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Even two days of a January thaw are thankfully acknowledged.

Mr. Wilson's confidence in Mr. Baker is sublime, but does not appear to be contagious.

Two more factories engaged in making war material for the United States have been burned. The moral is obvious.

Discoveries made by the trade commission indicate that the packers of the country believed in letting the profit go with the hide.

Sugarless and eggless meals are to be added to the other proofs that Lent is not the only season of the year for salutary abstinence.

Applicants for postmasterships in Nebraska may save time by getting the Mullen "O. K." affixed in Omaha before going to Washington.

Two unfilled vacancies, with salaries going to waste, are on the list at the state house. What is wrong? Are there no more deserving Democrats left?

With the coal-bound war fleet ready to sail, the worst of the fuel embargo seems to be over, but this does not mean that economy in the use of coal is to be abandoned.

A Chippewa Indian, now domiciled in Chicago, admits that he is 130 years old and prefers sleeping on the floor. If he lives long enough he may acquire some tinge of civilization.

Serving coal by the zone system is not a novelty, railroads and mine operators having long practiced the device. Mr. McAdoo will have to look farther if he wants to surprise his countrymen.

The Russian peasants have the grain, and the workmen have the Bolshevik money. But the peasants will not accept the money, and the hungry workmen cannot eat it, so another dream of "liberty, equality and fraternity" is about to go down against the cold rocks of realism.

The Germans have been quite frank with the Bolsheviks this time, giving him their terms in language a child might understand. Summed up, they mean that Germany proposes to hold onto all it has, regardless of what the Russian dreamers may say or do. The latter can concede or go on getting whipped, just as they like.

China's Service to the Allies' Cause.

The importance of China as an active participant in the war is slowly developing. At first the declaration of war on Germany by China seemed but a diplomatic move, planned to give the Chinese a better standing in ultimate peace negotiations by removing them from any aspect of Japanese sponsorship. Recent events, however, show the possibilities of the presence of the Chinese as belligerents. At Harbin genuine service has been performed through their taking over control of the city and district and the incidental preservation of immense war stores from Bolshevik possession. The collapse of Russia left great quantities of war material and supplies at the Pacific ports and this in the hands of the extremists would not have been of help and might have become a real danger to the Entente Allies. The Chinese have made certain that most of this accumulation will remain in safe hands until the occupation of Russia is definitely fixed. In other ways the Chinese have been of help. Many laborers from there are toiling behind the lines and are giving great assistance to the fighting men and other millions are available for similar employment. Chinese soldiers have not been introduced into the European fighting, but an inexhaustible reservoir of man-power is at the disposal of the Entente. China is really become a help to civilization and democracy.

Dislodge the Bureaucracy.

Senator Chamberlain has vigorously and fearlessly assailed the War department bureaucracy, which he holds to be responsible for the delay that has so retarded the equipment of our army. Replying to the president, he says Mr. Wilson, heritor of a system both inadequate and incompetent, does not know the whole truth of the situation, because those who are close to him and have his confidence do not know it. That the Ordnance bureau and the quartermaster's department failed when faced by the great task of preparing for the war thrust on them has been too plainly established. Senator Chamberlain admits that Secretary Baker has made some improvement through reorganizing the bureau under his department within the last six weeks, but he insists that the system is incapable of producing results required. This charge has been made again and again. Progress of vital matters having to do with army administration must take their slow and tortuous course along the line prescribed by red tape through the several bureaus, only slightly related, and each sufficient to itself, while the gravest of issues impends. To do away with some of this bill for the establishment of a superior war council has been brought into the senate. Mr. Wilson's declared opposition is certain to defeat the measure offered, but it is questionable if the president will be able to long maintain the bureaucratic system that has so lamentably displayed its inadequacy and inefficiency in the present crisis. Our War department machinery must be overhauled if we expect to win the war with our military forces.

"Boss" Mullen on the Job.

