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"Forget it" and you will please the editor of the Omaha Hyphenated.

McAdoo ought to know what that tunnel under the Hudson river is good for. He built it.

Other announcements undoubtedly impend. Let us have them and end the suspense.

Give the devil his due. The Turk was only a spectator at the Brest-Litovsk proceedings.

Parson Savidge says if we sleep more we'll live longer, but what good is time spent in slumber?

Rifles by February and machine guns by July are promised the army. At this rate we will eventually be in the war right.

At any rate Judge Hamer gives the Nebraska bar something to think about and it is not the first time he has achieved the feat.

Now that the war munitions bureau has been reorganized, the country will expect it to show a little speed. Soldiers are waiting for guns.

The kaiser's work at Brest-Litovsk was too coarse even for the trustful Bolsheviks, a sure sign that it could not be accepted anywhere else.

On one thing the Omaha Hyphenated has been impecably consistent. It has always opposed anything like getting the country ready for the future.

The state superintendent has allowed another appropriation to lapse; what was the money set aside for, if the superintendent cannot tell when or how to spend it?

"Tom" Hall hints that taking over the railroads is all camouflage, but he had better wait until he finds out what the president says to congress on the topic.

It is easy to believe the statement of an interned alien that he tried to join the United States army, but he should realize that is just the last place he is wanted.

Local householders are about to enjoy the unaccustomed pleasure of drawing rebates from coal dealers. This sort of reverse English comes so seldom it is worthy of more than mere passing notice.

A by-election in Milwaukee resulted in a defeat for the Berger-La Follette protest combination. The successful candidate ran on an "America first" platform and, although he was elected by a small majority, it is proof that Uncle Sam still has a following in Wisconsin.

Help from Boys and Girls. Reports from the state agricultural department estimate the value of food exclusively produced by the boys and girls of the state last year at over \$100,000. This showing of service is proof of how the sum of little things mounts up in the aggregate. Individually, the garden patch, the pig club or the little bunch of chickens raised did not appear to be of importance, but altogether the total is eminently respectable. Enlistment of the young folks of the state in this form of usefulness was one of the noteworthy features of the great campaign for more food. Their time was not all given to the production of foodstuffs, for some of the work they did was wholly protective in its nature; for example, the gopher clubs, in which energy was directed to the pursuit of the destructive rodents. University authorities propose to extend their activity on this line, and to make the present year even more notable by the utilization of juvenile enthusiasm hitherto allowed to run to waste. The benefit to the youngsters is of far more value than the actual worth of their crops.

German Diplomacy Scores a Failure.

The astounding proposals made by the German commissioners at Brest-Litovsk as a basis for separate peace with the Bolsheviks have had the unexpected effect of stirring the Russian extremists to a realization of their own danger. All the outside world could see ahead of time the waste of time involved in the conference, so far as actual approach to lasting peace is concerned, but it was not foreseen that the deluded followers of Lenin and Trotsky would so quickly discover the German purpose or so energetically resent it. That Trotsky himself has denounced the betrayal of Poland, Lithuania, Courland and Esthonia, along with other of the border provinces, merely marks him as an astute politician, quick to see his own advantage. But it is significant that the masses who have given him his prestige were first to really resent the German proposal.

No hope that Russia will return as an active factor in the war, but its passive part may be of great importance. Unless Germany is ready to make substantial concessions to the Bolsheviks, the likelihood of real peace on that front becomes extremely remote. This means that whatever of military stores are available in Russia will be withheld from German use. The greatest danger to the Allied cause from Russian defection was the opening up of a source of food and other supplies to the central powers. Failure to negotiate with the Bolsheviks will deprive the kaiser of whatever chance he had of penetrating the "bread basket of Russia."

Germany realizes the advantage about to slip away and will undoubtedly endeavor to renew the parleys with hope of saving something by soothing the Leninites. If the Allies can move with anything of celerity it would seem they now have an opportunity to undo much of the work of the German propagandists and perhaps preserve Russia as something of assistance, if only by indirection, in the further prosecution of the war. At any rate the German failure at Brest-Litovsk is as complete as any of the military campaigns so far conducted by the junker war lords.

Pressing the Chamberlin Bill.

Advocates of military preparedness are closing up ranks to support the Chamberlin bill for universal military training. The measure is not likely to pass congress in its present form, but it seems to have sufficient backing to ensure its final passage in a shape that will be of some service to the end that its purpose will be of service. Chief opposition to it arises from the men who are responsible for our present predicament. These have steadily obstructed every step taken to get the country ready for its sternest undertaking. The Chamberlin measure does not contemplate war as such, nor the continuation of strife. It merely looks ahead to the proper training of young men in the rudiments of military requirements. It invades no right of citizenship, subverts no principle of liberty. It will provide that freemen have knowledge essential to the defense of their freedom if ever it be jeopardized. How inexpressibly foolish it is to urge that we go on forever repeating costly blunders of all past time, and yet in and out of congress are men who insist that we continue in a course that leads only to disaster. Experience should teach us something and one of our most expensive lessons has been that we ought to prepare ourselves for self-defense. The voice of the pacifist has been heard in the past and has brought only calamity. It is time that reason be given sway in America, and that no more unarmed, half-clad armies be called into the field in this country.

