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A real American has gone.

Death not only loves, but this time hit a

W. Hohenzollern is said to be greatly depressed. Well, he has had no cause for great elation recently.

The local police did at least one good job in quickly apprehending a murderous highwayman. Give them credit.

Reports from Nebraska schools indicate that the work of civilization was not neglected on account of war in this state.

Governor McKelvie's manly admission of a mistake and his promptitude in correcting it should raise him in the estimation of the people.

Mexico wants delegates at the peace meeting. If any people in the New World need the teachings of peace, it is these same neighbors

The impulsive Pole should restrain his impetuosity. He will not only need help now, but often in the future, but most of all he needs a little self-restraint.

Rushing relief to the suffering of Europe is the big business for Americans just now, and it is being carried forward in a spirit that means salvation for starving millions.

The mother of Empress Zita only had \$4,-000,000 with her when she reached the border of Switzerland, showing how the Hapsburg family has come down in the world. Mr. Wilson laid a wreath before the statue

will recall to all who have read it Mark Twain's account of his visit to that same shrine. One of the world monuments to Theodore Roosevelt's great genius is the Panama canal.

of Christopher Columbus at Genoa, which act

It will stand a triumph for his energy as long as the oceans of the earth bear commerce. . A lot of idle words are now being prodigally wasted by radicals in different parts of the

world, but the future of the race will be secure as long as sensible people keep their wits. A couple of good swift kicks are reported to have ended a bolshevik uprising at Vladivostok. Pity that lieutenant can not go all over Russia

to apply his sovereign remedy for the malady. The legislative session is starting quietly enough, but it may be quite interesting before its finish. The fact that it is republican is a guaranty, however, of the quality of work it will

bring forth.

It will be noted that the sites proposed from the War department to be purchased for permanent army camps are all in the south. It will also be noted that the price suggested, \$66,-000,000, amounts to something in the nature of a real estate deal.

About the only thing the city commissioners can say in reply to the criticism of the city's automotive equipment is that it was a heritage in most part from the administration so warmly defended by the chief critic.

Big stick and war bonnet, gauntlet and spear, sword and pen, all were laid aside, while the Angel Azrael touched the hero in his slumber and awakened him to everlasting peace. What a perfect ending to a life that knew no ease, but expended its last vestige of vital force in service for humanity!

Von Hertling's death will serve to revive memories of the closing hours of the German empire. These are not so far away, but have been in a measure lost sight of in press of other events. His career as chancellor was chiefly notable for his devotion to a cause already lost and his efforts to make it appear that Germany's hollowness was solid.

# Roosevelt Compels Correction

Six weeks after the invasion of Belgium in 1914 Colonel Roosevelt in a magazine article wrote: "It is certainly desirable that we should remain entirely neutral, and nothing but urgent need would warrant breaking our neutrality and taking sides one way or the other." The Lusitania had not been sunk. Our rights on the high seas had not been attacked by Germany. The gross injustice to the colonel of putting this early expression into a high school "war syllabus" for use in 1919, with no explanation of the colonel's eager militancy after the real situation had developed, is apparent to the meanest intelligence. Who did it? That ques-

tion is not answered. But on the colonel's demand, William L. Ettinger, superintendent of schools, orders the expunging of the offensive selection, and Col-onel Roosevelt is satisfied. We cannot help thinking that the Americans who are taxed to support the schools are not satisfied. They can

support the schools are not satisfied. They can see pro-Germanism in the preparation of that "syllabus," Who is the pro-German?

Of course, the explanation of the former president is clear enough, if, indeed, any explanation were needed. The declaration for neutrality "was a loyal support of President Wilson's policy, but it was an erroneous support, and no one has any business to quote it without stating the fact that I was then, at the outset of the war, endeavoring to support the president, and that, as soon as I became conrinced he was wrong. I ceased to support him und took the position which I held the next four rears, and which I today hold."

Propaganda is not dead yet. Its weapon of nisrepresentation of our public men is still being used. Those who use it should not merely nave their arms stayed against a particular victim. They should be put where they cannot use the weapon at all again. That is the plain doctrine of Americanism.-Brooklyn Eagle.

