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Another Monday holiday for the effete east. And another cold wave to go with it.

Buy your thrift stamps now, for an advance in price is scheduled for the end of the week. "Cash and carry" is making headway in

Omaha, as any observer on the street cars can

Mr. Bryan says a munitions minister is unnecessary. Coming from such an eminent military authority, this ought to end the argument.

The first trial for treason is under way in New York, but it will not be the last if all signs

The fate of that closed hotel ought to be a warning to bootleggers, who think the prohibitory law is toothless.

General January shows little inclination to leave anything for General February to do, beyoud counting up the victims of his attack.

"Victory bread," whatever that is, will be the staff of life in America for the next few months, and with each mouthful the citizen will renew his vow to win or perish.

Chicago's city council and chief of police are co-operating to rid the city of professional criminals. If they succeed, it will reduce the census count of the Windy City by considerable.

Count Czernin figures that early peace might be dangerous to the Teutonic pretensions. He is right, and whenever peace comes it will be after the kaiser's program has been thoroughly

Brooklyn socialists tried to get the Board of Aldermen to set aside the Garfield coal order but succeeded only in making some "propaganda." This, however, is quite a satisfactory result for the average "red."

Marse Henri Watterson is using language in referring to his democratic brethren who voted for woman's suffrage that shows the flight of time has not lessened his capacity for vivid expression, whatever else it may have done to him.

The meannest sneak thief of the winter has been located. He stole the trousers of a select while the latter was taking his physical examination at Gary. The victim was accepted for service, but the examining board had to buy him a new pair of pants.

## Is Another Mexico Developing?

Russia bids fair to provide another test for American patience, similar to that afforded by Mexico. With orderly government broken down and no ability to resist attack from without, the Russians have unlimited capacity for annoyance from within. The treatment now accorded foreigners within that country, particularly Americans in official position, is exasperating, because it is childish. This could be borne, however, but another phase of the situation is more serious. The Bolshevik in confiscating property does not discriminate between Russian and foreign ownership. Anything of value is seized and held by the leaders of the proletariat, who profess to scorn wealth, but cling to it with avidity, and possess themselves of it by the simple processes of highway robbery. All of this will have to be settled for some day by the Russian people, Parceling out of the lands among the peasants and taking over Russian-owned factories, banks and other institutions of commerce and industry is only of incidental concern to the outside world. Scizure under any pretext of goods belonging to aliens is serious business, as the simple mujik will learn some day. The patience of the world will be well tried before the end is reached in that land of disorder and dreams.

#### Another Appeal to Americans.

President Wilson has issued another appeal

to the housewives of America, asking for further saving in wheaten flour, that more may be had to send to Europe. This is but another way of making the apepal to all, for every American who eats is concerned in the matter. Our allies in Europe must have wheat, and we must furnish it to them. As our surplus has already been exhausted, together with the saving so far accomplished, it follows that unless we deny ourselves still more we will have none to send abroad. More than ever then, the measure of a man's patriotism lies in what he eats. Self-indulgence at such a time amounts to a denial of all other protestations of patriotic concern in our prospects for victory. Contributions will be voluntary, for no authority exists for enforcing any economy, other than the control over the mills. One may eat all one can get hold of. It may be taken for granted, though, that a vast majority of Americans will cheerfully comply with the request that they save more wheat by eating more corn, and that "victory bread" will be adopted. just as every other direct appeal to the people has been met in a splendid spirit of unselfish generosity and devotion. We can all pull our belts a little tighter in the cause of freedom and democracy.

#### Mockery of Human Hopes.

On the day that Woodrow Wilson was inaugurated president of the United States for the first time, Dr. Richard Bartholdt, sitting in congress for a Missouri district, made a notable speech on peace. He prefaced his remarks by causing to be inserted in the record a poem by Alfred Austin on "The Dawn of Peace." The poet had been inspired to lofty thoughts and musical measures by "recent utterances of the president of the United States [Mr. Taft], a distinct advance for the cause of international arbitration," and quoted from an address to the French Chamber of Deputies by M. Jaures, who said: "The hour of universal peace has struck."

