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Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

The auto speeding game should at least be a little more exciting than the wrestling game.

It goes without saying that the visiting hotel men are welcome to the best in the house.

Motorcycle cops do their best. It is not their fault if speeders spot their explosions a mile off.

Germany's merchant submarine demonstrates that "the freedom of the seas" is more fact than theory.

It is understood, of course, that the railroads transporting Nebraska troops southward made the fares as cheap as the equipment.

So long as the home team heads the pennant race the perspiration of fandom may be borne with equanimity and a handkerchief.

The railroads should be held to strict account for the transportation of the troops to the Mexican border. Uncle Sam has no surplus of soldiers that he can afford to lose any of them en route.

Nearly half a million dollars of public school money comprise the 1916 distribution among the school districts of Nebraska. The wisdom and foresight of the founders brighten with each passing year.

Opportunity beckons General Trevino to make good. With Villistas shooting up loyal troops a few miles to the south, the warrior of Chihuahua is welcome to cut loose and give practical effect to his manifestoes.

No one is interposing objection to American financiers floating a loan for Carranza who, as a matter of fact, has been financed all the time from this country. Floating Anglo-French bonds in the United States was different.

If this great government of ours expects to popularize army service, no time should be lost in prohibiting raids on railroad junk piles for rolling stock for soldiers. The best is none too good for men in the country's service.

Those Nebraska counties whose valuation returns show decreases invite investigation by the State Board of Assessment. No part of Nebraska is failing to share in the general expansion of wealth enjoyed by the state as a whole.

According to Victor Murdock, he is "sitting on the fence" and finds it "comfortable." But Murdock is merely deluding himself. He is never comfortable except when on one side of the fence making it hot for the fellows on the other side.

Please note that the senior member of the firm, "Hitchcock, Fanning & Co." is no longer eager to shine as a caucus bolter. He now swallows the dose his senatorial colleagues mix for him and makes out that he like it though it is practically the same concoction he previously rejected.

The national convention of the prohibition party to be held in St. Paul this month is hereby reminded that the presidential preference primary held in Nebraska in April was carried by Eugene N. Foss for the prohibtion nomination by a vote of 295 over 117 for Ira Landreth and thirteen scattering. If the prohibionists respond to the popular uprising, Foss will be nominated.

People and Events.

William Russell Willcox, the new chairman of the republican national committee, never saw a city till he was 17 years old.

Mayor William H. Thompson of Chicago is the highest salaried mayor in the country. He gets $18,000 a year and serves four years.

Congressman J. H. ("Cyclone") Davis insists that the word "Cyclone" shall be included with his name on the Texas primary ballots this month.

Mrs. G. H. Mathis, Alabama's famous woman farmer, is urging the federal government to select Muscle Shoals, Ala., as the site for its proposed nitrate plant.

Frank O. Lowdan, who appears to be the most likely candidate for the republican nomination for governor of Illinois this year, is a son-in-law of the late George M. Pullman, the palace car magnate.

Philip Kearny, a grandson of the famous General Phil Kearny, who lost an arm in the Mexican war and later met death in the civil war battle of Chantilly, was among those who recently offered to serve in a New Jersey volunteer regiment in the event of war with Mexico.

The present German emperor is the only European sovereign who has crossed the River Jordan since 1099, when Godfrey of Bouillon and his followers of the First Crusade captured Jerusalem from the Moslems. Emperor William crossed the river on his journey to Jerusalem in 1898.

Admiral Cameron McRae Winslow, who is to retire from the navy this month on account of age, is a son of the late Rear Admiral John A. Winslow, the famous commander of the old Kearsarge when the ship sank the Confederate man-of-war Alabama off the French coast in the civil war.

Germany's Latest Subsea Achievement.