#### ROOSEVELT.

A leader has fallen in America. In both thought and action, Theodore Roosevelt was a leader of the people, potent, virile and energetic, and influential in the life not only of his own country, but with marked and direct effect on the affairs of the world.

His long public career, characterized always by vigorous assertiveness, was one of tremendous energy expended in such industry as will set him out prominently even in an age of marvelous achievement. His range of endeavor was so comprehensive that it is not easy to write of him in terms suitable to the common run of men. He was not ordinary or average in anything. Whatever he essayed, he undertook it with all his might, and pressed to leadership. Pioneer, politician, soldier, student, writer, lecturer, statesman, editor, his vocation was so general that it almost included all human activities, and in each line he achieved

Rugged in character and physique alike, he was intolerant only of sham and pretense.. No American ever lived who had a more choice collection of political enemies, nor did ever American statesman have a more devoted and loyal following. He knew no half-way measures between friend and foe, but fought with the same intrepidity in the fields of battle and

His intense Americanism was an inspiration for patriots, and while not all were ready to respond to his impetuous call, no one ever thought of him as anything but being deadly in earnest. The offering of four sons and his own services to the cause of freedom is proof of his great sincerity. It will be a matter of regret to the living generation of Americans that his desire for duty in the field could not have

Theodore Roosevelt's place in our country's annals is large and secure. His country will mourn his demise, but will rejoice because he did live and did serve so faithfully in upholding the highest and best of our national ideals.

#### Unsound Financial Policy.

Secretary Lane's proposal that gold mining be exempt from excess profits tax in order to stimulate gold production is held to be unsound both in economics and finance. The committee on war finance of the American Economic association concludes its report with these words: "Finally, the plan of stimulating gold production by some form of government aid is to be deprecated." The committee, in presenting the

The committee had noticed with apprehension the increasing agitation in certain quarters in favor of stimulating gold production by means of a government bounty or some other form of government aid. Without entering into a discussion of the various phases of this subject, the committee wishes to register its emphatic opinion that the attempt by government bounty to stimulate the production of gold at a time like the present when, through the wide extension of the use of paper money and deposit currency, through the increasingly efficient use of gold in bank reserves, and through other influences, the purchasing power of gold has been practically cut in half during a period of four years, would be both unsound economics and unproposal to tax the people to provide hounties for stimulating an industry whose stimula-tion would raise still higher the high cost of living from which these same people are at present suffering. It would artificially en-large the base of our credit structure with inevitably bad results.

This warning is the voice of wisdom, speaking in terms all may understand. The plan of the secretary of the interior is not more dangerous than a number of other expedients proposed by the democrats in their groping for a panacea for an economic situation produced largely by their unwillingness to face facts, but that it does hold peril pointed out by the committee should condemn it. Return to stable conditions in commodity and other values will not be secured by further depreciation in gold prices. Expansion in credit currency must be followed by prudent contraction, before the evil effects of inflation are removed, and this can not be accomplished by further aggravating the

# Poland and the Wide World.

The commander of the Polish army in France insists that Poland needs help now or not at all. This is because the Poles could not await the slow movement of the peace council to establish authority over former Polish provinces held by Prussia, but set about to accomplish their repatriation by force.

General Pilsudsky, at the head of affairs in new Poland, has told Ignace Paderewski he intends to manage things in his own way until the Poles have held an election, when he will loyally support the will of the people so expressed. This election involves the Poles in Prussia, who have been warned not to vote under pains of being regarded as traitors by the Prussian government. To settle the question armed forces have clashed, and greater battles

the Poles, after being in subjection for generations, could have waited a few weeks longer for their full freedom, when they would lose nothing of material or even of sentimental value by so doing. Poland will be restored in full, but the renewal of the fighting over possession of the part to which Prussia clings with such a feeble hold is not an inspiring spectacle. A lit-

