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China's emperor-makers at the same time gave their measure for the yellow coat.

One thing is quite well established—some of the witnesses at the police inquiry are prevaricating.

Observance of the Fourth in London marks progress in popularity and promises to reach the fireworks stage in due time.

Still the German crown prince may console himself with the thought that he is not the only failure in the Teutonic field.

Activity and output of the nation's mints almost quadrupled in two years. Some speed, that, but scarcely equal to the gait of prices.

Twenty men from each district does not sound so formidable, so the selective draft is awaited with perfect calmness by the eligibles.

It is apparent at this stage of the play that fumigation should supplement both house treatments in purifying the police atmosphere.

A preliminary tally of Independence day casualties shows a total of 152, only seven being fatal.

In view of the vast expansion of Omaha's family it is evident that the school census takers failed to catch all the nimble youngsters ready for the classrooms.

It nearly always happens that when "T. R." and "Sam" Gompers meet on the same stage sparks fly, but neither has been seriously injured in any of these encounters.

Scolding one another over East St. Louis will not right conditions there. What is needed is the establishment of law and order, so the town will be safe for all citizens.

A censorship may be needed at times, but publicity for a great nation engaged in a stupendous war ought to be conducted on a plane above the work of a circus advance agent.

The prospect of distillers being permitted by the food law to use all corn on hand gives the corn market a midsummer boost of cheering proportions.

In two instances in one day auto drivers who ran down children on the streets sped away without stopping. The police should exert every ounce of power in bringing these brutes to the penalties they richly deserve.

Coming restrictions on American food exports cast dark shadows among neutrals of north Europe. Objections and protests come from many quarters affected. Apparently a tightened lid imperils a profitable trade with Germany.

A Prussian military expert discounts our soldiers, rating them below both German and French. This would be matter for grave concern were it not recalled that Prussian experts predicted an easy victory for Spain over the United States.

Nathan Straus is credited by the New York board of aldermen with having saved the lives of 250,000 babies through his milk stations in the last twenty-five years. You can help in similar work in Omaha by getting in on The Bee's free milk and ice fund.

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Be Careful Whom You Recommend!

This is a timely admonition given out by Secretary of State Lansing, urging more care in recommending persons to officials which all of us will do well to take unto ourselves.

The truth is "laxness," is a mild word to be applied to the prevailing American habit of writing letters and signing petitions of various kinds for all sorts of people merely for the asking.

We will all readily agree that this condition is wholly wrong and thoroughly vicious—that a letter of introduction ought to mean what it says and ought not to be written except with a sense of responsibility and sponsorship.

"Seeing America" on the Screen. The whole world is "seeing America" at the movies nowadays. Over six million dollars worth of film, nearly 159,000,000 feet, were exported last year, going to all countries of the globe.

The development of the film industry is overshadowed only by that of the automobile, its rise to fifth place among American industries being accompanied by the confusion and excitement incident to sudden growth, but it is slowly settling down to a stability and solidity that will insure its respectable permanence.

The war naturally has had much to do with the supremacy that has been attained in foreign countries by American films, but the lead so established can be maintained if the producers do not overplay their hand.

Poetic License and Cold Facts.

Folks do not expect poets to stick to absolute facts all the time, else why give them "poetic license" at all? On the contrary, woeful of the muse are permitted to soar in fancy, eyes "in fine frenzy rolling," and visioning such things as cannot be on land or sea.

It is charity to think Poet Noyes got his inspiration from the car window as he rode across Nevada, where the graceless Digger spends his waking hours riding back and forth over the desert on a Central Pacific flat car, exercising his treaty right, while his squaw chases grasshoppers and similar game for the family larder.

"Dying race," forsooth! Poet Noyes and others like him ought to stop in at Cato Sells' headquarters in Washington and get some of the recent "dope" on the red man they effect so sincerely to mourn.

National safety and equality of service shatters party solidarity on the conscription issue in the Canadian Parliament. The record vote on the ministerial measure disposes of the referendum nonsense in the Dominion as thoroughly as in the United States.

South American republics in fact or in spirit line up with the foster father of the north in resisting autocracy. The prospects of converting the western world into a German colony are as far as the vision of "Mittel Europa."

