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England is running true to form. It is "muddling through."

Hitting the bullseye in Roumania makes the bell ring in London.

It may be observed that Berlin has no reason for worry right now.

Has the early Christmas shopping habit gotten you? If not, why not?

As an object lesson for the short ballot, our special referendum election is illuminating.

Still, those who prefer darkness to light are welcome to navigate the glimless byways.

If you were a British statesman, you wouldn't want the job of premier wished onto you right now, either.

It is evident at this stage of the game that wild horses lack the drawing power of fake races in the land of mikes.

At any rate the Third ward didn't do it all by itself—nor any two wards, nor any three wards, nor any four wards!

In the campaign to reduce the high cost of living, a public market system might not do it all, but it would certainly help.

What has become of our senator's munitions embargo bill, which he was going to push without let-up till enacted into law?

In the roster of glad-handers greeting Colonel Bryan in congress the name of Nebraska's senior senator is conspicuous by its absence. Be a good fellow, Gil.

If Champ Clark's scheme to eliminate the gallery were adopted, no room would be left for speculation as to whether Wilson or Bryan got the most applause.

A Montana jury actually convicted a woman for shooting a man. The verdict smashes precedent and common usage, and indicates that the Copper state sob squads woefully neglected their job.

Manufacturers, jobbers and retailers of tobacco promise a new year in prices. This fairly rounds out the price-boosting epidemic. Mere man may be counted lucky if he pulls through the winter with overcoat and pajamas.

Diligent work in the right direction holds high promise of fatness for the suffrage waste-paper campaign fund. Moderate efficiency in gathering up Congressional Records will do the business and some over, besides putting the gas morgue to good use.

The chief of the department of local improvements of Chicago protests against the charge of waste and points out that in \$12,000,000 worth of work barely \$400,000 was lost or wasted. "It isn't a bad record," he says. Three per cent is a measly split as splits go in Chicago. Instead of kicking, Chicago taxpayers ought to be thankful for getting off so cheap.

America's Stock of Money

It has been twenty years since the "per capita" was the chief topic of political discussion, but there is still interest in it. The large and respectable school of economic thought which contends that prices are determined by the quantity of money, may find a partial explanation of our soaring prices in the facts revealed by the annual report of the United States treasurer.

The Light Contract Referendum.

The first resort to the referendum in Omaha has resulted in a decisive popular confirmation of the street lighting contract entered into by the city commissioners.

By approval of the commissioners' action, the result will be to give Omaha an additional 1,000 street lamps and an up-to-date ornamental lighting system for the business district, with assurance that the 6-cent rate reduction for householders will become effective without contest.

If the contention of the opponents of the contract be accepted that the issue of the special election was "municipal ownership," the vote would have to be read as a distinct rebuff to the idea of acquiring a municipal plant.

One thing Omaha may take pride in is the number of referendum ballots cast—being at least half again as many as could reasonably be expected in a special election—evidencing the widespread civic interest of the people.

With this part of the controversy out of the way it is up to the electric lighting company to get busy in fulfillment of its obligations and prove that the vote of confidence is rightfully given.

Come Through with a Plan.

For years Omaha has listened to city planners talk and been repeatedly advised from time to time that the moment is at hand to adopt a comprehensive plan for the development of the city.

"All rooms in the model apartment have direct light either from the street or from the court at the rear. Central heat does away with the innumerable chimneys common to Paris—on for each fireplace in each room—and the architects claim a substantial saving from this one item."

Promise of the Impending Budget.

Estimates of appropriations submitted to congress at its opening contemplate the expenditure of \$1,268,715,834. This is exclusive of the receipts of the Postoffice department, which must be counted into the total of appropriations, thus presaging the entrance of the four-billion-dollar congress.

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Women in Men's Jobs

There is much point in the statement that it is going to be hard to induce the women workers who are now doing men's labor in Europe to "go back to dishwashing after the war."

Prize Fighting for Charity.

The proposal that champion pugilists of America and France be matched to fight in order to raise funds for war relief will give our well ordered society something of a shock.

Plans for Better Marketing Practice.

A conference of experts is now in progress in Chicago, at which are being considered methods of handling farm and dairy products between producer and consumer.

People and Events

The Philadelphia and Reading corporation recently attempted to gouge a local court out of a 10-cent fee and failed miserably.

Storiette of the Day.

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Building a House in Steps

A firm of architects in Paris has completed a somewhat fantastic seven-story apartment house which is claimed to embody all the advantages of hillside dwelling—light, air and a good view—even on a comparatively narrow street.

"Paris, in spite of its many wide streets and its splendid system of boulevards and frequent squares and parks, has a large number of ancient, narrow streets, and it is in these that the architects expect their scheme of building to be of great use.

"This style of building, if constructed on both sides of a street, will give almost as much light to the lower stories as to the top ones.

"Although the building covers more ground than an ordinary one, the increased cost of land is made up by the increased height to which the building can be raised without interfering with the light of the lower floors or of those across the street.

"The facade of the building is finished in white glazed brick with a simple and pleasing decorative motif in bright blue bricks, which will set off the green flower garden on the terrace.

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TODAY

Thought Nugget for the Day.

The glad-to-see-you treatment is a great one for human ills. It's better than prescriptions. And multitudes of pills.

So if through life you carry This cheerful phrase with you; It's ten to one the angels Will be glad to see you too!

One Year Ago Today in the War. Anglo-French army in Balkans retired toward base at Saloniki.

In Omaha Thirty Years Ago. In one of the windows of Orchard's carpet store is displayed an interesting relic of the Irish rebellion of '98.

Pushing the Boycott to a Finish. Omaha, Dec. 6.—To the Editor of The Bee: If a remedy is logical an inch, it is logical a mile, and on this basis I wish to suggest that along with eggs we should declare a boycott on all kinds of things we feed our boys.

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The Bee's Letter Box

American and British Grammar. Kearney, Neb., Dec. 6.—To the Editor of The Bee: In Saturday's Bee, in an editorial captioned, "What is the American Language," the opening sentence bothers me, viz: "A group of teachers proposes to discuss the American language as distinguished from the British-English."

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