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no matter how little. These January snows will help the wheat crop

Save food-the world needs what you waste,

and make good spring pasture, so let them come. Attention given to seed corn at this time is in-

surance against possible crop failure next summer. Rioters in Berlin and strikers in Vienna give

proof that hunger is a strong antidote for the "Sam" Gompers was born on the same day of

the month as the kaiser, but he is not bragging Kaiser Wilhelm is 59 years old today and

he did four years ago. Little sympathy will go out to the clerk who carelessly tosses a crumpled bill into the till and

knows more about the temper of the world than

hands back \$4 too much in change. Omaha is to get into line with the rest of the country on the "lightless night" schedule. Saving

is essential and every little bit helps. Bolshevik appeals for relief accompanied by threats afford convincing comment as to the character of the government they provide.

The "horse cuffer" is about to come into his own, Pershing having asked for a regiment of at least 2,000 of them for service in France. Nothing is being overlooked these days.

Wheat in Australia and sugar in Java awaits the coming of ships that soon will be slipping down the ways into the water. If we can stand the pressure a few weeks longer all will be well,

General Gorgas says he asked for hospital ships several months ago and expects a reply almost any day now, showing that our War department has not entirely forgotten the matter.

Von Hertling is not so deft with the use of words as some of his predecessors were, or he might have more attractively camouflaged the kaiser's demands for a free hand in arranging the world's future.

Mount Kilauea threatens to add to the spectacle of confusion by one of its magnificent eruptions. It will not get the attention it might have attracted a few years ago, before man began to vie with nature in blowing up things.

Those Beaver City bankers at least know their money is where they put it and also that the burglar-proof guaranty given them with the safe is making good. They will feel better when the safe finally yields up its grip on the coin.

Regulating Currents of Trade.

The proposed regulation of distribution of manufactured goods in order to relieve traffic congestion deserves closer consideration than it has had. It is simple enough to say that any region should depend on goods produced nearest to hand. This is a natural law of trade and in it is involved the preservation of the home market to the maker through the propagation of home industry. The growth of society has supplanted this law in one respect at least, for custom warrants the manufacturer in going out to seek buyers where he may find them. The question just now is which is more desirable-to continue business on a basis as nearly normal as possible or to violently disrupt trade practice by administrative orders? Our ordinary routine already has been sadly upset by so-called corrective measure and may be still further deranged, but some phases of business may well be let

One Year Ago Today in the War.

German emperor sent home birth-day message from his eastern head-quarters that Germany would force peace with the sword.

England gave notice of new British mine field laid close in shore across the whole German North Sea front.

John T. Dillon, attorney-at-law, born

William Lampman, accountant in the county treasurers's office, born

The Day We Celebrate.

Americans and the Law.

A friend of The Bee sends us the following, attributed to Abraham Lincoln: "Let reverence for the law be breathed by every American mother to the babe that prattles on her lap; let it be taught in schools and colleges; let it be preached from the pulpit, proclaimed in legislative halls, and enforced in courts of justice. And, in short, let it become the political religion of the nation, and let the old and the young, the rich and the poor, the grave and the gay, of all sexes and tongues and colors and conditions, sacrifice unceasingly upon its altars." This may or may not be an emanation from the great president, but it is good advice. Better than that, it seems unconsciously to have been realized by the American people within the last few months, and has been given embodiment in action to a degree that is most encouraging to a well wisher of the re-

Americans have been looked upon as essentially lacking in respect for the laws they make. This charge rests on too substantial a foundation to be lightly passed over. Yet lately we have found our people giving regard to the law in a degree that surpasses the behavior of the most devoted of rigorously regulated communities. In the early part of last summer, a spectacle unapproached in history was observed, when 10,000,000 young men obeyed the law and inscribed themselves as subject to military service. Later on three million of these answered the call of conscription under the law, and above a million were selected for the army. Some objection was made, but it was of little consequence before the suddenly awakened respect for the law.

A few days ago the industrial and commercial activities of two-thirds of the country were cut off in response to a mandate issued by an officer of the law. Objection and complaint, to be sure, were heard, but the order was obeyed. And examples can be multiplied, but these serve to show that in serious times Americans can and do respect the law. Teach the principle, but remember the public understands its obligation.

Selective Draft Disclosures.

