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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.

Lillookalani, 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...

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

Fifty-four years ago, November 19, 1863, Abraham Lincoln stood on the battlefield at Gettysburg and pronounced a short eulogy on the men who had died there in defense of freedom.

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.

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.

A shortage in the grain crop officially admitted and a potato crop far below that of 1916 clearly forecasts a winter of shorter rations than a year ago. Supplies from neighboring neutrals, owing to the American embargo, undoubtedly will be much more restricted, if not wholly cut off.

Matt Erzberger regales the war worn at home and abroad with the assertion that "Germany has quietly crossed the political Rubicon and in the space of five days changed from an autocracy to a democracy."

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 18, 1872, recently found among his old papers."

Remembering this was just in the wake of the Franco-Prussian war, we find it carries a cable message from Rome to the effect that the pope intends to denounce the Concordat so far as it relates to Alsace and Lorraine—yes, the same Alsace and Lorraine that had just been forcibly taken over from France by Germany and whose return to France today is one of the big stakes of the war.

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:

- Best Woodbine flour, per sack, \$3.50. Best New York standard crushed sugar, 16 cents per pound; 6 1/2 for \$1.00. Best New York "A" sugar, 15 cents per pound; 7 pounds for \$1.00. Best New York "C" sugar, 7 1/2 pounds for \$1.00. Best New York standard brown sugar, 8 pounds for \$1.00. Best Rio coffee, 25 cents per pound; 4 pounds for \$1.00. Best Java coffee, 30 cents per pound; 3-1-3 pounds for \$1.00. Best new Turkey prunes, 12 1/2 cents per pound; 8 pounds for \$1.00. Best dried apples, 12 1/2 cents per pound; 8 pounds for \$1.00. Best Carolina rice, 12 1/2 cents per pound; 8 pounds for \$1.00. Best pure starch, 10 cents per pound; 12 pounds for \$1.00. Best corn starch, 12 1/2 cents per pound; 8 pounds for \$1.00. Best New York cheese, 20 cents per pound; 5 pounds for \$1.00. Best golden syrup, \$1.00 per gallon. Fresh peaches, 2-pound cans, 20 cents. Fresh tomatoes, 2-pound cans, 15 cents.

Another unavoidable observation is the outstanding fact that Omaha of 45 years ago must have been 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.

An 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. Tickets are to be had for the paltry sum of \$3 each or two for \$5 and agents are wanted to sell them. The concert must have been a side line, for no information is given as to the identity of the artists who are to participate. This was one of the famous "Pattee & Gardiner lotteries."

But there were also others, almost as dazzling. For 117 gifts valued at \$30,000, for which 10,000 tickets were to be sold at \$3 each, were also to be distributed about the same time under the immediate management of G. H. Collins, to say nothing of "a free gift of \$500 in gold to the poor of Omaha." The advertised list of premiums is topped by the "house and lot, corner Nineteenth street and Capitol avenue, the residence of G. H. Collins, containing nine rooms, gas, water, cistern, well, stable, etc., commanding a view of the city on the handsome corner lot in the city of Omaha, listed at \$19,000;" the second prize was "house on the corner of Eighteenth street and Capitol avenue, containing eight rooms, listed at \$3,700," and a third prize, another "house, on the corner of Eighteenth street and Capitol avenue, containing seven rooms, listed at \$3,700." As assurance that he would carry out his part of the arrangement Mr. Collins appends as reference the names of a score of the most prominent business men of Omaha and the northwest.

A third "grand gift concert and musical jubilee" is scheduled to take place at Burhop's opera house, "tickets limited to 35,000 at \$1 each," with a chance at "any of the gifts that may be awarded there," the principal one being the opera house itself, including "stage, scenery, gallery, gas fixtures, 400 chairs, front and back entrances, with the ground belonging thereto," listed at \$13,000, and the next three prizes each one of the three brick stores in Burhop's block, aggregating in the list \$19,000.

No doubt later publications tell what happened to these grand gift enterprises. It is history that the "Pattee & Gardiner" 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.

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. The plan contemplates the appointment of branch committees in every community.

A secret service agent 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.

Boosters of intensive gardening among boys in Massachusetts cleverly finished the year's fine record by presenting to every boy a certificate of service rendered on farms or gardens. It is an ornate document from "the commonwealth of Massachusetts, committee of public safety, department of mobilization of school boys for farm service," and bears the state seal and the autograph of the governor. No prouder treasure for enterprising boys could be fashioned.

The doctrine of the "unwritten law" applied to confiscated coal did not impress the federal grand jury at Cleveland, and that body handed down a batch of indictments against the officials of the town of Willoughby, O., who swindled carloads of coal without permission of the company. Town Prosecutor von Beselar, one of the indicted men, is said to have advised taking the coal, saying "the law of humanity is greater than that of the government."

