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The torpedoing of Wall street without warning clearly comes under the head of frightfulness.

Looks as if "peace without victory" had gone a-glimmering, at least for some little time to come.

It's back to the hole for Mr. Groundhog and another survey of the coal bin for Mr. Groundholder!

As balm and comfort, scientists assure us we will be back in a glacial period in a million years, more or less.

As long as Omaha fails to exercise its right to charter making so long will our charter tinkers get in their work at Lincoln.

Hardly likely that there will be another stock jobbing leak on the next White House peace note, or war note, as the case may be.

Fighting has started again along the River. The fighting distance from this point to the end of the war alphabet remains a guess.

Colonel House had nothing to say. A familiar note. The nerve tonic is not yet made which would suspect this colonel of harboring a leak.

Three ships of the American navy have been driven on the rocks in the last two months. More preparedness on the navigating bridge is clearly in order.

A sudden drop in the price of wheat does not alter in the slightest degree its popularity as the "staff of life." Some chaff and wind are blown away, nothing more.

True Americans will stand behind whatever administration is in power, says Charles Evans Hughes. No one ever questioned the true Americanism of Mr. Hughes.

Barney Baruch admits cleaning up \$476,000 from "hunches" on the peace note. Phineas Barnum's famous census of fooldom has a lively rival in the flocks of Wall street lambs.

Flowers and high favors showered on "war brides" a short time ago no longer garland the favorites. Bereft of their charms the "brides" make on the woebegone appearance of last year's Christmas tree.

Missouri does not need to be shown more than once. A joint committee of the legislature finds the federal good roads a mighty good thing and has reported in favor of matching each dollar of Uncle Sam's coin.

If memory serves us correctly, the last state platform promulgated by our Nebraska democrats promised economy and retrenchment. What would become of that plan if all these new job-hunting and salary-boosting bills were enacted into law?

To what extent has the law for compulsory teaching of foreign languages in the public schools been invoked in places other than Omaha? Pressure for repeal seems to come almost wholly from Omaha. Does that mean that dissatisfaction with it exists here only or that it is a dead letter law elsewhere?

The Bee does not favor legislating elective officers out of their jobs. Neither does it favor legislating them into higher salaries or longer terms than the people voted them when they elected them. Let the salary boosts and the term extensions start with successors duly elected with that understanding and rest sure that no present office holder will resign in the interval.

Agricultural Education

Millions of dollars are spent annually upon all sorts of investigations, but usually the result is merely a suggestion for more legislation rather than the adoption of educational methods, which, working more deliberately, nevertheless produce more definite results.

On the statute books of the different states and the nation there are adequate laws to deal with any attempt to fix the price of the necessities of life. Even the old common law was sufficient to deal with the conspiracies against the public interest. Education is far more necessary than new laws.

If an appropriation of \$100,000 is suggested to congress for the making of a new investigation, favorable action is taken. If the Department of Agriculture, however, asks for an additional \$100,000 to extend its educational facilities, congress looks a little askance at the proposal.

One of the best methods of reducing the cost of living would be to give such appropriations to the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Commerce so as to enable them to keep farmers and business men in constant touch with the best markets and the prices on the one hand and the best available supplies of raw materials, prices and markets on the other. If such information were at the disposal of the farmers and business men, the work of manipulators would be restricted.

"Starvation" Scarcely Involved.

Starvation of England is hardly within the realm of probability, any more than is the starvation of Germany, if recent figures may be relied upon. While for a long time both England and Germany have given greater attention to other pursuits, to the apparent neglect of agriculture, and neither nation before the war produced all the food its people consumed, necessity has developed unexpected resources for both.

Very late figures for the United Kingdom show that the agricultural resources of the islands are far more extensive than generally credited. While the area of wheat acreage was smaller in 1916 than in 1915 and fewer sown are reported, large increases are noted in potatoes, cattle and sheep, with greater acreage in pasture for the feeding of meat animals.

The British government has shrewdly anticipated the possibility of a subsea blockade, with precautionary measures to forestall any danger of starvation. If the war is to be terminated this year it will not be because of the hunger of the people, but because one side or the other will have exhausted its military resources.

Plans for "saving daylight" are again being agitated in the United States, and the United States Chamber of Commerce is urged by its special committee on the subject to have congress enact a law ordering that all clocks be turned ahead one hour. So much is involved in the topic that needs detailed consideration.

