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To Germany: "Eventually—why not now?"

"No rogue ever felt the halter under good opinion of the law."

The Germans at Paris are busy little note writers, whatever else they may be.

The League of Nations may be inadequate, but it will work till some better way is found.

We hope that Mr. Bryan's boom for moderator of the Presbyterian church does not collapse.

Get behind the movement to have part of the gallant Eighty-ninth stopped in Omaha and Lincoln on the way to Funston.

Good roads boosters are straining, ready for the start. Getting the program under headway now is only a matter of action.

We hope "Doc" Macrea did not have to go to war in France to find out that a woman can beat a man when it comes to nursing.

Promotions in the fire department do not involve such spectacular proceedings as when a policeman goes higher, but the effect is quite as satisfactory.

Chinese delegates to Paris are promised death if they sign the treaty giving Shantung to the Japanese. This is stronger than any Italian expression of Fiume.

"Gus" Hyers thinks Omaha lacks sympathy with his work. Perhaps. It is hard to work up interest locally in his plan for putting a gate across the Douglas street bridge.

Adding a "division of morale" to the army may or may not improve its efficiency. What we need more is some assurance as to whether we are to have an army in the future.

The postmaster says the mayor is a "nut," the mayor said of the postmaster that he is a public calamity. Both are democrats, and maybe each knows what he is talking about.

The governor and Fred Ayers may not meet on the platform, but their epistolary exchange is assuming the form of a joint debate. Only they have not yet reached the code bill.

Women are credited with having determined the choice of mayor of Lincoln, a fact on which the incumbent will ponder when he comes to make appointments and shape his policy.

Five hundred airplanes are to be bought for the army to keep the industry alive. One might be pardoned for asking what has become of the thousands that were ordered and not delivered.

A New Yorker has concocted a synthetic cocktail to be eaten with a spoon. It is said to have the "kick" too, but we fear it will never be as popular as the drink now about to vanish.

Republican leaders have declined to stage a Kilkenny cat fight to oblige the democrats, therefore the ghost dancers of the down and out crowd will have to invent some new plan to check progress.

Duplicate bids proffered by steel founders to the Navy department may or may not be evidence of collusion, but to an outsider it might be taken as establishing that the estimators know how to figure.

Liquidation of the war account between England and the United States brought us out \$35,000,000 to the good. Now, if a similar issue could be had with some of the home contractors, say the airplane builders, it would be fortunate for Uncle Sam.

The railroad deficit for March is only \$600,000, or nearly two millions a day, which is not a cause for disturbance for the democrats, who have seen the country run behind at not less than a million dollars a day ever since Mr. Wilson took office in 1913. Getting into debt is the best thing they do.

China, Stand Up

China is much fussed up over what has happened to its province of Shantung in the peace conference. Germany had virtually appropriated the province before the war. And now Japan has taken it away from Germany and nobody is on hand to get it back for China. If this fireside companion were conducting a little class on international relations it would call on China to stand up and would then address it as follows:

"It's pretty tough, China, and we Americans are sorry for you. We had much rather Japan hadn't done it. But that's as far as our sympathy goes. We remonstrated with Japan in the secrecy of the peace conference and said the grab didn't harmonize with the 14 points at all. But that's all the good it did. Japan was polite, but firm."

"While we sympathize deeply with you, we don't see our way clear to go out and get shot at on your behalf. That sort of thing would be noble, but it isn't being done this season. In the long run Heaven helps those who help themselves. When you have developed sufficiently, as you will some day, you will take back Shantung and we shall all cheer. Meanwhile we should advise you not to put too much confidence in the league of nations or any other philanthropic organization will do for you."

"What do you do for yourself you can be sure of. What you expect somebody else to do for you—well it won't fetch much on the market. We might be much more consoling if we should discuss the brotherhood of man. But we think in the long run you will be better off to face the facts as they exist. And the facts mean that the millennium hasn't arrived, at least not that anybody would notice it."—Kansas City Times.

HARMONY AMONG REPUBLICANS.

News that Senator Cummins has been chosen by unanimous vote of the republican caucus to be president pro tempore of the senate in the Sixty-sixth congress will not carry any comfort to the democrats. Nor will the retention of Senator Lodge as leader of the senate.

This action by the republicans is significant, for it means that personal likes and dislikes are to be set aside for the general good of the country. Senators are not asked to abandon positions taken and held on certain matters, nor to yield their convictions under party pressure. They are animated by a patriotic desire to serve the nation, and to present a solid front to the opposition, which has abandoned all consideration of the country's welfare in a scramble for personal and party advancement.

