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## You should know that

Omaha is a city of business opportunities and of wealth evenly distributed.

You may fire when ready, Palmer!

in price rather than in brick and mortar.

Looks like bolshevism were breaking into base ball. May the best man win! The High School of Commerce is going up

The brotherhoods' plan could not make the

railroad situation much worse than it is. "Treat 'em rough" seems to be the "morals"

squad rule, no matter where it operates. Nice little rains are making trouble for the

John Mitchell says the high price of wheat is the basis of all the trouble. Well, it had to be laid somewhere.

outfit that hopes to profit by a corn crop failure.

If the prince of Wales only can get here in time for Ak-Sar-Ben he will have a story to tell when he gets home.

Omaha will have to struggle along without a new city jail for at least a few months. Those of us who never use one will not care much.

A Chicago judge ordered a boost of \$2 a week in alimony to a wife whose husband's wages had just been increased. This is starting it around the circle, all right.

Why not suspend traffic over the Douglas street bridge altogether, and thus relieve the 'morals" squad of the necessity of "putting the

Wall street evidently got a hunch as to what may happen when the authorities begin to take acttion. However, another crop of lambs will soon be ripe for the shearing.

fear of God" into respectable citizens?

Shipping and fuel representatives are asking a coal commission to prevent "disaster After what they went through with for four long winters, the worst that peace could do should seem relief.

Wage advances have been of little help to workmen, where the cost of living goes steadily higher, traveling faster than the rate of pay. That is why strikes are of no avail in settling she difficulty.

Colonel Patrick of the air service says that airplanes were not wantonly burned in France. On the contrary, eye-witnesses and participants say it was done with the utmost nonchalance and sang froid.

Harry B. Zimman was a corking good grocery clerk before he went into the city council, and now he will have a chance to put his expert knowledge to excellent use, at least until Commissioner Ure comes home and takes charge of the "muny" grocery store.

Prince Aage has the better of it, so far as prohibition is concerned. He is in no danger of drouth in Denmark, and from his vantage point may sympathize with his unfortunate friends over here who are trying to assuage their thirst with "2.75" or something weaker.

If you are interested in the prospects of a permanent peace in the Balkans, behold, the Roumanians pillaging Budapest. In good season the Hungarians will return the compliment. And that is only part of the muss we will be mixed into when the League of Nations comes into play.

## Gompers and the Germans

All the world dearly loves a fighter for a good cause, as well as a lover, and most folk vill take grim satisfaction in the way that Samuel Gompers is laying about him at the International Trades Union Congress in Amsterdam. There is no mealy mouthed crawfishing on the part of Gompers in refusing to accept the flabby explanations of the German trades union delegates that they "just went along" with German militarism and imperialism during the war because they "thought they were fighting a defensive war." And in his uncompromising attack on this effort of the Germans to evade their full responsibility Mr. Gompers not only voices the formal protest of the outraged Belgian workers, but he himself represents more nearly than anybody else the view of all the workers of all the Allied countries, who cannot forget or overlook the extraordinary sheeplike attitude of their brethren in Germany, who, like Bob Toombs, loud mouthed and "invincible in peace," were "invisible in war" and stood by while their companions in Belgium were actually bound into industrial slavery in Germany before their very eyes. That they allowed this without protest arms Mr. Gompers with a case and enables him to expose this type of German hypocrisy as well as the amazing effort of the Holland extremists to save the face of the German delegates by blaming the war on "capitalism" and even "American militarism." What the new group of international trade unionists need as they prepare to bury the old international is to take a candid, open attitude toward facts and not to spend the time in the mere ventilation of disproved and discredited theories. And it looks as if Mr. Gompers, whether they like it or not, is going to hold the delegates to this task .- Philadelphia Ledger.

### WILD TALK AND ITS RESULTS.

Mr. B. M. Jewell, vice president of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor, may be and probably is right in his statement that any plan to settle the wage controversy by act of congress will fail. Wage scales can not be successfully made the subject of law. But Mr. Jewell is talking wildly when he asserts that the shop hands will, unless their demands are granted, "tie the roads so tight they can not run." Such a threat must inevitably react on the maker and the men he

represents. If Mr. Jewell is sincere in his expressed purpose, he would very much better serve his own ends by keeping still until time comes to act. This is not a good time to try a bluff on the American people. And if he wants to try stopping all industry by a general strike, it might help him if he would prepare by studying the history of the American labor movement as applied to the railroads. Let him begin by looking up the record of the strike of the engineers in 1877; then the fate of the Martin Irons endeavor in the middle eighties might interest him, and the "A. R. U." strike of 1894, when Eugene V. Debs fell into the same hole that engulfed Martin Irons. There is matter enough in the history of the seventeen years here involved to give subject for deep consideration by any labor leader who hopes to tie up the railroads so tight they can not run.

