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No war, no congress, no Parliament-how quiet it is!

However, George Creel will not write the history of this war.

The turkey will resume its place as the great American bird for the next few days.

Too much haste in demobilization may be dangerous. War may be over, but peace is not yet established.

All restrictions on nonwar building have been removed and the game is wide open again. Watch it hum in Omaha.

Europe may be paying fancy prices for butter and eggs, but the home-grown variety is doing its best to catch up.

Hungry Germany boasts of money to buy food, but will have to get in line with other nations that also are starving.

Von Hindenburg did not get his dinner in Paris, but he may read of the one which will be given to Albert of Belgium.

Pershing is to call on the grand duchess of Luxemburg while in her country. He paid his respects to the kaiser long ago.

When the bakers and the grocers get into an argument over the price of bread the buck is likely to be passed to the consumer.

Dropping the inquiry into the election of Senator Newbury in Michigan suggests that the democrats have ridden as long as they care to on the flivver.

With Creel at one end and Burleson at the other, the administration ought to have little trouble in getting through what it wants sent over the cable.

#### **HAS TAMMANY'S TIGER LOST ITS** STRIPES?

Mae the Tammany Tiger, the Tammany of Tweed, of Croker, of Murphy, miraculously changed its skin and lost its stripes? If so, the millenium of politics must be in near proximity, and yet that is what the political sage and seer of the New York World, Louis Seibold, would have us believe. Of course, the World is intense in its democratic partisanship and may possibly be prejudiced in favor of the Tammany machine, which is the mainstay of the democratic party in the Empire state, but its effort now to sanctify what has long had the reputation of viciousness and rottenness is well calculated to invite doubt. This is what Mr. Seibold hands us in the course of a review of the recent election, with special reference to New York and the political currents it has set in motion:

The result most gratifying to the democrats of the country was that in New York. The defeat of Mr. Whitman was of secondary importance to the apparent transformation in Tammany Hall, once anathema in the eyes of the national leaders. Tammany appears in a much better light than ever before. Never in its history has it seemed more entitled to admission to the Democratic league than at present. For years it has been regarded as the black sheep of the democratic family, its record condemned and apologized for its methods scored in each successive national convention, a suspicion of fraud attached to every victory won by it. But the old record has been forgotten, and one incident of the contest is responsible for the revision of the national judgment of it. This was the spectacle of Mr. Smith, the successful democratic candidate for governor, rushing up the state with a bodyguard of fifteen lawyers instead of thugs and strong arm men to see to it that the republicans did not steal the election from him. Every national democrat recalls the old order of things when the republican legislature was wont to rush down the state to prevent Tammany from stealing elections from its candidates. The metamorphosis was startling enough to make the national leaders gasp with amazement-the impossible had happened.

Now, while we have seen the Tammany Tiger tamed on more than one occasion, the taming never lasted even till the next election. The suggestion that Tammany has been selfexpurgated almost overnight, without letting anyone have the slightest inkling of the wonderful "metamorphosis" going on under cover of the chrysalis is indeed enough to cause wonder whether angels' wings grow on devil's darlings. As a picture, Tammany stopping the stealing of an election would be a counterpart to Satan rebuking sin.

Tammany plainly wants to have a controlling voice in the national democratic councils and is camouflaging for admission to a seat at the head table usually reserved for the respectability of the party. If the axiom about the leopard changing its spots holds good, the Tiger's stripes will continue to be visible through the whitewash just as it has always been.