What an indictment for the politicians and warriors of Germany! At the time when the leaders of the great democracies of the world were congratulating mankind that the destruction of war had been pushed into the remote background, and that rational ways of settling international differences had been found, the military oligarchy that controls the destiny of the German people was secretly rejoicing at the deception it had practiced on the people it intended to crush and toasting "the day." While the kaiser and his coadjutors have mocked human hopes, they also have tasted of the disappointment, for their dream of conquest and dominion has been shattered by the force of an awakened

Again the world is building for permanent peace, and this time on a surer foundation. Selfgovernment for the peoples, with a voice for all in regulation of world affairs, will bring us nearer to the ideal and mankind may yet look forward with reason for hoping that the day will come when merciless war will not be thrust upon the world at the whim of an autocrat.

#### After-the-War Trade With Germany.

One of the most difficult problems the Geris the re-establishment of commercial relations with the world. President Wilson has declared in favor of the removak of all "economic barriers." which is interpreted to mean that no artificial bar will be thrown across Germany's path by reason of the agreement said to have been reached at Paris between England, France and Russia. A more formidable obstacle is to be overcome, however. Just now 500,000 American business men are voting on a resolution submitted by the United States Chamber of Commerce, agreeing not to renew commercial relations with German firms unless a government responsible to the people is established there,

The effect of the adoption of such a resolution will be more widespread and deeper than any agreement between the governments. The resolution contains an appeal to German business concerns to co-operate in the purpose of the resolution, that the disaster of an economic warfare may be avoided.

In no way could the situation be put before German exporters more clearly, but whether they can exert influence sufficient to bring about the reforms needed in their government is open to

The German commercial and industrial organizations, in both its domestic and external aspects, was too much a creature of the political and militaristic machine built up by the imperial party to be able all of a sudden to declare its independence and demand the destruction of the power that created it. The resolutions of the Chamber of Commerce are but one of many steps that will have to be taken before the world trade

will be placed again on even keel.

Baron Rhonda's message to the people of the United States means just one thing; we must cut down on our own rations in order that our allies across the ocean may not have to suspend entirely. This war is not to be won entirely in the wheat fields and the workshops, for the great American dining room can contribute materially to victory.

#### Missourian, Home From Berlin, Tells Things Former Food Controller of Teuton Capital Pictures Conditions

control-the Krupps and the big munition of it has reduced my weight 70 pounds manufacturers, and there is not the slightest

sign that their power is on the wane. This is the message brought out of Germany by N. V. Dittlinger, an American, and printed in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Dittlinger is a Missourian born, and a friend of Colonel E. M. House, confidential scout of President Wilson. For the last four years he lived in Berlin and held the post of food controller of 108 public food kitchens which feed an average of 300,000 people daily, and left there September 28. Regarding conditions in the empire at that time Diftlinger

says:
"The German government is essentially preparedness government. Everything is prepared in advance. Last summer plans had been perfected for taking care of a fuel shortage this winter, and the exact amount of food necessary and the amount that can be produced is figured so accurately that we never will be able to win the war by starving

"At the end of nearly four years Germany is better situated regarding the production of things she needs than was the case when the war started. As fast as territory is acquired not a minute is lost in getting the ground in cultivation, even if it is necessary to furnish the occupant with seeds, to be repaid when he reaps his crop.

"Before the war Germany imported 43 per cent of her fats and 22 per cent of the albumens she consumed. When the iron chain was tightened about the empire there was an immediate shortage, but this has now been overcome. That has been accomplished by extracting the germ from all grains before grinding it into flour and out of this extraction comes 10 per cent of oil as fine as the best olive oil. After the oil has been extracted the meal contains 80 per cent

"Not an article of food can be obtained except by card and the system is so perfected that from the time food products mature in the country until their receipt by the ultimate consumer there is not a chance of an

"Each individual in the empire has a food card. The ration of bread per person for week is 1,900 grams, less than two pounds. The bread is made of rye, mixed potato flour and a new flour made from wood pulp.