Differences as to details of policy, either for the nation or the party, are not finally disposed of by this agreement between the republicans, but whatever they may be, they are not to be pressed to the end of disrupting the party at a time when its existence is such a distinct advantage to the country as a whole. Problems of utmost gravity, not only to America, but affecting the world in general, will be before the congress that meets next Monday, and it is vitally essential that it be organized and controlled by the party that is to be responsible for its acts. The selections announced assure unity of action by statesmen who are devoted to the great task of reconstruction and not with an eye to party chances for the future.

Lower Prices on Wheat.

The first ray of hope for those who have found the cost of living burdensome—and who has not?—is furnished by Food Administrator Barnes, who says lower prices on wheat, all the way from the farm to the dining table are in sight. This does not mean that the farmer is to suffer, for the government guarantee protects him, but the new crop, soon to start from the Texas fields and proceed progressively up to Canada, will bring a lower level to the consumer. Millers and bakers have agreed they will not profiteer as grain becomes cheaper, but will give the public the benefit. This will in a measure affect all prices on staple products. How far the recession from the present high level will be carried may not be guessed at, but it is certain that a dollar will be worth more than its weight in food before a great while. Once the process of readjustment is well set in operation, activities now suspended or held in check will be liberated, and the compensating effect of the demand will be sufficient to check any tendency to panic as prices find a new balance.

Ebert Turns to America.

Just why President Frederick Ebert of Germany should turn to America for help at present is not clear. His direct appeal, in which he sets out the hope that the peace treaty will not be ratified in this country can not be mistaken. By some peculiar process of reasoning Ebert and his associates have read into the Wilsonian fourteen points a meaning not given them elsewhere. This is the more remarkable, in view of the fact that only a short time ago a concerted effort was being made by German propagandists in this country to discredit that collection of ideas, they insisting that Mr. Wilson took his cue from Lloyd George and therefore the fourteen points were of British origin.

This may be laid aside, however, for the peace formulated has been based as nearly as possible on the famous fourteen points. They have not been defined exactly as Ebert, Scheidemann, Lichnowsky and others of their kind would have done, but they have been given vitality in the preparation of a document looking to the enforcement of substantial justice on the greatest offender of all history. Herr Ebert says never has a nation been subjected to a sentence such as is passed on Germany. The plain reply to this is that no other nation ever merited such treatment.

Chief of the fourteen points, so far as affecting the Central Powers, was that which called for restitution and reparation. The execution of this to the limit of German ability to pay is loudly resented by the element that in its moment of triumph took without sparing all it could discover in possession of its victims, or destroyed with diabolic persistence what it could not remove. Lillie and Lens are not forgotten, nor the orchards of northern France. The sign arrogantly displayed in wrecked Bapaume by the retreating Germans read: "Do not be angry; wonder."

And now that this has returned to smite them, they should bless the patience that has spared them, instead of begging America to intervene and save them from justice. Whatever debate may ensue when the treaty is presented to the United States senate will not arise over its terms to the Huns.

Why Omaha Should See the Eighty-ninth.

Not all the soldiers in the Eighty-ninth division are from Nebraska, but many of them are. This is the great fighting organization Leonard Wood trained and headed as far as the seaboard, where he was turned back by an order from Washington. Bitter as was that disappointment, he went to Funston again and took up the work of making soldiers from new material, while the men he had worked into shape traveled to Argonne forest and helped make a name for the American soldier Europe will forever remember. This is but a glimpse at the record of the division. In its ranks march boys from Omaha and from the farms and villages of the state. Omaha followed many of these to the station when they set out on their road to glory; it would like to have the opportunity of showing them how their work is honored. Other soldiers have gone out and come back, and the city has tried to make plain its attitude to them. But the Eighty-ninth holds something peculiar for the community, and it would be most appropriate if some portion of it could be sent along this way, and give the boys a chance to find out just what the home folks are willing to do in the way of getting up a celebration for them.

Senor Pancho Villa adds spice to the presidential campaign in dear old Mexico by burning a few railroad bridges and menacing some important towns. The effects of this ought to show in the vote for Carranza's candidate.

The Arabian prince who says the League of Nations idea is not a new one is right, but his incident of sixty years ago is antedated by several other similar projects, none of which went through.

Better Furnishings for Better Homes

By Dr. James P. Haney, President of the National Association of Decorative Arts and Industries.

No appeal reaches a wider audience than one which invokes a keener interest in the home. Twenty millions of American homes serve to house 100,000,000 inhabitants. Each of these homes is a potential center in which the movement for better furnishings may be carried forward. More than 100 trades cater to these homes, and more than 100 trades should therefore lend their aid to carry forward the society's service.

