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As the affair looks at this moment the Oklahoma

A Russian general has been ordered shot

Oklahoma "rebels" face a charge of high treason

Aliens in Omaha are settling the draft question

None of the states voted on the question of a federal

Why blame a young man for "slacking" when he gets

"This is no time to argue," says Elihu Root.

Hannis Taylor will find in Berlin a lot of support

Auto drivers are again due for the admission that

One hundred thousand American soldiers "somewhere

Speaking of his military aspirations, Governor Neville

Field Week for Senator Gore.

Accepting the forecast for congressional action

Questioning Some Figures

It is not to be called surprising that the War

Naturally enough, many failures were to be foreseen.

Nobody will be disposed to question the motives

of the army officers in charge of the camps

and the very extent of the rejections would, in itself,

seem to acquit them of personal favoritisms

or prejudices operating as causes. Such feelings

would not operate to such an extent among

such a large body of men in any field of selection

and army officers, in particular, must be presumed

free of such weaknesses. If the figures are to be

credited, and we must again express doubt of their

accuracy, the truth may be that nonessential

in the minds of men trained in the minutiae

of military schooling, have been permitted to

obscure the few really essential qualities

possessed of which an officer in an army can do

his duty well and serve his country well. If more

than half of nearly 50,000 picked Americans are

sent to hold rank in an army we have already

commenced to feel the degeneracies of a top-long

Kerensky's New Cabinet.

Another wave of anarchy has welled up and subsided in Russia, leaving Alexander Kerensky apparently even more firmly seated in control. With a vote of confidence from the several dominant groups, he has formed a cabinet so constituted as to embrace representatives of the several elements that are working to establish order, and of such personality as may serve to bridge over another crisis and set Russia a little nearer to stable government.

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Two business-like gentlemen with offices in a downtown building were found to be the official heads of the future-dope trust. They collected a regular stipend, which was, of course, worthless, in New York, and in return they were able, at that time, to guarantee immunity from police interference.

Some of these seers are fakery of the shallowest sort, while others are persons of genuine ability. Such was a woman 73 years old, who maintained a splendid residence in upper New York and supported a comfortable life by her wits as a fortune teller and healer. She induced an old workman to give her his life savings of \$800 for investment. He never saw the money again, but he made a complaint to the police. The woman pleaded ill health, and an ambulance was sent for her. The ambulance surgeon had an interview with her, and refused to move her on the ground that it would probably prove fatal.

The spiritualists mediums are also difficult to handle, because all of them claim to be adherents to the spiritualistic faith, which is an organized religion with many devoted followers. It is rather hard to distinguish the sincere believers from the fakers. However, the woman detective did not hesitate to arrest a medium who "materialized" in a "dark circle reading" her departed mother and sister. She has no sister and her mother is still alive. Another medium who got into police court had gained a great influence over a man by endowing him with a "spirit bride," whose every suggestion he obeyed.

A personal investigation revealed that one fortune teller who seems to be enjoying immunity from police prosecution. She is an Italian woman, young and good looking, who stands on a corner in one of the swarming East Side streets. A big parrot perches on her shoulder, and she has a tray full of little slips upon which are printed horoscopes. Some of them are more expensive than others. You may buy a rather good one for 3 cents or a better one for a nickel, and the parrot will gravely pick it up in his beak and give it to you. As the crows of housebound work people surge by, many a girl will pause long enough to buy her "future" from the bird, read it, smile and pass on, her face lit for a moment by a dream. All of the parrot's predictions seem to be happy ones.

The location of a quartermaster's training camp at Fort Crook would be an acceptable consolation prize for Omaha after the bump given by the award of the cantonment to Des Moines. If Omaha is ignored again the only conclusion must be that our representatives either don't count at Washington because "in bad" with the administration or are again asleep at the switch. We still hope for the best.

The Fall of the Fortune Tellers

By Frederic J. Haslin

New York, Aug. 3.—Not long ago a certain Hindoo fortune teller did business in an elaborate furnished apartment on Broadway in that region of romance, the forties. One day there applied to him for a reading of her future a middle-aged woman of a very competent and unassuming appearance. The seer made sundry passes through the air with his long, antennae-like fingers, went into a brief reverie, and then explained that his customer's "vibrations" showed that she would be very successful in business, but that in love she was a failure. This defect in her personality he offered to remove by a treatment which would cost \$33.50.