### "Jimmy" Reed's Imagination.

When Senator "Jimmy" Reed of Kansas City unfetters his imagination and sends it forth to explore the unfathomed future he brings home for careful scrutiny such discoveries as must astonish even the credulous. Last year the senator occupied many hours on many days in the senate, outlining the disaster that would follow the naming of Herbert Hoover to be food

# Punishment of Wilhelm

#### New York Times

Many ill-considered opinions have been expressed as to the penalty that ought to be inflicted upon the dethroned German Kaiser by a world into which he has brought so much misery. The feeling is almost universal that his crimes transcend the provision of criminal law, for he is the world's greatest criminal and even the most terrible statutory penalties fall miserably short of his desert. The weakest suggestion is that he be extradited to England to be tried there under the murder indictment brought against him in the Lusitania case. To begin with, no extradition writ would be honored. But suppose he were tried, found guilty, and executed. Would not that end his sufferings? Retribution would cheat itself if so soon his sufferings were ended.

Why should not every civilized human being pray that this man of altogether unspeakable sin may live forever to undergo through the unending years of time those mental tortures, far surpassing any conceivable physical pangs, which we may be sure are afflicting him at this moment? Remorse he may not feel; we cannot well know the mental and spiritual nature of this incomparable malefactor. But he must feel the immeasurable difference between his present despised state and that high position from which he has fallen. Excruciating as that torment must be, it is only the beginning. He knows that earth's millions detest him, loathe him, hate him with a hatred never before visited upon mortal man. They will shun him, or seek him out only for hot reproach and reviling. The guilt of ten million murders rests upon his soul, for he is the man, the one man, who might have stopped the war before it began; he was the greatest exemplar, preacher, and practitioner of that theory of rule over men out of which the war was born. "Thou are the man" is what

the world has said to him from the beginning. So let him live, let him live through such days of anguish and nights of sleepless torment that he will rage furiously against any who, speaking from a sense of pity and belated loyalty, may cry out "Long live Wilhelm!" Lucretia's prayer for the punishment of Tarquin, as Shakespeare has given it form, bents the case of him who was the German kaiser:

Let him have time to tear his curled hair, Let him have time against himself to rave, Let him have of Time's help to despair. Let him have time to live a loathed slave. Let him have time a beggar's sort to crave And time to see one that by aims doth live Disdain to him disdained scraps to give.

Time without limit, unending time spent in torment without any respite, ceaseless, hopeless, that is the punishment appropriate to the crimes of Wilhelm of Hohenzollern, for sins altogether inexpiable, sins that appall, that outrun experience and overpass the powers of imagination. Leave him as he is, that is the worst the world can wish him. This man felt himself to be the greatest on earth, he is now the meanest. He has come down from his high place where he dreamed of extending over all nations the supreme power he wielded over one. He has down to a condition from which the come wretchedest would flee in horror. Is he not in a way of punishment which the most inexorable would hold to be fitting and adequate? Yet some men say there is no God!

#### Hindenburg and the Kaiser Hindenburg will never be a name to conjure

with as long as the world stands. He is a per-sonification of the hideous doctrine of brute force, a doctrine civilization is stamping in the dust forever. Military experts may even differ as to Hindenburg's mastery of his bloody profession. His campaigns will be scrutinized, in the light of facts that even he did not fully know during his campaigns. We know he failed to meet his several dinner engagements in Paris. He may have been at fault in his failure to carry out his threats, although we can but wish that it will be found that he did all mortal



to be under consideration for the As to Parking Rules for Autos post of secretary of the United Omaha, Nov. 22 .- To the Editor of States delgation to the coming The Bee: peace conference, is a widely known are made in this city for violating "parking rules for autos." There edulator and authority on intershould not be any occasion for these

national law, who for five years arrests and there would not be as was solicitor of the Department of many violations if the city would do State at Washington. A Canadian by the right thing. Why can't the city print a card of rules on "Parking birth, Mr. Scott spent several years Cars," where, when, why and how in study at European universities after receiving his degree of A. M. long a car can park here or there? Every downtown street should be at Harvard in 1891. In 1894 he bedesignated, what part for parking, gan the practice of law at Los etc. As it is now no one seems to Angeles, but within a few years his know where to "pull in," so he reputation as an expert in internastands a chance of being arrested tional law led to his services being and made to pay a fine. The city enlisted by prominent institutions has the names of every auto owner of learning. From 1899 to 1911 he and their numbers. Why not send one of these printed rules to every was attached successively to the law owner of a car? faculties of Illinois, Chicago, Colum-

SENSIBLE CITIZEN.

