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Let your light shine, but don't waste coal.

Petrograd's shade of red is distinguished by its yellow streaks.

A Mexicanized Russia gives the new democracy the hoarse hoot.

The drive for the Y. M. C. A. war fund went "over the top" and then some. Next!

Washington announces that meat prices are higher than a year ago. Some news, that!

Enlarging the Venetian lagoon to head off the invaders suggests a smooth Italian translation of "spurious versenkt."

Norway talks of boycotting everything German. Talk will not patch the torpedo holes in Norway's sea commerce.

In severe cases of cold feet no doubt the fuel administration will honor all requisitions of the State Council of Defense.

With an excess of freight offerings there is only one course open to traffic managers. War essentials must move first.

The Palestine end of the allied campaign reports the capture of 9,000 Turks in 20 days. Lucky Turks! Captivity means living rations and deferred funerals.

But the people over here are more likely to get on to the kaiser's friends in the United States senate and to get them before they get those red eagles or black eagles or other eagles.

In looking over the food price tags of the country the Department of Agriculture found precious few marked down figures. The child-like innocence of the announcement glimpses a delicate grade of department humor.

Lord Northcliffe talks right out in meeting with blunt vigor and fearlessness. The compliments for the United States woven into his epistle softens with the "light, artistic touch" of the low bow the hammer swings of the pen.

A maker and breaker of ministries, Georges Clemenceau returns to power as premier of the new French cabinet. M. Clemenceau combines dash, brilliancy and fearlessness, three traits which render control of a legislative majority exceedingly precarious.

Above the tumult and the shouting of profiteers and price-fixers rises the affluent dignity of wool. Untouched by laws and regulations mutton's overcoat reclines on the top shelves and fills the flockmasters of the land with golden glee such as Abraham never dreamt of.

The State Board of Control declares it intended all the time that inmates of our state institutions should enjoy Thanksgiving as usual. Explanation accepted. The remonstrance against giving these unfortunates still less than the little they now have to be thankful for has done no harm, just the same.

Militant picketing at the White House takes itself too seriously. Members are obsessed with the notion that annoyance and defiance of authority fashions a martyr's crown. What the picketers really need is compulsory attendance at schools to learn the rudiments of orderly conduct and common sense.

Queen Lil in History.

Lillooalalani, queen of Hawaii and last of the royal line of Hamehameha, was the only one of her family group to become really connected with history. Her ancestors figure as curious savages discovered by adventurous explorers.

At the time the queen was dethroned by the Dole party American marines were landed and, hoisting the American flag over the government headquarters at Honolulu, they took possession of the public offices. This move was made under President Harrison, who was just completing his term of office, and the matter was yet under consideration when Grover Cleveland took over the administration.

The death of one of the central group in this little drama of modern history recalls vividly the deep interest that marked the event. A minor episode compared with what has happened since, it was the beginning of true world greatness for the United States of America.

Air Routes from Coast to Coast.

Aeronauts and aviators, looking ahead to aerial traffic, have made plans for four great transcontinental air lanes. This does not sound so visionary as it might have been three years ago, although at that time great preparations were being made for trans-Atlantic flight, both by airplane and dirigible balloon.

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Spelling in Our Public Schools. Omaha folks feel a natural thrill of pride at the report of a research investigator, who ranks the schools of the city high among those of the country on the points of spelling and use of words. This is quite comforting to our civic vanity.

Food Conditions in Germany. Very little information bearing on the food situation in Germany drifts beyond its borders directly. The dominant central power conceals its own troubles and those of its allies from the prying eyes of surrounding enemies.

People and Events. One practical means of safeguarding soldiers' interests at home is taking shape at Washington in an organization of lawyers pledged to render gratuitous legal service for members of the army and navy.

Caruso may be pardoned for rejoicing on getting back to the United States. The American boy office always imagines friendly love

Views, Reviews and Interviews

By Victor Rosewater

A LETTER received this week from an old friend, Thomas Rees, now manager of the Illinois State Register, published at Springfield, Ill., enclosed a copy of The Bee of February 13, 1917, recently found among his old papers.

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As usual with old newspapers, the advertisements furnish information of as great interest as the news columns. The announcement of Mark Hansen, whose establishment was located at the corner of Jones and Eleventh streets, offering "choice groceries cheap," gives us an idea of the retail prices that prevailed at that time, some of which are worth quoting.

Another unavoidable observation is the outstanding fact that Omaha of 45 years ago must have been a lottery mad. The way to get rich quick evidently was to buy a numbered ticket and see if Dame Fortune, presiding over the wheel, would look down upon it with favor.

One announcement, for example, tells us a "grand gift concert, under the auspices of the Sisters of Mercy, in aid of the Mercy hospital with \$150,000 in cash prizes," the grand prize being \$50,000 in gold coin.