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Now these two gentlemen have been safely put away, and though there are doubtless still fortune tellers at large in the city, they have no immunity from police prosecution, and they dare not advertise their presence in any way. Until a few days ago, they could not be put in jail, but were merely placed under bond when convicted. Now, by a new regulation, they may be treated as common criminals.

Nothing but the woman's credulity of the human mind makes possible the operations of these fakery, and the laying bare of their methods is a revelation in this regard. All of the superstition, the fear of the mysterious and occult, which is typical of savage races, seems to remain latent, needing only a suggestion to bring it to the surface. Some of these professors of the occult obtain an ascendancy over their patrons, which nothing can break. For example, a crystal gazer with an apartment on West Forty-fourth street, had many wealthy and fashionable women among his patrons. His favorite game was to advise investment in some stock, which was, of course, worthless, except to him. In this way he secured \$40,000 from a wealthy widow. Incidentally he made love to her and persuaded her to marry him. On the date set for the wedding, however, he failed to appear, and the police were asked to find him. This they did, whereupon, to their unlimited disgust, the widow fell into his arms, and refused to appear as a witness against him.

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The gypsies are perhaps the most picturesque and primitive of the fortune tellers, the ones that play most crudely upon superstition. They not only predict the future, but sell charms, and perform wondrous incantations by the full moon. Yet even for their barbarous services there is constant demand. Incidentally, they are dangerous customers for the police. A gypsy woman drew a knife not long ago on the woman detective, who found it the part of discretion to retreat to the police station for re-enforcements.

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Our Fighting Men

Colonel William G. Haan, U. S. A., according to the latest assignments made public, has been placed in charge of the aeronautical interests of the eastern department of the army. Colonel Haan is known as an exceptionally brilliant expert in the artillery arm of the service and for his recognized ability in that line he was selected for his present post in command of Fort Totten, one of the chief coast defense forts guarding the entrance to New York City. He is a native of Indiana and was appointed to the United States Military Academy from that state in 1885. He is a graduate of the Army War College and has served two details on the general staff.

Rear Admiral Frank F. Fletcher, selected to represent the navy on the new war industries board, is well remembered as the commander of the American naval force at Vera Cruz during the Mexican troubles in 1914. He was born in Iowa, and was graduated from Annapolis in 1875. He has sailed the ocean blue and filled various posts of responsibility ever since on land and sea. He has commanded gun boats, torpedo boats and battleships, and has been in charge of the torpedo station at Newport. He is one of the mechanical experts of the navy, and is the inventor of several gun devices. He not only knows how to sail a ship and fight a battle, but he is regarded as one of the best sea-lawyers of the navy. A year ago he was detached from command of the Atlantic fleet and has since served as a member of the general board.

Today

Proverb for the Day: If the shoe fits wear it.

One Year Ago Today in the War. French gained near Peronne and Italians pushed toward Trieste. British held north of Pozieres held under determined assaults. British aeroplanes blew up German supply lines and military depots far in rear of Somme front.

In Omaha Thirty Years Ago Today. Miss Maggie Wollenhauf entertained a number of her friends at her home at Twenty-fourth and Howard. Among those present were Misses Minnie and Lizzie Mathews, Jennie Porter, Maud Corey, Emma Gray, Mary Forward, Kate Kewit, Delia Kewit, Lizzie Porter, Messrs. Herdman, Dewey, Finlayson, Blair, Kyle, Diabold, W. C. Patterson, A. J. Ludmitt, J. Hathews and L. J. Wolcott.

A very pleasant picnic was given at Harsco Park, Mr. and Mrs. N. Shelton, Mrs. Shere and Mrs. C. D. Woolworth chaperoning the following young people: Misses Yates, Vashti Miller, Louella, Kennedy, Burns, Lake, Kunta Shantz, Orchard, Dixon, Ida Sharp, Clark, Woolcott, Miller, Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Love, Dr. Smith, Messrs. Reed, Paxton Wakeley, Will McCasue, Howard, Horbach, Chase, Stevens, Hall, Poppleton, Caldwell, Dinwedy, Jordan, Berlin and Beal. Dinner was served by Miss Anna Goldstein were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents on Capitol avenue near Tenth. Dr. Benson performed the ceremony.

A youth fishing excursion was enjoyed at Springfield by Charles H. Fitchell, Tony Hanson and Carl Johnson. Inasmuch as their luck failed as far as pickerel, pike, bass and even black bass were concerned they bought a number of mud turtles from some of the rustic youths in the vicinity and announced to their friends in this city that they had been turtle fishing, having discovered that the commonest turtles in the muddy waters of Nebraska would make just as palatable a dish as a Maryland terrapin.