#### Evangelicals and Liberals.

tion is that which was adopted by he Omaha Church Federation . on Monday evening. One of its excellencies is the basis of membership "This federation shall be composed of all churches in Omaha and vicinity now co-operating, or that shall hereafter by vote agree to unite with this organization

mountains of Tomba and Persica. No door could be more wide open. Lieut. Gen. Marshall succeeded to a body of churches organized the command of the British forces that basis would be a real federation union and liberty.

In Omaha 30 Years Ago Today. Senator A. S. Paddock is visiting in the .ity.

bia and George Wa hington uni-

versities. He was a participant in

he last peace conference at The

Hague, and at present is secretary

of the Carnegie Endowment for

Ukraine declared itself separated

Italians recaptured two important

One Year Ago Today in the War.

Universal Peace.

rom Russia.

in Mesopotamia.

Theodore Olson and wife have reing "those who belleve in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Savior of the vorld.

Episcopalians are not usually classed as evangelicals, so that rules At least, an Episcopal them out. rector told me so after the meeting We Unitarians and Universalists are commonly supposed not to be evangelical, in spite of the fact that we carry on our campaigns of liberal evangelism; and as for the doctrine of the divinity of the Lord Jesus as Savior of the world, many people think that all we live for is to deny As a matter of fact, there is a very considerable number of liberals who do believe in it. But the distinctive principle of the Unitarian rned to Cmana trom a four church is religious liberty. No creed is fixed, no doctrine is imposed month's visit to their home in Denas a test of membership upon those

mark. Hon. R. S. Bibb of Beatrice, attorney for Gage county, is in the We hold different opinions as to the city the guest of Mr. T. K. Sad- person of Jesus, but we are united borough of the Pacific express.

William E. Hawley, the wellknown surveyor of this city, left for an extended trip through the Wyoming oil fields. The directors of the Episcopalian church at Walnut Hill purchased a lot on Cuming street for \$1,600 on of the amendment was made which they will erect a chapel. Miss Bertha Cohen of St. Louis is her visiting her sister, Mrs. Alex marks, even more than by the vote adopting it. Adler.

Dr. Boundsdall has returned from New York, where he was called to see his father.

The Day We Celebrate. Sir Gilbert Parker, novelist, privy

This Day in History.

1914-Germans forced to retrea

on Warthe-Vistula line in Poland.

begun landing in Albania.

Austro-Germans.

1915-Italians reported to have

1916-Constanza, Roumania's chief

port on the Black sea, taken by

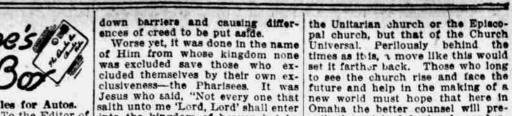
Anniversary of the execution of

called "Manchester martyrs."

Timely Jottings and Reminders.

councilor, and former member of the British parliament, born in Addington county, Ontario, 59 years ance.

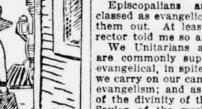
It was truly a surprise to hear this George B. McClellan, former mayor of New York and son of the exactly one week after the end of famous Union general, born the war for liberty, and in defianc Dresden, Saxony, 53 years ago. of all that has been said about the good effect of the war in bringing Frank Morrison, for 20 years secetary of the American Federation churches nearer together, breaking of Labor, born at Franktown, On-



Nov. 22.—To the Editor of into the kingdom of heaven but he vail, the original basis of member-Every day many arrests that doeth the will of my Father ship be retained and the door kept which is in heaven." What is at stake is not the fate of

wide open. ROBERT F. LEAVENS.





Andre Tardieu tells a French socialist deputy that 2,000,000 soldiers is good enough guaranty for France and a signed agreement is not needed to bind America.

