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Medicine Hat whispers it has the goods.
Jack Frost seems to have lost none of his old-time form.

No talk this time about getting the boys out of the trenches by Christmas.

"Made in Austria" now travels on the same odious level as "Made in Germany."

Desperate efforts to force a decision on the sidelines maps the beginning of autocracy's end.

The esteemed Lord Landsdowne drove his foot so deeply into his mouth that self-extraction appears hopeless.

War promises to drive home for keeps the lessons of national thrift. Success in that line writes a credit mark for war.

As a relief for possible apprehension, our readers are reminded that Omaha is to have a municipal ice plant by next summer.

It is evident from his remarks that the postmaster general did not consult the Labor department before swinging the hammer.

Self-named "conscientious objectors" to war might command more public respect if they refrained from wagging a yellow tongue at the same time.

Standardizing food prices stops competition to that extent, but it does not stop competition in service to the customer.

"Fools and slaves of imperial Germany" tersely expresses the conduct of the Russian reds, Kerensky and Dukhomin, sacrificed to the mob, knew their enemies and measured them with camera exactness.

Are all these explanations of why Senator Hitchcock has stopped from his announced opposition to declaring war on Austria intended to square him with patriotic Americans or with disloyal pro-Germans?

An award of from 15 to 30 months at Sing Sing for the first of the war charity grafters in New York sets an admirable pace as a starter. Profiteering on American generosity there and elsewhere challenges the limit and some over.

Some day later on when the Hohenzollerns jobber tip and seek useful jobs, Crown Prince Rupprecht may recall Cambrai and send a letter of appreciation to General Byng. The prince owes it to the general for giving him the finest tank show ever staged.

Running the "dry" blockade along the Missouri valley cannot be classed a profiteering cinch. A runner caught by both state and federal courts may count himself lucky if allowed his clothes. One experience enlarges the bump of discretion.

If that billboard atrocity is really one of the necessary evils of war, why not make a duplicate to embellish the front of the beautiful home of our hyphenated contemporary, where it would be surely as conspicuous as the one disfiguring the court house.

Nailing a German Lie
There is little question that the German propaganda is responsible for nearly all the undercurrent of discouraging misinformation that circulates in this country.

Many of these have been exposed, but the work of inventing and circulating new tales, calculated to discourage and divide the American people goes steadily on.

Recently a Hennepin county official listened to one of these tales. An apparently well-informed man declared with great wealth of detail that the German guns were proving vastly superior to those of the Allies.

The narrator of this tale, professedly patriotic, was nevertheless pessimistic about the result of this disparity in artillery. The county official found it difficult to believe the story, in spite of the wealth of detail with which it was told.

Instead of repeating it to others, he wrote it to the Scientific American. Here is the reply that came promptly back.

The Scientific American has your inquiry of the 26th instant regarding the life of German guns. He cannot assure you too emphatically that the statements which you quote are absolutely nothing except German camouflage.

The Germans have no monopoly upon first-class gun steels, and their guns have no appreciably longer effectiveness than ours and those of our Allies.

The next time anybody repeats this yarn to you, you might counter with the statement that the German industrial machinery for producing guns has broken down to such an extent that in many parts of the front the German forces are compelled to use guns in which the rifling is so badly worn that effective sighting and ranging is out of the question.

Academic Freedom and Academic Obligation.

So much talk, much of it thoughtless or undigested, has been indulged lately on the subject of academic freedom that a distinct service is performed by President Butler of Columbia university in emphasizing the concomitant obligation which the instructor takes on when he becomes part of the college faculty.

It is perfectly obvious to a teacher when he accepts the invitation to become a member of an academic society that by so doing he gains in standing and authority and what he writes or says acquires an added significance and commands a hearing because of the prestige of the institution to which he belongs.

At the same time no invariable formula is presented as the remedy except "patiently pointing out year after year what the words obligation, loyalty and duty mean and by refusing to let them all be transmuted either into labels for ancient superstitions or names for various forms of personal advantage."

While Columbia has perhaps achieved more unpleasant notoriety than most of the universities through terminating the tenure of the number of professors unable to fit the relation of academic freedom to academic obligation, other institutions of higher education are booked for the same kind of trouble and may as well prepare to face it by demarking the limits beyond which membership in the faculty becomes no longer mutually beneficial.

Where Tenants Should Help Out.
The managers of our large office buildings have been counting the aggregate cost of heating and lighting, and have tabulated the rate of increase of such costs in a year.

Range of Red Cross Work.
The first semi-annual report of the war council of the American Red Cross, made public by Chairman Henry P. Davison, furnishes inspiring reading for its millions of members and supporters.

Public support and voluntary service at the command of the Red Cross cannot be estimated in money. Its great value is indicated by the report showing the \$100,000,000 fund subscribed and collected for less than 1 per cent.