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The present emergency bill affords a case in point. Whenever the senators have remarked upon the fact that the ways and means committee was completely dominated by southern democrats, they have been astutely rebuked for "raising the sectional issue."

There was a similar performance earlier in this same administration. One of the measures upon which the president most set his heart and which he most ruthlessly drove through congress with his spur, was the Underwood tariff.

There is no reasonable objection can be lodged against starting work earlier in the day, but such action will lead only to knocking off earlier. The sun will roll in his course on the same schedule and nature's processes will follow the same.

The Nebraska legislature has already made a new record for number of bills introduced, and the total is not yet reached, as the senate yet has another day on which measures may be offered.

A large proportion of the bills offered deal with trivial matters, and serve only to clutter up the files. It is inconceivable that Nebraska has need of a thousand new laws, or that our existing statutes require patching in so many places.

The administration has discharged one installment of its obligation to California for the thirteen electoral votes delivered. The chairmanship of the shipping board will go to some deserving democrat of the Golden State.

Wisconsin makes more creamery butter than any other state of the union. Only sixteen people in 100 have the right and left arm exactly the same in length.

The British army of today has more officers than it had men of all ranks a century ago. The president of Switzerland serves for one year and receives a salary of \$2,700, with an additional \$3,000 for expenses.

"Trade" winds have nothing to do with "trade." They are really "trade" winds, because they uniformly follow a certain trend or track.

The lines on the hands are not caused by folding, but by the action of the brain. This is proved by the fact that paralysis removes the lines from the hands.

A German who became a multi-millionaire from making war profits has founded at Frankfurt an institute for the study of the consequences of the war.

The largest hoist in the world has been built in Milwaukee for a Michigan mining company. It has a total rope pull of 42,000 pounds and a hoisting speed of 6,000 feet a minute.

United States cavalry officers in Arizona have been conducting experiments with the object of determining whether horses can be so colored as to render them less conspicuous and reduce the chances of their being made a target for the fire of the enemy.

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Omaha Envied by Philadelphia

Through Thomas J. Fitzmorris the claim is made that more people own their homes in Omaha than in any other city in the United States, writes the Ledger. Figures taken from 25,049 homes using city water show that fifty-six homes out of every 100 are owned by the people who occupy them.

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Health Hint for the Day

Pain in the ear is sometimes caused by the accumulation of too much wax. In this case drop a little warm glycerine into the ear at night and syringe the ear out gently with warm boiled water in the morning.

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The Bee's Letter Box

Why Girls Go Wrong. Omaha, Neb., Feb. 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: Much is being said about the social evil and the underworld in our daily papers. As a man of a large family and many years of travel in many states and cities I am convinced Judge Foster's conclusion "that fallen women lead the life because they prefer it" is near the truth, though every rule has its exception.

Ignorance and the low moral standards of the rising generation has much to do with it. The public dance hall and drink is the next big factor. A false idea as to the value of fine clothes, which is only another form of ignorance, is also a factor.

No matter how we may differ as to the cause of so many fallen women, what is the best way to aid in preventing that vast army of constant recruits? I suggest that parents teach their sons and daughters all the mysteries of life as early as they become curious to know.

Show them the beauty of fatherhood and motherhood—let mothers keep their young daughters off the streets and fathers keep their sons interested in athletics and away from the public dance hall.

Guard with jealous care our children, inculcate high ideals of morality and teach that character is the standard of manhood and womanhood.

By knowing the evils and pitfalls our children can be brought to the age of manhood and womanhood where they are able to take care of themselves. It is not ignorance that would cause any young girl to go autoing with strange young men? Would any but an ignorant girl permit the fast immoral young man to grab round her with both arms and then place both arms around his neck, then ask their cheeks together and go on the dance floor in that vulgar position?

Another thing worthy of careful study is the separation of our boys and girls in the high school. A careful investigation of conditions in our high schools revealed some very startling facts. Why should immature young men and women be thrown together daily for the four years of high school life? How many of the high school children have not some love affairs on hand?

But why dwell upon the matter longer? There always has been and always will be those "Magdelines," mostly by choice, secondly through ignorance, but let every young man and woman get this firmly fixed in mind: The fast life leads to misery, despair, disease and often suicide. I remember: "The hiring of a harlot is an abomination in the sight of the Lord." A TRAVELING MAN.

