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### You should know that

Omaha is one of only three cities which are conducting a national advertising campaign.

Who owns the streets, anyhow?

Wilson wants a third term. Anybody sur-

Colonel House to be dropped for McAdoo? What do you know about that?

dent and the general to meet. Hindenberg is out for president, we note.

Omaha will be an ideal spot for the presi-

His platform will probably consist of a line. Now the retailers are passing the blame back to the wholesalers. It is a pleasing sport

San Domingo Indians look on airmen as gods. That is not what some folks elsewhere call them.

Ole Hanson found the only way to get a rest was to chuck the job. Being mayor of an American city is - snap these days.

A Missouri democrat wants to nominate Pershing for president. He will have little difficulty in getting a second to his motion.

Roumania says Hungary stole over two million tons of food during the war. Admitted, but that does not excuse Roumania for helping herself now.

British opinion is lining up in support of the American view that the Shantung provision is an outrage. It will be unanimous except in Japan one of these days.

Mayor Smith has changed his mind again on the "muny" store, but he will not offend anyone if he can get a shipload of stuff here and sell it at a reasonable figure.

Seventy-five days for a man who assaults a little girl and ninety days for a woman who is suspected" by the police may be justice, but it will hardly strike the public in that light.

France got quite a bargain in American goods and improvements, but Uncle Sam got a lot more from the French than he is getting from some of his own folks, the Mussel Shoals promoters, for example.

The announced itinerary of the president's western trip at last includes Omaha. He will he a welcome guest here, among the patriotic people who so earnestly seconded his efforts to carry the war to victory.

Flat dwellers, are not giving in to landlords as tamely as they might, and the courts may yet get a chance to say what is reasonable rent in Omaha. This will settle one dispute not otherwise to be solved.

The house has passed the bill to make "Black Jack" general of the army. Now let the senate put it through, so he can be met with his full grade when he lands at New York. It will be very slight recognition for his services.

A Denver man writes Senator Kenyon that he might not place so much dependence on the testimony taken by the Federal Trade commission if he knew the men who testified. This looks like a reasonable point. Credibility of witnesses must always be considered.

Release of women from detention home sentence on a writ of habeas corpus may bring in its wake a judicial determination concerning a practice to which much objection has been raised. Iowa courts have held squarely against the rule sought to be enforced in Omaha, and it is high time the matter were being settled

# Shoe Retailers "Not Guilty"

Representatives of the 5,000 shoe retailers of the United States, assembled in Atlantic City, plead "Not guilty" to the charge of profiteering. Whatever the public may think, they intheir profits are not excessive. They declare full readiness to assist in any practicable plan to bring down selling rates. They protest gainst calumnious assertions that shoes are out to go up to \$21 or even \$50 a pair. In heir judgment the ruling prices will be from

to \$12 a pair through the winter. Here as elsewhere the retailer is on the firing line. It is he who comes in touch with the mate consumer, who meets kicks and protests, who tries to explain high prices. The manufacturer, the wholesaler, the jobber may sit in their offices and smile when they hear of his explanations. Congress may get after them, but they have seen many congresses come and go. Tanners who "get theirs" out of leather, packers who sell them hides, farmers who pay double the peace price on corn to fatten cattle and protect themselves when they sell, also sing the "I Should Worry" song.

The retailer is "the goat." It is probably true that selling more shoes at lower prices would mean more to the retail merchant, for a time. Millions of men and men are having old shoes repaired instead of buying new ones, but that must come to an Unless a real remedy is found soon, it will be a case of buying or going barefoot for a lot of people, and the winter is hardly four months off now.—Brooklyn Eagle. 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 Ruslia, 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.

This is but a single feature of the League of Nations. Against the peace treaty as it stands is the black mark of Shantung, which Mr. Wilson has said does not meet his views, but to which he gave consent in order that Japan might be induced to enter the league.