Reed Law and the Bootleggers.

The attorney general of Nebraska shifts a portion of responsibility for the maintenance of prohibition in the state to the federal authorities, calling the district attorney's attention to the Reed amendment, and suggesting that he get busy on its enforcement. The existence of an organized gang of liquor smugglers is alleged by the attorney general, something that has been rumored for many weeks, but the actual existence of which has not yet been fully demonstrated. It is well known that the illicit business is sufficiently lucrative to lure many into it, the one who escapes detection finding in his profit compensation for the risk assumed. The real test of the prohibition law lies in its enforcement. State authorities apparently are doing their utmost, repression of the traffic in Omaha giving evidence of this. If federal aid is needed to make Nebraska really dry, then Brother-in-Law "Tommy" Allen will have to come out of his somnolence and do something. In any event it is easy to see the democrats are not in entire agreement on the point, and that Willis Reed does not propose to assume all the blame and criticism that is going around.

Congress will get word from the president today as to what is to be done about the railroads, and then the question will be open for general debate. We will soon know who is to be the new conductor.

Prices put on cornmeal by state millers lift that food up among the aristocrats like bacon and eggs. Homely dishes of pioneer days might now attract the attention even of Lucullus' cook.

Obstacles Overcome In Gathering War News
What is Being Accomplished for Readers of American Newspapers Really Wonderful Under the Conditions

Few readers of newspapers have any idea of the difficulties encountered in gathering and printing news during the trying period of the war. Yet what the news agencies have accomplished since August 4, 1914, is little less than amazing, when all the handicaps are considered—the trouble in transmitting to cable stations, the endless censorships, and the congestion on all the telegraph lines. The public takes it for granted that the news will be supplied twice a day, with regularity and certainty, and seldom gives a thought to the many men who have been collecting it, some at the risk of their lives. The very evenness and trustworthiness of the Associated Press service, for instance, make against full recognition. It is possible that if the service were not so good those responsible for it would be praised often.

Particularly satisfactory, on the whole, has been the service from Russia since the revolution. The news of the czar's fall first came by way of Berlin, but it was speedily followed by detailed accounts from Petrograd; and since then, despite the turmoil, there has been excellent reporting of all important events, with the exception of the trial of the former war minister, Soukhomlinoff. The negotiations at Brest-Litovsk have been covered remarkably well. Often when a correspondent seems to fail on a given piece of news, the fault is not his. It is by no means certain, when a dispatch is filed, that it will reach its destination intact. A censor may take out an important passage, while the crowding of the cable may mean a delay so long as to render the telegram obsolete. No correspondent has any certainty when his dispatch will be published. Delays of 10 and 12 hours, and longer are frequent; two dispatches filed simultaneously, one may go straight through and the other be held up. Even when they arrive in New York the troubles of the news services are not over, for no one can tell how overburdened the local telegraph lines may be. Thus a dispatch which comes in time for the New York papers often fails to reach western cities in time for the corresponding edition, after being edited on arrival, it may have to be sent to no less than 100 newspapers all over the country.

Nor are the difficulties of news-gathering confined to the actual physical limitations and the censorship. It is harder than ever to get public men to talk, or to give their views for expression indirectly. So much is at stake that few are willing to take chances. Hence a greater reliance upon such phrases as "it is said in official circles," "it is the opinion among high officials," "it is believed in the War department." This device is deemed essential in order to give the country an impression of what the government officials are thinking. Most Washington correspondents would say that if this form of expression were denied them they could hardly do their work. Such personal phrases as "I believe," "it is my opinion" would naturally not carry the same weight. In the case of

How Nationalities Are Mixed by War
Echoes of Likes and Dislikes, Some Gay, Some Grave

A correspondent of the New York Post, writing from Paris, describes "one wonder of the war" to be the mix-up of nationalities on the various fronts and in prison camps. He says: It is a composition of human forces, very uneven and unequal among themselves. It is only from their deliberate acting together that victory can result. One who gathers up war talk along the different fronts and at the rear finds many echoes of national likes and dislikes, and some are grave and some are gay. In the latter I have noted down no more important should be given than to any other show of human nature—which all of us have a great deal. I find that it is a common notion that the English mix better with the French than with the Belgians, particularly Flemings, and that Americans get on better with the French than with the English. This must be taken with a grain of the salt of human nature. One of the slight compensations of this war so deadly to humanity is here. All these myriads of men of differing nationalities, by rubbing shoulders with each other, are getting an education in humanity. I hear the same effect is making itself felt even with the French who, as the latter themselves confess, are stiff-necked. Here and now, all have to fight together lest the common foe should prevent any of them ever following their own ways any more.