No doubt later publications tell what happened to these grand gift enterprises. It is history that the "Pattee" people got into all sorts of trouble. Some day somebody with time and industry on his hands will write a history of the lottery in the United States.

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Secret service agents already have a score of nearly \$100,000,000 of merchandise and food tagged in the warehouses of three cities. New York City's total foots up \$75,000,000, Buffalo \$10,000,000 in sugar alone and Boston \$5,000,000. The record of only 30 days' warehouse sleuthing is regarded as a mere starter.

TODAY

One Year Ago Today in the War.

Bulgars evacuated Monastir on the approach of the Franco-Serbian army. Canadian troops on western front accused German officers of "unspeakable treachery" in battle.

In Omaha Thirty Years Ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Rudd have returned from a trip of four weeks in the east, during which they visited their old home and a number of other places.

The doors of the Continental Clothing house on the northeast corner of Fifteenth and Douglas streets were thrown open to the people. Thirteen electric lights and 100 gas jets illumined the place, and 5,000 people passed around the food controller for a rule breaking.

Mr. Balch tendered a grand reception to his guests at the Barker on the occasion of the opening of the new and commodious office and dining room, which he has recently added to his place.

This Day in History.

1679—The royal province of New Hampshire was incorporated. 1776—Congress approved of a lottery bill to defray military expenses. 1785—Sir David Wilkie, who won rank and fame as a painter of the commonplace, born in Scotland. Died at sea, near Gibraltar, June 1, 1841.

The Day We Celebrate.

W. I. Masterman, the tea and coffee man, is celebrating his 57th birthday. Russell Harris, civil engineer and president of the Western Contractors' Supply company, is 37 years old today.

Timely Jottings and Reminders.

Danish societies in the United States today will celebrate the Danish national holiday. Many of the larger religious denominations of the United States will observe the week beginning today as "Home Mission week."

Storytelle of the Day.

Percy being down to recite at the temperance concert, stood up to do or die. He got a long time up, but he reached the words "He stood beside her bier!" Then his memory failed him.

SIGNPOSTS OF PROGRESS.

A newly invented cigarette holder has an attachment which ejects the burned end of a cigarette without danger of burning the fingers.

Barriers extending along the ground from one or both sides of a recently patented roadway gate enable an automobile to open or close the gate merely by running his car over them.

A sheet iron elbow which conveys warm air from a gas range or oil stove burner is a new invention, the purpose of which is to permit women to dry their own hair at home after washing it.

Water valves 12 feet in diameter and so constructed that they will close automatically in event of a leak in the pipe line have been built for a hydro-electric plant in Utah.

A "world war course," consisting of a series of information lectures designed to throw light on various phases and problems of the war, is being given at the University of Wisconsin.

A MOTHER'S PRAYER.

Alice M. Lagergren in New York Times. Men wonder as they see me still and calm and smiling. As I go about my work. They know that I have lost my son, my only child. And I know. How much more would they marvel did they know. That in my heart there lives this hymn of praise: "God has been merciful to me!"

BRITAIN IN WAR TIME.

Last July the British food controller granted a substantial increase in the acreage of beer to meet harvesting needs.

A gigantic housing problem moves toward solution in England. A canvass of the local authorities of the city of London and the provinces showed willingness to build from 100 to 1,000 houses each, the number projected reaching the huge total of 150,000 separate dwellings, or about one-half the number required.

An extraordinary situation has arisen respecting government fixed prices for the sale of potatoes. Ireland is said to have harvested the finest crop of potatoes in half a century, superb in quality and quality.

British authorities anticipate securing through the sugar-rationing card index system a more complete population census than any hitherto taken. The sweet tooth is universal. Every one wants sugar, and after the first of the year they cannot get it without a card.

"Now that the price of footwear is so excessive," says the London Chronicle, "people are naturally inclined to send old shoes to be repaired rather than buy a new pair. Unfortunately the cost of repairing advances almost as swiftly as the cost of new goods."

Profiteering in necessities price-tagged by the government is expensive and dangerous to one's liberty. Courts in dealing with such cases generally penalize the profiteer by doubling and trebling their profits in fine in addition and a term in jail.

1861—General Halleck took command of the western department of the United States army. 1866—The Italian Parliament met at Florence, which had been decreed the temporary capital of the new kingdom.

1890—First battleship Maine was launched at the Brooklyn navy yard. 1914—United States steamship Tennessee fired on by Turks in Smyrna harbor. 1915—Flotilla of British submarines passed from North Sea into the Baltic.

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DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

"A word to the wise is sufficient," went on Mrs. Flubdub.

Contractor—It didn't cost me a cent to have that ditch dug. Friend—How was that? Contractor—I told all the boys in the neighborhood that they could dig a trench—Pack.

"Times have changed."

"I can remember when the firm used to fire a man; now it asks for his resignation."—Detroit Free Press.



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