"This pulp yields 60 per cent of soluble starch. Before its use for human consump-

hogs and sheep, and proved to be a success.

"The impression in the United States that one time. The country is short of food, but the German emperor is the whole thing in Germany—the guiding hand in all war plans —is wrong. It is the war party that is in and healthy despite the fact that three years

In restaurants as in the homes none was fed without a government card. Dittlinger said the price of a meal was 70 pfennigs, or about 17 cents. The meal consisted usually of a thick soup, a plate of vegetables, bread and 50 grams, or about one-tenth of a

pound of meat. Dittlinger gave an instance illustrating the

"All meat is deboned," he explained, "and the bones delivered to the restaurants for soup, with instructions to boil them at least four hours. From this bouillon a scum of 8 per cent fat comes to the surface when allowed to cool. The bones are then sent back to the government agency and go through another process, which produces an additional 6 per cent of oil. After this the

bones are ready to be made into fertilizer.
"Even the dish water," he said, "is made to work for the government. Every sink must have a filter, through which all water used in washing dishes and pans must pass. It is surprising the amount of fats that is

Dittlinger added that coffee in Germany is now produced from barley and acorns; sugar is no longer an article of food, but is being used in the manufacture of explosives, and clothing, twine and even machinery

get out of Germany.

Shortage of food was the indirect cause of the death, during the last year, of the father and mother of Mrs. Dittlinger. "Germany," Dittlinger said, "hasn't much use for old people; that is, people who are so old that they are of no service to the fatherland. This is taken into consideration in the distribution of food. Lack of nutrition was the indirect cause of the death of Mrs. Dittlinger's parents. Thousands of old people are dying from this cause every year," he

## Is the Democratic Party Dead? Henry Watterson Asks in the Courier-Journal

That the democratic party is dead-slain adapted to a territory so large and varied. upon the ipse dixit of a single newspaper, though it stand next of kin to the so-called Jennings Bryan, many times an unsuccessful democratic candidate for president, gave, according to the New York World, the princoup de grace surling a federal bomb, and a blue-light fed somb at that, into democare diverse conditions

Neither parti over-strictly to right and justice to the women of the country and of the world." One who could thus nimbly turn his coat would be called in vaudeville "a lightning-change artist." Yet in his great work, "State and Federal Governments of the United States," Woodrow

shall vote for members of the house of representatives. The constitution provides simply that all those persons in each state who are qualified under the constitution and laws of the state to vote for members of the larger of the two houses of the state legislature ginger into the art of cabling than any expe may vote also for members of the house of representatives of the United States. The community appreciates its worth as an eco-franchise is regulated, therefore, entirely by nomic industry on the mend, but none so

intensive conservation practiced throughout the country.

collected in this manner."

belts, are being made from paper.

Dittlinger was married in Berlin three years ago to a German woman, and she declares she is as glad as is her husband to

"The nation takes better care of the children, though." Dittlinger added. "The government knows that some day they will be useful, and they are treated accordingly. For instance, in the distribution of milk, the full, or unskimmed milk, goes to the chilion was commenced it was tried out on dogs, dren under 6 years; the skimmed milk to those from 6 to 12 years old, and there isn't 'The amount of rations for the people is any left for others. Persons over 12 years published weekly and cards issued. No one can get neither milk or cereals except on a can secure more than a week's rations at physician's certificate.

providing for local autonomy-home rule-

in domestic affairs, for national control of in-

ly by any scheme of separate state action." Suffrage, as Mr. Wilson proceeded to show,

belongs to the domain of home rule. With-

out its regulation under local autonomy home

Over a vast continent such as ours there

are diverse conditions, sometimes conflicting

New Jersey as Idaho, the states of New Eng-

land as the states of the wild and woolly

west. The feminine attachment to suffrage

accentuates this feature. It was adopted by

the pioneer states to invite population. In

rural communities it provoked no disorder.