His task on his tour will be to win popular support for a league that holds the germs of future war, and for a treaty that bases peace on an admitted injustice to a weak nation. Can he persuade the people that either of these is

### 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 shameless 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 job-

Mussel Shoals promoters had been before congress for many years, in pursuance of well developed plans of propaganda concerning the fixation of aerial nitrogen for fertilizer uses. A modest appropriation, usually around \$10,-000,000, was asked. When the war came on and need of nitrates was urgent, the legislature of Virginia memorialized congress to set apart \$20,000,000 for this plant. Following this an appropriation of \$14,000,000 was made for the erection of the plant.

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.

As it stands, the Air Nitrate corporation has the privilege to purchase at scrap value the great plant on which the government has expended \$75,000,000, a modest bonus to a private corporation for its "patriotism." This makes no account of the millions of dollars the government spent in acquiring sites and erecting buildings around the big plant.

Mussel Shoals is on the Tennessee river in Alabama.

# 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 droop 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 white man who went to Texas to stir up the negroes showed very poor judgment, if he thought anything of his life.

Bela Kun's secret correspondence file has been located, but that is not half so important as the fact that his loot was discovered

The Shantung Amendment

From the Kansas City Times.

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.

That may be so, and yet we shall see in case the senate adopts the foreign relations committee's amendment. But whether it does or does not the United States cannot afford, even in appearance, to seal by its approval if after the fact a transaction that indelibly stains with injustice a peace loudly pro-claimed to be one of high righteousness and honorable dealing. To what level of diplomacy have we descended, and how far have we departed from the pretensions we held during the war, when it can be urged in the senate, as was done by Senator McCumber, who voted against the committee's action, that the robbing of China is extenuated when we approve a covenant that at least will not permit her to be robbed again? If that is the best that can be urged in

favor of a covenant paraded as a new and compelling moral force in the world, the reverence of such logic proclaims it poor indeed. We do not know whether China entered the war upon America's advice or not. She sought our advice, the president admitted in his conference with the senate committee, and our advice to her was to enter. The president was not able to say whether that advice was the "persuasive" factor in inducing her action or not. We do not know whether China had reason to believe that if she did enter the United States would protect her interests at the peace table. The president says we made no promises to that effect. But these considerations make no difference in the case. In any event China was justified in expecting from all our pretensions to the world that we would not end ourselves to her partition by Japan. had, before the war, posed as China's friend. We had proclaimed the policy of the open door in China and had opposed that of special concessions to powers asserting preponderant interests there. All our dealings with China for financial, commercial and politicalfrom the formulation of the Hay policies down to the moment she asked our advice as to whether she should break with Germany-had been of a nature to induce her confidence in

our friendship and counsel. If we now consent-even if the withholding of our consent does not change the event -that the German rights in the peninsula, given under duress, shall pass to Japan in payment of services to the allies from which China derived nothing except a change of masters, we destroy in a moment all the influence and standing our former relation to China had obtained for us. We go back upon all our policies and all our diplomacy. And for what? To get Japan into a league which she will enter strengthened as a military power and in-trenched in a position in which we, as a league member, are bound to defend her against the nation which had regarded us as her best

America cannot approve a contract containng an immoral consideration and then pretend that the league of nations stands on any higher plane than did the European diplomacy it displaces. The Shantung amendment is our protest against the insincerity of that claim. Let be effective or ineffective to right the wrong. it cleanses America's hands of the stain of the transaction, and less than that we can-

# 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 every class of Americans. For the called "the pie and doughnut service," of which fact of lowered production is a fact called "the pie and doughnut service," of which returned soldiers have only nice things to say, contains elements of interest.

Women did most of the work. They were forbidden to walk with soldiers or to have any social relations with the men. Women workers under other control danced with the uniform wearers. They had a natural preference for officers over privates. Salvation Army "lassies" do not dance. The principles of the organization were never ignored. There was no dealing in tobacco, cigarettes, wine. Yet if a wounded soldier yearned for a cigarette it was secured for him as a matter of humanity. The pies and the doughnuts were sold on a cash basis, though a luckless fellow without money never went without them. The organization came out even on its transactions.

