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No complaint of drouth nowadays.
'Nobody loves a fat man and nobody loves the street car company.

All must admit the weather man has been doing mighty well by us.

Now, you must hustle if you have not already done your Christmas shopping.

It remains to be seen whether the Wall street melons will be as plentiful and luscious this season as last.

Mr. Daniels says it will take two years for America to get back to "normal." Depends on what Josephus calls normal.

"Back to the land" is in full swing in Ukraina, where the peasants are murdering the proprietors in order to get the farms.

Mr. Burleson's justly celebrated postal service knows that it is Christmas time, whether or not it has heard that the war is over.

Omaha will miss the schoolma'am this year, but when they come in 1919 they will find a welcome just as warm and hearty as ever.

Colonel House knows what he is there for. While the president is on the stage, the colonel is to serve only as scenery.

A Chicago draft evader starved himself to death on hunger strike, depriving the army of a splendid leader for a forlorn hope.

Whenever a socialist speaker says he fears that a social revolution will follow peace he really means he fears that one will not so ensue.

The Hun kept up his reputation for brutality to the last, visiting on helpless prisoners resentment felt at failure in battle. These things must be settled for some time.

Governor-elect McKelvie has already been called on to talk to the conference of state executives. He will be heard from right along, after he is established in the governor's chair.

Our city commissioners should not become so engrossed in buying the gas plant and the street railway as to forget some of the other matters entrusted to their supervision. Such as planning for the new city charter.

Abolition of the food gamblers is now proposed by the conference of governors. It is to be achieved by co-operation among the farmers. If it will help the ultimate consumer, Mr. Common People will be for it strong.

Japan will assent to any plan for world peace that will prevent the Germans from retaining any sort of hold on the Pacific. Following this to its logical end, Germany will not amount to much outside Europe for a long time to come.

Henry Ford has hired somebody to compile for him all the kaiser-coddling articles and program editorials that appeared in the Chicago Tribune. They won't be a marker to what could be reproduced from Senator Hitchcock's hyphenated World-Herald.

One of the charges against Berger in his trial for espionage is that he forbade reference in his newspaper to the Germans as "Huns" or "Boches." He must merely have duplicated the order that was promulgated in the office of Senator Hitchcock's hyphenated organ.

A little tempest in a teapot is blowing up in the Department of Agriculture over the inability of the bureau of farm management to get out definite estimates of farm costs. It may result in a disclosure of the wide variance between theory and practice in the matter of producing food in America.

Trail of the Serpent

No one would believe the amazing story now being told before the senate judiciary subcommittee if we had not been prepared for it by previous disclosures of German intrigue.

The dispatch of 130 German propagandists to this hemisphere on July 10 fits in with the recent revelations of a meeting of the German crown council on July 5, when the ultimatum to Serbia was agreed upon and the approximate date of the beginning of hostilities settled.

Of special interest are the revelations of the propagandists who landed in this country about the time war was declared and continued to work until they were exposed or silenced by the entrance of the United States into the struggle.

They may be able to blot out something of the last four years, but it will be a long time before the world ceases to remember.

NO CALL FOR MANN.
Taking time by the forelock, James R. Mann has formally announced his candidacy for speaker of the next house of representatives, which will be under republican control.

While it is a laudable ambition for any public man to aspire to this exalted position, in recognition of long and meritorious service in the ranks and as a promotion from the floor leadership, there is no overpowering call for Mann. But, on the contrary, his choice would antagonize certain elements, necessary to the continued success of the party.

So far as The Bee is concerned, we would prefer a western man for speaker and feel that the west has a right to claim the place, because it was the west that swung the majority of the house back into the republican column.

English in Nebraska Schools.
The report of the governor's "Americanization" committee comes out squarely for the abolition of the foreign language school in Nebraska.

The report provides for the giving of religious instruction in any language and makes no objection to the foreign-language newspaper. If the main recommendation of the committee is faithfully carried out and school children be carefully instructed in English, it will not be a long time until the problems of religious teaching and furnishing of news will solve themselves.

Another feature of the report is worthy of note, although it will not be so easily carried out. This has to do with the instruction of children in elementary grades in the fundamentals of our government, its ideals and institutions.

