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You should know that Omaha is one of only three cities which are conducting a national advertising campaign.
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MISSION OF THE PRESIDENT.
The president is on the point of leaving Washington, to accomplish his speech-making journey throughout the west. The avowed object of this is to create sentiment in favor of the Versailles treaty with its covenant for a League of Nations. He will find a great change in public sentiment on the main point. Americans are as thoroughly devoted to peace and all it contains as ever, but they are not persuaded that the proposed league contains all the elements of peace.

Certain of its provisions, the ones that really govern, appear to contain the elements of even greater wars than the one just ended. It is becoming well understood that the present covenant is really an invitation to Germany to organize an opposing league, easy enough to do with central Europe and a revived Russia, and instead of the nations being in one camp, they will be again in two with an aggressive, warlike and powerful people at the head of one, looking to revenge on the other.

Mussel Shoals a Deep Disgrace.
Attorney General Palmer has announced an inquiry into the Mussel Shoals nitrate plant, with a view to possible criminal prosecutions. He will not have to dig very deep to find ample employment for federal grand juries, for of all the shameful profiteering jobs perpetrated in the name of war, this is the most scandalous. Any delinquency alleged in connection with the air craft or munitions failures is mild and innocuous alongside this monumental bit of jobbery.

When the army appropriation bill was before the house last January it was discovered that \$60,000,000 actually had been expended on the Mussel Shoals project, and a further appropriation of \$14,000,000 was asked to construct a dam that would provide the water power needed to operate the plant. The original promoters have an agreement with the government that when peace is declared they can purchase the plant at "scrap" value. Originally it was to revert to them, but this was changed because of the opposition that developed in the house, principally led by Longworth of Ohio. In January last the legislature of Alabama memorialized congress to continue the lavish expenditure of money on the project.

Carrying Concealed Weapons.
Laxity of law enforcement is making possible a situation that is becoming very dangerous. Carrying concealed weapons is made a felony in Nebraska, under the Shoemaker law, but its enforcement is almost entirely neglected. When irresponsible boys can arm themselves, as has been and is the case in Omaha, and set about on ventures that have murder as a possible outcome, citizens have a right to protest against the conduct of the police. In the enforcement of law, preference should not be given to one over another, but all should be observed alike. What is needed to restore and maintain order in this city is an undiscriminating application of the salutary laws of the state as well as the ordinances of the city. So long as weapons are carried by rowdy boys and men, so long will employment be found for them. Thuggery will drop if the thugs be dealt with according to law. Let us have no more exhibitions such as recently was given, when a well known "tough" was found in possession of a huge pistol, which was turned over by the police judge to the employer of the culprit, and both set free without even a reprimand or caution.

High Prices Coming Down.
The sensational break in the price of live hogs may or may not be a sign of a general recession in prices. It probably is. The \$23 hog was an anomaly, not justified even by war conditions. The \$15 hog was profitable during the early period of the war, and at \$18 returned a liberal margin to the producer, who was allowed the extra profit to stimulate production. Following the close of the war came the sudden jump to \$23, purely the result of a speculative movement. Europe was expected to take our surplus pork product at any price, and consequently home users were forced to pay on that basis. Europe still wants the meat, but the factor of "ability to pay," pointed out by The Bee weeks ago, controls absolutely, and Europe can not pay, neither can Americans. When pork products get back to a basis where consumption may be resumed, other commodities are likely to follow, and a generally lower level of prices will be established. It is too early to justify conclusions as yet, but the tendency is in favor of the consumer for the moment.

The French senate has not been precipitate, either, in consideration of the peace treaty, having just taken up the matter for formal action. The delay in restoring peace is not all in Washington.

The Shantung Amendment
From the Kansas City Times.
It will be said that an American amendment to the treaty restoring Shantung to China will have no effect upon the secret treaties between our allies and Japan by which the German rights in that province were bestowed upon Japan, and which settlement was confirmed by the Versailles signatories and ratified by Germany.

Then I have a fine walnut tree that I raised from a nut that planted 16 years ago below the house that the tree is 15 years old now. It was loaded with at least three bushels of nuts, but the climbing rats had been able to get at half but a few of them. They climbed right over wide in obstructions that I fastened to the tree. It made me more than sore to see the nuts taken away. The climbing rats were not content with the quantities of feed I gave my chickens. So that I am a loser every year to the miserable pests at least \$25, no different than any other year I am going to kill every one that comes onto my place and into my trees. FRANK A. AGNEW.