Word from Washington indicates that "Artie" Mullen has not been so entirely unmindful of what is going on around him as some of the hopeful adherents of his party's cause might have suspected. On the contrary, his seeming inactivity has been but a subtle manifestation of the policy of watchful waiting so dear to the democratic heart and so extensively practiced by its sachems. Having determined that matters have gone to the proper point, the "boss" is just now exhibiting an activity some of the uninitiated are inclined to look upon as pernicious, if not entirely. At any rate, he is making it clear that none but dependable anti-Bryan men are to receive consideration and that the Mullen approval is a condition precedent to an appointment, no matter how deserving the democracy of the aspirant may be in other regards. No job of application is too insignificant for the scrutiny of the national committeeman, who has in view the future of his faction in the state. Followers of the donkey who hold that fealty to Wilson and devotion to the vagaries of the party platform constitute loyalty and provide a test for democratic qualifications are entitled to guess again. A higher duty is required of them, that they may measure up to the standard set by the pie-counter bosses. The machine is being greased for the coming primary election and the statesmen who look for high places may as well take notice of the fact.

Hoarded Hides and High Prices.

The Federal Trade commission has just made report to congress on a condition that will clear up what has been a mystery to the common people since the war began. With knowledge that a great increase had taken place in the slaughtering of beef animals, the country was amazed at the scarcity of leather that followed. It now transpires that the surplus hides have been carefully stored in cellars, while the packers and the tanners reaped the profits. Exports of shoes have fallen away by fully half and imports of hides have increased, but the price to the domestic consumer of leather has gone steadily upward. What congress can or will do is only to be conjectured, but it does not seem possible that the price of leather can be much longer held at its present altitude. With other forms of profiteering under the ban, no reason appears for allowing the owners of the hoarded-up hides to continue hoarding at a time when leather is so much in request.

No Prospect of Cabinet Changes.

President Wilson has reappointed and the senate has confirmed the selection of A. S. Burleson to be postmaster general, which strongly supports the belief that the president is not seriously thinking of making any changes in his cabinet. No department of the government has been more seriously criticized than the Postoffice under the direction of Mr. Burleson, whose critics are not all merely dissatisfied agitators. His department has been one of the serious weaknesses of the democratic administration and to continue him for another four years does not promise great relief in the handling of the mails.

Chancellor Avery is the latest Nebraskan to be drafted by Uncle Sam for special war work. In time this state will have quite a respectable list of names of its citizens who are serving the government in emergency.

Omaha retailers responded nobly to the suggestion of the fuel administrator for the shorter business day, showing the spirit that marks all our citizens when it comes to helping out on the war.

Freedom's Greatest Battle Hymn

Scotch Newspaper's Tribute to the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

There is no doubt but that the greatest battle hymn in the English language is Julia Ward Howe's "Battle-Hymn of the Republic." When the northern states braced themselves to the war of abolition, the feet of the soldiers marched to the beat of its rhythm, and the souls of men were waited on its wings to the feet of the Eternal. It sprang out of an agony such as we are now enduring—the agony of a great nation facing death and endless misery that freedom might endure. And if any hymn can express the feeling of the soul amid the horrors of war or calm its fears with the certainty of the triumph of Right, it is this hymn. In these days we should make it our own.

Just as "Tipperary" was sung by every soldier at the beginning of this war, the "Battle-Hymn of the Republic" was universally sung by the northern soldiers as they marched. They sang it the tune of "John Brown's body lies a-mouldering in the dust, but his soul goes marching on." There are few stories more beautiful than that of old John Brown, whose soul went marching on, leading the northern hosts to Gettysburg and to final victory. Today that same dauntless soul is leading the hosts across the Atlantic surge, sending the message ringing ahead, "Hold on, we are coming." A Puritan of the Puritans, John Brown learned to abhor slavery and hate war from his youth. He knew no passion but the passion of freedom when he was well-nigh alone he opened war upon the citadels of slavery, and went the way of all the forerunners. For drawing the sword in the first conflict, he was tried and condemned to death. In the fight two of his sons were killed; at the execution four of his sons were hanged with him.

On the second day of this month, 58 years ago, John Brown was led out of the jail at Charlestown, Va., and the procession was formed to his Calvary. Near the door of the prison stood a black woman with a child in her arms, and he stooped and kissed the child tenderly. For it is ever so; the man with faces death with a heart of steel has a well of tenderness at the core. "You are a game man," said a soldier who rode in the wagon with him. "Yes," he said, "I was so trained up; it was one of the lessons of my mother; but it is hard to part from friends, though newly made."

They came to the top of the hill where the gallows stood, and he looked round about him. "This is a beautiful country," he said; "I have not cast my eyes over it before." And so John Brown died with his sons for the freedom of the world. What death meant was only understood afterwards. Three years later Lincoln proclaimed the freedom of the slaves, and the great fight was joined. When John Brown kissed that thick-lipped child, slavery's death-knell began to ring. His body turned to dust; but

Visualizing the \$18,000,000,000 War Bill

Comparative Calculations On the Size of the Pile

Leslie Klug in Popular Mechanics.