Planning for a Busy Future.
A day or two ago Judge Gary, speaking of the prospects in the steel industry, said the next five years would show such prosperous growth in America as will astonish even the most optimistic of today.

At present no sign points to anything that warrants the assumption that an immediate and general attempt will be made to lower wages. Selling prices are sure to remain high as long as stocks are short and this in turn carries with it high wages.

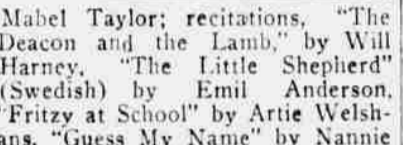
The battleship squadron is to be home from the war in time to celebrate Christmas, and it will come with honors well won. Not in the course of bruising classis of battle, but in the course of seventeen months of ceaseless vigilance, waiting for a foe who did not emerge save when he crept out of his stronghold to surrender without firing a shot.

TODAY

Right in the Spotlight.
Today is the sixty-fifth birthday of Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, who was recently required from the office of chief justice of the supreme court of Canada to become lieutenant-governor of Quebec.

One Year Ago Today in the War.
Conscription won in Canada by a margin of 44 votes.
Italians frustrated new attempts by the enemy to cross the Piave.

In Omaha 30 Years Ago Today.
Children of the seventh grade of the Farnam school have organized a literary society called the "Little Pitcher Club."



Mabel Taylor; recitations, "The Deacon and the Lamb," by Will Harney, "The Little Shepherd" (Swedish) by Emil Anderson, "Fritz at School" by Artie Welshans, "Guess My Name" by Nannie Briggs.

The Day We Celebrate.
Henry C. Frick, an eminent leader in American industry and finance, born at Overton, Pa., 69 years ago.

This Day in History.
1683—Philip V, the first king of Spain of the house of Bourbon, born at Versailles. Died in Madrid, July 9, 1746.

Timely Jottings and Reminders.
Centennial anniversary of the death of Mary Brunton, a noted pioneer among British women novelists.

Navy Home from the War.
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Plight of Democratic Party

Collier's Weekly.
The last two months have witnessed the most extraordinary political upset in the history of the country.

Whittled to a Point.
New York Post—Greater love hath no man than a brewer for a temperance soldier.

Minneapolis Tribune: If Germany has to wait to have all those bills received, it won't get ahead much for some years on an eight-hour day.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: If the three kings do visit America, the chief curiosity will be the way that Jim wallops to Huck Finn.

Washington Post: The Germans will organize any kind of government the allies desire, if the allies will only furnish food and reward murder with mercy.

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In the Wake of War

The total expenditure on the war in four years reached the stupendous sum of \$145,000,000,000, or roughly the equivalent of the entire combined wealth of the United Kingdom and France.

The marriage of Sir Douglas Haig, the British commander, was the result of "love at first sight." He met Miss Doris Vivian for the first time on Monday in August and was instantly fell in love.

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Wilhelm Right for Once.
While our confidence in the integrity of Wilhelm Hohenzollern was never so weak as we are bound to admit that in a certain indiscreet moment he blurted out a truth of special interest.



And Then What?
Omaha, Dec. 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: It will be hard for us to explain to our children why we permitted such an outrage as the recent street car strike.

When the people of Ryswick was made which brought to an end the war between Holland, France, Spain and England, the Dutch ambassador in London celebrated it by a huge illumination of 140 barrels of pitch.

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Verboten.
They sentenced him. They took him to a tree.

Here and There

Bamboo trees do not blossom until 30 years old.
Starfishes have a considerable power of reproducing lost parts, a single arm having been known to grow into a new starfish.

The thimble was originally called a thumb-bell by the English, because worn on the thumb, and then a thimble, and finally its present name.

What is declared to be a very satisfactory substitute for flour has been devised by a French chemist from the refuse of potatoes, turnips, parsnips and carrots.

One of the most peculiar cities in the world is Barcelona, in Portuguese East Africa, where every house and building is constructed of zinc, which is the only material capable of withstanding the peculiar climate of the place.

It is now possible to produce cast copper of high electrical conductivity that is mechanically sound. The difficulties of copper casting are due to oxygen, nitrogen, and other gases, and this is generally overcome by using boron, which has a high affinity for these gases but no affinity for copper.

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