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Unfortunately, this war crisis is no April fool joke.

Incidentally, do your Easter bonnet shopping early.

A clean city is the first essential of a City Beautiful.

The farmer's "safety first" is making sure of the germinating quality of his seed corn.

The backyard vegetable garden and the front yard posy garden should go hand in hand.

April promises once more to increase its batting average as America's favorite war month.

"Somewhere in the United States" promises an early drive for a place in the news map of the world.

Note by reference to the calendar that April is to give us the first Friday the thirteenth of the year.

Taking into account its career from beginning to end, the month of March has been lamblike enough all right.

Despite the "inhumanity and brutality" of the Allied blockade, Germany exercises considerable freedom on the seas.

For a dead man, Villa continues to furnish a surprisingly large lot of news matter for transmission over the wires.

Reports of shooting scrapes in and about Chihuahua indicate that Pancho Villa is able to sit up and dispense his celebrated brand of nourishment.

All the Big Berthas of the newspaper battery in vain assail the mud defenses of Colonel House. As presidential adviser and confidant, the Texas colonel has the Sphinx pushed off the scenery.

Iowa is about to abolish the public printer, while Nebraska moves to annex a like institution to the state treasury. Neighborly experience loses its force in the glow of a batch of prospective jobs.

The good roads movement in Europe started with the need for constantly passable military highways. Still, we ought to secure good roads in this country without first going through that experience!

Nebraska's projected marble palace is none too rich to match the luxurious reach of the native hog. Provisions for modern comfort necessarily include sculptured decorations emblematic of the flight of pork from poverty to affluence.

Now we are to have an object lesson of what the recall is for from the point of view of the lawyer. When a case goes against him, instead of an appeal to the higher court, an appeal for reversal by recall petition is to be made to the ballot box.

Warning notes are sounded among the flock-masters of the west to get ready for a speculative drive of eastern wool buyers. With wool bringing double and treble prices at the shearing pens the speculators may count themselves lucky if they get some of the grease with the wool.

Advertising as a Fighting Force.

Taking time by the forelock and profiting by the experience of Great Britain in war time, arrangements are under way for systematizing and directing through one channel all government advertising of national character. The work will be in charge of advertising experts under the direction of an advisory board of the National Council of Defense. Co-operation of all departments in this particular line insure prompt and practical results and expert direction at minimum cost. A vast amount of publicity by the government will be necessary if war comes, to arouse the people and bring home the magnitude of the task on hand. A half century of comparative peace and plenty developed a rooted sense of security which the world war has only partly dispelled. The illusion of safety and isolation is shot to pieces, likewise the notion that national service and sacrifice may be evaded. A like false sense of security, springing from its "splendid isolation," obtained in the United Kingdom during the early days of the war. The awakening came like an earthquake shock and none too soon. Yet more than a year's time was needed to organize, concentrate and train the various forces necessary to give full effect to Britain's fighting strength. Government publicity, direct and sharp, proved the most effective means of bringing home to the people a full realization of their duty. When the first call for 100,000 men went out, official publicity brought them. Every medium, from newspapers to posters, hourly flouted the country's demands. Advertising under expert direction was potential not alone in raising armies and energizing national industrial resources, but also in rallying the financial strength of the empire. The last government loan was the crowning triumph of British publicity, both in sweeping extent and magnitude of results. With assured competent direction and co-operation equally effective results in this country are assured when the official bugle call of publicity is sounded.

Our Country's Flag.

It is in no spirit of jingoism or vainglory that Americans today hang out Old Glory to the breeze. If ever a people have shown by their works their devotion to an ideal that nation is our own. That ideal, symbolized by the flag of red white and blue, is the highest and purest to which a united people has aspired.

Human liberty, human opportunity, human happiness, is our aim; to secure these to all men is the sum of our purpose. At different times we have taken up arms in the defense only of these rights, and have rested at once when they were established. Under the flag that embodies the aspirations of freemen, we have stood invincible in the cause of mankind.