Our standard of taste in woman's dress has reached high levels. The American woman is held to be the best-dressed in the world. She realizes that her taste is judged by her dress. No long step is required to show her that the home-maker is truly judged by the taste displayed in her home. While not long, this will be an impressive step forward. Once the great mass of American women decide that their homes shall declare their good taste, there will come forward a movement in the art trades such as has never been known.

This proposal may at first give pause, because of the numbers it contemplates. Yet in these very numbers lies its importance. It need be no vain wish. It is something which can be directly stimulated and governed. It is an end which can be definitely brought about. Indeed, it is amazing that so obvious a step has not already been taken. The home is recognized as the center of interest with the American family, yet the thousands of agents which cater to the home have never set about joint action to enable them to help the home-maker. Each has gone about his own business and, seeing no mutual interest in mutual service, has viewed his neighbor in trade with jealousy and apprehension. This harmful and distrustful attitude this organization seeks to destroy. It preaches union in peace as in war.

It stands as an axiom of this society that any one activity that helps develop interest in better home furnishings helps all other agents working toward the same end. Thus those who make fine furniture and arouse an interest on the part of many to possess it, aid in their way those who make fine hangings and fine carpets, and also aid those who furnish china and silver which go into the finely-furnished home.

One home-maker has her interest developed in one way and another in a different way, but the interest once created leads both to better and still better decorations in many different lines. Every one knows the effect upon the household of introducing a single good piece of furniture into a room otherwise badly furnished. The pride in that which is good has acted in innumerable cases to cause the redecoration of a room, and even the refurnishing of an entire home, as standards of taste have been raised.

In many cases our manufacturers have still to raise their own standards of taste. Often in the past they have confused novelty with excellence and have attempted to capture markets by the creation of bizarre and unusual forms. This is style madness. It is an effort to achieve originality not by adherence to the principles of good design, but by a stampede of the public into purchasing furnishings which are bound to become a burden to the eye. The history of the art trades is filled with lamentable stories of store houses filled with "out-of-date" styles, of capital locked up or lost forever in material which had its brief day in the market and then ceased to find a purchaser.

Better standards of taste in the home can only proceed through merchants and manufacturers who have learned the fundamental lessons of what makes for better taste in the manufactured product. When this lesson is learned, there will be a demand for American designers which will bring into existence the needed schools. It cannot be too often repeated that these designers can never be brought into existence until the home-making interests of this country understand this national need, and act untidily to work for the creation of the necessary schools. We have talent in this country, but talent without training can aid the country not at all. If our art industries are to depend, as they should depend, upon the creations of our own gifted designers, then these designers must be trained in the high schools and led toward the industries. In many cases they are led away from them. They should be aided by scholarships founded by the manufacturers, and should be given opportunity in trade studies the country over, to display their talent. Our manufacturers have plain responsibility in this matter. They have shirked this in the past, but they must not and cannot be allowed to shirk it in the future. One of the functions of this association is to point out this responsibility and to insist upon it in every possible way, until those responsible see their interest in the establishment of sources of supply from which they can draw home-trained talent into our art industries.

Another point for which the association stands is more advertising and better advertising. This is needed to ward off the interest of the public in the better home. Pointed lessons are to be learned in this direction from the automobile industry. Its advertising is omnipresent everywhere. It has taught the American people what fine design and fine furnishing mean in automobiles. The veriest street boys knows the pattern of famous cars, and lads and girls in the teens talk knowingly of the good points of this tonneau or that. This action on the part of the automobile trade has raised the standard of taste in this industry for the entire country. The home furnishing trade can do the same if they will join forces in co-operative advertising.

The power of graphic illustration—good pictures in connection with good reading matter—has been underestimated by the trade. To raise public standards of taste, one must continually show better forms or better arrangements. The public must also be shown why the better is better. The lesson to be learned must be repeated over and over again. But every little helps. Even a single shop keeper who is wise to recognize what a well-dressed window can do, and who is willing to fill his own with well-designed rooms, can affect the point of view of an entire town.

Advertisers also learn much from one another. Every one has seen how one great tobacco company, through its own well-arranged windows, has caused thousands of local competitors to seek to reach the standard thus set for them. For the same reason, one interior decorator with an attractive display will lead every merchant in town to seek to emulate such showing. Good taste in this sense becomes contagious. The lesson is passed from merchant to merchant and from customer to customer.

TODAY

The Day We Celebrate.

Admiral Sir Cecil Burney, a famous veteran of the British naval service, born 61 years ago. Rear Admiral George A. Bicknell, U. S. N., retired, born at Batavia, N. J., 73 years ago. Dr. Edward A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia, born at Wilmington, N. C., 58 years ago.