I am far from maintaining that this war is a melting pot for all nationalities taking part in it—America claims to be that in peace—but, among the allies, at least, it is quite plain that soldiers and officers are being leveled into a vast community of thought and feeling which ought to help immensely toward the promised society of nations.

People and Events

Arrangements announced for the June meeting of the American Medical association in Chicago omit the name of Mayor Thompson as a welcoming speaker. Governor Lowden will do the honors. The doctors, it is said, quite generally advised the committee they would not listen to a fifty-fifty patriot, and Big Bill's name was stricken from the slate.

Meantime the revenue cutter Acushnet rushed to the aid of the barge, now adrift in the storm and helpless. The barge was soon located, but in the meantime the storm had become so severe that the Acushnet could do nothing but stand by. The force of the wind may be gauged from the fact that it was found impossible to shoot a line from a gun over the distance of 50 feet which separated the two vessels. Nevertheless the cutter stood by until the storm moderated, got a hawser on the barge, and after losing and recovering the prize, finally brought it to port.

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The Bee's Letter Box

When Christine Nilsson Sang. Omaha, Jan. 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: Just 26 years ago this evening at the old Boyd opera house which was the location of the Fifteenth and Farnam streets, where the Nebraska Clothing store now stands, Madame Christine Nilsson (world's greatest songstress at that time), gave a concert. Several little kiddies ran myself plunked down our little dollars for seats way up in "peanut roost." A man by the name of Kelly was door keeper. All the seats downstairs and the boxes were occupied by prominent citizens. It was "some concert." She was the topnotcher of all songbirds. For an encore she sang, "Way Down Upon the Swanne River." WILLIAM A. BOWMAN.

Opposed to Mr. Roosevelt. Newark, Neb., Jan. 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have been a reader of the Bee for years, and find it a great newspaper, very just and patriotic in its views, but occasionally I find some of the Editor's Editorials differs from me in the largest sense and one of these is the idea of having Mr. Roosevelt as secretary of war. I don't believe anyone in this country doubts Mr. Roosevelt's patriotism and I think this will work the same way with Mr. Baker, whom I think has done a very good job during the time that he has filled this office of secretary of war. The sense of this matter for sometime in the past and have found nothing that I can see that works very directly against him.

Mr. Baker has been at the head of the War department, understands the working of the department and there is perfect harmony between the secretary and the president. What would come up between the president and Mr. Roosevelt we cannot say. I firmly believe that in a case of this kind politics should be left out, so let us leave it out and let Mr. Baker keep his job. It might have been alright to have sent Mr. Roosevelt to France, but not have commanded all the forces of the country. We want men there that are able, such as we have over there. We are fighting a good fight for humanity and let us not hamper the work by putting some one in the job who is not familiar with what has been taking place in preparing for the war and what happened before war was declared. I think Mr. Roosevelt makes a good secretary of war better than he would as secretary of war. VERN G. BINDERUP.

Tony Buechler, Stand Up. Grand Island, Neb., Jan. 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have recently taken as chairman of Grand Island City, for the Hall county Red Cross membership drive, I have had occasion to realize, more clearly than ever before, the great work the press is doing, toward supporting the government and all of its varied requirements in the prosecution of the war. And I have wondered if, throughout the state, individual citizens are sufficiently appreciating the work of the press. I accepted the city chairmanship on Friday before the Monday on which the drive began. The editor of the Independent, our daily newspaper, at once practically gave me the keys to the columns of his paper by declaring that I should consider myself free to ask for any service the paper might render it free. On Saturday evening an organization meeting for Sunday afternoon was held at the city hall. On Monday evening through the editor's own publicity contributions, the paper's illustrations, and the featuring of every item I suggested, the "drive" was the thing in which everyone was interested, and all of our workers were not only on their metal themselves, but found a fertile field with but few stony places. At the close of the campaign we had Grand Island enlisted to the extent of 80 per cent of its total population.

We of Grand Island believe we have one of the most enterprising and public-service-rendering newspapers of all the smaller cities of the state. But I also believe, from what I have observed, that in many other cities of the state the publishers of newspapers are doing more for their bit. Do those of us who divide the work of these various war committees sufficiently appreciate the fact that in our several committees the newspaper man participates, more or less, in all of them? DAVID KAUFMANN, President Commercial Club.