Views, Reviews and Interviews

By Victor Rosewater

ONE OF THE straws pointing the growing importance of the west in the relative perspective of observers and students is the interest being manifested in western history evidenced by the establishment at Harvard university of a commission to gather together original source data for the historian of the future.

"We specially want documents and literature," he explained, "bearing on the early settlement period and also elucidating the peculiarly western social and political movements in their local phases. We are glad to see the activity of the different state historical associations with which we want to work in harmony and we are careful not to draw away books and papers which more properly belong here in the states, unless in the form of duplicates.

Mr. Martin found some things he wanted and got a line on others to be checked up later—at any rate, on leaving, expressed himself as satisfied that his expedition was proving worth while.

I had a postal card the other day from the young woman whose vivid description of hospital conditions in France a year or so ago excited so much interest when printed in these columns at the time. The writer, Miss Madeleine Davis, who used to be a newspaper woman and has school day friends in Omaha, has been over in the war zone for nearly two years and writes that she is now at Lagny, having moved closer up, within sound of the cannon.

The death of Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree is being acclaimed by dramatic critics as taking away one of the greatest English actors of our time. I saw him in London portraying the character that brought him much fame in the play called "The Diving Girl," in which he was still drawing crowded houses after a long run.

Have you noticed the enlarged photograph of Secretary McAdoo and his party hanging on the walls of the Commercial club rooms as a souvenir of the secretary's last visit to Omaha to promote the sale of Liberty bonds? This photograph was staffed at the time of arrival for The Bee by our staff photographer and shows the group standing in the station indulging in a hearty laugh at some sally that had just been made before the camera was snapped.

It goes without saying that the picture will be furnished as an inspiration to all the treasury and federal reserve bank officials to look equally pleasant and agreeable whenever anything in which Omaha is concerned is up before them.

Through the favor of my friend, W. S. Wright, I have received a copy of a special edition of a Shanghai newspaper, full of instructive information about conditions in China. The publication is in English print and of the size of the paper and the number of them and the high quality of the paper and presswork I assume that newspaper-making in China is not beset with the same troubles of scarce and high-priced print paper that we are contending with.

People and Events

A New Yorker by the name of Coffin predicts five more years of war. A cheerful prophet is Coffin.

One of the young princes of the Greek royal family is reported angling for an American heiress. With prospects of a life job gone glimmering, making provisions for the rainy day glimpses royal thrill.

Mrs. Theodore Benoist of St. Louis with her four army sons are among the active boosters of recruiting in the Missouri metropolis. Mother Benoist talks right out in meeting and shames the slacker mothers of the city.

Business before professional courtesy rules the section of the federal bench commanded by Judge Landis. The other day a lawyer who neglected to obey a court order had no excuses in reserve was soiled for \$1,500 for contempt.

After due deliberation on what they expect to market in the days to come, a committee of Kansas farmers reported to the State Council of Defense that \$2 a bushel at the fields is the correct minimum price for fall wheat. Dollar wheat is a back number. How much above \$2 they would take remains unfinished business.

Missouri's new capitol building at Jefferson City already attracts attention as a smear. Much of the stone used shows increasing discolorations. Many of these spots have been chiseled off by the builder, only to reappear as the weather searches the stone pores.

Printed pictures of the prow of the dreadnaught Idaho, recently launched at Philadelphia, rival in fearsome aspect the glaucousness of Omaha. From base to center the prow resembles a long lantern jaw, ending at a mouth intended doubtless to grip the "fighting bone." Beside the mouth are huge anchor-like ears, and above, in the swell of the bow, two eyesholes complete the likeness of a monster. That's what the Idaho is—a naval monster.

Back in "little old New York," where mirth abides, Theodore P. Shontz regales patrons of the traction companies with placards appealing for an extra 2 cents for transfers. Official sanction of a fare boost from 5 to 7 cents was denied, hence the company's appeal for an extra handout.

TODAY

Proverb for the Day. Every man has his weak point.

One Year Ago Today in the War.

British gained 5,000 yards of German trenches on the Somme. Germans made unsuccessful attacks on French positions near Thiaumont. Russians vigorously assaulted the Germans along the entire line from Riga to Bukovina.