Henry A. Doherty, New York capitalist and a noted leader in gas and electric arts and industries, born at Columbus, O., 49 years ago.

In Omaha Thirty Years Ago.

Senator A. S. Paddock is at The Murray. A nest of timber wolves was found about two miles north of the city by Law Price. He captured six cubs and sent them for pets. Ex-Governor Dawes is in Omaha. Hon. J. T. Paulsen and wife left for Europe; also Charles J. Karbach and wife.

Friend of the Soldier

Replies will be given in this column to questions relating to the soldier and his problems, in and out of the army. Names will not be printed.

Ask The Bee to Answer.

Technical Publications.

Mrs. G. W. H.—We are unable to find the address of one of the publications your son has asked for. The Newspaper Directory for 1919 does not disclose the name of any such paper as "The Automobile World." The Motor World, which is very like the paper your son is looking for, is published in New York City, its address being 231 West Thirty-ninth street. The Aerial Age also is published in New York City, its address being 280 Madison avenue. Thank you very much for your commendation of our efforts to be of service to soldiers, their families and friends.

Lost Discharge Papers.

R. T.—If a soldier has lost his discharge papers he will find it very difficult, if not impossible, to secure a duplicate set. He may get from the adjutant general of the army a certified copy of his service record, which will stand in lieu of the lost discharge papers. Even this will require considerable time and the soldier who has lost his discharge papers should lose no time in getting into communication with his late company commander, that the business of replacing them may be started before the circumstances of his service and discharge have been forgotten. The 88th division did not reach France, at least it is not mentioned in General Pershing's report as having taken any part in the operations on the front. It was one of the late arrivals in France, but we cannot give you the date of its landing.

Southern Department.

Mrs. F. W. P.—Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, is headquarters of the Southern department of the army, and all requests for discharge or other reasons must be sent there for final approval. The commander of the department is at this time Major General Holbrook. He is under the orders of the general commanding the army at Washington, this being the 19th division of the army. No time is noted for the arrival of the transports, but none of the units of this division have yet landed. Announcements should be made very soon.

Many Questions Answered.

D. D.—Several units of the motor transport corps have been sent home for demobilization, but as you neglected to mention the one in which you are interested, we can not tell you if it is on this side or in France.

J. V.—The 26th division was on the April sailing schedule, and is now on its way across the Atlantic. Letters intended for him should be sent to the adjutant general of the army, Washington, D. C. All applications for release from the service must be directed to the commander of the company in which the soldier is serving, who will see to sending them forward through proper military channels.

F. M.—We regret that we are unable to give you any definite information with regard to the 19th ammunition train or the 122d engineers, beyond the fact that they are now in the army of occupation. Dates for sailing are frequently announced and then changed for reasons that are not made public. Improvement in transport service is making it a shame to bring home men of these detached units, but no word is given of the movement until they reach this side.

B. K.—The 21st engineers is in light armor service for general duty, being stationed near Gondrecourt at last accounts. Its postoffice address is via A. P. O. 703. It is not in the army of occupation, nor has it been assigned to any post in France.

P. P.—Military police company 235 has not yet been assigned a date for sailing from France. It is still at Bordeaux, attached to base section 2 of the A. P. O. R. K.—The 89th division is on the schedule to sail in June. Plans are being made to hold a great celebration at Camp Funston when this division returns for final demobilization. A division in the American army at full strength contains a few over 28,000 men, being about double the size of a division in the French or German armies.

Lost Bonus Check.

Soldier's Mother—The first step to the recovery of a bonus check lost in the mail is to notify the postmaster where you mailed it, that he may properly report it to the postoffice authorities; then write to the Zone Finance Officer, Lemon building, Washington, D. C., giving him an account of the circumstances, that payment may be stopped on the missing check. A duplicate may be issued at time, but only on the furnishing of bond to protect the government against double payment of the claim.

Novel Fence in Michigan.

Years ago on the big road near Monroe, Mich., somebody built a fence by forcing split boards between saplings. Then the trees grew, and the fence grew with them, and they are of immense size, and deeply embedded in them are the ends of those old rails. It is impossible to now get any rails into the tree trunks. They are weathered, yet they ring as true under a hammer as if just hewn.

DAILY CARTOONETTE

JOHN HENRY DON'T YOU COME INTO THIS HOUSE WITH THOSE WET SHOES ON! LEAVE THEM OUTSIDE!

AND HE DID!

Are You A Tobacco Goat?

If So, Write Dr. Elders For His New Discovery That Quickly Banishes Old Man Tobacco Forever.