The latest German achievement proves that their submersible vessels can be useful as well as destructive. The voyage of "Der Deutschland" is not a miracle, but an entirely practical application of the submarine boat to commercial uses. Under stress of war the Germans have taken the lead in this one certain method of destroying the effectiveness of a blockade by sea, the U-boat laughing at the sea forces as the aeroplane does at the leaguer by land. Application to the work of solving intensely practical problems has not entirely divested the German mind of the quality of imagination. The voyage of the Deutschland was preceded by a trip from Bremen to Cartagena, a submersible carrying a message from the emperor to the king of Spain, and returning without adventure.

Our government will have a single problem to settle in the case, that of the character of the vessel. No good reason appears why it should not be listed as a merchantman, if it does not partake of the distinctive characteristic of a warship. Recognized as a merchantman, the Deutschland has solved the problem of blockade running. It will return to Germany, laden with a cargo of materials most needed there, and as other vessels join in the enterprise, the "economic pressure" put on the Teutonic allies will lose much of its force. What this means for the future of the war is open to wide conjecture.

For the United States it also means much, a revival of trade to some extent with Germany being the most assured outcome. The arrival of this submarine cargo carrier will put the democrats in a decided quandary, for they were just about to pass a bill putting a heavy import duty on dye stuffs. Have they learned their lesson, or will they allow this incident to frighten them away from their purpose?

In the Matter of "Butting In."

Speaking to the business men at Detroit, President Wilson again inveigled sharply against those who are "butting in" on Mexican affairs. He did not specify who these men are beyond the statement that they have aroused Mexican suspicions by undertaking to possess Mexico for purposes of exploitation. This leads to the inference that the president's commentary includes all who have made investment in Mexican enterprise at any time, and especially those who now hold property in that country. These people have well nigh outworn the patience of the president, insisting that he give them protection from the maranders who have devastated Mexico, especially wrecking ranches and mines belonging to Americans. The president has warned Americans on many occasions to abandon their interests in Mexico and come back to the United States, where they belong, and to give over their foolish ventures in the way of developing legitimate business projects the constitutionalists under Senor Carranza do not want continued. To the president, this whole Mexican muddle has arisen because a lot of American citizens have had such slight sense of their patriotic obligation as to go to Mexico to engage in trade and industrial pursuits. The absurdity of this proceeding is plain enough to Mr. Wilson, who has pointed it out many times, and still finds occasion to do so because the average American citizen is so dense he can not see it the same way.

The Inheritance Tax.

Commenting on the new revenue measure proposed in congress, the Lincoln Journal characterizes the inheritance tax as "first in importance" among its provisions. "It is a small beginning," it says, "but by it the ice is broken and this tax will prove an easy source of revenue to tap in future emergencies."

No one will take exception to the justice of taxing inheritances or that inheritances are a proper object of federal taxation, but, if the federal government is to levy such a tax with satisfactory results, it will have to be worked out in much greater detail. So far, the inheritance tax in this country has been confined to the different states with the usual variations in rates and exemptions, and the inevitable shifting about for purposes of evasion. Within the week, for example, the dispatches have noted that Vermont is one of the few states which imposes no inheritance tax and that the estate of Hetty Green, reputed to be America's richest woman, is to be probated and distributed in Vermont, plainly for the purpose of getting away from tax obligations. This discrimination between the states can be, and should be stopped by the federal government taking exclusively to itself the taxation of inheritances and pro-rating back an equitable proportion of the collections in lieu of what the states now or might hereafter rightfully intercept. This would make the tax uniform throughout the United States regardless where the deceased might live or die, and would also give us a single instead of a multiple tax collection with corresponding economy and saving of annoyance and inconvenience.

It is too bad a well-thought-out scheme of federal inheritance taxation is not to be established at the outset, for we will have to come to it eventually, and the blame must rest on the unpreparedness of our democratic lawmakers.

Railroads and Unreadiness.