Today we face a grave crisis; it cannot be said we have not counted the cost entailed by firmness for what we hold to be right. Within the last thirty-two months we not only have had ample opportunity to observe the dreadful horrors of modern warfare, but we also have had time in which to consider our own unpreparedness for such a struggle. Circumstances have drawn us very near the vortex, and the portent of the immediate future seems ominous.

And this is why the flag flying over the homes, from the business houses, displayed in windows or worn as part of the dress of the day is so significant. It means Americans are still animated by the spirit that gave birth to that flag, and appreciate its message to the world. Its presence is not a menace, nor a boast, but a pledge to all mankind that the light of liberty, now shining so clearly throughout the world, will not be permitted to die down on the altar dedicated to it under the Stars and Stripes.

Making a Bad Mess Worse.

When the Zimmermann note was originally disclosed it evoked in this country an angry outburst of two different kinds. People looking for an excuse to denounce Germany seized upon it as conclusive proof of double dealing and illy concealed enmity, while those who felt more or less sympathy for the German cause refused to believe in its authenticity and charged that it was a malicious British invention or forgery. As the Bee emphasized at the time, the Americans of German descent and leanings felt more outraged and humiliated by the acknowledgment of the genuineness of the Zimmermann note, which they had at first refused to credit as the product of a sane mind, than did any other class of our citizens. Giving it the most generous construction, it was an inexcusable "break" due either to ignorance or to misconception of conditions actually existing in this country, coupled with a reckless disregard of the plight in which it was calculated to put German sympathizers in America.

But now we have a bad mess made worse by the silly effort of Doctor Zimmermann to justify his note inviting Mexico to seek an alliance with Japan and make war upon the United States for the purpose of stealing and annexing a slice of American territory. The German minister has the brassiness to rise in the Reichstag and assert that he had warrant for his preposterous proposal to covertly set Mexico upon its neighbor, with which both countries were at that moment professing sincere friendship, by reason of the subsequent public proclamation of the United States inviting all neutral nations to join with us in protest against the invasion of neutral sea rights. Such specious pleading can hardly find acceptance in Germany, much less in the United States.

If Doctor Zimmermann were wise he would keep still about his note to Mexico in the hope that silence would help others to forget it.

Geography in Pictures.

Teaching geography through means of pictures is not exactly novel, although the plan adopted in one of the Omaha schools has some elements of newness. Actual photographs, projected on a screen, are a decided improvement over the grotesque "cuts" once used to illustrate text books, and through which some absurdly distorted notions were inculcated. Most of us would give a good deal if we could view in fact some of the monstrosities we imagined as a result of impressions gained from "Peter Parley" and his successors. Modern methods of illustrating have done away with much of the misinformation conveyed through the pictures presented, and children come away from school with clearer ideas of the countries and peoples of the globe. In the scheme for projecting the views it is not clear if the picture supplements the text or the text the picture, but the result will be good if between the two such co-ordination is reached as will achieve the purpose of all elementary teaching, which is primarily to open the mind and stimulate the imagination of the child. When this is achieved a proper thirst for knowledge is implanted, never to be quenched. Any school method that does not have this in view, or that falls short of its accomplishment by reason of an inherent defect, is unworthy.

"Blank Date" in Press Messages.

Newspaper readers already are becoming familiar with one phase of war operations, that of concealment of the origin of news dispatches. Absence of the name of the point from which the message is dispatched must not be construed as exposing the authenticity of the information to suspicion; rather, it should be accepted as better proof of the reliability of the report. "Trifles light as air" are of moment to the military as well as the jealous mind, and for this reason the government has asked the newspapers to be circumspect in their publication of information that might possess value to a possible enemy. This does not mean that the quest for news has been relaxed; it is the keener if anything, but the publishers of the country have considerable respect for their implied obligation to co-operate with the government in all reasonable defense arrangements. Therefore, without in the least harming the efficiency of the news-gathering and distributing function of the great press association of which it is a member, The Bee, along with all other self-respecting newspapers, cheerfully complies with the request from Washington, and "Blank Date" appears in its columns as an indication that important information is thus communicated without divulging what is better concealed.