Dr. Elders' Tobacco Banisher is all forms of Tobacco Habit, in 72 hours, A. P. O. 703, quick and permanent relief is yours. No craving for tobacco after the dose. Guaranteed satisfaction in every case. Send no money, just your name and address for free information, to Dr. Elders, Mail Order Dept. 207, St. Joseph, Mo.

Don't be a Tobacco Goat any longer.

"They Are Sure What They Are Recommended For"

CADOMENE TABLETS—ARE

Mr. W. A. Kitzberger writes: "I wish to state that I am using your Cadomene Tablets, and I am on the third tube at this time. I must say that they are sure what they are recommended for and you can use my name as one to testify." Cadomene Tablets, the favorite prescription of a great physician, are recommended to nervous, worn-out, tired people with stomach trouble and impoverished blood. These tablets are tonic to the various vital organs and soon restore health and strength. Sold by druggists everywhere in sealed tubes.—Ad—

Little Folks' Corner

DREAMLAND ADVENTURE

By DADDY.

(Peggy and Billy are taken by Smiling Teacher on a flying trip to the Sahara desert aboard a geography-plane. They are attacked by a young Bedouin who comes to the rescue.)

CHAPTER V.

The Dance in the Desert.

THE lion was so keen to catch Peggy and Smiling Teacher that he did not see the Bedouin galloping toward him. When he did awaken to his peril, he was taken entirely by surprise, the Bedouin being only a few yards away and coming like the wind.

The lion halted his rush, and tried to gather himself to meet the attack of the Bedouin. He was too late. Before he could do more than crouch back and raise a paw to ward off the blow he saw coming, the spear of the Bedouin was at his throat. One powerful thrust and the spear was deep within him. It was a death stroke, and quickly the great beast sank lifeless upon the sands. As this happened the lioness, roaring in fury, came dashing to the aid of her stricken mate. The Bedouin wrenched his spear from the throat of the lion and whirled to meet the lioness. She launched herself fiercely at him, but he reined his horse sharply to one side and thrust with his spear, catching her in the flank. The sharp point stuck home and the lioness fell dead.

The Bedouin gave a shout of victory, then brought his horse quickly to a stop and dismounted. He looked then over with pleased surprise, while they looked blank in frank curiosity.

"You have saved our lives. We thank you," said Smiling Teacher. "It was a bit of sport," answered the Bedouin in excellent English. "From what far land comes such a beautiful hour?" And he looked at Smiling Teacher with bold admiration.

"We are from America," replied Smiling Teacher.

"I had heard that its women were fair as the moon, but not until now did I know it was true," answered the Bedouin. "Welcome to our desert camp. My people are here."

Up galloped other Bedouins, dressed like the first, in flowing, gaily colored robes. Behind them came laden camels. In almost the twinkling of an eye the tents were pitched and camp-fires were started, for night was falling swiftly, as it does closer to the equator.

Smiling Teacher and Peggy were treated with grave hospitality by the Bedouins, being invited to partake of supper, a strange meal made up of unfamiliar dishes.

The young Bedouin who had rescued them quickly revealed himself to be the son of the sheik, the gray bearded leader of the tribe. He talked much to Smiling Teacher, upon whom the romance of the place seemed to be working a spell.

After supper the boys of the camp put on a regular circus, somersaulting, tumbling, building pyramids, and turning cart wheels. They were followed by a man dancer, who danced and whirled around and around until Peggy and Smiling Teacher were dizzy watching him. Then came women dancers in an exhibition so odd that it made Peggy gasp.

"Why, we can dance better than that!" she exclaimed to Smiling Teacher.

"Halt!" cried the son of the sheik to the dancers. "The fair strangers are going to dance for us." The women drew back, their players began to sound a lively air and quickly Peggy and Smiling Teacher found themselves dancing.

Romance was in the air, and Smiling Teacher danced a dance of romance, Peggy caught her spirit and danced with her. The flickering fire, the rising moon, the waiting felines and the stars in the dark-faced audience sitting in a circle about them seemed to inspire them. Happy, gay, adventurous, they put all the surging feelings into the poetry of motion.

Suddenly the young Bedouin ran forward and began a wild, leaping dance. It was swift, violent, and quickly over.

It ended with his grasping Smiling Teacher in his arms.

"My bride from America," he cried. "This night we shall wed."

"Ah, ah, ah! Happy bride of the son of the sheik!" chanted the Bedouins.

"No, no, no!" cried Smiling Teacher, pale with fear.

"You shall be queen of my harem," exclaimed the young Bedouin. "No, I am promised to a sweet-heart in America," pleaded Smiling Teacher. "America is far away," declared the young Bedouin.

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Daily Dot Puzzle

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