## Huns Try to Dodge Terms.

Like Bret Harte's "Heathen Chinee," "for ways that are dark and tricks that are vain." the Hun mind is peculiar. At the very outset of peace under the armistice, Dr. Solf sought to bamboozle the world into a belief that Germany could not properly comply with requirements unless forced to endure hardship and privation amounting to starvation. The cars and locomotives demanded, however, are being delivered. Now from Coblenz comes accounts of another of the childish tricks of the vanquished Huns. In turning over the artillery under conditions of surrender, the German authorities are presenting antiquated and incomplete cannon, some of the guns dating back as far as 1873. Why they should deem it easy to fool Americans in this matter is not clear, but they are not getting away with it. Some day the supermind of the superman will reach a point where it will understand that self-deception fools no-

Mr. Wilson showed some real diplomacy in

Joseph Devlin, whose success in the recent election is likely to result in his being chosen parliamentary leader of the Irish nationalists, is a man who counts in the Emerald Isle, He is, of course, an ardent supporter of home rule, and has for the last dozen years played a prominent part in the politico-municipal life of Belfast, the unionist stronghold, where he resides. During the years immediately preceding the war, when feeling on the home rule question was running high, Mr. Devlin's position in Belfast was anything but untroubled. He, however, showed himself equal to every occasion. One of the secrets of his success lies in the fact that he is a son of the people. Born 46 years ago of working-class parents, he has made his way by sheer genius and native ability.

One Year Ago Today in the War. Supreme court of the United

of the selective draft law. Maj. Gen. George W. Goethals be-

came acting quartermaster general of the United States army.

In Omaha 30 Years Ago Today. "The Stowaway" got the gallery good at the Boyd.



Morgan, Knapp and the "unknown" bunched on the score board. The marriage of Hon. C. J. Smyth and Miss Kate Murphy, daughter of the late Thomas Murphy of 1811 California street, was solemnized by

Father R. A. Skaffel at the Holy Family church. Miss Elsie Butts has returned to St. Catherines hall at Davenport. While L. A. Goldsmith is away or

son is acting garbage master. J. R. Sovereign, editor of "The Industrial West" of Atlantic, Ia., is considering inducements held out by the workingmen to move his pa-

#### per to South Omaha. The Day We Celebrate.

Abel V. Shotwell, county attorney, Rear Admiral Casper F. Goodrich, S. N., retired, born in Philadel-

phia 72 years ago. Gordon Hewart, solicitor general in the British cabinet, born at Bury, England, 49 years ago.

This Day in History.

1829-Dr. James B. Angell, for many years president of the University of Michigan, born at Scituate, R. I. Died at Ann Arbor, Mich., April 1, 1916. 1896-President Kruger delivered

Dr. Jameson into custody of the British high commissioner of Cape 1915-Turkish cruiser Goeben re-

ported badly damaged by Russian 1916-Heavy French cannon fire

destroyed German posts near Sois-1917-Foscani was taken by the Austro-German invaders of Rou-

#### Timely Jottings and Reminders. Today is Christmas in the Greek

church, Greek and Russian churches throughout the world will hold special services. Problems confronting the trade will be discussed by the American Association of Wholesale

Hatters, meeting in annual convention today at St. Louis. With a two-day meeting to be opened in Boston today the Presbyterian church in the United

States will launch its great campaign of what it terms the new era movement.

awhile. Presently, the farmer

"Yes," answered the politician.

who was thinking of a bill he had

pending before the house. After

another long pause, the farmer ob-

"You ain't a lawyer or you'd be

I am a politician," was the reply.

The farmer gave a snort of dis-

politics is a business," said he.

THIS INK IS NO GOOD! I'LL

THROW IT OUT OF THE

"Professional man?"

What is your profession?"

Daily Cartoonette.

WINTOW!

#### Storyette of the Day.

A politician who is a great walker was out enjoying his favorite recreation, says Vice President Marshall. After going a few miles he sat down to rest. "Want a lift, mister?" asked a

An outsider is inclined to the opinion that tle patience would go a long way here.

body but the victim.

outlining his visits while in Rome.