But, in the centers of population at the

north, it cannot fail to make for corruption

by increasing the purchasable vote, whilst, at the south, the addition of the colored wom-

an vote to the colored man vote raises the

question to such importance as will compel

congress-all state lines broken down-to

set up an army of federal marshals equally to enforce prohibition—if that amendment be

also adopted-and to see that the vote of

every negro man and of every negro woman

is cast and counted. It is here that the ex-

traordinary tergiversation of Woodrow Wil-

Meanwhile let us hope that, if the demo-

son cuts deep and bodes ill.

in the house of its friends-does not rest democratic president of the United States, who, in conjunction with a certain William rule could not exist. Tihs ought to be ciples of Jefferson, Jackson and Tilden their

Parties have ers. They have Party labels, too cast aside in fay ved the treason of lead-d about and shifted foot.

rn and faded, have been if new ones.
or leaders, can be held bunt for changes of sometimes imperative. I believe," said Woodrow Wilson in an interview printed by the New York Times the 7th of last October, "that woman suffrage should be settled by the states and not by the national government," and January 9, of this year, according to the report of a committee of house democrats who had called at the White House, "the committee found that the president had not felt at liberty to volunteer his advice to members of congress in this important matter, but when we sought his advice he very frankly and earnestly advised us to vote for the amendment as an act of Wilson had deliberately and truthfully writ-

ten as follows: "The suffrage in particular is a privilege which each state may grant upon terms of its own choosing, provided only that those terms be not inconsistent with a republican

form of government.
"All the powers of the general government are plainly such as affect interests which it would be impossible to regulate harmoniously by any scheme of separate state action, and only such; all other powers whatever remain with the states. With them rests the regulation of the suffrage. "Federal law does not determine who

The division of powers made by the cabling a vital part of its training school studies. It is probable the art will presently break into the Massachusetts Institute of provision for the organic system ordained by that instrument is on foot to make cabling a vital part of its training school studies. It is probable the art will presently break into the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and become a learned profesprovision for the organic system ordained Tech by that instrument. It was especially sion.

# The Bee's A

itor of The Bee: As much as I should like to see a coalition cabinet. I can't see as there is anything to gain by keeping up the agitation. There is some honest criticism of the administration, no doubt, but a great part of it is envy and jealousy of men in high places. Carping criticism rarely

helped a man to place or power.

The four presidents following the close of the civil war had been generals in the union army, and for 20 years it was essentially necessary that the candidate have a war record to gain a seat in either house of congress. This was the unwritten law in the south as well as in the north, and the same rule held good for any place of public honor throughout the

In the words of General Pershing, "we shall win the war," after that we shall have time to talk it over. EDWIN M. SEARLE.

Jerry on Bogus Economy. Omaha, Jan. 26 .- To the Editor of

The Bee: Your editorial in last evening while progress moves, fail to note ning's issue headed "No Prospect of the changes going on about them. Cabinet Changes" is unfortunately too true. Through a federal investigation and prosecution of the packers there is a prospect of redress from the excessive profiteering in leather there is no hope for relief from the tyranny and incompetency of the postmaster general.

To prove my assertion witness the inhuman treatment of the letter carriers and the other federal em-Likewise I am compelled to put a 3-cent stamp on this letter, notwithstanding that Florence is a part of Omaha. I might mention, too, there is no letter carrier in this district, you have to rent a postoffice box and thereby partake in Mr. Burleson's bogus economy

JERRY HOWARD.

About Closing Dance Halls. Omaha, Neb., Jan. 26 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Recently a letter appeared in one of the daily papers, signed "A Working Girl," appealing to the public to keep the public dance halls open for the working girls—also she censured the Omaha Society for the Betterment of Boys and Girls for not thinking of the welfare of the working girl.