This Day in History.

1789—The War department was organized by act of congress. 1803—By treaty ratified at Vincennes, Ind., the Indians ceded to the United States 1,624,000 acres of land. 1814—Commissioners from England and from the United States met at Ghent to arrange a treaty of peace. 1829—General Thomas Ewing, who checked the invasion of Missouri by General Price in 1864, born at Lancaster, O. Died in New York City, January 21, 1896. 1867—Ira Aldridge, a negro tragedian of remarkable reputation, died at Loda, Indiana. Born at Belair, Md., in 1804. 1894—Russia threatened to interfere in the Japanese-Chinese war, if its trade suffered too severely. 1912—The national progressive party convention at Chicago nominated Theodore Roosevelt for president. 1914—Germans occupied Liege, although the forts still held out. 1915—New allied army landed on Gallipoli peninsula.

The Day We Celebrate.

Dr. J. B. Ficks was born in Ottumwa, Pa., just forty years ago today. He is one of Omaha's leading dentists. W. A. (Pa) Bourke has just reached his fifty-third birthday today. Columbus, O. is his birthplace. W. H. Yohe of the Uplake Milling company, has forty-three birthdays to his credit today. He is a Pennsylvanian by birth. Harry A. Tukey was born August 7, 1847, at Mansfield, Minn. He is graduated in the Omaha public schools and the University of Nebraska, and is one of Omaha's hustling real estate men. Alfred D. Touzalin, secretary of the Bankers' Savings and Loan association, is 55 years old today. He was born in Essex, Conn., and was educated in a technical school in Dresden, Germany.

A Dog's Obituary.

Findings Francesca full of tears, I said, "Tell me thy troubles." "Oh, my dog is dead! Murdered by poison—no one knows for what." "Was ever dog born capable of that?" "Child," I began to say, but checked my tongue. "A better dog can easily be bought." "For no—what animal could him replace?" "Those loving eyes! That fond, confiding face!" "Those dead dumb touches. Therefore I was dumb." "From word of mine could any comfort come?" "A bitter sorrow 'tis to lose a brute friend, but her horse, for grief must be a mate—no more." "So many smile to see the rivers shed Of tears for one poor speechless creature dead." "When parents die there's many a word to say—"

Timely Jottings and Reminders.

The Knights of Columbus opens its national convention today in Chicago. The oldest of the three-cornered of the country will gather in Scranton today for the forty-seventh national convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America. A convention of liberal leaders of western Canada is to meet at Winnipeg today to consider the whole political situation, particularly as it affects western Canada, and to define the attitude of the liberal party towards a number of serious economic and political problems arising out of the war. Democrats of Virginia hold a general primary today for the selection of candidates for the state offices to be filled at the next election. Interest centers chiefly in the three-cornered contest for the gubernatorial nomination, in which prohibition figures as the leading issue. The candidates are: J. Taylor Elyson and John Garland Pollard, who favor the present state-wide prohibition regime, and Westmoreland Davis, who is an advocate of local option.

Storyette of the Day.

Young Miss Perkins, whose beauty is equal to her bluntness in conversation, was visiting at a house where, among other guests, was the eldest son of a rich manufacturer, who was commonly looked upon as a very eligible husband. The talk turned on matrimonial squabbles. Said the young man: "I hold that the correct thing for the husband is to begin as he intends to go on. Say that the question was one of smoking. Almost immediately I would show my intentions by lighting a cigar and setting the question forever." "And I would knock the thing out of your mouth!" cried the imperious beauty. "Do you know," rejoined the young man, "I don't think you would be there?"—Judge.

The Bee's Letter Box

About Paving Inspectors. Omaha, Aug. 4.—To the Editor of The Bee: Referring to the poor pavement and curbing on Omaha—do you not think that if the city paving inspectors were good honest men, and not political ward bullies, who, no doubt, are paying off some political agitator—who are seen on duty sitting in the shades somewhere, or riding around town with the contractor in an automobile instead of seeing that the work is done according to contract; if inspectors were compelled to do their duty paving and curbing, no doubt, would last much longer. A. TRAYNOR.

Says Worthy of Reprinting.

