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SERIOUS, BUT NOT AN IMPASSE.
The situation at the Peace conference, developed through the action of President Wilson, is grave, but not beyond a satisfactory solution.

About The War in Europe

New York Evening Post.
More completely even than the German armies from the beginning of the war, the forces of the soviet have waged warfare in interior lines.

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Little Folks' Corner

DREAMLAND ADVENTURE
By DADDY.
King Bird is Stung.
The Mysterious Knight is challenged by King Bird to meet the Knight of the Poisoned Sword in KNIGHTLY COMBAT.

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Where does self-determination come in, when somebody else decides for you?

Recall if you can "54-40 or fight," and do not be too hard on the Italians.

Nebraska ought to smile her prettiest for the Belgian guests who are with us today.

The Victory loan is reported to be lagging. This is wrong, here and everywhere. Get behind it hard!

"Beauty" preparations are to advance in cost, but this will not reduce the volume of sales greatly.

The economic boycott as an adjunct to moral suasion has several chances to make good right now.

No reason why you should not get down on the Victory loan today, if you have not already gone the limit on it.

No, you can not measure patriotism by dollars, but you will not be under suspicion while you are behind a V-loan button.

Self-control is a quality as admirable in nations as in individuals, so hold on to your feelings till this crisis has reached an impasse.

Pancho Villa made a very profitable call at Parral. As usual, the Mexican troops showed up about one day too late to overhaul the bandit.

A presidential campaign is in progress in Mexico, which may account for the renewed activity of the bandit!

A more or less purposeful digger exhumes the information that the original pronunciation of "wasps" was "wops," and suggests a possible parallel.

Now the city council passes the building cost probe to the county, and that will just about complete the circle. Passing the buck continues to be the great indoor sport.

War bread for Europe afforded a pretext for shooting prices higher in America. Wonder what we would be charged for something to eat if the people over there all starved?

The Omaha man who is reported to have cleared \$2,000,000 in a week on a corn deal will find a very interesting interview with Uncle Sam's revenue collector about this time next year.

Americans who have stunted themselves to save food for hungry foreigners, will approve Herb Hoover's words to the bolshevistic Huns. They will behave themselves in Germany, or go hungry to bed.

Chairman Tower of the house committee on insular affairs returns from Porto Rico convinced that the government ought to pay some attention to the island. This is quite a victory, seeing that the people there have been trying to get congress around to that view for the last fifteen years.

Uncle Sam is doing right well in some ways. He has sold his surplus war railway supplies for exactly what they cost him, his excess airplane material for 90 per cent of cost, and ordnance material for 57 per cent. This is better than might have been looked for, judging from past experience.

The esteemed State Journal is getting out on this ice when it makes an attack on the Omaha Chamber of Commerce in connection with the State Teachers' association. Folks have not forgotten how an effort was made to stuff the ballot box in favor of Lincoln a few years ago, nor are they blind to the fact that the present move to divide the association is fostered by Lincoln interests who failed to induce the teachers to change their place of meeting.

Lord Astor's Double Taxes

When William Waldorf Astor, now Viscount Astor, renounced his American citizenship and became a British subject he did not figure on war and taxes. His property being in the United States, mainly, it was from the United States that his income was derived.

In order to beat kaiserism, tax-gatherers everywhere were given extreme powers. On this side of the ocean Lord Astor was readily classed among those favored sons of fortune, no matter where resident, whose incomes gained from domestic investments or business are subject to super as well as normal tax levies.

In England, where he now has his residence, he is assessed in the same way upon his income from foreign investments, and it is said that between the two he is worse off than as if he had no income and that he may have to sell some part of his estate in order to meet his obligations.

Possibly all this is true, but it is an extreme case. We are taxing all incomes, just as Great Britain does, and we do not hesitate on the ground that they are received by citizens or aliens from foreign sources and may have been taxed elsewhere. Almost every day the authorities hold up many emigrants at this port, not citizens of the United States, who are going to Europe, without settling with the collector of internal revenue.