MERRY JINGLES. "Who is that fellow criticizing the government so?" "I don't know, but I can guess. He's one of two classes." "What are they?" "Either he's pro-German or he's a loyal American whose pet scheme wasn't adopted by the War department."—Pittsburgh Post. "Have you any geniuses in this town?" "I don't recall but one just now." "What's his name?" "The plaster or mud artist who painted No. He's a chap who contrives to stay illuminated week in and week out despite the fact that this town is dry."—Birmingham Age-Herald. "How strange it is," murmured the Cheerful Idiot, "that the children of the miners are like the most precious and expensive of flowers." "What do you mean?" asked the Practical Grouch. "How can they be?" "Well," answered the Cheerful Idiot, "a bit apologetically, 'you know, they are kids.'"—Washington Star.

"What did the landlady say when you told him you would leave if the janitor didn't give you more heat?" "That seem to worry him. In fact, he suggested another location for the radiator, get all the heat I wanted and then some."—Boston Transcript. "Beg pardon, sir. Do you wish a war breakfast?" "I don't care what you bring me," said the disappointed man. "I was out all last night and a war breakfast couldn't look worse to me than any other kind."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Group—That confounded doctor charged me \$5 for telling me there was nothing the matter with me. Mrs. Group—Outrageous! Group—Yes, if he had discovered some dangerous symptoms I shouldn't have minded it in the least.—Boston Transcript.

"We started housekeeping on \$16 a week." "You were to try that now Ma, you and Pa would starve to death before your honeymoon was over."—Detroit Free Press.

THE NEW YEAR—1918. Minna Irving in Leslie's, Knee-deep in the snow of the Old Year goes, in a khaki uniform, to the War office. With a sword and a gun and a blanket-roll, The music of bells over hills and dells. In silvery cadence floats. With the stirring sounds of the fife and drum. And the bugle's martial notes.

A motor hum, and the New Year comes. A girl in overalls. With a bag of tools and a box of lunch At the factory whistles the New Year. For woman will sow and reap, and hoe, And drive the ships and cars, And turn the wheels of the mill that man May follow the stripes and stars.

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Just 30 Years Ago Today

At an entertainment given in Masonic hall by the Hebrew Young Men's association, a recitation was rendered by H. Rosenberry. Mr. O. Frits rendered an excellent cornet solo. Mr. Friedman read an essay, Mr. H. Ehler played a flute solo, and Ralph Benson closed with pleasant remarks. A meeting of the Longfellow's Chautauqua literary and scientific circle was held at the residence of Rev. Clendinning, pastor of the South Tenth street Methodist church. At Trinity parsonage, Mr. Harvey Long was married to Miss Hattie Bynally, Rev. House officiating. Both bride and bridegroom are compositors on The Bee. Mrs. Mary McCarty gave a reception in honor of the recent marriage of her son, John Shannon, to Miss Sadie McGavock. About 60 guests were present. Dr. Galbraith left for David City on professional business.

Twice Told Tales

Neglected Wisdom. "People take a peculiar interest in scandal," rejoined Miss Cayenne. "Everybody can tell you that Solomon had numerous wives, but very few can recite any of his wonderful proverbs."—Washington Star. The Alky Fairy. Sergeant (drilling awkward squad): "Company! Attention company, lift up your left leg and hold it straight out in front of you." One of the squad held up his right leg by mistake. This brought his right-hand companion's leg in line with his own right leg close together. The officer, seeing this, exclaimed angrily: "And who is that fellow over there holding up both legs?"—Chicago News.

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Here and There

The present year will mark the 75th anniversary of the death of Francis Scott Key, the author of "The Star Spangled Banner." Since the beginning of the war Great Britain has granted more than 50,000 pensions to the mothers of unmarried soldiers killed in action. That bilsters can actually be produced on the skin by means of hypnotic suggestion alone the claim made by an eminent English surgeon. The Moors, like the Turks and most other Orientals, are more solicitous as to the number of pounds which their brides weigh than about the stock of their accomplishments. Near the villages where the elder members of the adult population follow professionally the pursuit of fattening young ladies for the matrimonial market.

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BARBER GIVES RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR

Tells How to Make a Home-Made Gray Hair Remedy. Mr. A. E. O'Brien, who has been a barber in New York City for many years, made the following statement: "Gray, streaked or faded hair can be immediately made black, brown or light brown, whichever shade you desire, by the use of the following remedy that you can make at home: 'Merely get a small box of Orled powder at any drug store. It costs only 25 cents and no extras to buy. Dissolve it in one ounce of water and comb it through the hair. Full directions for use come in the box. 'You need not hesitate to use Orled as a \$100 gold bond comes in each box guaranteeing the user that Orled powder does not contain silver, lead, zinc, sulphur, mercury, aniline, coal-tar products or their derivatives. 'It does not rub off, is not sticky or gummy and leaves the hair fluffy. It will make a gray-haired person look twenty years younger.'—Adv.

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