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Woe betide the jitney loaf seeking recognition in bakeshop society.

Well, if the worst comes, the bread that mother bakes will help some.

Au revoir, Messieurs the French Commissioners, and come again!

Appetites whetted by war profits yield painfully to patriotic restriction.

"Doing your bit" too frequently translates itself into "getting your bit."

Confessions are always in order, but sometimes fail to produce convictions.

Slashing around in coal and wheat bins stamps Harry Garfield as a regular cutup.

Despite claims and promises to the contrary, reduced cost of living holds its grip as a fascinating mirage.

Still it may be remarked that extorting confessions is a hopeless task unless there is something to confess.

Every day's events makes more clear the fact that decrowning Nicholas Romanoff was a minor part of the job.

A little more harmony of statement would materially improve the appearance of food department figures.

A move to mark up freight rates on coal hereabouts tags itself as barren of foresight or business shrewdness.

Early candidates, timorously beating the bush hereabouts, have discovered only that the public mind is centered on something else.

Bread makers who are talking about turning their plants over to the government may have their bluff called before the winter is out.

Nebraska will buy rather than sell wheat this winter, consequently the fixed price is of local interest from the other side of the question.

The knell of doom sounded for whisky making during the war is another way of emphasizing Peoria's right to be known as "The Still City."

A real farmer says he will soon be a millionaire if dollar corn holds on. If this is true, Nebraska will yet become a state of millionaires.

German editors says the president does not understand the German attitude. It is not because he did not have sufficient experience with the kaiserbund's policies.

When the shock of the surgical cut yields to patriotic treatment it may be found that the price fixers of wheat weighed all sides of the question and wrought the greatest good for the greatest number.

Omaha has not entered many babies in the competition at Lincoln, but that is not because we are not interested. It is rather to give the rest of the state a chance. The Omaha baby is super-excellent.

Pacifist apouters have themselves to blame for being squelched in various quarters. The presence of "conscientious objections to war" is too transparent to hide the golden push of German propaganda.

Our local contribution to the forces "Somewhere in France" is to be increased by the addition of a society leader and a popular preacher. If anything more is needed, let us know. Omaha is ready to fill any requisitions that may be made.

Culinary Science.

"God gives food and the devil sends cooks" runs the old proverb. Just at present there is an extraordinary demand for both, with the supply of food, short as it is, a little bit ahead of the cooking brigade.

Our sudden plunge into unaccustomed depths of military activities has brought us face to face with the fact that we have not paid sufficient attention to the development of skilled cooks. Painful and costly experience has shown us our deficiency in this regard, and the great importance of supplying the need.

Food of any kind is too precious to be entrusted to the ministrations of an amateur whose experiments may or may not result happily, therefore it is proposed by a boniface of prophetic vision that a chair of culinary science be established in our universities. It is not sufficient that the domestic science course be continued. What is needed is something broader and deeper, cooks not planned to turn out patties and puffs or any of the various other fanciful creations that fill the dreams of the multitude who are by circumstances required to get their sustenance where they may. Fortunate indeed is he who can have eatables of the kind that mother used to make.

Nebraska's State Fair.

The Nebraska state fair, in progress at Lincoln this week, is a little more than a mere exhibition of animal, vegetable and mechanical triumphs. It is in reality an exposition of the advance of an intelligent people along the path of civilization...

That this is appreciated by the people is shown by the interest taken in the fair. Liberal provision has been made in the erection of permanent buildings for the housing of exhibits, of parades and plazas on which to display animals and machinery...

Child Labor Law Held Up.

The decision of the federal court in North Carolina temporarily holds up the Keating-Owen child labor law passed by congress last winter and which would have become effective this month...

Is it wiser to put a limit on the employment of children, and so prevent their exploitation, or should they be left to the direction of parents who may or may not have their best interest at heart?

Child labor laws, both state and federal, have been conceived in a high spirit of justice to all, and especially of fairness to those who otherwise are helpless. The federal law was made necessary by the fact that it was impossible to secure state action in the south and in certain of the eastern states...

Nebraska's Baby Crop.

Down at Lincoln this week we are to have our regular annual competitive exhibition of babies, with all the customary accompaniments. For Nebraska, as for all the rest of the country, the most important crop is the baby, and attention bestowed on him is never misplaced.

Meeting the U-Boat Problem. While the means by which the U-boat is to be neutralized has not yet appeared, or at least has not been disclosed to the public, naval authorities have been active along lines that give some measure of security to merchant vessels.

The Boy Scouts' Farm

Washington, Aug. 31.—In the midst of the neat green shrubbery, the flower beds, the tennis courts and the smooth asphalt speedways of Potomac park, you suddenly come upon a fine field of corn...

The Boy Scouts of Washington wanted to do their bit to help the food situation along, and their commissioner decided that they should be given the opportunity. He went to see Colonel Harts of the War department, who is in charge of the parks of the national capital and laid the proposition before him.

On the appointed day last spring, 2,000 Boy Scouts, shodding rakes and hoes and mattocks paraded down their prospective farm to the martial tunes of the scout band. They marched proudly, their heads erect, their little chests swelling with patriotic emotion as they saluted the president in his reviewing stand...

All of them, with the possible exception of three or four, were city-bred. Many of them had been on farms, but only in the capacity of visitors. The first night they camped on the premises. They tumbled into bed after a hot camp supper, many of them too tired to sleep.