One of the illuminating sidelights of the present mobilization of the army of the United States is the exposition of the unreadiness of the railroads. Every regiment so far moved, no matter where it has started from, has reported delay in getting off because the railroads were not ready with cars and other necessities. The southwestern system, along which the movement terminates, has been taxed to its very limit to care for the traffic suddenly thrust upon it, and yet the total of men and equipment sent to the border amounts to a little more than a single army corps. To be sure, the railroads have tried to take care of this troop movement and handle at the same time without disturbance their regular business, which is abnormally large for the season. This experience ought to be of much value to the general staff, both of the army and of the railroads, in making up plans for future movements. War operations could not possibly brook the delays that have held back the state soldiers in the present instance. Another feature of the movement that should not be overlooked is that the railroads have ransacked storage yards to resurrect old cars and discarded equipment for the use of the soldiers. Plenty of first-class accommodations have been found available for the uses of excursionists, while the army has had to take almost anything.

The audacity of auto thieves suggest preparedness along new lines. Mounting a machine gun on the windshield of the chaser might prove persuasive.

TODAY

Thought Nugget for the Day.

How sweet and gracious, even in common speech,
Is that fine sense which men call courtesy!
Wholesome as air and genial as the light,
Welcome in every clime as breath of flowers;
It transmutes aliens into trusting friends,
And gives its owner passport 'round the globe.
—James T. Fields.

One Year Ago Today in the War.

Prussian casualty lists to date totaled 1,500,000.

Austrian aeroplane dropped bombs on Venice.

British trawler Fleetwood reached port disabled from attack by German submarine.

Germans reported to be hurrying troops to the Polish front originally intended for the western front.

This Day in Omaha Thirty Years Ago.

E. L. Bertrand, managing editor of The Herald, has returned with his bride from a three-week trip to the Pacific coast.

Prayer was offered for rain in the Catholic churches of the city.

Extensive grading is in progress on upper Cuming street. The thoroughfare is closed from Idaho street east about two blocks.

The Hornberger Bowling club, at its last meeting, elected the following officers: Theodore Hegeman, president; Richard Lutch, vice president; Paul Stein, secretary; Otto Sieman, pudde

delmeister. The club meets at Brandt's Garden every Wednesday night, to which it rides in a special conveyance, carrying about twenty and returning with them about midnight.

Charles McCormick has sold what is known as McCormick's Second addition to Omaha, comprising 104 lots, to Lew Hill for $32,500.

Henry Homan has been appointed administrator of the estate of his father, the late George W. Homan, until the parties interested can be summoned to attend the reading.

Thomas Price of Oskaloosa, Ia., has arrived to act as stone-setter in the mason work of the Sixteenth street viaduct. The stone is arriving and the work will be pushed by the contractors, Reagan & Brennan.

This is the Day We Celebrate.

Rev. M. V. Higbee, pastor of the North Presbyterian church, is just 47 years old today. He was born in Wapelia, Ia., and educated for the ministry at McCormick seminary in Chicago. He was pastor of Knox Presbyterian church for three and a half years, taking charge of the consolidated church when the Knox and Second were merged eight years ago.

John Wanamaker, eminent merchant, philanthropist and one-time postmaster general, born in Philadelphia seventy-eight years ago today.

George E. Downey, judge of the United States court of claims, born at Rising Sun, Ind., fifty-six years ago today.

Rt. Rev. Edward M. Parker, Episcopal bishop of New Hampshire, born at Cambridge, Mass., sixty-one years ago today.

George W. Norris, United States senator from Nebraska, born in Sandusky county, Ohio, fifty-five years ago today.

Rear Admiral Richardson Clover, U. S. N., retired, born at Hagerstown, Md., seventy years ago today.

Milton J. Stock, infielder for the Philadelphia National league base ball team, born in Chicago twenty-three years ago today.

Today in History.

1767—John Quincy Adams, sixth president of the United States, born at Braintree, Mass. Died in Washington, D. C., February 23, 1848.

1804 — Alexander Hamilton was mortally wounded in a duel with Aaron Burr at Weehawken, N. J.

1814—Fort Sullivan, at Eastport, Me., surrendered to a British force from Halifax.

1842—The duke of Orleans, heir to the throne of France, was killed by a fall from his carriage.

1859—Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria and Napoleon III of France arrived at Villa Franco to discuss terms of peace.

