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MARCH CIRCULATION.
56,628 Daily—Sunday 50,628
Dwight Williams, circulation manager of The Bee Publishing Company, being duly sworn, says that the average circulation for the month of March, 1916, was 56,628 daily and 50,628 Sunday.

Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha
Compiled from Bee Files.
Lee Bird, superintendent of the Omaha Canning Works, is now contracting with farmers near the city for vegetables.

Villa Dead—Recall the Troops.
If Francisco Villa indeed be dead, the mission on which the American forces entered Mexico is accomplished. The bandits have been so scattered that their pursuit will be an almost unending task, while the death of their leader will make their reassemblage in a formidable group unlikely.

One Lesson for Easter.
The humane society is quietly moving against an Easter practice of recent growth, that of displaying newly hatched chicks and the giving of them to children to play with. This manner, which has not yet become a custom, is objected to because it is an unnecessary cruelty and not in keeping with the true spirit of Easter.

National Guard and National Defense.
Senator Borah startled the country by his exposure of the maladministration of the appropriation made by the general government for partial support of the National Guard under the Dick law. His allegations of fact are based on the official records of the War department, showing the disbursement of the appropriation. He has exposed a weakness of the policy that undertakes to maintain the National Guard as a factor in the national defense first line.

General Staff for the Navy.
The Navy League of the United States is asking for the establishment of a general staff for the navy, similar to that of the army, and charged with similar duties and responsibilities. This is a commendable plan, and ought to be carried out without unnecessary delay.

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How to Judge Diamonds
Literary Digest.
THE finest diamonds, we are told by a writer in the Scientific American Supplement, "are to be found only in the treasure vaults of princes."

The writer says: "In purchasing diamonds one should always make use of the microscope, not the magnifying glass of the jeweler, but one of a power of ten to twenty, for then one can find faults in inclusions, polishing, etc., even with stones advertised as microscopically pure."

Twice Told Tales
Prolonging the Agony.
Her lad had joined the army. Tomorrow he was starting for camp and his preliminary training. Soon—ah, who could say—he might be starting for that place of mystery and mud—the front.

People and Events
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The Bee's Letter Box
Preparedness.
CENTRAL CITY, Neb., April 17.—To the Editor of The Bee: This military craze is pouring in like a flood sweeping us off our feet at a time when we ought to be founded firm on the spirit of "government by the people"—a majority of the people and not by a minority who may be ethically wrong.

Explanation of the State Treasurer.
LINCOLN, April 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: The statement has been made a number of times from various sources that at the time the State Board of Assessment made the state levy for 1915 I was opposed to the reduction of the levy 1 mill, which reduction cut the taxes down for the taxpayers of the state a little over \$400,000.

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Editorial Snapshots
Indianapolis News: If, as is asserted by the National Association of Clothiers, there is no dependence to be placed on various colored garments because of the shortage of dyes, the thing to do is for the people who have the knack of such things to start a fashion that requires well-dressed people to wear garments of natural colors—and it wouldn't hurt 'em a bit to do so.

MIRTHFUL REMARKS.
"Why do you object to my marrying your daughter?"
"Because you can't support her in the style to which she has been accustomed all her life."

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