Too much speed is now assigned as a cause for the explosion in the big T. N. T. plant in New Jersey. It takes some speed to get out of the way of that stuff.

Von Tirpitz is reported to have shaved his beard prior to fleeing the country, showing to be scared even more than the kaiser, who clung to his mustache through it all.

Almost two billions in war contracts were cancelled within a week after the armistice was signed, and more yet will follow. This ought to help out the treasury problem.

Down south, where they put a spoonful of fertilizer with each seed that goes into the ground, much interest will be felt in the debate between the potash producers and the fertilizer makers.

A Chicago sanitary inspector is accused of "sitting on his porch when he should have been at work, passing by houses he had been sent to inspect, rendering false reports and neglecting to pay his bills." Outside of that he was probably an efficient inspector.

Democrats may lose another seat in the senate, that held by Senator Martin of Kentucky, who was appointed to succeed Ollie James. The point is raised that the appointment was good only till after election, and, having failed to elect anyone to the place, the seat becomes vacant. The point will be pressed when congress reconvenes next month.

Surgeons' Work in War

Observers of things in front line hospitals and back of the lines in Europe testify that there has been remarkable "team work" American surgeons and American wounded soldiers. The surgeons have been beautifully devoted to the sufferers, easing their physical distresses so far as human aid could do so, and the wounded have exhibited a rare courage and endurance, making the work of the surgeons as light as possible.

It is good to hear that the finer sensibilities of surgeons have not been blunted by what they have gone through. These men have been obliged to look upon a vast deal of acute suffering. Had they been made of grosser stuff the experience would have hardened them, but we hear that, on the contrary, they never permitted themselves to relax their gentleness in handling men or to lose their natural sympathies in onerous duty. They will come back home in due course greatly enriched in practical experience and better equipped than ever to care for sufferers in peace time.

Surgeons and correspondents never have grown weary in telling of the bravery of American soldiers on beds of pain. The men have done their best to make light of their suffering shown themselves to be even more heroic in many instances than they were in the heat of battle.

Happily, we who remain at home never will be able to visualize adequately the scenes in these war hospitals. Nor is it likely that returned soldiers will care to dwell upon the more unpleasant incidents that came under their observation. They will prefer to talk of the more joyous events, and in that they will disclose again the qualities of their soldiership.-Minne-spolis Tribuna. administraton Nothing in the category of calamity escaped

the senatorial summing up of the shortcomings of the man the president had selected for the place, nor did his prophetic vision omit to embrace any detail of misfortune that would ensue when once a dictator had been set over the national larder. Time proved that the timorous "Jimmy" was unduly and needlessly alarmed. Nothing of the harm he foresaw came to pass. On the other hand, while Mr. Hoover's administration worked no miracles, it was efficient to the extent that under its inspiration the American people saved enough food to win the war and survived, well fed and more or less content through it all.

Now, in "voice of dolorous pitch," the Kansas City Pharos of Liberty turns on the proposed league of nations and finds in it impending destruction for the United States. It is not an "entangling alliance" we are asked to enter, but a "maelstrom of destruction." He says nothing of the Laocoon, but why he omitted this classic reference we wonder.

The fact is, the senator is overgifted with imagination and power of speceh, and sadly lacking in mental terminal facilities. His vision of the United States plunging headlong to destruction is worthy of his political training. Senator Reed is a democrat.