## Medical Marvels of War

New York Times. "The war has taught us how to save more

lives than the war has cost." This is a statement made by Maj. George A Stewart of the War Demonstration hospital of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. who believes that out of the agony and suffering of the recent great struggle will come benefits to humanity that will compensate to a large extent for the lives that were lost and the blood that was shed. Medicine and surgery have taken giant strides during the more than four years of the war, and the pressing necessity born through the world's travail has, in the estimation of Major Stewart, developed medical science to such an extent that mankind will be a gainer rather than a loser in the years to "The countless improvements of

both in medicine and surgery, made in this war have advanced our science half a century in four years," says Major Stewart. the values and technique of 'chlorination'-or the use of some combination of chlorine for the destruction of malignant germs which gave rise to pus-have been learned as never before. There I was talking about. I am desolate states upheld the constitutionality is no longer any good excuse for persistence of and undone. Really, Mr. Editor, do

> "The development of the 'Carrel-Dakin' method of treating all manner of infected wounds by periodic irrigation with Dakin fluid (a noncaustic hypochlorite) marked an extraordinary advance. And in this the method is as important as the fluid. It is being taught to surgeons the world over.

"Out of 45 patients in the War Demonstra-

tion hospital suffering from empyema we returned 35 to the front. Empyema is pus in the chest cavity. It often follows penumonia, and hitherto has been highly fatal. There has been an unusual amount of empyema in New York this year of a very serious type. But the death rate has been lessened by the modern treatment. "Other wonderful advances have been made, for example, in X-ray work, in knowledge of the gas bacillus which causes a form of gangrene, in the serum treatment for prevention of cure of such diseases as typhoid fever, lock- nor is such knowledge necessary in jaw, pneumonia, meningitis, etc. These les- order to form an intelligent opinior sons will save far more lives in the long run

Nor is Major Stewart the only man of repute to hold such views. Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy, also believes that innumerable blessings will arise from the lessons that have been taught by stern necessity in time of storm and stress. "One of the compensations for the tragedy

than the war has cost."

of the war." he said recently, "is the fact that 30-day visit to Louisville, Ky., his an enlightened opinion is behind the organized campaign to protect the youth against contagious disease.

"The campaign begun in war to insure the military fitness of men for fighting is quite as necessary to save men for civil efficiency.

Sir Almroth Wright, in The London Lancet, the most famous medical journal in the world, guilty of a fatal error. The woman says that "the Carrel-Dakin method (of treatng infected wounds) is far the most important contribution to surgical technique since the of the war quit their burnings and beginning of the war." beginning of the war.

But this is only one of countless other epoch-making methods that have arisen triimphant over the blood and brutality of the oche. There is the famous ambrine treatment for burns that was so successfully administered in the Ambrine hospital for the French wounded at Compiegne by Miss Elsie de Wolfe and other nurses- a treatment that proved a godsend for agonized poilus suffering from flam-menwerfer wounds. Nor should one forget the marvelous anaesthetic discovered by Gordon Edwards, a young American humanitarian be sprayed upon gaping raw wounds and burns, relieving the exquisite agony of the patient and enabling physicians to apply and remove bandages without the wounded man feeling the slightest pain.

Before this war the doctors didn't know such about the habits and habitats of that pest. the louse, which has probably been with us since the first crack of dawn. But the war gave this creature another name, and it wasn't ong before all the world was talking of the "cootie," which became the familiar of the soldier in the trench and helped make war even more like Sherman said it was. The "cootie." at first taken somewhat as a joke, became a serious menace, for physicians discovered that he was the greatest little disease carrier on earth, compared with which the New Jersey mosquito was as nothing. It is now generally admitted that the "cootie" transmitted more disease during the war than any other single agency. But now the doctors know all that is to be known about this pest, and have learned to muzzle the however, worked 24 hours a day to meet the demand for subsidary sil-

cootie," so to speak. Disease in time of war has always caused more deaths than shot and shell. This was the duced—an unfailing evidence of accase during the brief Spanish-American war, tive retail trade. and history has repeated itself during the war that has just ended. In this connection it is in-teresting to record the established fact that the total death roll of the United States forces in the war was just about one-half of the toll exacted of us by the recent epidemic of Spanish influenza. Nor should it be overlooked that, in times of peace, the deaths annually from industrial accidents in this country are estimated to be approximately 30,000. In many accidents where the patient is not killed, he or she emerges from the hospital a hopeless cripple. good-natured farmer.