The moral is obvious.. Dignity and conscience and devotionalism were universally respected and came to be loved by the fighters. The Salvaton Army did in France what it is doing in America and in all other lands. It relieved those who needed it most without dishonoring anyone's self-respect. Its workers were devoted persons, thinking not of wages or of personal comfort. Honesty and economy were both assured from the start. Pie and doughnuts were glorified by their associations.

—Brooklyn Eagle.

# One Who Knows

Ambassador Francis speaks with authority. He knows Russia. He knows bolshevism. He has no ax to grind, no personal ends to serve. Ambassador Francis says that there can be no peace in the world as long as bolshevism 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 unmolested menaces civilization, and may throw all the world into anarchy.

The man who speaks is not an alarmist. He is merely an American who has seen terrible things and has drawn deductions.

David R. Francis believes that the world cannot be made safe and healthy till the democracies, have actively and strongly intervened in Russia. Judgment from such a source cannot be ignored. Mr. Francis makes it clear that the Russian miasma is a peril to all that liberty loving men and women hold most dear. How shall the peril be met by a war-weary world?-Cleveland Plaindealer.

The Day We Celebrate.

Maj. Amos Thomas, attorney-at-law, born

Fritzi Scheff, popular actress and vocalist, born in Vienna, Austria, 39 years ago. Luther E. Hall, former governor of Louisiana, born in Morehouse Parish, La., 50 years

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

Henry F, Hollis, former United States senator from New Hampshire born at Concord, N. H., 50 years ago.

Thirty Years Ago in Omaha. 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. Jennison, N. H. Field and wife, Miss Lillie Westlake, Mrs. W. R. Head, Mrs. Lugneck and Sister

Scholastira.
John L. Webster is attending the annual meeting of the National Bar association at

Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Millard have gone to Rock Island to attend the wedding of J. T. Murphy to Miss May Weber. The bride has visited Omaha many times as a guest of Miss Millard, who is to be her bridesmaid

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 timber squirrels belong to the order of rodents or rats. They are simply climbing rats. They are simply climbing rats. This year we had a rather dwarf cherry tree that was only set out in 1914, so loaded with 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 half of them as it was. There is an old-fashioned shell bark 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 oft an old-fashioned damson plum tree that my mother gave me glad to throw herself down on the

Then I have a fine walnut tree that I raised from a nut that I planted 16 years ago this fall, so that the tree is 15 years old now. It was loaded with at least three bushels of nuts, but the climbing rats have been able to get all but a few of them, climbing right over wide tin obstructions that I fastened to the tree. It made me more than sore to see those fine nuts taken by the climbing rats. They eat great quantities of feed I give my chickens. So that I am a loser every year to the miserable pests at least \$25, if not much more. Another year I am going to kill every one that comes onto my place and into my trees. FRANK A. AGNEW.

### Profiteering at Hotels.

Omaha, Aug. 25.—To the Editor of The Ree: Since there is so much talk and investigation about profiteering, I wish to say a few words bout the profiteering of the hotels and restaurants. For instance, he tels and restaurants charge 10 cents for three doughnuts; bakers retail them for 1 cent apiece. Rolls that bakers retail for 1 cent hotels and restaurants charge 10 cents for three. Eggs that cost about 4 cents apiece they charge 121/2 cents. Roast beef, approximately four ounces, they charge 50 cents for, with noth-ing but about a tablespoonful of mashed potatoes. The items quoted are 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 hotels and restaurants 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.

I thank you if you will stir this matter up so that these parasites will see what the people think of them. A TRAVELING MAN.