The last congress appropriated, for the purpose of the war, \$18,000,000,000, which is said to be the largest sum ever appropriated by any parliament at a single session. Nothing but the incomparable wealth and the elsewhere unequalled resources of our bountiful country, made such an appropriation possible. It is the purpose of this article to present some tangible idea of the hugeness of the expenditure that the American people will make in order that (in the words of their most loved hero) "government for the people and by the people may not perish from the earth."

To begin with, let us form some definite and concrete conception of the mere bulk of the money itself. If the \$18,000,000,000 were to be coined into \$5 gold pieces, and if these \$5 gold pieces were to be laid face to face, as are the pennies that one gets in packages at the bank, they would form a golden rod over 3,000 miles in length.

If the \$18,000,000,000 were coined into pennies and treated in a like manner, you would have seven great copper cables, each long enough to form a mighty telegraph main to connect us with the moon, even though it is 240,000 miles away.

If the vast sum were made into \$1 bills, there might be constructed a path of them, 15 inches wide, which would extend nearly 17 times around the earth at the equator. These bills would also completely cover or "paper" 99 square miles of ground.

If gathered into a heap of pennies this vast sum would make a column 152 feet square, over 1,400 feet high, or nearly twice the height of the Woolworth building.

If we were now to recoin our \$18,000,000,000, this time into silver dollars—and were to spread them out on the ground—and if man were to come along and think he had hit upon a silver mine and start to pick them up, how long would it be before he could accomplish his task?

Well, if he could pick up the dollars at the rate of 100 a minute, and could maintain that pace for 10 hours each day, it would take seven more men after him, each working for 100 years, to complete the job.

Suppose that you and I were merely peaceful pioneers looking only for land in which to invest our comfortable inheritance of \$18,000,000,000? We couldn't go after \$1.25 government land, because there isn't enough of it on earth. We wouldn't be able to confine our farm within the limits of a single continent, even if there were some wholly unoccupied continent, that we could buy up. Our ranch would be almost five times the size of the United States.

We must be resolved then to pay

The Bee's Letter Box

Light and Conservation.

Omaha, Jan. 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: I was out at 1 a. m. one day last week and out again at 6 a. m. (same day) and noticed large sections of brilliantly-illuminated billboards covered with advertisements, among them, the Nebraska Power company, which furnished the lighting. In these days of conservation of light and heat and early closing of stores and offices and other institutions it struck me that this spectacle would be somewhat amusing to progressive inhabitants as a sample of our economy. If there is an explanation as to why these big advertising signs are allowed to run all night it ought to be in the way of a reason and not simply an excuse.

A. L. TIMBLIN.

Wait Till the Sheriff is Through.

Omaha, Jan. 24.—To the Editor of The Bee: In an interview published in The Bee the "queen of the bootleggers" is quoted as saying a local theater manager has offered her \$50 a week to appear on the stage about 10 minutes at each performance. I am wondering if it is the intention to make heroes of lawbreakers and if the manager is not making himself a party thereto by encouraging lawlessness, and is the public expected also to show its approval of lawbreaking by attending said theater in increased number during the engagement of the "queen of bootleggers"?

I. J. C.

Conservation and Morals.

Omaha, Jan. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: Several patrons of Omaha and vicinity have had communication with each other in regard to the closing of our grocery stores, drug stores and, in fact, all of our business places. The papers have stated the department stores are to open at 9 a. m. and close at 5 p. m. and we have come to the conclusion that this is a very good idea. But as to closing the picture shows for the afternoons we have a slightly different opinion.

Why not close the pool halls at an earlier hour in the evening and keep the picture shows open as entertainment for our young men? This would put a great many mothers' minds at ease and rest in regard to where their sons are spending their evenings.

What is your opinion?

Now, as a matter of fact, soft drink parlors for men are about the same as pool halls. Why not close them at an earlier hour than the hour decided upon? This will surely help to save a considerable amount of fuel and will also be a betterment to the young men of our city.

A young man has a pool hall and spends a great deal of his money in playing pool. Now, take all these nickels and dimes and they would buy a large amount of our government war savings stamps and would help our government to a great extent.