#### Shall We Have a New State House?

With the approach of the session of the legislature we find discusison of need for a new state house revived. The old building at Lincoln must eventually be replaced, a fact that has been often presented to the lawmakers, and just as often sidestepped. Two years ago the physical condition of the ancient structure was such as to make necessary special rules of conduct while the legislature was in session. Repairs and braces have held it together, and again it will be called upon to withstand the strain of the unusual assemblage gathering there. What will be done is squarely up to the lawmakers. The democrats shirked responsibility for initiating the work, so the republicans will be required to assume the duty of making plans for a new state house, if Nebraska is to have a building worthy to house its government. Naming a commision to at least have charge of the preliminaries, if not to undertake the actual construction, will be the first steps, if any are taken. Time does not lessen the acuteness of the question, for the building is not improving as it grows older. The matter is up to the legisla-

Another sign that the war is over is the resumption of the debate over the number of "B T. U's." contained in the output of the local gas plant. This will gradually lead up to the main question which is pending as unfinished business, that of the purchase of the plant by the

Close and continued contact with the Hun has taught John Bull much caution, and he declines to believe the kaiser has abdicated, but awaits official notice. It is well to have news from Germany confirmed by reliable authority.

Clemenceau has asked extradition for the late head of the German empire, which-means that Herr Hohenzollern thereby becomes also a fugitive from justice. Such a world!

could. It might not be best for the future to discover that the world was saved through any blundering of Hindenburg or his crew. Some insane egotist, like Wilhelm II, might be persuaded to try it again, promising "to avoid the blunders of my predecessors."

But horrid as Hindenburg is in mind and mien, he becomes, in the hour of defeat, attractive in comparison with his erstwhile royal master. The kaiser did not stay to take his medi-cine. He sneaked into Holland, either to save himself from the German people or from the allies. This boastful partner of the Almighty, who had rattled his saber and strutted before the world for 30 years, could not face the people he had deluded to their ruin. The only unbereaved father in Germany, he was concerned only about the personal safety of himself and his six unscathed sons. Rumor flew that Hin-denburg had likewise fled, but the sturdy old warrior was made of sterner stuff. He was prompt to issue a proclamation, confessing de-feat, and urging the "heavy task" of rapid return to the fatherland. The concluding words "You will never be abandoned by your were: field marshal in the struggle. He will ever be confident in you." The flight of the kaiser must have inspired this language, for it is no secret that Hindenburg, in the days before the war, made little effort to conceal his contempt for the kaiser and the crown prince.-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

#### Prophet Isaiah Scores Isaiah XIV., 12-20.

How art thou fallen from heaven, O. Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven; I will exalt my throne above the stars of God! I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation! I will ascend above the height of the clouds;

will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to

the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon

thee, and consider thee, saying: Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms?

That made the world a wilderness and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory; every one in his own house. But thou are cast out of thy grave like an

abominable branch and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcass trodden under feet. Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial,

because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people! the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned

### Personal Guilt in War

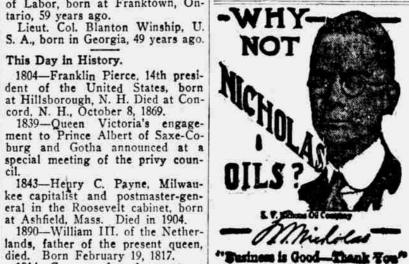
Hardly an article in the terms of armistice has caused more debate than No. 6, in which appears this sentence: 'No person shall be prosecuted for offenses

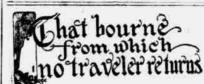
of participation in war measures prior to the signing of the armistice."

The statement that the French undersecretary of justice has ordered proceedings to be begun against German officers accused of shocking crimes may mean, if confirmed, that the sentence quoted refers by strict limitation only to war measures within the limits of legality.

This article of the armistice was drawn by military men, few of whom would ask for penalties against men who obeyed orders, when the alternative was the death sentence for mutiny. Men who committed outrages contrary to the laws of war and without orders, and those in authority who ordered such acts are not necessarily protected by the language quoted against richly deserved explation. But in search of men "higher up" to explate

crimes that have appalled humanity, how high will the quest go? Up to a general who ordered the taking of no prisoners? Up to von Tirpitz for submarine murders? Up to the judge of Captain Fryatt? Up to the kaiser, who as the "All Highest" was in theory responsible for every act? Where is the final home of per-I sonal guilt?-New York World.







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