Unfeeling critics too often compare the financial poverty of the ministerial profession to the munificent incomes of the sporting world. Accuracy requires a reversal of the contrast. The top salary in the base ball world amounts to \$30,000 a year on a five-year contract. Rev. Sunday's four months' campaign in Boston and Buffalo netted over \$100,000, practically doubling the base ball record in half the time. As a revenue producer the Sunday pulpit runs away with the pennant.

Views, Reviews and Interviews

By Victor Rosewater

IN HIS TALK to the Rotary club ex-Governor Carey of Wyoming gave a vivid description contrasting his first glimpse of Omaha, nearly fifty years ago, with the Omaha of today. He said he came west the first time about 1868, if I recall the date correctly, riding by rail as far as Council Bluffs and crossing the river on the ferry. Having no familiarity with the town and knowing no one here, he listened to the swarming mob of hotel runners who were shouting out the virtues and attractions of their respective hostelry and he followed the one who yelled the loudest and drew the most beautiful word-picture of the haven of refuge awaiting the weary traveler. When he subsequently took his bearings, Mr. Carey found himself in a dingy back room over a noisy barroom in a wooden shack, so-called hotel, located somewhere on Farnam below Ninth, where sleep and quiet were impossible, and the next day he moved to a more inviting place. The point is the change in the character of Omaha from a reception which we accord strangers who come to town. I remember the old passenger station down on Tenth street, with a wooden platform in front of it, or behind it, according to the point of view, against which the hacks and hotel buses were "parked" and a chalk line down the middle which was supposed to hold back from the defenseless traveler the attacking army of drivers, cabbies and hotel cappers mobilized into action every time a train arrived. Our passenger depots, busy as they are now, by comparison are as tame as a Quaker meeting beside the boisterous hustle and bustle with which they were once beset.

The news of the death in Rome of the famous American sculptor, Sir Moses Ezekiel, serves to call attention to the fact that we have here in Omaha fine example of this great artist's work and also makes of more interest his fascinating life story. He was born in Richmond, Va., and as a boy served in the cadet corps of the confederate army, afterwards going to Europe to study sculpture, where he soon won high honors. For more than forty years he lived in Rome and was long looked up to as the dean of the art colony there, his studio being constantly a rendezvous for noted visitors from America as well as a center of the best music in Rome. The eastern papers give lists of the important examples of his work owned in this country, the last one being a statue of Poe, completed only a few weeks before his final illness, to be erected in Baltimore. The piece by Ezekiel here is a bust of the late Aaron Wise, founder of the Jewish reform movement in this country, after whom our Wise Memorial hospital is named. The bust stands in the entrance hall to the hospital and is carved life sized in beautiful Italian marble. It bears the inscription: "M. Ezekiel, 1906, chiseled by his own hand." There is a little story back of the presentation of this bust to the Wise Memorial hospital which few people know. The daughter of the late Rabbi Wise is the wife of Adolph S. Ochs, well known publisher of the New York Times. With her husband she was touring in Italy at the time my father was there as a delegate for the United States to the World's Postal congress, all of them meeting in Rome. Renewing their acquaintance, they came together socially and reference was made to the hospital in Omaha and the fact that in its name it is a memorial to Mrs. Ochs' father, whereupon the desire was expressed to show some appreciation of the compliment and right then and there a commission was given to Sir Moses Ezekiel to execute the bust, which in due time was completed and forwarded to its destination on this side of the ocean. I do not believe, however, that our art lovers yet fully realize what possession of this fine example of work by one of the world's master portrait sculptors means for Omaha.