Profiteering at Agnew.
Omaha, Aug. 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: Since there is so much talk and investigation about profiteering, I wish to say a few words about the profiteering of the hotels and restaurants. For instance, hotels and restaurants charge 10 cents for coffee, but the cost of a cent of coffee is only an example. The prices make them a profit from 150 to 200 per cent. I for one would concede them 100 per cent profit, but more than that is robbery, especially when no stock to any extent has to be carried and when the proprietors usually carry not more than a few days ahead, if that much. If you will give this publicity and thereby help to reduce these prices only a trifle, I assure you it will be appreciated by a large number of people who must patronize these places. In conclusion I wish to say that I am in no way alluding to the hotel whose stationery I am using, as I found their prices the most reasonable of any.

The Pie and Doughnut Service
All but 25 of the 245 Salvation Army workers in France have come home. The report of Col. William S. Barker on what has been called the "Pie and Doughnut Service" of which returned soldiers have only one thing to say, contains elements of interest.

One Who Knows
Ambassador Francis speaks with authority. He knows Russia. He knows bolshevism. He has no ax to grind, and no party to serve. Ambassador Francis says that there can't be no peace in the world as long as bolshevism is permitted to run its own course in Russia. He says that continued noninterference will result in German exploitation of Russia which will make Germany in 10 years stronger than it was before the war. He says that bolshevism smothered the progress of civilization, and may throw all the world into anarchy.

The Day We Celebrate.
Maj. Amos Thomas, attorney-at-law, born 1882.
Fritzi Scheff, popular actress and vocalist, born in Vienna, Austria, 39 years ago.
Luther Egel, former governor of Louisiana, born in Morehouse Parish, La., 50 years ago.
Prof. Thomas Raeburn White of the law department of the University of Pennsylvania, and executive committeeman of the League to Enforce Peace, born at Dublin, Ind., 44 years ago.

Thirty Years Ago in Omaha.
A railroad wreck in Colorado resulted in some deaths and many injuries. The following people from Omaha on the train escaped with their lives: Auditor Erastus Young, of the Union Pacific and wife; H. E. Jenning, N. H. Field and wife, Miss Lillian Westlake, Mrs. W. R. Head, Mrs. Lucke and Sister Scholastica.

The Bee's Letter Box
Agnew's War on Squirrels.
Omaha, Aug. 28.—To the Editor of The Bee: During this summer my usual experiences with squirrels have occurred, and to my loss, as usual. As has been stated before, the trouble is not with the squirrels but with the climbing rats. They are simply climbing rats. This year we had a rather dwarf cherry tree that was only set out in 1914 so the climbing rats did not get to the cherries that the limbs hung to the ground, and we would have secured a bushel of cherries from that tree had it not been for the climbing rats. They destroyed them so fast that we had to gather them while unripe to get any at all. The climbing rats got at them by climbing down the trunk of the tree from a hickory tree in our back yard; it was so loaded with nuts this year that the limbs hung away down. The pests got them all. We lost at least two bushels of shelled nuts that way. They got all the plums off an old-fashioned plum tree that my mother gave me many years ago.

High Cost of Strikes.
The statement from Washington that the epidemic of strikes and lockouts in this country is costing about \$130,000,000 a month, through lowering the production, should provoke thought among every class of Americans. For the fact of lowered production is a fact which affects every class of Americans, every American. We live together. No class, no individual, is wholly independent of other classes and other individuals. Our modern life is far too complex, far too interrelated and interdependent, for any man or woman, much less any class, to be entirely independent. When, then, the total production of the country is reduced through strikes and lockouts by a sum which, if lost through the year, would exceed the entire taxable basis of the state of Maryland, every American is affected.—Baltimore Sun.

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\$1.00 Danderine 89c
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35c Hinkle's Cascara Pills, bottles of 100 19c
DeMar's Cascara Tonic and Liver Pills 25c
60c Sal Hepatica 48c
\$1.00 Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets 79c
25c Green's August Flower, at 19c
25c DeMar's Corn Remedy, at 19c
50c Musterole 42c
\$1.00 Kodol Dyspepsia Liquid, at 72c
60c Lavior's 48c
25c Arnica Salve 19c
25c Beecham's Pills 19c
50c Hay's Hair Health 29c
50c Bandoline, Beaton's, 19c
25c Nature's Remedy 17c
50c Eatanic 29c
50c Orazin Tooth Paste. 34c
25c Lyknu Furniture Polish, at 19c
50c Sistolax 39c
35c Castoria 24c
30c Laxative Bromo Quinine, at 22c
\$1.00 Nuxated Iron 89c
\$1.25 Goutorbe Face Powder, at 98c
25c Peroxide Hydrogen, 9c
75c Djer Kias Face Powder, at 53c
60c Syrup of Figs 44c
25c Mentholatum 17c
\$1.25 Pyros Antiseptic 98c

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