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Stick to your substitutes; they are good to eat.

Dr. Garfield is due for another session with the coal men.

Mr. Ultimate Consumer will be glad to welcome all foods on their way down.

Checking up the war workers is one way to find out who really is doing something for the cause.

Quite characteristic of the busy bolshevik that they should call on the women to defend them from the oncoming Hunnish hordes.

With the Baltic sea transformed to be a German lake, the Swedes will have a chance to appreciate the results of their animosity for Russia.

German and Austrians may squabble over which has done the most in the war, but it will not take the world long to announce which has done the worst.

"Advertise and watch Omaha rise," is selected as the slogan by the Chamber of Commerce's publicity bureau. It is good, but Omaha can well dispense with some of the advertising it has had in recent years.

Food hoarders are running to cover, and prices are coming down in dread of what may happen. A little more vigor on part of the food administration may have the effect of ending a lot of unwholesome but insistent profiteering.

If the kaiser has been careful to keep his imperial solicitude for the kingdoms he was to conquer. Decidedly advantageous, you know, to start off with a real heaven-anointed Hohenzollern on the throne.

Nebraska republicans stand pledged to support any measure that is designed to win the war and make the world safe for democracy. It hardly was required that a formal resolution to that effect be adopted, for the republican party always has stood first in the line of defense of the flag and the constitution.

Misapplied Notions of Comity. Idealists customarily fix their view on the distant sunlit peak, with little or no regard of difficulties that lie between them and the goal of their vision.

For an excellent example of this visionary planning, take one plank of the platform just adopted by the newly-born national party. It provides that all foreign investments shall assume their own risks. If this means anything, it is that any dealer venturing beyond the confines of his own country does so entirely without protection from his home government.

Assuming that all nations are equally honest, capable and devoid of guile, this is perhaps proper. Experience has shown, though, that some peoples fail at times in the matter of responsibility; various small nations have sought to evade debts contracted in their name; just now the bolshevik has formally repudiated the entire Russian national debt, which means enormous losses to investors. If it be acknowledged as a principle that repudiation can be resorted to as a method of settlement of national or individual obligation, what will happen? Confusion such a course renders nugatory the preceding plank in the new party's platform, calling for the abolition of all prohibitive or protective duties, that commerce may be utterly without restraint. Comity between nations subsists on national responsibility, and this in turn rests on the people of each nation. Our zealous brethren, so earnest for the establishment of better ways of living amongst all men and the foundation of a world republic, have set a high mark, but made a poor start towards reaching it.

Along the Western Front.

Signs multiply in support of the conclusion that the German activity along the western front is more of defensive than offensive in its nature. It still is within the range of possibilities that the kaiser will strike again, either for Paris or Calais, but careful observers are leaning more to the belief that the offensive must come from the Entente Allies.

Profiteering Not Yet Stopped.

As testimony that profiteering on the soldiers is not yet stopped we quote the following from our across-the-river contemporary, the Nonpareil: A statement in Major Don Macrae's letter to Mrs. Macrae is of interest because it demonstrates the truth of the claim that profiteering is running rampant in this country.

Nature's Beautiful Fireworks.

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork." When the mind of man first began to receive and record distinct and intelligible impressions, the earliest of them had to do with natural phenomena, and none of these were more clearly outlined or less understood than the spectacles of heavens. In awe and wonderment he gazed and marveled, and, failing to comprehend, gave to each some attribute of divinity or ascribed its appearance to a mood of one or another of his gods.

Kaiser Profiteering in America.

Kaiser Wilhelm, former Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, German Junkers generally, and the German government itself are sharing in war profits in the United States. This astounding state of affairs has been disclosed by A. Mitchell Palmer, custodian of alien property, who asks that he be permitted to check the practice through sale of the property and impounding of the proceeds. It is a part of the great German scheme of conquest. Before the senate committee Mr. Palmer said:

British Suffrage Greatly Enlarged

London Letter in New York Post. In a bill which he claims to be registered. It is estimated that this extension will add about 2,000,000 names to the register. In addition, men who have served in the war will be entitled to the vote at the age of 19.