That \$9,000,000 surplus of which the postmaster general boasts represents depreciation of the service and overworking and underpaying the men. For this he is entitled to the same sort of credit as would be the secretary of war if he, too, saved a few million dollars by putting our soldiers on a starvation diet and holding out on them the clothing and equipment congress had voted.

The war declaration of congress signed and ready for delivery emphasizes the uselessness of wiring peace messages westward from Vienna.

Views, Reviews and Interviews

By Victor Rosewater

THE TERRIBLE catastrophe at Halifax comes probably more within the range of conception of those of us who underwent our Omaha tornado experience (on a comparatively small scale as that was) than of people whose idea of it is gained wholly from newspaper accounts.

I think I suggested once or twice before that among the compensations for the burdens of all these war activities we are engaged in must be reckoned the occasions they present for bringing big men of affairs to Omaha to see what kind of a city we are building here and to meet the people who make up the city.

In tribute to the memory of another pioneer of Omaha and old-time friend and neighbor, I attended the funeral of Louis Raapke, who devoted a half century's active career to helping advance the business interest of this city, during which time he saw it evolve from a struggling village to its present magnificent proportions.

The occupation of its handsome new building by the Detroit News is the occasion of some well-justified self-exploitation on the part of that enterprising publication. What impresses me most in the account of the structure, which must be as artistic as it is serviceable, is the series of inscriptions defining the idea of a newspaper as specially prepared under the direction of Prof. F. N. Scott of the English department of the University of Michigan, as follows:

"Mirror of the public mind; interpreter of the public intent; troubler of the public conscience."
"Reflector of every human interest; friend of every righteous cause; encourager of every generous act."

"Bearing of intelligence; dispeller of ignorance and prejudice; a light shining into all dark places."
"Promoter of civic welfare and civic pride; bond of civic unity; protector of civic right."

"Reporter of the news; remembrancer of the old and tried; herald of what is to come."
"Defender of civic liberty; strengthener of loyalty; pillar and stay of democratic government."

"Upholder of home; nourisher of the community spirit; art, letters and science of the common people."

Sympathizers of the Bolshevik held forth in New York the other night and let loose some of the froth of the melting pot. One speaker asserted that anarchists and members of the I. W. W. were not pacifists, but are "fighters engaged in a war on society."

TODAY

One Year Ago Today in the War.

French battleship Suffren, with 18 officers and 749 men, reported missing. Heavy cannonading reported on Italian and western fronts.

In Omaha Thirty Years Ago.
J. H. Thomas of Cincinnati comes to Omaha to take the position of foreman of the Western Printing company, recently started in this city.



of the National Association of Barbers, in session at Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. Miller was one of the delegates from Nebraska.

General Passenger Agent Eustis of the Burlington returns today from a business trip to the west.

The Young Men's Christian association held the third annual banquet at the rooms on the corner of Fifteenth and Dodge streets. Over 100 persons were present.

John Klumman and Mary Peterson were married by Judge McCulloch. Both are residents of Omaha.

Charles L. Davis appeared at the Grand opera house in his well known piece of "Alvin Jostling."

A move is now under way to establish a new hospital on a large scale in this city on the corner of Nineteenth and Cass streets.

This Day in History.
1768—Joseph Desha, ninth governor of Kentucky, born in Monroe county, Pennsylvania. Died at Georgetown, Ky., October 11, 1842.

1842—Samuel Woodworth, author of the popular song, "The Old Oaken Bucket," died in New York City. Born at Seitate, Mass., January 13, 1784.

1887—A convention met in Atlanta to frame a constitutional civil government for Georgia.

1893—Augustus Vaillant, a violent anarchist, threw a dynamite bomb from the gallery of the French Chamber of Deputies among the members below while they were in session.

1894—Lord Nelson's letter book was sold at auction in London for \$89,000.

1914—Russia reported its expense in war to date was \$82,500,000.

1915—Berlin claimed the Anglo-French troops had been pushed back into Greece.

The Day We Celebrate.
Elmer A. Cope, treasurer of the Uppike Grain company, is celebrating his 38th birthday today.

Clarence McElfresh, attorney-at-law, is 35 years old today.

John H. Haseman, city inspector, was born in Chicago 64 years ago today.

Major-General George Burnett, commandant of the United States marine corps, born at Lancaster, Wis., 48 years ago today.

Benjamin D. Foulou, the youngest brigadier-general of the United States army, born in Connecticut, 38 years ago today.

Meredith Nicholson, author of numerous popular novels, born at Crawfordville, Ind., 51 years ago today.

Thomas W. Hardwick, United States senator from Georgia, born at Thomsville, Ga., 45 years ago today.

Prince of Wales, famous writer and philosopher, who has returned to his native Russia after many years of exile in England, born 75 years ago today.