A cursory examination of the statistical report on the operation of the selective draft law, just made by General Crowder, discloses some interesting facts. One of these has to do with the comparative condition of physical fitness of the men from different states of the union. South Dakota stands alone at the top of the list with over 80 per cent of selectives found physically fit for service. The great agricultural states of the west follow, with 75 to 80 per cent of fitness, while Alabama is the only state east of the Mississippi river to get into this classification. Pennsylvania, Vermont and Maine fall lowest in the summary, with less than 60 per cent physically fit. Easiest of inferences to draw from this is the advantage of the simple life as lived "out

The report also puts a damper on some sensational statements that have recently been made. Of the total number that underwent physical examination, 2,510,706, only 730,756 were rejected as unfit, or less than 30 per cent of the total, instead of 80 per cent, as was asserted in Omaha recently. Less than 21 per cent of the Nebraskans called were turned back because they were unable to measure up to the government's standard. Nebraska had comparatively few slackers, too, only 1,369 failing to respond out of 28,573 called. Comparisons are not always pleasant, but it affords some little comfort to local vanity to note how other states behaved. Nearest to Nebraska in total called is Montana, with 28,441, of which number 3,854 proved recalcitrant and did not show up. Nevada, with but 5,474 called for service, developed 1,179 skulkers. Nebraska, with almost 41 per cent of its gross quota enlisted as volunteers, stands well up in the list of states in this regard.

The entire report is worth careful study, for it contains much valuable information and will be of great assistance in connection with future studies, not only for military, but other purposes for which accurate data of the kind are desirable.

Success Through Perspiration.

A superintendent of schools from Ohio, talking to the midwinter classes of the Omaha high schools, told the young folks that success is not achieved by inspiration but by perspiration. He simply has restated the dictum laid down long ago by a highly successful man, that genius is an infinite capacity for hard work. The young people to whom his remarks were directed should realize that the school is but the anteroom to life, that graduation was attained through disciplined and directed effort, and that anything worth while will be achieved in the same manner. The difference is that out of school they will come eventually to assume direction of their own efforts. To find oneself is not always easy, but industry will bring its reward, and no occupation is entirely devoid of opportunity to advance. The world's leaders have made their way by steady, determined work, and man's greatest triumphs have been the products of perspiration.

It took Lloyd George to resurrect Leonard Wood from the obscurity into which the War department bureaucrats had thrust him, and the country may therefore thank the British premier for securing to the world the needed services of one of America's best soldiers.

Views, Reviews and Interviews Personal Observations of Current Events Bearing Upon the Present War Situation

of the day. War and peace are, of course, the absorbing topics of all conversation. While in Washington I walked in quite accidentally upon the joint session of congress to which the president was delivering his address upon peace terms. To the public, which in this instance included everybody outside of the inner White House circle, this proof the inner White House circle, this pro-last stretch it has just traveled. impression has prevailed that Mr. Wilson prepared his statement and rushed to the agraphs, "firstly" to "fourteenthly," he recalled very much lecturing to a class of stuhair was whiter than when I had last seen ever to demonstrate first that our armies are invincible and all-conquering.

I also heard the principal part of the debate on the national suffrage amendment leading up to the vote in the house in favor of submitting it. It was plain that the speeches were largely for home consumption. Few of them presented an original line of thought or fresh data, much less a compreroll calls on the different amendments and by the women who thronged the galleries instead of by the men on the floor. In this respect I noted a great contrast to another suffrage discussion, which I remember having heard at Washington just 30 years before, when, I believe, the first public hearing on suffrage was accorded by a senate commit-tee. That was a real field day for the suf-

People and Events

The championship marriage belt once more is open to competition. Nat Goodwin says he will not marry again.

Per capita of money circulation reached an altitude of \$48.76 per head on the first of the year. Leagues ahead the H. C. of L. kicks up the dust of the road.

Calls to Senator Knute Nelson to stand for another term come from all shades of pied and many passengers, among them politics in Minnesota. If he consents to serve state and country for another six years a unanimous election is probable.

Coming and going, as New York views the procession, a congressman is an expensive institution. Quite a bunch of money was burned in electing four members who re-cently resigned, and filling the vacant chairs will touch the city treasury for \$64,000 for special elections. "America is all wind and blow. It's

right." Thus spoke a German-born farmer proprietary articles bore signs, "This de-in Martin county, Minnesota—a farmer who partment closed." In another establishment, had made his pile in 26 years in this coun-which combines a lunch room and a confectry. He talked in a lower key when haled tionery, customers were being served with into court and offered an apology with all food, but denied the privilege of buying kinds of money to settle a fine. The court candy. The newspapers carried announcespurned the tender and made the penalty 60 ments that they would issue only one or two