1862—Henry W. Halleck became general-in-chief of the United States army.

1863—The Federals began an assault on Fort Wagner, South Carolina.

1870—Cardinal Farley of New York was ordained to the priesthood.

1879—William Allen, United States senator from Ohio, who originated the phrase "Forty-four forty or fight," died. Born in North Carolina in 1807.

1882—A British fleet bombarded Alexandria, Egypt.

1892—Porfirio Diaz was re-elected president of Mexico.

1902—Marquis of Salisbury resigned the British premiership.

1905—Major General Count Shuvaloff, prefect of the Moscow police, was assassinated.

Timely Jottings and Reminders.

The southern forestry congress is to open its annual meeting today at Asheville, N. C.

The imperial council meeting of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine will be formally opened today at Buffalo.

The progressive state committee of Minnesota is to meet at Minneapolis today to decide on the future course of the party in that state.

The annual convention of the Christian Endeavor societies of Pennsylvania will begin at Harrisburg today and continue until Friday.

Montclair, N. J., will hold its first election of municipal officials today under the commission plan of government recently adopted by vote of the people.

Delegates from all sections of the country are expected at the annual convention of the National Hay association, to open today at Cedar Point, O.

A notable conference on religion is to be opened at Columbia university today in co-operation with the Union Theological seminary.

A summer conference of the girls' council of the Young Women's Christian association will be opened today at Storm Lake, Ia., with delegates present from Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and the Dakotas.

Where They All Are Now.

Clement L. Waldron is now living a busy life in Beach, N. D., practicing law and carrying on large farming and cattle operations. He has been elected county attorney of Golden Valley county and also appointed city attorney. He formerly practiced law here. He married the daughter of James H. Taylor, credit man of the Burgess-Nash stores.

Terry Ramsey is in New York City, writing motion picture scenarios for the Mutual company. He was on The Bee staff when he received a call to the east.

Elizabeth F. McCartney, long identified with women's clubs and social service affairs in Omaha, is executive secretary of a legal aid society in San Francisco.

Storyette of the Day.

A bachelor of considerable wealth was much sought after by many of the most charming women of the town in which he resided. Clara Blunt, a very pretty maiden, was sure she had brought him almost to the point of a proposal. "What was the happiest moment of your life?" she asked while they were taking a moonlight stroll one evening. "The happiest moment of my life," answered the bachelor, with a reminiscent smile, "was when the jeweler took back an engagement ring that had been returned to me and gave me some cuff links in exchange."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

The Bee's Letter Box

No Invasion of Mexico.

North Platte, Neb., July 10.—To the Editor of The Bee: From recent reports, President Wilson is about to call for 500,000 men and $20,000,000 bond issue. What for? It is well known that Wilson permitted Carranza to ship arms, supplies and soldiers through United States territory to reinforce himself in northern Mexico against Villa, compelling Villa to retreat. As retaliation for this Villa made raids into United States territory, catching the United States garrison asleep and driving off their stock.

Next comes the punitive expedition to catch Villa; 15,000 men and three months' time have been spent and no Villa caught. Wilson now proposes to raise 500,000 men and $20,000,000 by bond issue to get all Mexico. What will Wilson do with all Mexico? And how long will it take Wilson to get Mexico?

I care not what statements may be made concerning this move; it cannot be anything less than invasion for conquest and that without any expression of public sentiment from the people otherwise than the indirect sentiment endorsing Bryan and Ford. Jingo press and preacher candidates for chaplains, including some demagogue patriots who are not going to the front, are shouting for war and the invasion of Mexico.

Big business interests, both in the United States and European countries, secured franchises from the usurper, Diaz, covering the lands which includes all things else. The native Mexicans have been kidnaped, driven wholesale from their homes and sold into slavery in the interest of the invaders. The Mexican people are now rising in revolt to drive the invader from their home and country. Bear in mind that all the Latin-American states do not favor the invasion of Mexico by the United States, also two-thirds of the people of the United States are not in favor of it. The first overt act was by Wilson, when he allowed Carranza to ship his troops over United States territory.