The enactment of this measure is significant in many ways. It is the one first-class piece of permanent legislation that has gone on the statute book since the outbreak of the war. Parliament has passed a number of bills vitally affecting the every day life of the citizen—the Defence of the Realm act, the Military Service act, and so on—but these are understood to be "for the duration" only, and will be repealed when peace returns.

As a corollary of the "one man, one vote" principle is that of "one vote, one value." In the present House of Commons, if you select any two members at haphazard, you may find that they represent a very different number of voters. For example, the Romford division of Essex, with an electoral roll of over 52,000, has only one member, while the borough of Winchester, with 3,200 voters, enjoys the same representation in Parliament.

Not the least important of the changes concerns the cost of elections, for the reforms introduced in this respect will open the door of Parliament much wider to candidates of narrow means. Until now, what are known as the "returning officers' expenses"—including the hire of polling stations, the printing of ballot papers, the provision of a list of voters, the payment of election officials—has been divided in each district between the candidates. Anyone who has had the ambition of entering Parliament has therefore had to be prepared for an initial outlay running into hundreds of pounds, in addition to the cost of his own election campaign.

Drive for More Wheat

Secretary of Agriculture Houston asks that farmers sow at least 3,000,000 acres more of wheat and at the same time wants the number of acres increased from 71,874,000 to 82,080,000. He would have the so-called "corn belt" take on more wheat. It favors more food crops in the south, yet "emphasizes the need of an adequate cotton supply."

First and Last Fall of Jericho

On the morning of Washington's birthday General Sir E. H. Allenby's Australian troopers rode as conquerors into a little village of Judea, noted geographically as being the city of lowest elevation on earth, and in Biblical story as being the scene of the first victory in Israel's conquest of the Promised Land.

People and Events

Another sign of spring—marbles. The country is safe! Word comes from the sawdust ring that the "circus will be bigger and better than ever" the coming season. Cheer up, dads!

The Bee's Letter Box

Pensions for Civil War Widows. Omaha, March 8.—To the Editor of The Bee: All civil war widows who are not pension beneficiaries in the city of Omaha and state of Nebraska should write to Hon. William Ashbrook, house of representatives, Washington, D. C., pleading for an amendment to the Ashbrook pension law. This class of civil war widows has been deprived of pensions for a very trivial cause.

Perpetual Civic Forum.

Omaha, March 8.—To the Editor of The Bee: It is quite the unanimous opinion that the present conditions in Omaha are going to be changed at the next election. Let it be not enough that a certain group of men shall be turned out and another group placed in public office. It is not enough to elect even good men in the place of those who have betrayed public trust. Democracy must be always on the job.

His Majesty the Letter Carrier.

Half past seven in the morning and the sun winks at me. Half hidden by the last house of the street. His long fingers scarce aware those trotting little man who pushes westward from the east to their job.

Advertisement for Hospe's Player Piano. Includes an illustration of a man playing a piano and the text: 'HOSPE'S Player Piano Demonstration Week. NOTE OUR SHOW WINDOWS. Grandma Treading the Player Piano—Grandchild doing like play!'

'TODAY' section with various news snippets: 'One Year Ago Today in the War', 'The Day We Celebrate', 'This Day in History'.

'Just 30 Years Ago Today' section with news snippets: 'The South Omaha Ice company is getting down to business', 'Charlie Hoyt's "Bunch of Keys"', 'A meeting of the real estate dealers was held at the office of C. E. Mayne'.

'Right to the Point' and 'Twice Told Tales' sections with various news snippets: 'St. Louis Globe-Democrat: We shall always believe there is no place to eat in this country so long as we can go on buying a pound of candy twice a week.', 'Baltimore American: With the German language being dropped from some schools, the pupils who have struggled with it are convinced that the man's statement should be somewhat qualified.'

'Persistence is the cardinal virtue in advertising; no matter how good advertising may be in other respects, it must be run frequently and constantly to be really successful.' THE OMAHA BEE INFORMATION BUREAU. Enclosed find a 2-cent stamp for which you will please send me, entirely free, "The Poultry Book."