Newspaper men are not supposed to say much about libel suits, especially about libel suits against themselves, for fear of encouraging them. I put in several days this last week in attendance upon court for the hearing of a \$20,000 libel suit against The Bee, in which a promptly returned verdict of the jury decided absolutely in our favor. In other words, that the plaintiff had no just claims to any damages whatever. I am not going to discuss this case except to remark that there are libel suits and libel suits, but that mighty few of them ever have any merit. When a newspaper is embroiled in a political fight, or starts out to attack public evils or official corruption, the person exposed as fraud or crook often rushes to court with a libel suit as the only means of defense or vindication. These cases are incidentals of the battle of the fearless newspaper for the public weal. But where any one feels that he or she has suffered an injustice from an article printed without animus in the ordinary course of news gathering, the first and natural and honest thing to do is to come to the newspaper at once with a request for a correction or the publication of the other side of the story, which offers the only way to repair the damage. When the party who makes out that he is injured flies to court for money bail, rather than for expunction, it is a ten-to-one shot that the grievance has been worked up by a lawyer with a contingent fee interest in the possible profits and it is also better than an even break the case will not stand up in court. The truth is that the news spread out daily before the readers of the average newspaper, considering of the time pressure and the obstacles in the way of reporters and the disposition of many people from whom information must be sought to exaggerate and distort their stories, is really a marvel of accuracy and the serious mistakes remarkably rare as compared with the incitements to error.

People and Events

A nine-hour women's work day bill is making progress through the Iowa legislature. Hotels and towns under 6,000 are exempted, for what reason, is not disclosed.

Some members of the I. W. W. in Kansas City, in looking about for trouble seemingly mentioned "tin soldiers" within earshot of three Missouri guardsmen. What they got was a plenty. Later in the day two guardsmen finished the job by cleaning out the wind workers' headquarters.

"Why enlist? You have nothing to gain and your life to lose." A public school teacher in Jackson county, Missouri, chalked these words on the school board, at the same time admonishing her pupils to weigh the words carefully. School authorities followed the admonition with such exactness that the teacher handed in her resignation.

Judicial Dogberrys survive the jibes of succeeding generations. San Francisco reports a modern specimen on the local bench who, having a clear case of misrepresentation of goods before him, cheerily dismissed the crookster with the remark that the buyer, "failing to discount the hot air of salesmen is as much at fault as the seller."

A report of a judicial committee made public in New York notes a marked increase in the drug evil in the metropolis. While druggists report a decreased demand, the number of addicts constitute between 20 and 30 per cent of the cases before the special sessions court. Children victims of the habit are reported rare, but from 17 years up to 24 victims are particularly numerous. Where the supplies are obtained is mystifying, but the report indicates that smuggling from Canada is quite probable, while employees of wholesalers and manufacturers steal it. Heroin is the chief saleable dope, and vendors dilute it and often peddle harmless stuff under fraudulent labels. The report concludes with the assertion that present "methods of treatment lead to a cure and that a clinical cure can first be effected and custodial after-care absolutely re-establish the normal health of the victim."

TODAY

Proverb for the Day.

A little folly now and then is relished by the best of men.

One Year Ago Today in the War.

Austria claimed success in assault on Ollka. British and Germans both reported repulse of attacks at St. Etol. Germans captured villages of Vaux Creek Indian war. Following assault near Fort Donauum. Twenty-eight persons reported killed and forty-four injured in Zeppelin raid on England.

Wars of the United States.

War of the revolution... 1775-1783
Northwestern Indian wars... 1790-1795
War with France... 1798-1809
War with Tripoli... 1801-1805
Creek Indian war... 1812-1814
War of 1812... 1812-1815
Seminole Indian war... 1817-1818
Black Hawk Indian war... 1831-1832
Cherokee disturbance... 1835-1837
Creek Indian war... 1836-1837
Florida Indian war... 1835-1843
Aroostook disturbance... 1826-1829
War with Mexico... 1846-1848
Apache, Navajo and Utah Indian war... 1849-1855
Seminole Indian war... 1856-1858
War between the states... 1861-1865
War with Spain, April-December, 1898
Philippine insurrection... 1899-1900

In Omaha Thirty Years Ago.

Andrew Rosewater, the retiring city engineer, tendered a banquet at the Millard to his successor and the employees of the department. The menu was provided by Steward, Marriott, and the new city engineer, George W. Tillson, presented his predecessor with a beautiful gold-headed cane properly engraved.



