of honor, and finally the decay of power to control within, which invites disaster from without. In this enlightened time we find nations fighting out the grudges of dark ages on the battle fields of ancient days, where men used the spear and stone hammer in pre-historic epochs, and the end is not yet. With all Europe supplied with the best of modern equipment and fighting with hatred handed down from many centuries, it behooves us to make sure of our strength.

Most thrones today, as of old, are maintained to glorify the head that wears a crown and directs the wielding of the sword. But little attention is paid to a weakling; to be respected and make advancement we must be strong; this is true in a general way, let us take heed to observe.

There is only one thing that can overcome force without reason, and that is force with reason. A small nation well prepared can command respect, while a large nation unprotected might lose prestige. Belgium, Serbia, and Montenegro are overpowered for the reason that they are not strong enough to cope with the enemy; while little Holland, with its natural fortifications—the dykes—can preserve its neutrality. We saw Turkey at the Dardanelles defy a great fleet. We see China with its 400,000,000 people bowing to the mandates of Japan with her 70,000,000 people.

Probably there is no government in the world that would not rejoice to see all other nations disarm, but not one of them would of their own accord cast away their implements of warfare.

Locked in this broad domain, there is means to preserve and improve our every greatness if we will, and to extend, if we desire, the influence and benefits of our progressiveness to other lands.

To make secure this vast treasure of the world's most precious gifts, we should provide for an able guard, and a strong, healthy, trusty keeper of the keys.

W. BARTO.

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LAUGHING GAS.

"If we lived in former times, my dear, the idea of our children being fitted an important public position."

"What kind of a position, my love?"

"Town crier."—Baltimore American.

She (thoughtfully)—Did you ever think much about reincarnation, dear?

"Eighteen (otherwise) think about it! I eat it nearly every day—only we call it hash."—Princeton Tiger.

"What conclusion did you draw from your study of that ancient Egyptian inscription?" asked the professor of archeology.

"Why," replied the superficial student, "it decides that the old Egyptians had their comic artists, the same as we have."—Washington Star.

the south in the saddle we can expect nothing but inefficiency in any department of governmental affairs and the sooner we get rid of the Wilson administration the better it will be for business interests and the general welfare of the country.

F. A. AGNEW.

Editorial Snapshots

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: There has long been water enough in the Rock Island Company of New Jersey to dissolve it.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: Edison says he'd rather work than attend a banquet, having in mind, no doubt, some of the speeches.

Washington Post: Every now and then one is struck with the conviction that modern statesmen are determined that Lincoln's greatness shall increase with time, if only through the power of contrast.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: The democratic national committee says that Wilson is going to be renominated. There's nothing like betting on a sure thing. Why not prophesy that we are going to have warm weather in July?

Indianapolis News: Like the great and good friend that we are, we are engaged in making money for Mexico. Millions in American printed bank notes are being shipped to take the place of the phony goods now in circulation there.

Louisville Courier-Journal: "Long engagements are dangerous," writes a day-by-day adviser of lovers. They also are expensive. It costs more to take your fiancée to the theater in a taxicab twice a week than to take your wife to a picture show in a jitney bus once a month.

Philadelphia Ledger: Why do uplifters so often lack all sense of proportion? The New York Health department, suddenly converted to the cause of prohibition, is assaulting hotels, clubs, all places where strong drink is sold, with multi-colored pamphlets setting forth the evils of intemperance. May not the irritation such a crusade is likely to arouse more than balance any possible good it could accomplish?

Chicago Herald: Mrs. Ohio Democracy insists, with the backing of statutory requirements, that President Wilson declare his intentions. While protesting his unwillingness "to enter into any contest" for this or any other lady's nomination favors, our president is, of course, too gallant to refuse. Few men there be who can decline a leap year proposal, especially when it comes from ladies of extended experience.

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