The New York World Almanac for 1918, just out, very properly features the last year's war history, particularly the causes leading up to the entrance of the United States and the measures taken in support of the declaration of war. All of President Wilson's war addresses and the war acts of congress are included, as well as war measures and events abroad. These historic features, constituting epochal world record, alone render the almanac one of surpassing value. All the other great features of the work as usual are full to overflowing, making the volume a great helper for busy men, for students and for all classes alive to world affairs. If you can't find what you want in the Almanac, it isn't worth seeking, and nearing the stage of exhaustion and

cathedral sounded its own dirge on New gone to the melting pot ere this. The bell, weighing 27 tons, was cast from bronze cap-tured in France during the war of 1870-71, and was presented to the cathedral by the first emperor of Germany. The captured metal wrought into a bell eventually goes back to France in a hopeless effort to dodge the penalty for the crime of 1870-71, compounded with the crimes of 1914-18. Within few hundred yards of the cathedral, on the abutments of the Hohenzollern bridge, are two heroic equestrian statues of the kaiser and his father. Doubtless these were spared. The churches must be stripped be-fore Wild Bill's figure tumbles to the melt-

With events moving so rapidly, I fear ob-| frage phalanx of that time, led by Susan B. servations made on the hurry trip to the Couzens, Belva A. Lockwood and other pioneers of the movement. Almost their lone in danger of losing interest or at least ceas-ing to be considered among the live topics Henry W. Blair of New Hampshire, who, as

Another even more interesting incident capitol to deliver it. But obviously it was witnessed in Washington was the examinanot done so fast as that, for as I came into tion of Secretary of War Baker by the senthe press gallery after the president had been ate committee on military affairs. Mr. Baspeaking for not more than five minutes ker had only the day before made his forprinted copies were distributed, run off for mal statement, satirically epitomized as "the newspaper use, as customary, on one side of goose hangs high and all is well," and was the paper and duly captioned and dated. The being subjected to an analytical cross-examipresident read the speech from typewritten nation by the senators. The secretary typimanuscript in a quiet voice and a rather mod- fied the sublimated essence of composure ulated tone, with practically no gestures at answering irritating questions with a selfall, and with only occasional emphasis on confident suaveness and unruffled demeanor. the different points. Particularly when he He had with him a leather-bound loose-leaf outlined his peace program in numbered par- memorandum book containing compilations of the reports of all the different branches of the military service, to which he referred dents at college, as I have often heard him repeatedly for figures measuring the work do, the only difference being the occasional already done or the shortages to be made interruptions by applause, in which no well- good. Many of his efforts, however, were ordered body of students would dare to in-dulge. It seemed to me that Mr. Wilson's technical points without bearing on the case that he noticeably over-tried the patience of him, but otherwise no outward signs of ag-ing or worry. I hardly need add that among were prodding him, but those propounding those who heard the speech opinion varied sympathetic questions designed to help him widely as to whether it was calculated to along. I am sure no one who listened could hasten overtures for peace or widen the escape the conclusion that Secretary Baker breach and make it more necessary than had lost out in the confidence of the committee or at any rate had not strengthened himself by the statement he had made and the attitude he had assumed that everything that could have been expected of his department had been well done and that complaints of whatever kind or source were wholly unworthy of attention.

The Garfield order for five successive coalless days and nine coal-less Mondays, dropped hensive grasp of the principles involved. The as if from the sky, while I was in New York, debate was also lacking in humor and repar- where its effect was almost indescribable. tee which might have enlivened it for the The people were at first bewildered, then cubenefit of the galleries and the successive rious, but soon quieted down some, although the confusion continued as to exactly what substitutes were tedious in the extreme. The the order called for, with consequent irregonly woman who spoke was Miss Rankin, ularity in its observance. New York had "the lady from Montana," and, though she for weeks been on short coal rations, stores did not do justice to herself, I am sure the and homes only half heated, people working debate would have been more to the point indoors in sweaters and overcoats, elevator and more instructive had it been carried on service in tall buildings curtailed, streets almost dark at night. Closing down all the factories completely, however, put hundreds of thousands of men and women out of work and entailed hardships not easily realized except by those involved.

I traveled across New York state on the second coal-less day and could see the closed stores and shut shops of the towns at which the train stopped. Though it was cold and stormy, people were walking aimlessly about the streets or huddling in the stations. The most depressing feature of it all was the smokeless factory chimneys and the Sabbath stillness pervading a week day. I did not see much movement of freight trains, but passed two or three troop trains headed in the opposite direction. Sleeping cars, which going east had been packed to the limit, were only half filled coming west. Yet

women and girls, standing in the aisles. Chicago on Monday last was just a run-over of the preceding Sunday, all signs pointing to the strictest enforcement of the coal saving order. The whole downtown district was closed so far as doing business was concerned. In the hotels the restaurants and dining rooms were open, but the bars and cigar stands closed. I was in a drug store which was selling hot chocolate and coffee at its soda fountain and ready to supply medidamned poor country and the kaiser is all cines, while its cigar counter and cases of editions for the day. The situation was being accepted in the spirit of determination, but hardly accepted "cheerfully," as adjured.