Two inebriated individuals became impressed with the idea that they were fencers and crossed swords with their canes in front of Lehman & Co.'s store, 1312 Farnam, with the result that one of the canes slipped and damaged the 10x3 plate glass window \$75 worth.

John Gilbert, an experienced plumber and pump man of Council Bluffs, has removed to Omaha and located on Fourteenth street between Howard and Harney.

A. J. Hancum has sold to S. L. Wylie lots 5 and 6 in block 77, at the northwestern corner of Capitol avenue and Seventeenth street.

J. S. Richardson has returned from a visit to the Pacific coast. While there he invested extensively in an orange grove in the San Diego country.

D. L. Allen, who years ago conducted a popular auction establishment in this city, has organized the D. A. Allen Real Estate and Auction company, to be located at 209 Thirteenth street.

Rev. David Kerr, new pastor of the Southwest Presbyterian church, has entered upon his duties.

This Day in History.

1743—Richard Butler, who was second in command of General St. Clair's ill-fated expedition against the western Indians in 1791, born in Dublin. Killed in battle, November 4, 1791.
1781—Robert Lucas, governor of Ohio and afterwards territorial governor of Iowa, born at New Britain, Conn. Died at Iowa City, February 7, 1853.
1810—Marriage of Napoleon I and Maria Louisa of Austria.
1815—Prince Bismarck, Germany's famous "Iron Chancellor," born in Brandenburg. Died at Friedrichruh, July 31, 1898.
1843—General John Armstrong, secretary of war during the war of 1812, died at Red Hook, N. Y. Born at Carlisle, Pa., November 25, 1758.
1848—Illinois adopted a new constitution.
1848—Admiral Farragut passed the confederate batteries at Grand Gulf, Miss.
1867—Paris universal exhibition opened by Emperor Napoleon III.
1882—William E. Chandler of New Hampshire was appointed secretary of the navy.
1885—The Indians besieged Battleford, Saskatchewan.
1893—Matafaua forces in Samoa attacked the American and British naval squad.

The Day We Celebrate.

Fred Metz, president of the Home Real Estate & Investment company, has an April 1 birthday, being born here in Omaha in 1863. He was formerly associated with his father and brothers in the Metz Brothers' Brewing company.
Daniel C. Roper, named by President Wilson for membership on the new tariff board, born in Marlboro county, South Carolina, fifty years ago.
Major Harrison Hall, United States coast artillery, who commanded the business men's training camp at Plattsburg, born in Ohio, forty-one years ago today.
Right Honorable James William Lowther, speaker of the British House of Commons, born sixty-two years ago today.
Lieutenant General Sir James Willcocks, one of the British commanders in the present war, born sixty years ago today.
Charles H. Burke, former congressman from South Dakota, born in Genesee county, New York, fifty-six years ago today.
Claude Cooper, outfielder of the Philadelphia National league baseball team, born at Hale Center, Tex., twenty-four years ago.

Timely Jottings and Reminders.

Palm Sunday.
France and Italy today put into effect the "daylight saving" scheme.
The mammoth tabernacle erected in New York for the Billy Sunday meetings in that city is to be dedicated today.
The thirty-sixth annual Messiah feast of Bethany college, Lincolnton, Kan., is to be opened with Mme. Gall-Curel as the attraction.
The Polish Falcons Alliance of America, representing 45,000 young men and women of Polish descent, meets in special convention at Pittsburgh today to determine the stand the organization should take in the present international crisis.
Representatives of the Anti-Saloon League of America and allied organizations are to confer at Washington today on the legislative program of the "drys" in the coming early session of congress. National prohibition will be urged in case of war.

Storyette of the Day.

Stubbs was feeling his way to the kitchen stove in the dark when he fell over the edge of the table. "Oh, John," called Mrs. Stubbs, sweetly, "I know what you need. You should get what they have on batteries." "What's that?" growled Stubbs, as he rubbed his shiner. "Why, a range finder." And what Stubbs said about woman's wit was plenty.—Buffalo News.