Quite aside from this, Mr. Jewell should. keep in mind that in event he were able to carry out his philanthropic purpose, his own people would be the greatest sufferers. They, like all other large groups of workers, are dependent for their daily bread of the steady movement of food supplies to the cities. If this is cut off, starvation faces them. Mr. Jewell's remarks may be set down as the extravagance of a man who is suffering the effects of a hot day, but viewed even from that point, they do not help the cause of labor any.

### Sound American Doctrine.

In addressing the grand jury called to inquire into the Chicago race riot, the presiding judge said: "The government that can not protect the humblest citizen can not protect the strongest, and is a weak and inefficient government." That this is pertinent criticism of the local government of Chicago is not of so much importance as its broader application to national affairs. The doctrine is soundly American. Unless the organized forces of law and order can afford protection to all the citizens all the time, equally and certainly, there is a fundamental weakness in the system. All the responsibility does not rest on the government. however. Some part of it must be borne by the individual, who by his own conduct is expected to contribute continually to the maintenance of law and order. When this is understood, and observed accordingly, race riots will cease. Only when people take the law into their own hands is peace disturbed by unseemly proceedings of the sort that disgraced Washington and Chicago recently. Time enough will be had for inquiry into the direct and collateral causes of the outbreaks, but the first business of the courts will be to search out those guilty of the high crimes committed, and see to it that they are adequately punished. Our government owes this much to its own

## Limiting the Height of Buildings.

An ordinance now before the city council would limit the height of buildings to be erected in the future to 125 feet, or eight stories, generally speaking. This is not a new matter in Omaha, for as long as thirty years ago, when the Bee building and the New York Life represented the acme of local "skyscrapers," the question of limiting the altitude of future buildings was vigorously debated. At that time four stories was seriously put forward as the ideal height for a structure of any kind. The question has at least two sides. and should be carefully considered from all angles before being finally determined. Minneapolis has adopted 175 feet as the standard, thus permitting at least four more stories than Omaha would sanction. We still have plenty of unoccupied ground on the town site to allow the construction of low buildings to accommodate the growing traffic of the city, and we have many more buildings under than over the proposed rule. Will it not be well to allow the city to grow a little longer in its own disorderly way, rather than to undertake to guide and repress its tendencies, lawless though they may seem, and offensive to the exquisite aesthetic taste that reveals in an artistic skyline? Suppose nature had adopted such a scheme in relation to forest trees and other features of the landscape? Social use will still determine business values, and city ordinances are not likely to change the trend of growth very much.

Sunday Ice Delivery. The Bee has won its fight for Sunday delivery of ice. When the ordinance was passed, this paper protested against it, and steadily since then we have called attention to the absurdity of this law and asked for its repeal. Ostensibly intended to preserve overworked ice wagon men from the necessity of toiling seven days a week throughout the hot summer weather, the ordinance produced the conditions that might have been foreseen from the first. It shut off supplies to humble homes of thousands who need ice on Sunday and yet have no facilities for storing a sufficient supply to last until Monday. Now that the ordinance has been repealed, and the sale and delivery of ice on Sunday is again permitted, it is up to the ice companies to so adjust their working forces that men will not be asked to work longer service steadily, as is done in other industries. Let us have our ice on a common sense basis.

Half the reserve of the "muny" ice plant is gone, reports the commissioner. The time to complain is when it is all out. Just now it can be used for no better purpose than to supply the citizens. And, by the way, when a limit was set on the amount a patron can buy at the "jitney" stands, was any similar restriction put on the ice cream factories that are being furnished with ice from the city factory?

Argentina is in trouble with Great Britain just now because of inability to refrain from helping Germany while the war was on. The specific item is the purchase of an interned German steamer in the fall of 1918, when the end of the war was in sight. A lesson in behavior may help the Buenos Aires politicians

## Pay of American Consuls

Richard Spillane in Philadelphia Ledger. In calling attention to the wretched pay of our consuls, our commercial agents and our diplomatic representatives, the Corn Exchange National bank has done a good work.

You cannot expect fine workmanship if you use cheap tools picked up from the bargain counter or at rummage sales. Neither should you expect the best of service from underpaid

It is a marvel that we have had good men in our consular service. Some of them have been of very great service. There probably are few more valuable men in the consular work of any nation than George H. Scidmore, who has been in Japan for us for many years, yet he has received only a pittance. One United States consul in a Latin-American port did a work during the war that was of inestimable worth to this country, yet he does not get as much as some Western Union messenger boys who are in the Wall street district in New York earn.