The young men go to these places (pool halls and soft drink parlors) and plot crimes with men of ill reputation whom they have met in the places. Some of these crimes have sent a great many of our boys and young men to various institutions, such as jails, reformatories and penitentiaries.

We hope that the public will take notice and base their own opinions on what we have referred to in this respect. MRS. W. E. D.

SUNNY GEMS.

Bill—I see that an elephant's trunk contains 40,000 muscles, whereas a man's body has only 57.

Bill—Well, you must remember, old scout, that a man doesn't have to eat peanuts with his nose.—Yonkers Statesman.

"This law is a queer business." "How so?" "They swear a man to tell the truth." "What then?" "And every time he shows signs of doing it, some lawyer objects."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"What became of that sign you had in your bank which read: 'If you're looking for trouble, start something?'" "Oh, we had to take it down. New customers read it and were afraid to start a bank account."—Boston Transcript.

Landlady—That new boarder doesn't talk about himself, does he? Housemaid—No. Landlady—Wonder if he's married? Housemaid—Sure he is. Landlady—How do you know? Housemaid—He only uses one hook in the wardrobe in his room.—Buffalo Express.

"THE ROBIN."

There's a robin on a bough in the maple tree. Don't you hear His song so clear. He carols and he sings And he tells us of the spring. Aft' winter's drear.

Early in the morn at break of day. We hear his trill When all is still. So sweet his song and clear It seems to cheer. Who listen will.

When other birds' long since have gone to rest We hear his lay Late in the eve. How sweet is the refrain As he sings out in the rain. When clouds are gray. —BELLVIEW.

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The prompt and positive action of this simple, inexpensive home-made remedy in quickly healing the inflamed or swollen membranes of the throat, chest or bronchial tubes and breaking up tight coughs, has caused it to be used in more homes than any other cough remedy. Under its healing, soothing influence, chest soreness goes, phlegm loosens, breathing becomes easier, tickling in throat stops and you get a good night's restful sleep. The usual throat and chest colds are conquered by it in 24 hours or less. Nothing better for bronchitis, hoarseness, croup, whooping cough, bronchial asthma or winter coughs.

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Pinex is a special and highly concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, and is known the world over for its promptness, ease and certainty in overcoming stubborn coughs and chest colds.

To avoid disappointment ask your druggist for "2 1/2 ounces of Pinex" with full directions, and don't accept inferior cheap imitations. Guaranteed to give absolute satisfaction or money promptly refunded. The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

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Dizzy? Bilious? Constipated?

Dr. King's new Life Pills cause a healthy flow of bile and rid your stomach and bowels of waste and fermenting body poisons. They are a Tonic to your stomach and liver and tone the general system. First dose relieves. Get a bottle today. All druggists.

TODAY

One Year Ago Today in the War.

Berlin claimed fresh successes over the Russians west of Riga.

French transport Admiral Magon sunk by submarine, with loss of 150 lives.

Lloyd George declared world on eve of greatest liberation since French revolution.

The Day We Celebrate.

Judge W. B. Ross of the supreme court of Nebraska, born 1862.

Hierman B. Peters, late host of Merchants Hotel, born 1847.

Robert W. McBride, adjutant-general of the Grand Army, born in Richland county, Ohio, 78 years ago today.

Frank J. Cannon, former United States senator from Utah, born in Salt Lake City, 59 years ago today.

Charles Curtis, United States senator from Kansas, born in Shawnee county, Kansas, 53 years ago today.

This Day in History.

1818—Rev. Benjamin M. Palmer, moderator of the first southern assembly of the Presbyterian church, born at Charleston, S. C. Died at New Orleans, May 28, 1902.

1820—Robert Y. Hayne addressed congress in defense of states' rights.

1862—Peace resolutions were offered in the Confederate States congress in Richmond by Henry S. Foote of Mississippi.

1893—General Joseph Hooker was appointed to the command of the federal army of the Potomac.

Just 30 Years Ago Today

Lee Frost was formally appointed deputy sheriff and jailer by Sheriff Coburn and was sworn in by County Clerk Roche.

There is said to be a noticeable falling off in applications for marriage licenses since the inauguration of leap year.

A meeting has been called to take place at the office of Penrose & Hardin of all the business firms interested in a base ball city league.