AROUND THE CITIES

Minneapolis claims the champion heavyweight belt for Baby Mandjak. At the end of seven days the youngster pulled down twenty-four pounds.

Out in Oakland, Cal., the pet snake of Ah Tuck, an aged Chinese gardener, gave him a midnight sweat in the face and woke him up in time to escape celestial wings. His snake was in flames and burned to the ground.

Salt Lake boosters are getting behind the vacant lot planting idea for the purpose of pulling potatoes and onions without ordinary reach. County commissioners offer much idle land to cultivators and promise assistance in procuring seed.

Buffalo is resting up from the strenuous pace of the Sunday campaign, fully confident of being saved. The campaign cost \$60,000, exclusive of Mr. Sunday's goodby check for \$42,204. Attendance went over the million mark and trail hitters totaled about 23,000.

The New York public library loaned 10,129,622 books last year, and purchased 218,479 volumes. Children alone took out 2,164,288 books. Sixty-three reading clubs for children were maintained and the attendance totaled 61,314. The library has forty-four branches in Greater New York.

San Francisco sports a fine collection of municipal automobiles. Every jobholder of the salaried class has a car at command and the way they dig into the treasury is a caution. Recently a delegation of municipal chauffeurs asked the creation of the office of "chief chauffeur," with a salary of \$3,000 a year attached. Strange to say, the authorities turned down the request without an apology.

AMERICA A CENTURY AGO.

Lord Byron.

The name of commonwealth is past and gone O'er the three fractions of the groaning globe.

Venice is crushed and Holland deigns to own A scorpian, and children alone took out 2,164,288 books.

If the free Switzer yet bestirred alone His chaimless mountains, 'tis but for a time.

For truncheon of late is cunning grown, And in its own good season tramples down The sparkles of our ashes. One great crime, Whose vicious offspring by dividing oceans Are kept apart and nursed in the devotion Of freedom, which their fathers fought for, and Bequeathed—a heritage of heart and hand, And proud distinction from each other land, Whose sons must bow them at a monarch's nod.

As if his senses scorper were a wand Full of the magic of exploded science— Still one great crime, in full and free denouement.

Yet rears her crest, unconquered and sublime, Above the far Atlantic—She has taught Her Boan brethren that the haughty fane, The floating fence of Albion's feebler crew, May strike in those whose red right hands have bought Rights cheaply earned with blood. Still, still, still, forever Better, though each man's life blood were a river, That it should flow, and overflow, than through thousand lazy channels in our veins. Damned like the dull canal with locks and chains.

And moving, like a sick man in his sleep, Three paces, and then falling—better be Where the extinguished Spartans still are free In their proud charnel of Thermopylae, Than stagnate in our marsh—o'er the deep.

Fly, and one current to the ocean add, One spirit to the souls our fathers had. One freeman more, America, to thee!

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

"The engagement may be a love match, but it is slow in lighting Hymen's torch."

"I suppose the lover in question cannot bring his courage to the scratch."—Baltimore American.

Querrel—Your Senator Longwind is a very noted statesman, is he not?

Querrel—One of the noted. He can pull all the old jokes and anecdotes of the last century and get away with it.—Puck.

"I wonder what Smith meant by his double-edged remark?"

"What was it?"

"He said if I wanted to get a dog badly, he would give me a pointer."—Baltimore American.

DEAR MR. KADABRE, I DO NOT LIVE TO SMOKE, BUT MY WIFE INSISTS THAT I DO, SO THAT SHE WILL GET THE COVENS. WHAT SHALL I DO?
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"What's that electrical device you have on your folding bed?"
"That rings an alarm bell whenever the bed dozes up."
"Where's the bell?"
"At the undertaker's."—Boston Transcript.

Mrs. Youngwife—My husband is a very influential man in politics.

Mrs. Youngwife—Yes, George has voted in two presidential elections, and both times it has gone the way George voted.—Judge.

"They spend their money faster than they make it!"

"Well, that's no trick nowadays."—Detroit Free Press.

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