"Thank you," responded the politician. "I will avail myself of your these industrial victims, but will help to restore to usefulness the lame and the halt and the

The two rode on in silence for In a hospital in Milan, Italy, they have been experimenting successfully with a new apparatus which insures immobility of the mouth and jaws, and thus makes it possible for the physician to rebuild, reshape and even to actually restore, lost functions to men who were sufferng from mouth wounds. This marvelous jawlock consists of two light metal arches, one of talkin'; you ain't a doctor 'cause which is placed on the outside of the lower range of teeth and the other on the upper range. you ain't got a bag, and you ain't a preacher, from the looks of you. the whole being fastened to the teeth by metal ligaments in such fashion that no movement of the mouth can distract the physician at work. And while the work goes on, the patient is fed by means of liquid food inserted between the gust. "Politics ain't no profession; interstices of the teeth. By means of this contrivance the wonder worker in surgery can practically make over a human face.

Connected with this amazing hospital in Milan, where war remnants are made over into presentable human beings, is a factory where artificial palates, jaw bones and other parts are manufactured. Some of the products that come from this factory are said to be such astounding substitutes for nature's own handiwork that it is often difficult to tell where nature left off and modern science began.

Equally amazing strides have been made in the manufacture of artificial limbs, which are so cunningly substituted by the attending surgeons that the victim of war has all the appearance of being a whole man. In other words. the war has made it necessary for the surgeon to understand the human anatomy as the skilled mechanician understands a machine that he has helped to build from the ground up. And so familiar have the doctors become with every conceivable sort of disfigurement and mutilation, that a gruesome new art has grown up-an art that smacks of miracles and magic, but is based on common sense, observation of de-tail, and a supernormal skill.

#### One Resolution to Keep.

New Year resolutions are to be respected as ar as they go, but the main problem is whether he new crop revokes the old. There is the nistoric "patch" resolution of the dead yearfamous emblem of patriotic devotion and wifely skill. 'Is it good for another year? Let its paternal sponsor speak the favorable word which will hold the patch on the spot and sus-tain its respectability, at least until Uncle Sam gets through with his wool auction.

# The Bee's Port

Silver Creek, Neb., Dec. 31 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Mr. John Rush of Omaha says he always reads my letters with great pleaskeen perceptive faculties, of a fine discriminating taste and udgment. I am flattered-feel chesty;" I would be less than human if I did not. He then praises my newspaper dope and ends his paean with the somewhat doubtful ompliment that I am usually "more or less logical." Having thus given myself, conceit and vanity a slap in the face, and started me on the down grade to despondency and despair, quite regardless of danger to me from an attack of "flu," he essays to complete the job by throwing several pails of cold water all over me in setting up that in my to the present demand for Irish independence I did not know what

prosecuted on a charge of cruelty o animals? Now I admit that I am ignorant of Irish affairs; but it was not necessary that Mr. Rush should say all that right out loud before folks. I admit that I am not familiar with the story of Irish warriors and poets; of her fairies and fables; of her chieftains and ancient kings; of gods, goblins, superstitions, mestic strifes, bickerings, and hatles; and of her constant friction, quarreling and fighting with her English neighbors, who, like herself, crushed beneath the Norman heel. And I submit that it is not necessary that one should know about all these things in order to arrive at an intelligent conclusion as to what, under present conditions, is best for Ireland, best for the British empire and best for the world: even as to what is expedient