The land in Potomac park is all remade land. That is, it is really land sucked up from the river and it is kept in place by a stone wall which is built along the river front. As might be expected, the soil is very black and rich.

Today the farm is a huge success. There are 120 acres of fine corn, concerning which the Maryland Agricultural Experiment station says: "It is the largest yield to the acre and the best grade of white corn that this station has ever seen."

People and Events

Printers' luck sticks to the favored craft like bark to a beech tree. One of the family, some what out of sorts, flipped over the railing of Brooklyn bridge and made a hole in the water 160 feet below.

Hats off to Larue county, Kentucky. Its quota of 132 men for the national army is full. Equally significant is the fact that only 132 men were examined and passed, as none claimed exemption.

Some of the emissaries of Wilhelm von Thompson of Chicago blew into the nearby town of Gary, Ind., with a "message" of the pacifist order. The mayor of Gary was on the job instantly and the emissaries couldn't hire a hall to deliver the "message."

TODAY

One Year Ago Today in the War. Rumanians took Orsova, on the Danube. British and French demanded of Greece the control of the postal and telegraph systems.

In Omaha Thirty Years Ago. A. M. Bumann, director of the manual training department of the high school has returned after a ten weeks' absence which time he has devoted to the study of the systems used in the manual training schools of Chicago, Toledo and other leading institutions.

And some new improvements in his drug store in South Omaha. W. R. Stewart, Jr., A. S. Stewart and D. W. Stewart have incorporated under the name of the Western Oil and Glass company with a capital stock of \$35,000.

The joint committee of the Board of Trade, council and veteran firemen met in Chief Gailigan's office to prepare for the reception of the visiting New York firemen. Messrs. Kennedy, York, Ferguson and Baumer were appointed a committee to provide hacks to accommodate the women of the party.

This Day in History. 1789—The Treasury department was organized, with Alexander Hamilton as secretary.

The Norwegian is prohibited by law from spending more than 2 cents at one visit to a public house. Of all the peoples of Europe, the French have the fewest children and the Irish the most.

The state of education in Mesasia may be judged from the fact that there is only one village school for every 8,000 persons. It is estimated that it takes 400 pounds of cotton to make the powder for one shot from one of the German seventeen-inch guns.

The Day We Celebrate. Alien D. Falconer, assistant commercial agent of the New York Central line in Omaha, was born in Omaha forty-two years ago. He is also interested in the business of Stack & Falconer, undertakers.

Storyteller of the Day. A minister homing from the trenches has been recounting his experiences among the Scotch regiments, and one of the interesting stories he tells of a wounded Jock whom he found rather depressed, and on being asked whether he would like to die, he said: "No, thank you, I would rather be a minister."

Signs of Progress. There are 139,950 motor cars in Kansas. A town of cement buildings is being constructed in Montana.

In order to make bathtubs stand level on uneven floors, adjustable feet for the tubs have been invented. A new pocket to protect valuables being carried about is designed to be attached to the lining of shoes.

A new telephone receiver is so small that it can be inserted into the ear instead of being held against it. One of the latest inventions is a sort of heater that keeps a sleeper's mouth closed and thus prevents snoring.

A new automobile tire asserted to be bullet, nail and glass proof, is now being subjected to tests in Australia. It is made of coir fiber instead of rubber. An Italian officer who was wounded in the Trentino has just brought legal action to obtain a decision as to the rightful ownership of a bullet extracted from his body.

AROUND THE CITIES.

A St. Joseph plant landed a contract to supply metal lampposts for use around the Catekill aqueduct of New York City. Topeka proposes to make city policemen and firemen tight in the Home Guards and put them through regulation army drills.

Solons of Kansas City may think the easiest way out of the natural gas squabble is to take over the local distributing concern, and are moving in that direction. The concern, like Barke, is willing. A Chicago board of health shows a warning against typhoid fever, which has run up a score of sixty-seven deaths since August 1.

Traffic accidents in New York city show an increasing toll of life. The number of killed during May was twenty-one, forty-four and July fifty-four, while the number of injured in the same period rose from 130 to 1,656. Remedies are eagerly sought, but the slaughter goes on.

"Preach peace, or this church goes up in smoke!" were the words of warning pinned to the remnants of an American flag torn from the wall at the back of the altar of the Prospect Park Methodist Episcopal church of Minneapolis, last Tuesday night.

Out in Salt Lake City George Lawrence, a butternut bender, bumped his head against the pavement in alighting from a street car and was tagged "dead" on the morgue slab. But George caught his second breath, jumped from the slab and fought his way to enter the air. "Drunk again," murmured the morgue artist. "You're on," whispered George as he wobbled away.

Five tons of postage stamps are issued daily from the British general postoffice. Of all the peoples of Europe, the French have the fewest children and the Irish the most. Scientists have found that children grow little from the end of November to the end of March.

The German sergeant who recently bombed Essen was three years ago a hardware merchant without a thought of war in his head. A hotel at Belleville, Ill., in which Charles Dickens was a guest during his first American tour is about to be torn down.

A Danish doctor at a hospital in Paris has invented a cardboard leg which enables the wearer to go about without crutches two days after his limb has been amputated. An auditor in a Japanese theater allowed, for a small extra fee, to stand up, and the unfortunate individual behind him has no right to remonstrate or to rise and get a peep at the stage.

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