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 which affects every class of Americans, every American. We live together. No class, no individual, is wholly independent of other classes and other idividuals. Our modern life is far too complex, far too in terlaced and interdependent, for 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



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S PLASH! Splash! Splash! Peggy went dancing along the beach of the pretty lake where her family had a summer cottage. Splash! Splash! and she didn't care how the water flew about. She didn't care because she was wearing her little green bathing suit and no harm would be done if she got wet all

shady shore to rest. And there she was blinking and nodding when all beside her. He had beeen swim-ming and jumping fast and was all out of breath.
"Cro-ak! Cro-ak!" gasped Gen-

eral Croaker and away he went hopping and splashing along the "Tell me the news," cried Peggy.

But all Geneeral Croaker answered was: "Cro-ak! Cro-ak!" so Peggy ran after him as fast as she could.
"Cree! Cree! Have you heard the latest news from Birdland?" shrieked General Swallow, swooping down from high in the air. "No," an swered Peggy. "Then follow me!" shricked General Swallow, and away he sped toward the woods.
"Hoo! hoo! too! too!" came
Judge Owl's voice from far away,

sounding like a distant loc sounding like a distant locomotive.
"Come, Princess Peggy, and hear the Thus urged, Peggy ran and ran until she found herself deep in the woods and at the edge of the council room of Birdland. Here were gathered dozens of her feathered friends, Judge Owl, Reddy Woodpecker, Kingfisher, Mr. Robin, Blue Jay, Homer and Carrie Pigeon, King Bird. Blue Heron, General Swallow and lots of others. And here, too, were Billy Belgium, Balky Sam, Bil-

"Hail! hail! Princess Peggy," screamed the birds, and then all of sudden, as if they had said something they hadn't meant to say they abruptly cried: Princess Peggy, but Miss Peggy, hello! hello, Miss Peggy, Peggy was puzzled. Why after

ly Goat, Johnny Bull and Lonesome

greeting her as "Princess Peggy" had they changed to "Miss Peggy? It was more than a year since birds had chosen her as ruler of Birdland and all during that time they had lovingly called her "Prin-"What is the matter? Am I no

longer your princess?" she asked.
"No, no!" screamed the birds. "Haven't you heard Princesses have gone out of style. Ask our war heroes—they'll tell you." And the birds turned eagerly toward Carrie and Homer Pigeon, Balky Sam, Bill Goat and Johnny Bull, who evidently had been telling varns about their adventures at the fighting front in Europe.
"Hee-haw! It's true," brayed Balky Sam. "The people in Europe

haven't any use for them any more. They are electing presidents instead. "Oh, I'd rather be a president than a princess," said Peggy eager-ly. "Are you going to elect me?" "Hee-haw, it isn't the style in Europe to elect princesses or kings

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This is little Willie's cousin, Forty-one, and then a dozen

ever had," hooted Judge Owl.

Draw from 1 to 2 and so on to the end queens as presidents," brayed Balky Sam. "Hoo! Hoo! Princess Peggy has been the wisest ruler Birdland has

DAILY DOT PUZZLE

Europe to elect wise rulers,"

Balky Sam,
"Then you'd better elect me,"
hooted Judge Owl. "I'll be ruler of "No, I will. Hee-haw!" brayed

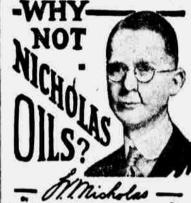
Balky Sam.
"Cro-ak! Cro-ak! I'll be president," croaked General Croaker.
"I'll be president! I'll be presivote for myself!" shrieked all the birds, and for a moment it looked as though there were going

to be a bik row. Peggy felt a bit hurt at the sudden way in which she had been overthrown as princess, but she knew that what they said was true -princesses were going out of style.
And she didn't want to be out of
style any more than they did. If the birds wanted a new ruler, they should have one, and she sensibly made up her mind to help them

"Hear ye! Hear ye!" she called out. "Quit your squabbling. We will have a contest to decide who shall be president.

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