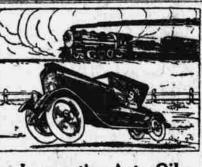
Why, bless your heart, that is just the thing they are thinking of nearly every moment of the day. If I am not mistaken this society is asking that the public dance halls be closed Now that the as a war measure. stores are being made to open later and close earlier, and there is talk of our schools having to close on ac count of shortage of coal—also the churches—then I ask you why should the public dance hall be allowed open night after night, week in and week out? When there are other necessar; institutions being shut down on. That does not look right to me. We are now living in a time when each and everyone of us should be willing to deprive ourselves of many things.

I am a young girl of 19, in the city alone making my own living and I know girls who attend the public terests, "which," to repeat Mr. Wilson, "it It is all very well for those to would be impossible to regulate harmonioussay that they have attended the pub-lic dance for years and not been

approached in any way. But there are those that have attended and have been pushed down the wrong path the first time they ever went to the They are bound to meet undesirable people, people they probab-ly would not meet in any other way because the public dance is the ren-dezvous for every Tom, Dick and Ogalalla, Neb., Jan. 24.—To the Ed- | Harry. And young girls that frequent the public dance halls are making themselves subject to the worst contamination possible. And the good people of this society for the betterment of boys and girls are now trying to take the joy out of life, as my friend, the "Working Girl" puts it. Instead they are trying to lead the young girls of this city to higher and more noble things in life than the public dance hall. Not only are they on their guard for the conservation of food, fuel and so forth, but the conservation of character, good morals and chastity means infinitely more to them.
"A WORKING GIRL TOO."

Admires Omaha Growth.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 25 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Being away from the city the past seven years, on my return I was astonished at the wonderful progress and growth which everywhere impressed me. A few words relative to this improvement I think will enlighten those, who sleep-New, large and ornamental buildings have moved away the 2- and 3-story structures of yesterday. Advancement strikes you everywhere. New life, new vigor, hum and stir seems to be the mainspring of Omaha's growth. of beautiful boulevards, fine churches, theaters and business houses all augur well for that which is metropolitan. Anyone who has been away, cannot help on his return to note the change, so rapid has it been. one thing that strikes a visitor in any city is the beauty and well ordered arrangement of its drives, boulevards and parks. Untiring efforts and efficiency must have worked it out. In closing I wish this same measure of growth and prosperity of the city to go on, hoping that when I again return I will marvel as I now have. A. H. ATHERTON 3507 So. 13th St.



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Announcement of the sinking of the British auxiliary cruiser Laurentic Russians forced back Austro-Ger-mans in Roumania. French took German positions north of Verdun.

One Year Ago Today in the War.

The Day We Celebrate. George Alex Rohrbough, president imerican Security company, born Today is the 57th birthday anni-

versary of Daniel Willard, who has fust retired from the chairmanship of the War Industries board to resume his duties as president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. Charles S. Barrett, president and

Charles S. Barrett, president and chief organizer of the Farmers' National union born in Pike county, Georgia, 52 years ago today.

James F. Smith, associate judge of the United States court of customs appeals, born in San Francisco, 59 years ago today.

Rav. John Fleming Carson of Brooklyn, who is directing the war activities of the Northern Presbyterian church, born in Philadelphia, 58 years ago today.

#### Just 30 Years Ago Today

I. D. Clarke gave an elegant party at his residence at Papillion and many people from Omaha attended. The Home Fire Insurance company of this city, held its annual meeting and re-elected S. H. H. Clark, presi-



dent; Fred Krug, vice president; C. the military press bureau in Paris, W. Hamilton, treasurer, and Charles was visited at his office in the Rue J. Barber, secretary and general man-Ste. Anne the other day by an old

The Catholics are making prepara-tions to organize a Mutual Benevolent association, and their first meeting will be held today.

## Twice Told Tales

Decoration Explained. gunner of the garrison artillery, who had successfully passed a black-smith's course, was home on fur-

smith's course, was home on fur-lough, wearing the hammer and princers on his arm when he was ac-costed by a civilian, who asked what the decoration was for.

"Oh," replied Tommy, "I am an army dentist."

"I see," said the civilian. "Of course, the pincers are for extracting teeth. But what is the idea of the hammer?" "Well, you see, it's like this. Some of the chaps are a bit nervous, so we use the hammer to chloroform them

with." was the reply.