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 week.

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.

Judge Reuther was given a delightful serenade by the South Omaha band in honor of his 33rd birthday. A concert was given at the residence of Mrs. Frank Colpepper, under the direction of B. B. Young and Madame Young, for the benefit of the First Congregational church organ fund.

Judge Hopewell returned from a week spent in Sarpy county and Judge Groff returned from Washington county, where he has for a week been trying to clean up the docket of that part of the district.

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. 1802—Jonathan Worth, governor of North Carolina, 1865-68, born at Guilford, N. C. Died at Raleigh, September 5, 1893. 1850—The Georgia legislature voted \$1,000,000 to arm the state. 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.

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.

Henry Lee Higginson, Boston banker and philanthropist, now in the limelight as patron of the Boston Symphony orchestra, born in New York City 33 years ago today.

William J. Flynn, chief of the United States secret service, born in New York City 50 years ago today.

Frances Cochrane, member of Canada's first cabinet, born at Clarenceville, Quebec, 65 years ago today. Carl Vinson, representative in congress of the Tenth Georgia district, born near Milledgeville, Ga., 24 years ago today.

Fred A. Britten, representative in congress of the Ninth Illinois district, born in Chicago 46 years ago today. Leslie Mann, outfielder of the Chicago National league base ball team, born at Lincoln, Neb., 26 years ago 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." The semi-centennial anniversary of the founding of the Confederate Home, and College in Charleston, S. C., is to be celebrated today.

Storyette of the Day.

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

"He stood beside the bier!" he repeated, trembling. The evil spirits on the back benches murmured one to another.

"He stood beside the bier!" groaned Percy, and drew a moist hand across his dripping forehead. "It'll get flat while you're waiting, you fool!"—Buffalo Times.

SIGNPOSTS OF PROGRESS.

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

Harvard college girls have made 2,000 bandages and a large number of sweaters and mufflers for the soldiers, and have pledged \$2,500 for foreign relief work.

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!" They do not know—thank God! how few have known— "The weaver's hand had led my boy away Down dark bypaths of evil for a time; That though he had come back to me, repentant, A shadow lay across the coming years. Lest he lack strength to fight his curse, inheritance. So, when his heart flamed high with zeal In those first days of war, I let him go, And trusted over there he might grow strong. For the long combat with his baser self. Now I am left to face the years alone! Yet nothing now can take from me the Of his dear letters! Nor the words his captain wrote: "Thou art my finer man in all the regiment— So self-contained, so resolute, so kind" And so my prayer, O God, in this time of need: "God has been merciful to him—and 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 similar order was issued last month continuing the harvest output for three months as a concession to miners and munition workers. All beer brewed is of reduced strength, known as "light bitter," and sells over the bars at 4 and 5 pence per imperial pint.

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. National and local authorities co-operate in the work of construction and model plans are to be furnished by the British Institute of Architects.

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 quantity. The same is true of Scotland and Wales. As a stimulus for greater production the government fixed a minimum selling price of 25 pence per long ton. Excess production over and above the market and the fixed price is not easily obtainable. Producers are willing to sell at a reduced figure but dare not do so lest they incur the penalty of law breaking. As a consequence appeals have been made to the food controller for a rule permitting farmers to sell to the best advantage. The excess production is estimated at 2,000,000 tons.

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. The card serves another end, that of indexing the man-power and woman-power of the country, and is expected to reveal where the slackers hide.

"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. Inquiries show that at establishments where the charge for such work was 6s 6d (81.50) before the war the present charge is 9s 6d (82.50) and it is argued that the charge is not extravagant under present conditions."

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 punitive fine in addition and a term in jail. At the Biggleswade petty sessions last month Joseph Hall, a market gardener, was fined \$100 on each one of 37 counts, to which he pled guilty, for selling potatoes above the government price, last spring. In addition Hall was ordered to pay \$200 costs, and "sentenced to two months' imprisonment in the second division in each case, the sentences to run concurrently." Outside of the controlled necessities prices run the upward scale with the limit off. As an example of war profits the London Chronicle cites the wholesale drapers, seven of whom report double and treble their profits in peace years. Public extravagance is the cause of most of the profits. Nor is it confined to the metropolis. It prevails in all communities pulsing with war business. "Admissions and entertainments to practice thrift," says the Chronicle, "have gone unheeded, and women, who make up the bulk of the customers of these shops, have not been able to resist the temptations which higher incomes and private conditions have placed in their way."

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THE OMAHA BEE INFORMATION BUREAU

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