Without criticism of Wilson's administration, knowing that the complications are almost insurmountable, it is self-evident that that $20,000,000 bond issue is a more important factor in this deal than the honor of the United States government.

Big business interests of the United States and Europe invaded Mexico and secured special privileges against which the Mexicans have revolted. Our government was a revolt from foreign oppression, why not to Mexico the same right? Did Mexico, or any other government, interfere in our civil war to make us be good?

The struggle in Mexico and Europe by force of arms is the same in the United States by political action between a "government of the people by and for the people" and government by plutocratic wealth and religion; that is the real issue—take your choice.

For four hundred years the native Mexicans have been revolutionists against invasion by church and state, compulsory; they are all bandits. But they are democrats. Of course whoever goes into their mill is liable to get ground up. If one does not want to get ground up, keep out of the mill.

This thing of invading and conquering Mexico for plunder is no idle dream. Democracy is not based upon invasion and plunder. Carranza now represents the same system that Huerta did. Why should Wilson support Carranza now? Does Wilson know what he is supporting?

Of course we are for preparedness, for a censorship by a one-man power in time of peace. There is no declaration of war—why invade a Mexico with whom we are at peace by treaty? If we can't catch Villa in four months with 15,000 soldiers, how long will it take to catch all Mexico and probably several more Latin-American states, with half a million soldiers? And what will we do with them when we get them?

This government can best protect its honor by staying on its own soil and minding its own business. But if we must fight turn the government over to farmers and blacksmiths and send politicians and preachers to the front. LUCIEN STEBBINS.

How to Relieve His Sorrow.

Omaha, July 10.—To the Editor of The Bee: The Wilsonites are still calling Woodrow "the sorrowful champion of justice and humanity." Let us examine his sorrow for a moment.

On the day when they laid in the grave the American soldier boys who had fallen victim to Mr. Wilson's one-time friend, Villa, at Columbus, N. M., The president played golf in the morning, was entertained by the Fiske University Jubilee quarettte in the afternoon and went to Keith's at night; and the next morning he departed with his bride on the Mayflower for a week-end trip down the Potomac. On such a basis is built the legent of a president care-worn and bowed down with worry and sorrow, his heart bleeding for humanity. I am for relieving him of his sorrow by electing Hughes.
WILLIAM A. GURNETT.

EDITORIAL SIFTINGS.

Detroit Free Press: The trouble with all those drives started by the allies or the Germans is that high speed can never be maintained for very long.

Washington Post: Next time General Hugh Scott stands on the bridge at midnight he doubtless will philosophize on the uncertainty of specious assurances.

Boston Transcript: A Texas sand storm is generally regarded as just a trifle superfluous by a brave militiaman who already considers himself full of grit.

Philadelphia Ledger: Those teachers who are so enthusiastic for the doctrine of pacifism cannot complain if they are regarded by patriotic Americans as unsafe guides for the youth of the United States.

Brooklyn Eagle: Medina, like Mecca, is now in the hands of the revolting Arabs. These towns may be called the Alpha and Omega of Mohammed, and mean much to the most virile religionists of the near east.

Indianapolis News: Those $10,000 jobs on the federal farm loan board undoubtedly look awful good to the whole bunch of deserving democrats, but it is doubtful if they are the kind of experts that are needed for such places.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: We are continuing to be treated to a grand harmony of discords in reports from European war zones. Each side seems to have reached the supremacy of adeptness in the gentle art of lying, and yet to keep on trying in the hope of becoming more perfect.

TIPS ON HOME TOPICS.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Texas proudly calls attention to the fact that she has 300,000 acres of peanuts under cultivation. That's all right, but what has become of the Texas Rangers?

Pittsburgh Despatch: Indignation in some quarters that congress is allowing the president to deal with the Mexican situation overlooks the fact that the country generally is just as well satisfied that it does.