In Omaha Thirty Years Ago.

Joseph H. Standeven will assume the duties of boiler inspector, John Jenkins retiring.



nearly drowned by the bursting of a hose near the hydrant at the corner of Thirteenth and Farnam. He was picked up by the firemen and taken home in the patrol wagon.

At the annual meeting of the Gate City Oil and Mining company, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Stephen J. Broderick; vice president, A. Burnes; secretary, Ferdinand Haseman; treasurer, Charles Wehrer; superintendent, L. J. Lohlein; trustees, J. P. Mailender, C. J. Schmidt, and Henry Miller.

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AROUND THE CITIES.

New York reports fewer fires by 312 in 1916 than in 1915. But the money loss was greater, according to the city fire commissioner.

New York announces that retail coal prices are back at the normal point in that quarter. Early buying is advised as a means of hedging off the fall rush.

Duluth is on the water wagon for sure. The wagon runs on water from the Zenith city to Superior where the lid is off and all kinds of wet goods are available for cash.

Residents on German avenue, Salt Lake City, petitioned for a change of the name of the highway and the city commission granted the request. Henceforth it will be known as West Kensington avenue.

Owing to the high cost of municipal living Topeka dads announce that there is no hope of a reduced budget for the next tax year. The levy will equal last year's squeeze and some over. Like cheerless word goes out to taxpayers in Salt Lake City.

Evansville, Ind., is well into its centennial year and is going like a youngster on roller skates. The midsummer number of the Evansville Courier honors the extent in fitting manner and places a prosperity halo on the brow of the husky centennial.

According to a court in Kansas City, Kan., a man with a wife and five children to support has no business taking a week off to go fishing, and soaked the victim \$100. Just how the fine would help the family more than fishing the judge did not explain.

Minnesota faces a possible municipal deficit of \$1,000,000 unless the ax is applied to expenses. One alderman delivered a hot talk on retirement, and his associates, still warm under the collar, instantly voted an increase of \$35,952 in current bills.

San Francisco barbers lifted the prices of shaving and shearing from 15 cents and 35 cents respectively to 25 cents and 50 cents. High cost of living is the reason for the uptick. Local fashion oracles hail the change as a boost for whiskers and long locks.

The twin cities put on a broad grin on the Fourth because Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern, failed to show up as general manager of the reception of the Belgium commissioners. Mr. Hill discovered too late that a theatrical perfection called for a silk topcoat. It is said Louie never owned one and didn't have time to buy or borrow.

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DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Cholly—What qualifications must a fellow have to join your club, old dear? Chilton—Well, he's got to have either brains or money. Transcript.

Cholly—I'd rather like to get in. Chilton—Him! How are you fixed for money?—Boston Transcript.

"Time is precious," said the parson. "It is indeed," rejoined the business man, "and I've wasted an awful lot of it!" "By indulging in foolish pleasures, I suppose," suggested the good man.

"Not exactly," replied the other. "I wasted most of it by being punctual in keeping my appointments with others."—Indianapolis News.

"Isn't she a beauty?" "She has more beauty than sense, my boy." "That's all right. When I want wisdom I can read the encyclopedia."—Kansas City Journal.

DEAR MR. KOBBIER, HOW CAN I FIND OUT WHAT SORT OF MAN MY GIRL'S FATHER IS? —MIKE CORNWAN

TELL HIM THAT YOU'VE GOT ONLY ONE CIGAR WITH YOU AND ASK HIM IF HE WANTS IT. I'LL BET YOU HE TAKES IT!

"Lovely bunch!" "I just love to be called by that name," cooed the bride. "I hope no other bride will ever be called by that name."

"We'll fix that," said the groom briskly. "I'll just get it copyrighted."—Baltimore American.

Irate Parent—I warned you boys and now I'm going to switch you for making such a racket. Bobby—Well, switch Johnny, we're playing train and he's the locomotive.—Boston Transcript.

"I don't see why Cupid should discriminate against any particular trade or profession." "Didn't know that he did or was supposed to." "Then why do they say that love laughs at locksmiths?"—Louisville Courier Journal.

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