"What do people east think as to the duration of the war?" is the almost universal greeting on return. It all depends upon the particular people from whom it is sought to gather opinion. There is one unmistakable current, which has its source in financial and business circles, based on the belief that events abroad are moving rapidly to a point where actual peace negotiations will begin. Whether this belief is based on inside information or upon mere hope cannot be stated. It assumes that the people of all the warstricken countries are tired of the conflict The famous emperor's bell of Cologne have begun to insist on stopping the fighting. In official circles at Washington the atmo-Year's day and its four mates doubtless have sphere contains nothing to encourage this expectation. On the contrary, it conveys the impression that recent diplomatic maneuvering has not brought us perceptibly closer to peace and that we need not look for the conciliatory attitude necessary to a satisfactory peace agreement until the fact that America is in this war is driven home to the kaiser by participation of our troops in an active campaign. In other words, the people who ought to know best are proceeding with the plans for next spring and summer as if they expected to go through with it.

betor Rosewater

party of young people from A Child's Hunch. South Omaha came to this city to call on Rev. F. W. Foster, pastor of the Mr. Featherbrain? Baptist church, at his residence, 2228 Ohio street. The letter carriers of the city have organized a benevolent association

Divorcing the Family. A little boy aged five had been pun-ished by his parents for disobedience, and the next day without a word to any one he hurried off to the family legal adviser, who happened to be a particular friend of his. "Well, Johnny," said the man of law after he had shaken hands with

him, "what can I do for you?"
"Please, Mr. Brown," said the
young litigant, "I want to get a diyorce from our family.—Philadelphia

In the Dining Room.

As the stout man, whose voracious appetite excited the envy of the other boarders, turned to leave the drawing-room and mount up to bed he chanced to glance down at his waist-

"I declare," he exclaimed ruefully, "if I haven't gone and lost two but-tons off my vest."

Marie Corelli, the novelist, has been fined \$350 in England for sugar hoarding.

The mayor of a suburb of Antwerp has been ordered to deliver to the Germans 40 fat cats.

\$51 per capita or five times greater than when the war began. Many concerns that are now propeace, convert their works into dye

plants. A Montana woman is knitting cocks for American soldiers with the same needles with which she knitted socks for the soldiers during the civil war. The French soldier is paid \$20 a year; the German, \$38 a year; the British \$89 a year, and the American soldier gets \$30 a month. or \$360 a

Low shoes and spats for women were advocated by members attend-ing the convention of the National Shoe Retailers' association as a war

you bear the victims scream? Not a neasure to conserve leather. orchestra left for Ashland to attend the opening of the new Selma hotel at that place.

J. D. Her of Storz and Her, the well known brewers, has gone into partnership with L. Burweger of Rochester, New York.

St. Louis puts its Red Cross back supplies in New Zealand, especially in One of the tended of the benefit of that chill gaze her boarders had local chapter turned in 14,920 knitted articles during December and had articles during December and had them distributed among cecruits at Jefferson Barracks. There were 7, biblitive figures, glass that cost \$5.47 before the war now must pay \$6.08 for freight alone.

Sign Posts of Progress

All the gold and silver mined in the world would not buy the dairy

According to the latest statistics there are at present in the Philippine lislands 102 private schools giving primary education.

Exe—Why not have Bridget shut the kitchen door mornings? One can smell the breakfast all over the house.

Mrs. Exe—Shut the kitchen door? I guess not. The smell is all that gets the

primary education. The British government has fixed

men, of wool in a limited variety of For the first time in the history of American Methodism, the average

salary of the Methodist preacher is now more than \$1,000. The farmers of the United States have been allowing \$300,000,000 in real money to escape from their would ye have the kaiser's hand pockets each year because of poor Gory red draw near our land? roads, according to the testimony of See it all and idle stand?

experts. Water valves 12 feet in diameter Love our own democra and so constructed that they will Ye would stand, never close automatically in event

close automatically in event of a break in the pipe line have been built for a hydroelectric plant in Utah.

Ye will fight and ye will win! Banish all this woeful sin! Crush it all when ye begin. Surveys in fifteen states by the National League of Women's service show that there are 1,266,061 women in the United States engaged in essential war-industrial work. And the showing is so satisfactory that it is

proposed to make it better by largely increasing the number. Considerable interest has been created in Great Britain in consequence of the recent public statement of Axel F. Ericsson, chairman of the Ericsson Shipping company and the Monitor Shipping corporation, retting up the claim that the corrugated ships recently built by his concerns have proved to be extraordinarily successful in every respect. The corrugated steel ship is produced from patented designs and is distinguished mainly by the fact that the necessary strength is obtained by deep corrugations instead of a structural framework.