The friend said from his cloud of tobacco smoke: "Palmer, I want to do my-

## State Press Comments York Republican: Porkless Satur-day is all right, Mr. Wattles; but for mercy sake don't inaugurate a chick-

enless Sunday. York Democrat: We fail to un-derstand why raw corn that costs less than 2 cents a pound should cost 5 cents a pound when ground into corn

Plattsmouth Journal: A corset shortage is on the way and we fear we shall have to be introduced to some of our lady friends all over Beatrice Express:

writers referred to the recent snow storm in Nebraska and Kansas as the A Good Suggestion.

Major Frederick Palmer, head of 10,000,000.

"\$10,000,000 kind." Most people, however, would rather have had the 10,000,000. Butler County Press: One of the members of the Nebraska legislature expressing cheerful willingness to participate in a proposed called session of the legislature at his own expense to provide method for all Nebraska soldiers and sailors to vote while in Uncle Sam's service is Represent

pears go today.

Rev. John Fleming Carson of Brooklyn, who is directing the war activities of the Northern Presbyte-activities of the Control of Fifteenth and Dodge streets to W. H. Sherwood, the livery business and sold his stable on the corner of Fifteenth and Dodge streets to W. H. Sherwood, the liveryman at Seventh and Davenport streets.

This Day in Ristory.

1726—Peter the Great, who founded the Russian empire, died at St. Petersburg. Born at Mosecow, June 11, 1672.

1855—Francois C. Canrobert, marburg 1967.

1855—Francois C. Canrobert, marburg 27, 1868.

The Anglo-American company and Underwood company, meat packers, with establishments in Chicago and Sisters, and their first meeting will be held today.

"Palmer, I want to do my—hic—bit. I want to be in at the finish of the Hun. Fve got alcoholic sore throat, a tobacco heart and a hard-end liver. It would be difficult for me, I'm afraid, to give up my soft habits and live in the cold mud of the livery business and sold his stable on the corner of Fifteenth and Dodge streets to W. H. Sherwood, the livery business and sold his stable on the corner of Fifteenth and Dodge streets to W. H. Sherwood, the livery business and sold his at observable in Uncle Sam's solders and sallors to vote while in Uncle Sam's solders and sallors to vote while in Uncle Sam's solders and sallors to vote while in Uncle Sam's solders and sallors to vote while in Uncle Sam's solders and sallors to vote while in Uncle Sam's solders and sallors to vote while in Uncle Sam's solders and sall

## Here and There

Large quantities of misletoe are converted into wine every year by the country people in certain sections of

An umbrella opened on the stage is supposed to bring ill luck to the actors, and probably there is no play in existence in which an open um-

the British forces during the present Of \$50 claims received by the British government for relief for air raid damage the smallest was for \$1 for

trained housemaids. Consternation provoked by the heatless edict reached an acute stage in the wet belt

for democracy.

War must be credited with putting more rienced in a generation of peace. Every nomic industry on the mend, but none so quickly grasps its future possibilities as Boston. Already a movement is on foot to make

by a Glasgow firm.

A fund of \$1,250,000 is being raised

brella figures. There have been 1,379 medals and crosses awarded to warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men of

# by rumors of beerless days to come. Semi-official denial relieved the tension and re-

The practice of buying and selling

vailed until 1871.

cratic party, giving shelter to so many dough-faces who wear the party label and garments to fly the banners of socialism and federalism, be dead, the spirits of Jefferson and Jackson and Tilden still walk abroad and that their political inspiration and philosophies of government will abide and endure

#### of professional officeseekers have gone to the worms and lie whitening beneath the mold.

ong after the coward hearts and crazy bones

People and Events Four St. Louis brothers solved the main problem of domestic peace by marrying four

stored confidence in the world being safe

Cards entitling customers to four glasses of whiskey a week are issued

in England to provide a weekly al-lowance until the age of 16 for the children of blinded soldiers and sau-

These shares are