Albion, Neb., Aug. 4.—To the Editor of The Bee: Attached please find a clipping cut out of this week's Albion News, which is so good that I think it deserves the prominence your paper can give it. LEONARD HOHL. "One German's Views." "To the Editor of the Auburn Republican: I have seen several articles about Germany trying to raise strife in this country. I am a German by birth and I am an American, heart and hand. I will tell you why I left Germany. There were ten in our family and we were poor like the most of my countrymen who come to the good old United States of America to get away from oppression, and it was a hard matter to keep the wolf away from the door at times. When I landed in this country I secured work at once and received more money for one month's work than I got in Germany for one year's work. I sent for my folks and I am proud they are all true American citizens and will answer the president's call to arms against Germany or any other country when needed. "I don't see how my countrymen can go back on Uncle Sam. They came here without a cent and made money here; now they want to fight the country that feeds them. The Kaiser never did anything for them or for me. If he had we would be back there yet. All he did was to start this cruel war and starve all our people there and make soldiers out of our boys and force them to work for his dirty 12 cents a day with a fourth of a pound of meat and a loaf of black bread. I hope to see the day when he is kicked out of Germany and a president put in his place. You don't see any Americans going over there for jobs or to any other nation. They are happy here and don't owe any allegiance to any king or Kaiser. I hope Uncle Sam will win. Hurrah for President Wilson."

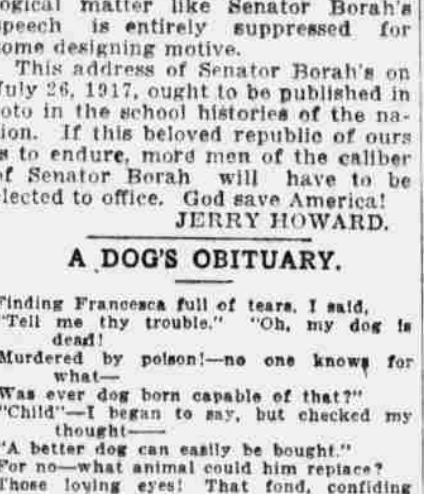
"Stop all foreign papers printed in the United States. If they can't read English let them learn and keep all foreign languages out of the schools. The English language is good enough for anybody." JACOB CRATTS.

Jerry Likes Borah's Speech.

Omaha, Aug. 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: I am not on the mailing list of any of the statesmen at Washington, D. C. However, some friend sent me a copy of the Congressional Record of July 26, 1917. I desire through your widely read paper to publicly thank this thoughtful benefactor of mine. Through said publication I obtained information concerning this important question that confronts our beloved nation that surprised me. To my mind Senator Borah of Idaho in his great talk before the United States senate as published in the Congressional Record of July 26, 1917, has rendered the country a distinct service by calling attention to the transactions at Washington, D. C. This wonderful man is frank and fearless in his criticism regarding expenditures and other diplomatic and delicate subjects. Senator Borah, like the man from Missouri, makes the request, "Show me." I believe that it is a crime and an imposition on the public for the papers to publish political harangues, which logical matter like Senator Borah's speech is entirely suppressed for some designing motive. This address of Senator Borah's on July 26, 1917, ought to be published in toto in the school histories of the nation. If this belated republic of ours is to endure, more men of the caliber of Senator Borah will have to be elected to office. God save America! JERRY HOWARD.

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Oakleaf—You give your wife a good deal of liberty, do you not? Henspeck—Well, we've been married only a few days when she read me the declaration of independence.—Judge. He—This bargain hunting shows your character. You are always looking for something cheap. She—Too true. That is how I came to marry you.—Baltimore American. Letret—I hear that Shortcash, who married the banker's daughter last winter, is in desperate financial straits. He probably has been trying to live up to their wedding presents.—Life. DEAR MR. KABIBBLE: IS IT ALL RIGHT TO MARRY A TRAVELING SALESMAN? —MRS. KAUFMAN. YES—LOOK HOW MANY PEOPLE HE CAN TELL YOU A GOOD COOK TO! —JEB. Riggs (facetiously)—This is a picture of my wife's first husband. Digs—Silly looking guy! But say, I didn't know your wife was married before she met you. Riggs—She wasn't. This is a picture of myself when I was twenty-five.—Boston Transcript. "The grout is certainly a tightwad, isn't he?" said the old boy. "He sure is," replied the wise guy. "He'd charge you interest if he lent you his moral support."—Cincinnati Enquirer. "Do you think the time is coming when the government will commandeer all privately owned automobiles?" "I don't know," replied the melancholy motorist, "but if the government wants to beat the sheriff's sale, it will have to hurry."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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