SMILING LINES. '

"What makes that hen of yours cackle loudly?" inquired Jenkins of his neigh-"Why, they've just laid a corner-stone for the new workingmen's club across the read, and she's trying to make the neigh-bors think she did it."—Chicago Herald.

"Ever been on a battleship?"
"Once or twice."
"Rather spick and span, eh?"
"Yes. A modern battleship makes a woman who thinks she knows a thing or two about housekeeping positively sick with envy."—Birmingham Age-Heraid.

"Why do you close your eyes as you use the roller towel?"
"I'm going on the theory that there may be a clean spot on it. If I don't open my eyes, I won't have any evidence to the contrary."—Louisville Courier-Journal. "I thought you couldn't give credit any more?"
"I couldn't for a while. But since scientific salesmanship came in I amble around and let the scientific salesmen sell me some delightfully large bills."—Kansas City Journal.

"Oh, George," she gurgled happily, as she



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could say that absence makes the hear "I guess," replied George, "that must

mean the absence of a third party.

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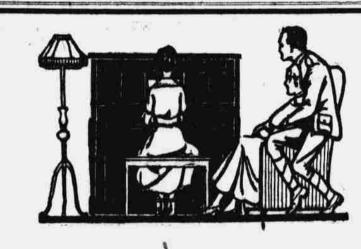
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ASSETS	
Government, County and Municipal Bonds \$	31,283,623.20
Cash in Banks	1,090,534.03
Real Estate and Building (cost)	1,354,302.24
Mortgage Notes	133,000.00
Interest Accrued	335 938.43
Other Assets	2,370,819.27
Total\$	36,568,217,17
LIABILITIES	
Death Claims (Being Adjusted)\$	1,437,145.04
Monument Claims (Being Adjusted)	440,600.00
Salaries, Expenses and Commissions, Due and Accrued	75,300.00
Other Liabilities	6,894.50

THE OMAHA BEE INFORMATION BUREAU

Surplus 34,608,277.63

Total Liabilities.....\$ 1,959,939.54

Total.....\$36,568,217.17

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This Day in History.

1812—Major General Henry Dearbora was appointed commanding general of the United States army.

1852—President Lincoln ordered a general advance to be made against the confederates on February 22.

1896—Theodore Runyon, United States ambassador to Germany, died in Berlin. Born at Somerville, N. J., October 25, 1822.

Just 30 Years Ago Today

Samuel Gompers, born in London, 68 years ago today.

Learned Hand, United States judge, born at Aibany, N. Y., 46 years ago today.

Bishop Thomas Nicholson of the Methodist Episcopal church, born at Woodburn, Ont., 56 years ago today.

Bishop Daniel S. Tuttle of Missouri, the cldest bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States, celebrates his \$1st birthday anniversary today. and will give their first annual ball in Exposition hall. The police and fire commissioners have secured a clerk who will hereafter keep track of their accounts. His name is F. S. Brown and he has a desk in the city hall. The Zenth club gave its first party at Cunningham hall.

A large number of traveling men with Julius Meyer and Musical Union

Twice Told Tales

"So you prefer winter to summer, "Not especially, Dorothy. Why do you ask, my child?"
"Well, sister said yesterday it would be a cold day when you took a girl automobile riding."—Florida

Around the Cities The total net funded debt of Greater New York, according to the city controller, is \$1,020,671,102.25.

'Tis an ill wind that blows nobody good. Doc Garfield's coal edict put Chicago cabarets out of business for four whole nights. Quebec has 15 months to taper off

on booze or lay in an emergency stock. With the Citadel city out of the wet the Canadian dry belt will stretch from ocean to ocean. The gas people of Chicago want a 22 per cent boost in prices and the Kansas City street car management launches a drive for 6-cent fares. Thrift lessons are taking root in all

St. Joe authorities served notice on

various social clubs maintaining bars

to take out liquor licenses or shut up.

Six clubs are affected by the order. Nothing short of individual lockers will enable them to "get by." While a bunch of sporty boys were striving to break a faro bank in Minneapolis, seven holdup men butted house and the crowd. The haul netted \$7,000 in money and jewels. Did

Along War's Sidelines The manufacture of glycerine from sugar is a war triumph.

It is estimated that 37,500 nurses will be needed by our army when it reaches 1,500,000.

The debt of our government is now

There is a great shortage of certain

supplies in New Zealand, especially in