Chicago Herald: Among the romances of "big business" is the increase of our foreign trade during the fiscal year just ended to a grand total of $6,300,000,000—more than $2,000,000,000 greater than the figures for the preceding year.

Boston Transcript: We hardly think it likely that congress will favor per diem allowances from the federal government to the dependent families of golf players, as golf players always have something more important to do than to vote on election day.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: A clerk who also peddled war munition secrets has been discovered in the office of J. P. Morgan. Unless he had a pedlar's license something ought to be done with him. This side line specializing is being carried too far.

Louisville Courier-Journal: The guest who insists to the host that his allotment of beefsteak was delightfully tender, but that the knife was a trifle dull, provides an illustration of the often-used expression, a triumph of the spirit over the flesh.

Indianapolis News: Judging from the number of young men that can and do run automobiles with more or less skill and more or less recklessness, it wouldn't seem as if there would be much trouble about getting recruits with such an accomplishment.

LINES TO A LAUGH.

"Then she is disappointed in her match?"

"Yes, that's what a girl gets for marrying for money."

"In what is she disappointed?"

"Well, her husband isn't as old as he claimed by ten years, nor as wealthy by ten million."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

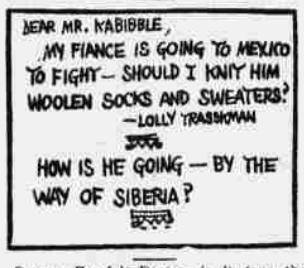
"That man prides himself on being a conversationalist."

"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne. "He's never so happy as when he makes a string of people miss their trains while he monopolizes the bureau of information."—Washington Star.

Mrs. Youngbride—I'm getting our ice from a new man now, dear.

Youngbride—What's wrong with the other man?

Mrs. Youngbride—The new dealer says he'll give us colder ice for the same money.—Boston Transcript.



Deacon Feerful—Doctor, is it true that people are occasionally buried alive?

Doctor Diggs—Deacon, it never happens to my patients.—Puck.

Friend—I suppose if people would do just what you tell them you would have a great deal less trouble.

Doctor—Yes, indeed! I would tell some of them to settle their accounts.—Boston Transcript.

The admiration which Bob felt for his Aunt Margaret included all her attributes.

"I don't care much for plain teeth like mine, Aunt Margaret," said Bob, one day after a long silence, during which he had watched her in laughing conversation with his mother. "I wish I had some copper-toped ones like yours."—Youth's Companion

THE WAY OF A BOY.

James W. Foley in Youth's Companion.

This is the way a boy comes home,
And the way it shall ever be;
A scamper of feet through the leaf and loam
And the chase of a vagrant bee;
A coat cast off and quite forgot,
A whistle and ringing cheer,
And a romp near every wall known spot
On the way from there to here.

This is the way a boy makes haste,
And the way it has ever been;
A squirrel seen is a squirrel chased,
And a top is made to spin;
A tree's to climb and a brook's to wade,
And the shade is a place to lie
After the zest of the game that's played
When the sun is hot and high.

This is the path a boy calls straight;
By every winding way
Where berries are or wild birds wait
Or squirrels dart at play;
By banks that bid you sit and cool
Two dusty feet and brown
In the pebbly shallows of the pool
That's on the way from town.

This is the errand swiftly done,
As doing shall ever be;
An ounce of care to the pound of fun,
And an hour that grows to three;
A fence to climb and a rail to stride,
With berries to hunt and share,
And a breathless quarter hour beside
A timid woodchuck's lair.

And this is the thing that a boy calls care
And the thing it shall ever be;
An old straw hat that's lost somewhere
In the shade of some far-off tree;
A shirt that's damp or trousers rent,
A bruise or a hornet's sting,
And lagging footsteps choreward bent
In the soft twilights of spring.

So these are the ways that boys all know,
And so may they ever be;
Fancies as fickle as winds that blow,
And dreams as wide as the sea,
Heaven above where the blue sky smiles,
With no day overlong,
And a whistle of merry tunes that whiles
A whole world into song.