No Violation of that Sacred Code. Scotia, Neb., Feb. 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: The article which appeared in The Bee on Wednesday last in regard to the work being done by Dr. Weeske of Scotia was inserted by myself and entirely unbeknown to me by the word "advertisement." I feel it my duty to publish this fact, lest it appear unethical advertising by the doctor.

Family Trees as Props. Scottsbluff, Neb., Feb. 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: Pardon me if I seem to be monopolizing your letter box for the present. I always read the articles in this column because it reflects public sentiment and I should like to see it take a wider scope and see more new names.

Be I notice that Neighbor Agnew and another who write, "I was afraid to sign his name, are laboring under a delusion. I am not a democrat and never was and never expect to be. But I am not so politically 'hide-bound' that I cannot vote for the best interests of my country when occasion arises. Neither am I one of these 'blood and thunder' patriots that seek to stir up sectional strife and disrupt the union because something is wrong."

I must confess that Neighbor Agnew has me beaten hands down on "patriotic training," for I admit I

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Cold Weather Drugs at Saving Prices

Sherman's Chilblain Remedy. Takes out the sting and gives almost instant relief. Price 25¢ a bottle.

Mennen's Talc, 4 kinds, box, 12¢. 85¢ Genuine Castoria, 21¢.

Vantine's Toilet Water, special sale at 1/2 off regular price. 25¢ Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, for 10¢. 25¢ Laxative Bromo Quinine 19¢. 50¢ Lambert's Listerine for 34¢.

Timely Jottings and Reminders. Today has been designated for the observance of "National Thrift Day."

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have no distinct recollection of just what happened 100 years before I was born. I have always believed that if a man was on the square and knew who his father was (for that is more than some people know who claim to trace their lineage back a thousand years) he is all right and just as good as the man who has a pedigree as long as a piece of string.

The man that must lean on the family tree to prop up his own weakness is a frail patriot. It's not a question of what your great, great, great grandfather did for his country; the question is, "What are you doing?" J. F. WEYBRIGHT.

Thinks the Bill Unfair. Omaha, Feb. 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: The proposed statute by the legislature specifies that the act shall not be construed as prohibiting the making of wine or cider from grapes, apples or other fruits "grown and raised by any person on his own premises for the use of himself and family."

But the constitution itself says just the opposite, for it says, "On and after May 1, 1917, the manufacture, the sale under any pretext of law, spirituous, vinous or any intoxicating liquors are forever forbidden in this state except for medicinal, mechanical, scientific, or sacramental purposes."

How comes it now that the farmer can make all the wine for ordinary intoxicating purposes? All he has to do is to add a little more sugar and a little time and his barrel of wine will run 13 per cent alcohol. I am not complaining about the farmer getting under any pretext of law, but I am complaining about those who wrote that amendment to be made to see their mistake and that the farmer be not exempt, but take his medicine with the rest. To make such a statute law will be unconstitutional.

There is another flaw under section 30. The act shall not be construed to prevent the distribution of any alcoholic compound, preparation or remedy containing drugs or medicines which do not contain more alcohol than is necessary for the legitimate purpose of extraction, solution or preservation and which contain drugs in sufficient quantities to medicate such compounds to make them medicinal preparations and to render them unfit as a beverage.

How about essences of lemon, vanilla, ginger and a few others made by adding a few drops of the essence to a pint of neutral spirit? Many people prefer that an old brandy, the essence, for each little bottle is nearly pure alcohol. It was the sale of these essences that made many a firm rich that controlled hundreds of wagons going in the country selling medicines among the farmers.

Be fair and do not try to defy the constitution of your state. If you want to do a little compromising on our wonderful prohibitory law, why not let us have a case and a half of beer once a month for the whole family instead of just a case and make it quart and not pints. The constitution does not say anything about what we may get from the outside, so you are safe there. The idea of giving the farmer the best of it and unconstitutionally to boot looks like politics to me. Do you think a farmer cannot get intoxicated, but a city fellow can?

GEORGE P. WILKINSON. SAID IN FUN.

The citizen gazed helplessly at the pile of drifted snow that lay on the sidewalk in front of his house.

"What would you take to clean this walk?" he asked the first man who came along.

"A shovel, mister," responded the fellow as he plodded on his way.—Boston Transcript.

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Not Jag Rolls But Jazz Rolls

"'Twill Wake You Up" "Glorious" "Poor Butterfly" "Ladder of Roses" "Naughty, Naughty, Naughty" "Don't Forget We Still Have a Lot of Player Rolls at 15c."

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