Recently when the government was looking for especially high-class men to go into foreign fields and study particular industries a man of unusual ability who had been manager of a great wholesale dry goods establishment and owner of a large department store offered his services. He spoke four languages. He thought he could be of much value in broadening America's cotton and woolen trade. He has a fair income, but when he found that he had to submit to a rigid examination and trot down to Washington at various times and then wait four or six months for a verdict, and if he was successful he might get a job paying \$3,000, or at the extreme \$3,600, he decided he did not care to make the sacrifice, so he resumed business, and now is the head of a considerable establishment

American consuls are not paid on an average as much per day as plasterers or riveters or locomotive engineers, yet they are expected to live in a style to maintain the dignity of this great nation, be able to look after the commercial and other affairs of their country in the foreign field to which they are assigned

and generally be a credit to America. William C. Redfield, secretary of commerce is a practical man. He knows business from the manufacturing end as do few persons who have held office in Washington. He has been remarkably efficient in his administration of the Department of Commerce, but he is expecting too much of consuls and is not doing justice to them when he permits them to struggle along on pay that does not assure to them a decent living.

Mr. Redfield figuratively might camp on the steps of the capitol for a week or a month or two finding diversion now and then by throwing his card or a brickbat at congress and blithely announcing he would continue the pleasing practice until he got enough money to pay decent salaries to Uncle Sam's consular presentatives in every part of the world.

The foreign trade of this country is \$10, 000,000,000 annually. It is difficult for the human mind to grasp the immensity of this sum. It is going to be bigger, much bigger. Its growth depends to a degree upon the class and character of the men who represent us in the fields abroad.

American business cannot afford to have the old stingy system maintained. Good men are worthy of good pay. In the consular service this is especially true at this time when we are entering upon our great enterprise in world trade, for which we are spending in ships alone a colossal sum.

## Strength of German Government

The rejection, by a vote of 243 to 53, in the German national assembly, of a motion of lack of confidence in the Bauer government may not fully measure the strength of the opposi-The motion was framed by the Junker Right, and the Extreme Left has more faith But as this test was followed by an affirmative vote of confidence by a large majority, the cabinet seems firmly seated

The predictions of some weeks ago that the Welmar system must succumb prove thus far fallacious. There has been much material for discontent. The proposed capital tax has been favorably considered by the council. Fierce dispute over war-guilt followed Herr Erzberger's sensational charge against former Chancellor Michaelis. Hotheads in Silesia are raising an army for the defense of the empire

Conditions of life are very hard, as in all Europe, with the growing consciousness, in addition, of German responsibility for the slaughter. Bolshevism in Russia, so-called communism in Budapest and even in Munich, strikes and riots for political ends in many cities, have set a scene for disorder and chaos; yet with many reasons for falling, the government refuses to fall.

This is a fact to be accepted with relief throughout the world. There can be no stability in a peace with Germany if there is no government of sufficient strength to carry out the nation's undertakings. Irrespective of the fate of individual cabinet members, the Weimar experiment is showing a most welcome vitality.-New York World.

## What It Costs to Dress

Presumably after much serious thought the experts of the United States industrial board have composed a wardrobe for a workingman and another for his wife, with prices showing how much more it costs to dress with economy in March, 1919, than it did in 1914. Accepting these figures, which indicate that the workingman and his wife now pay nearly twice as much to dress themselves as they did five years ago, one is surprised to find that both dress for almost identically the same sum. In 1914 he and she would have dressed, respectively, for \$58.65 and \$58.15; but now they pay \$106.15 and \$101.80. His "three pairs of overalls," for example, have gone from \$2.25 to \$5.55 and her "three aprons" from 90 cents to \$2.25. One is surprised, too, at the discovery that the man of the family spends more for his hats than the woman; and even today an estimate of \$3.60 for any woman's hats, how many is not stated, does not seem exorbitant. One wonders also how the board experts decided on the number of overalls for the workingman and the number of aprons for his wife.-Christian Science Moni-

The Day We Celebrate. Alfred Bloom of Alfred Bloom company

John A. Gentleman, undertaker, born 1881. Abrak L. Elkus, former United States am-

bassador to Turkey, born in New York City Mrs. Edith C. Roosevelt, widow of the late Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, born at Norwich,

Conn., 58 years ago.
Phillips Lee Goldsborough, former governor of Maryland, born at Cambridge, Md., 54 years

Earl of Leve nand Melville, the first British peer seriously wounded in the late war, born 29 years ago.