We are taxing Lord Astor because his income is strictly American. Great Britain is taxing him because his income is that of a British subject. Between the two he is experiencing all the inconveniences of property-holding in one country and home-making and citizenship in another. The remedy is in his own hands. If he elects to dispose of his New York estate in order to escape taxation here he will find that in spite of everything it has increased greatly in value, and so there is no reason to fear that he will become a public charge.—New York World.

Whatever bargaining is to be done in the way of settlement must be in the open. Diplomacy must be brought up from its subterranean courses into the light of day, and its operations and devices be in plain view.

If the Italians are seeking consolation of any sort, let them look at the spectacle of Japan at Portsmouth, when Witte replied, "Not a kopek!" to the request for indemnity. Japan then, as now, was required to forego much deemed essential for its political and economic development, and yet has managed to thrive. Italy may do the same without Fiume.

Nebraska's Referendum Law

Several of our very good friends among the state editors have made a mistake as to the attitude of the Bee with regard to the referendum. Notably is this true of the York News-Times, who charges that The Bee is afraid the referendum will hurt the republican party.

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What if the allied invitation to a truce in exchange for food should meet with no better fate than Prinkipo? Opponents of the bolsheviks have argued that the recent soviet successes are a final desperate effort, that the front against Kolchak has been weakened in order to score on the northern and Black sea fronts, where the propaganda value is the highest.

As for the much-advertised soviet invasion of the west this spring, 3,000,000 men marching into Germany, Poland, Hungary and Roumania, that is pretty near nonsense. There are 850,000 allied troops in southeastern Europe today—English, French, Serbs, Greeks, Rumanians and Italians. Of these the English and French alone number nearly 300,000.

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Farmers and Good Government

Farmers are taking more interest in public affairs than ever before. This is fortunate, both for them and for the public. It is fortunate for them because it quickens their interest in affairs outside their own farms and gives them the inspiration which comes with the spirit of public service.

Ship Plans Undergo Change.
Chairman Hurley of the shipping board has just announced the cancellation of contracts for an additional 2,000,000 tons of steel ships, entered into on a war basis.

The Day We Celebrate.
Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph Ward, former prime minister of New Zealand, born 62 years ago.

In Omaha Thirty Years Ago.
A capacity house greeted Edwin Booth, Lawrence Barrett and their players in "The Merchant of Venice."

A North Dakota judge has refused to grant citizenship to an applicant who admitted himself to be an I. W. W. That ought to be enough to deprive even a native of the privilege of voting.

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Twenty-Third Engineers.
Turk.—The Twenty-third engineers is in the highway service and widely scattered.

Caring for Shell Shock Patients.
C. A. B.—"Shell shock" cases are being sent to several different hospitals, depending on the seriousness of the victim's condition.

Many Questions Answered.
Mrs. C. D. S.—Would advise you to write to the adjutant general of the army regarding the unit of the 15th engineers; this regiment was on the sailing list many weeks ago and we have no present address for it.

Anxious—Veterinary hospital No. 7 has not yet been assigned a date for sailing.

Anxious Inquirer.—All divisions of the Second army except the Seventh have been ordered home; the 92d and 93d are coming west in the 38th division in its way across now, and the 82d and 28th are scheduled to sail in May; the Seventh division will sail in the third arm of occupation and remain in the army of occupation indefinitely.

An Interested Reader.—Veterinary hospital No. 7 has not yet been assigned a date for sailing; its address is A. P. O. 714, located at Langres; no orders have yet been issued for the return of this unit.

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Causes of Bolshevism.
Omaha, April 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: We are today face to face with a fact, that we are trying to ignore, and that is the spirit of bolshevism.

IN THE BEST OF HUMOR.

"It is the unexpected that always happens," observed the Sage.
"Will be commented the Fool, "if this is true, why don't we learn to expect it?"

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