In my letter above referred to, if may repeat without particularly attempting to argue them, I made three principal points: (1) that by reason of their opposition to the cause of the entente allies in the late war, the Irish were not in a favorable position to ask for inde-pendence; (2) that they would not get it if they did ask for it and, in my opinion, ought not to have itand (3) that appeals to Wilson for support would be in vain When he says the Irish did sup-

port the cause of the entente allies up to the time of the side-track-George, Mr. Rush admits my first ontention - they were in fact against England. In that they were suffragists showed more wisdom, more patriotism, more common sense, and at the beginning everything and stood loyally and de votedly for their country against the common enemy, and see one result. even before the war is ended they have the suffrage and are voting for Irish, unlike the women of England. undertook, as in the South African war, to make "England's difficulty Ireland's opportunity." even to the destruction of the British empore. If I were an Englishman or Caidian, an Australian, a African or even a nativ India, I would never consent to the independence of Ireland. As an American I will not consent. With for a hundred years; we need the British empire in our business and independence for Ireland would mean weakness for Britain and strength for her enemies. Who can doubt that with Irish independence during the late war, we should have had German submarine nests in plenty on the Irish coast and that long before now the kaiser would have been dictating terms of peace from the palace of Versailles? CHARLES WOOSTER.

#### Work of the Mints.

New York Herald: No gold was oined by the United States mints during the fiscal year 1918 for the first time since the enactment of the The mints, coinage laws of 1873. ver coins of which the unprecedented amount of \$35,000,000 was pro-

# Seeing Things

Herr Harden talks like an editorial prophet who knew what would happen at the start and didn't dare say so. At the start he remarked the war was a good thing for Ger-many and would be all over in 40

days or something like that. American soldiers around Coblenz are getting on merrily with the youngsters, especially when snow Together they coast the hills round about and have all the noisy oyous sports of the homeland. The uge mounted figure of the first Withelm visions the strange spec-

acle without "batting a lid." China promptly files a claim on the property the Germans stole during the Boxer rebellion. The property consists of valuable bronze astronomical instruments, including two massive revolving globes, which the robbers unblushingly displayed as decorations at the entrance of the Potsdam palace.

The Quirinal palace in Rome is the least pretending of the palaces visited by President Wilson. wardly the building has little attract attention. the sidewalk. Neither ground space nor pillared gates lend an air of royal exclusion. In size only you not think Mr. Rush should be distinguished from its surroundings. A large open court within gives the bling structure built by the popes in the heyday of temporal power. Half score of rooms accessible to visitors are simply furnished, bespeak-ing the economical necessities of the House of Savoy. In times riendly monarchs lent a helping hand in the decorations, as is evidenced in the Chinese and Japanese cooms, a Russian and a German room. The queen's reception room framed in red and gold. Simplicity with the democratic touch abounds the color tones of smoky linerusta
matches an elaborately carved cigar

matches an elaborately carved cigar matches an elaborately carved cigar case within reaching distance of a cozy circle of easy chairs. However case within reaching distance of a cozy circle of east chairs. However the majordomo of the Quirinal is not Lot everybody abdicates but old Hi Costs surpassed anywhere in gorgeousness

#### MIRTHFUL REMARKS. "Even at a feast Damocles had sword hanging over him."

"Just like a married man with orders

Jones-I thought you intended getting rid of Mrs. Brown in such a hurry?
Mrs. Jones-Huh, how could I when
she interrupted me every five minutes?—

Judge. "Do you believe everything he tells

"Then why do you listen to him?

"Because he tells his fables so enter-tainingly,"-Detroit Free Pres. He (angrily)-Don't you think in these

one end canyasback duck and the othered chicken salad Baltimore American. "Couldn't you have fixed up the flive yourself?" asked Mrs. thingsins.
"Yes," answered her husband; "had
I like to take it to the shop once in a
while. The repair ban has a harst
temper and the way he talks about I

#### THE EXCEPTION.

Its walls flank | Everybody's doing it the big and mitte

kings,
The princelets and the dukelets and ela bryo kalserlings; E'en Enver Pasha's grabbed soms go

and shot the chures that run From European palaces into oblivion. The fad has crossed the water, and ou

own great McAdoo Has caught the trend of fashion and has And Ryan, also, growing tired of acris affairs.

copper shares.

would not be a bit surprised to see th sun resign His lighting contract, and the moon and

return to issuing his gilt-edged

polite, Has signified his wish to leave his throns of anthracite

For Dr. Harry Garfield, in a manner mos

up and quit.

-Minna Irving in New York Herald



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