Robert Archey Woods, president of the national congress on social work, born in Pittsburgh, 53 years ago today.

Timely Jottings and Reminders.
Churches and Sunday schools throughout the country will observe today as "Bible Sunday."

The first national community song day will take place in Washington today, in the magnificent new auditorium of the Central High school.

Six hundred and fifty stars, the largest number displayed in a service flag in Washington since war was declared last April, will be in the "Old Glory" which students will raise on the campus of Georgetown university today.

To raise money to build a gymnasium and theater at Camp Upton, soldiers of the national army have arranged an elaborate military spectacle, entitled, "Your Boy's Day's Work," to be presented at the New York hippodrome.

Storyette of the Day.
For some reason the Sunday school class had become interested in Methuselah. At their urgent request the teacher related all the authentic information recorded in the Bible about that amazing man, also various anecdotes gleaned from less reliable sources. In conclusion she said:

"Now, is that all? Are there any further questions you would like to ask about Methuselah?"

"I'd like to know," said the most interested youngster of the lot, "where all his birthday presents are buried."

—Galveston News.

NEXT YEAR'S CENTENNALES.
Nineteen-eighteen will mark the 100th anniversary of—

The introduction of shoes pers.
The invention of the velocipede.
The invention of "patent" leather.

The introduction of mamezandized roads.
The admission of Illinois into the union.
The first use of steam for warming houses.

The first dramatic performance in St. Louis.
The publication of "Endymion," by John Keats.

The adoption of the present United States flag.
The launching of the first steamboat on Lake Erie.

The founding of the New York state library at Albany.
The establishment of the first infant schools in London.

The founding of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.
The invention of the process of engraving on cast steel.

The fall of Table Rock on the Canadian side of Niagara Falls.
The expedition of Sir John Ross to discover a northwest passage.

The laying of the center foundation of the capitol at Washington.
The re-establishment of peace in India, following the Maharatta war.

SIGNPOSTS OF PROGRESS.

Driving of Diesel engine with gas made from peat is one of the developments of the coal and oil shortage in Denmark.

There are more than 250,000 miles of railroad in the United States. Of this number about 5,000 miles only are operated by electricity.

The South Manchurian railway has more than doubled its operated mileage, becoming one of the great railway systems of the world.

Although before the outbreak of the war the output of British magnets was not more than 100 a week, since the war no fewer than 150,000 magnets are said to have been produced in the islands.

Charles Mix, a farmer near Pierre, S. D., hauled a blanketed full-grown porker to a doctor for medical attention, using a pleasure car. He says hogs are too valuable these days to take chances with them.

England is planning to spend \$30,000,000 within the next 10 years for reforestation in the United Kingdom. This involves an elaborate plan for timber planting, especially in Ireland, where large areas have been denuded to furnish mine timbers.

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AROUND THE CITIES.

Kansas City anticipates a falling off of saloons on the first of the year. High cost of living and reduced demand makes wet profiteering precarious in some quarters.

Doctors disagree in St. Joe as elsewhere. The local medical society, after a searching self-examination, could not get together on the question of a "wet" or "dry" banquet.

Prospects favor a 10-50 split, each banqueting as taste dictates.

Minneapolis Gas Light company wants a boost of 23 cents per 1,000 feet in the price of its product. The present rate is 77 cents.

The company considers \$1 the right figure in war time. Permission to put over the boost is sought from the city council.

St. Joe tax gatherers sit up and look pleasantly surprised over a voluntary boost in values in personal tax schedules coming in. Increases range from 25 to 150 per cent over last year's returns.

Seattle's chase for the dollar became so extensive in reach that the authorities of Camp Lewis forbid soldiers going to the city without special permission. At the same time the soldiers are permitted freedom of Tacoma. The latter's good standing in army society caters the bump on Seattle's business noodle.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Sheep—Why do you refer to that dance we saw tonight as the modern Venus? He—Well, you see, my dear, it's just a matter of form.—Cartoons Magazine.

Tired Tompkins—Won't you give a veteran something to eat, ma'am? Lady of the House—You a veteran? You were never a soldier, I'll be bound.

Tired Tompkins—Lady, you do me an injustice. I have done nothing but soldier all my life.—St. Louis Times.

B—DID IT.
Byne has Banged and Busted Banks. Built Big By Brassing Bocher—Bully Boys of Johnny Bull.

Beat Back the Bloomin' Blotches—But Hindenburg and Kaiser Bill Both Bawled and Bluffed and Blasted. Hot Byne just kept on Bangin' Balls by which he 'beat the mustard'.

HomBastic Bill and Hindenburg Demand their Busted Bins—Before Big Byne gave it the Bang Both Bawled it was fine.

But soon they'll follow a retreat, Back to that "Beat It," while they get Back to that "Dear Berlin." R. F. W. Omaha.

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