## Thirty Years Ago in Omaha.

ecompanied by his family.

Euclid Martin, president of the Board Trade, is home from a western trip.

The wrestling match between Evan Lewis, the Strangler, and McMillan, the Strong Man, comes off at the Coliseum this evening.

City Attorney Webster has made out bond in the sum of \$50,000 for Fowler and Beindorff. architects for the new city hall. Judge Kelley, assistant general attorney for the Union Pacific, has gone to Salt Lake City,

## Our Free Legal Aid

State your case clearly but briefly and a reliable lawyer will furnish the answer or advise in this column. Your name will not be printed.

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## Cigaret Law.

P. W.-When the new cigaret law as passed by the state legislature was soon to go into effect a re port was current that it would be illegal to give to another a cigar or cigaret without having a license to sell. Was not this report incorrect?

Answer-I do not know anything about the report you refer to, but the law is not subject to such construction, if there was such a report current at the time.

## Wages.

F. L. Y .- I am working for a farmer by the month and hear he intends to fire me soon. I have potatoes and other garden truck Can he compel me to move if I refuse to sell the potatoes and garden to him? Can he compel me to move until my potatoes are ready

to dig? Answer-In answer to your question it depends upon your contract. However, from the meager information contained in your inquiry will say the landlord by proper legal proceedings could and your action against him would be for damages sustained for breach of contract. There is no way he can compel you to sell to him your garden product.

Exemption. E. E. R.—The communication you received from the collection agency need not bother you. There is no way that they can enforce payment that you refer to until you are in a position to pay. If suit is brought against you and a judgment is secured you can file an affi davit for exemption as required by law and they cannot take your

## Wages. D. L.—I am a stenographer and have been working for my present

employers several years. Each year I take a vacation and they deduct my wages. Is there any law justifying my employer from deducting wages for a vacation given

Answer-You are not entitled to vages unless your employer voluntarily pays you.

## Child's Wages.

A. C. E.—For several years I ave been working and earning money. My parents take all my live at home. Am I entitled to my wages and do I have to pay board Please answer these through your Legal Aid column.

Answer—Your wages belong to your parents until you are 21 years

J. E. D.—Can a girl 16 years of age get married without her parconsent? Answer-Parents' consent

necessary in order to secure a li-Stock.

#### W. M .- I purchased ten shares of stock in . company and at the

time of purchase I agreed not to resell it to anyone. Is such contract binding upon me? Answer-No

#### Workmen's Compensation. C. D. Y .- My employer sent me

on an errand and while crossing the street I was struck by a street car. those put at the bottom the prom-Am I entitled to the wages provided for under the compensation law?

## Bigamy.

D. A. B .- If I am divorced in Nebraska and marry again before six months in South Dakota and come back to Nebraska to live, and after my six months is up am I still a blgamist, or am I free, or is it that I am always one? Could the moth er of the children get the children for that if she proves that she is capable of providing and caring for

braska after six months you could not be guilty of bigamy. The custody of the children would in no way be affected by the fact that the marriage was contracted in another state prior to the six months' period.

## Contract.

J. M .- I bought a Case tractor from parties through the mail and paid them the cash and they said it was practically new with the exof plowing ten acres doing demonstration work, and when I tried to use this machine it would not work and I wrote to them in regard to it and they said it was covered by the Case guarantee, and I wrote to the Case Co. and they said they sold this tractor in 1916 through the above parties as their agents and their guar-antee had run out on it. I have all letters that I received from them.

Answer-If the tractor was misrepresented to you you can sue for damages or rescind the contract and

## sue for your money back. IN THE BEST OF HUMOR.

"Has our client a good case?"
"Good for several thousand dollars."
Boston Transcript.

Flubdub—How are the life preservers on this boat?
Guzzier—Fine. I've just had three, as good as I ever drank.—Topeka Journsl. "Been out to visit the Browns at their

"She just kissed that tail girl 16 times."
"Shows she must love her, eh?"
"Shows she must hate her, I think."—
Leuisville Courier-Journal.

## DAILY CARTOONETTE.

AS A BIRTHIAY PRESENT I'M GOING TO GIVE MY WIFE THE MONEY TO BUY A NEW S DRESS!



## Little Folks' Corner

## DREAMLAND **ADVENTURE**

By DADDY.

## "THE CIRCUS BIRD."

(Judge Owl grows into the biggest owl in the world when Peggy and Billy plant him in the hothouse. He seeks to join a circus, but the manager is afraid to hire him for fear the tiger will be jealous. Peggy and Billy set up a circus of their own. Judge Owl, growing hungry, takes the meat of the circus animals.)