The following firms will send representatives: Richardson Drug company, Rector, Wilhelmly & Co., McCord-Brady & Co., Joseph Garneau Tractor company, C. E. Mayne, Crane Bros. and Chicago Bargain Store company.

S. M. Burdette, recently appointed internal revenue inspector for this section of Nebraska, with headquarters in this city, has arrived from Louisville, Ky., and taken quarters at the Paxton.

Round About the State

Not a flicker of a cloud is visible on the financial sky of Butler county. The treasury bulges with the gain of a balance of \$181,434.68, a gain of \$3,500 over the previous year, and a mere bagatelle of \$8,000 in outstanding bonds. Truly a proud showing for county officials and cheery evidence of public thrift for taxpayers.

Crete Vidette-Herald is curious to know if the Wilber brewery converted into vinegar the surplus of beer on hand, May 1, 1917. Announcement was made at the time that the machinery would be installed and the outlaid "suds" turned to vinegar. If not, why not? Will the sheriff ease the anxiety and tell the curious Creton what became of the beer?

Aurora Republican calls down the local Board of Education for delaying action on the request of the State Council of Defense for abolishing German studies in the schools. "Suppose," says the Republican, "the boys in the trenches pursued the same deliberate policy, how long do you think it would take them to win the war?" The board has the floor to make an answer.

Sidney Telegraph thunders in cheerful double-column tones over reports of increasing auction sales of farm land in various counties. Sales are ascribed to the loss of interest in the trenches pursued the same disposition of the elders for further intensive work. "The general effect," says the Telegraph, "is to give the small farmer a chance to acquire a place and an equipment of his own."

Out of the Ordinary

Chicago is to establish a special court for the trial of gunmen. A little something patriotic with a chicken wing.

The first thing that happens to a newly born Greek child is a bath in warm wine, in which myrtle leaves have been dipped. He is then rubbed with salt. In some parts of the country he is also rubbed with pepper, as a sign of the hard life he will have to live.

Twenty years ago a Korean school boy named Cynn was imprisoned because he had organized a literary society to discuss matters of general interest. Since completing his education in America, Mr. Cynn has been made principal of his old school, the Seoul Methodist Episcopal School for Boys.

Illinois state authorities have instituted an investigation of the "diplomats" of quack doctors in Chicago. A new state law provides for more effective supervision of the practice of medicine, and those hitherto thriving on nerve instead of talent are as good as booked for some other occupation.

Champions of Tacoma are again in the ring for another round with the American Geographic society for persisting in the name Mt. Rainier instead of Mt. Tacoma. Ben J. Harvey is the challenger and cuts the ground from under the society's claim of right of discovery. Mr. Harvey shows that the Indians discovered the mountain long before Ranier was born.

Peppery Points

Minneapolis Journal: In this fuel crisis the weather man might do a little something patriotic with a chicken wing.

Louisville Courier-Journal: Every time you work up a lot of enthusiasm about conserving fuel the weather bureau throws a cold wave upon that enthusiasm.

Washington Post: When Germans claim to have invented a new gas horror to be used exclusively against Americans, it becomes evident that they know nothing of the American congress.

St. Louis Globe Democrat: Old folks hate winter so strongly that if they had felt that way about it when they were young the entire population would be living several hundred miles farther south.

Washington Post: Now if the fuel administration and all the hot air factories will only agree to close down on the 14 workless days, there will be less ground for complaint, besides a considerable saving of coal.

Hartford Post: Poindamnation is a word coined by Joseph W. Hayes of Chicago, to describe the disease that afflicts the world. Just why the world hasn't thought before of such a good word to fit the case is a mystery.

Brooklyn Eagle: Live stock raisers don't need the for a "meatless day." They think a "porkless day" would be justified. In the national congress this notion will not meet with much acceptance, and porklessness is exceedingly unpopular.

Get a Piano

NOW, OF ALL TIMES, IS THE TIME TO HAVE MUSIC IN YOUR HOME

THESE are times when music is a blessing, a solace, a comfort. These are the times when every means should be employed to strengthen home ties. Every means should be used to drive away gloomy thoughts and lighten heavy spirits. Make your home cheerful. Make it the rallying point for your family and friends and make music its chief enjoyment and means of entertainment.

This is THE TIME to get your piano, for this is a time you need it MOST. No other form of diversion is so satisfying and comforting as MUSIC, and a piano in your home, TODAY, will prove to be an invaluable source of mental relief and cheer.

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