## The Tiger Goes Flying.

TOO! Hoo! Too! Too! This H meal is good!" screeched that?" he shouted. Judge Owl, gobbling down the supper of the circus animals. "Yow! Ow-ow-ow!" howled the tiger from the menagerie tent, "I'm

"You! Ow-ow-ow! We're all hunry!" howled the lions, the wolves, the hyenas, the leopards and other

"Judge Owl, you take that meat right back where it belongs," scolded Peggy, frowning very severely at "Those circus animals Judge Owl. need their supper." Judge Owl winked at Peggy and then winked at the audience, which had gathered in Peter's back yard to see him. "I am putting it where it be-longs," he chuckled. "I need my

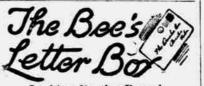
supper more than they do because manager. am bigger than they are. The audience laughed and laughed when Judge Owl winked and said They couldn't understand his talk, of course, but they understood his wink and his chuckle as he gob-

been in mischief and had run away with some one else's supper. The cries of the hungry circus animals grew louder and more an-

bled the meat. They knew he had



I'm Not Afraid." Declared the Manager, Stepping Forward.



York, Neb., Aug. 3.-To the Editor of The Bee: Would it be out of the way to hunt up those old placards that adorned the walls of the headquarters of the democratic national committee, as well as state, county and city committees, in 1912, showing the "H. C. L." as the "most serious question discussed over every American breakfast table," billboard the country them? Then to give it a real democratic coloring, dig up the ones making the charges as to who was to blame. And as a balance against ises made to the people "to be kept." And now, if you want to this the exhibits from one to nineninty-nine of their performances, and you will have made up a good

So we will not stop to explain exhibits one by one, but let you do that between heats. After a run to keep up with the shifts of new claims and promises. Then get "Congressional Government," by "Congressional Government," by Prof. Woodrow Wilson, and the "New Freedom," by Candidate Woodrow Wilson, and interline them

with recent doings, and you will have a drama that is tragic. Now don't ask me again, "Why hark back to what is gone?" while every means in reach is being used and abused to hide the past and build up a new reputation on more promises, yet if they insist, we will try and make it as plain and specific as article X in the league of nations covenant. FRANKLIN POPE.



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## gry. They wanted it right away, which wasn't a bit strange, as they were given only one meal a day and a delay sharpened their appetites a lot. The circus people, too,

were angry. Led by the manager in his high hat, the animal keepers and canvas men came flocking to the gate of Peter's yard. We want "Where's that owl? We want that meat he stole," cried the man-

ager.
"There's the owl and there's the meat. Go in and get it," said Billy, letting the manager and head animal trainer pass through the gate. The head trainer's eyes nearly popped out of his head as they rested on Judge Owl's huge form. kangaroos, what's

"It's only an owl. Get that meat away from him," ordered the man-"No, thank you! I'll let you do

that," said the head trainer, backing away. "I'm not afraid," declared the manager, stepping forward. Owl stopped eating and cocked his head on one side as he looked at

moment, then took another step forward. "His-s-ss!" went Judge Owl, jus like a goose. The manager stopped short. Hoo! Hoo! Too! Too!" suddenly screeched Judge Owl, spreading his wings, ruffling his feathers and darting his head toward the

the manager. The manager halted

"Howling hyenas!" yelled the manager, leaping backward. Near him was the open window of a coal shed. Through this the manager dived in a panic, ment to feel Judge Owl's beak grabbing him in the back. But Judge Owl only chuckled and went on with his supper, while the addience yelled in glee. This show was funnier than the circus itself.

"Some bird! He ought to be in our circus," gasped the head trainer. "How much did that meat cost you?" asked Billy, who hadn't inended for a minute not to pay for

the meat which Judge Owl had "It cost \$20," answered the head

"Then here is \$20 for the meat and \$2 extra for your trouble," said Billy, counting out the money from the sum he had taken in at the gate. 'Now all you circus men can come

politely. The circus men certainly were astonished when they saw how big Judge Owl was and how well he was trained. While they were looking at him the uproar of the hungry animals in the menagerie abruptly stopped short, only to break out again, louder than before. "Yow-ow-ow!"

Banking

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"The tiger is loose!" cried the circus men. At that moment the great, striped body of the tiper flashed into view. One great bound carried him over the fence into yard. Another carried him to the top of the coal shed, from where he looked down, snarling and showing "Meat! Fresh meat!" growled the tiger, crouching as if about to leap into the startled crowd.
"Meat! Fresh meat," cried Judge Owl. With that he pounced on the and bearing the astonished jungle

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