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You should know that

Omaha has 320 miles of gas mains and an average of one gas meter to every family.

It's your shot next, Mr. Murray.

Borah may have been called back, but his

asks the mayor. Why, indeed. You may honk your own horn, but not your

Why waste time examining the evidence?

automobile's in Lincoln. If the Irish are fooled by the president's explanations, it is because they want to be.

Senator Johnson's description of the democratic senator from Nebraska is drawn from

If we are to have the steel strike, let us have it and be done. The talk is becoming irritating.

"Applause won't feed the hungry," said a solicitor at a mass meeting, stating a great truth in simple terms. And the British empire has six votes to

Uncle Sam's one in the assembly, which will make Ireland's case that much simpler.

New York theater managers are talking of putting up the price of seats to \$3 on account of the "strike." Anything for an alibi.

Ownership of automobile is not longer a sign of exclusiveness, but it is placing some distinguished names on the police blotters these

The police are now pursuing a "vampire"

alleged to be directing a gang of hold-ups.

They ought to get after her with a "movie" Grand opera chorus singers have been

stopped at the port of New York as "contract alien laborers," showing that the law does not A formal invitation has been extended to Cardinal Mercier by the Chamber of Com-

merce, asking him to visit Omaha. There is one churchman all will be glad to see. Japan has put an end to military rule in

Korea, and now if they will give back to China what is Chinese, their sincerity in regard to the League of Nations will ring much truer.

Garry Herrman asks the "fans" to remember that the government is to get a lot of money out of the \$5 world-series tickets, but overlooks the fact that the fans will pay it.

"Inaccurate in important particulars and grotesque," is the final word of Lloyd George on the Bullitt story, adding that the conversation was had, but not for publication. But accurate in some particulars.

"The Omaha city council will please not meddle with matters over which the State Railway commission has assumed control," is the simple meaning of the message received from Lincoln. Another argument for home rule.

You may be interested in knowing that the French senate still is debating the peace treaty, and is not in any rush to dispose of it. So why should we be eager to crowd on our good friends something they are not ready to accept?

"Jimham" Lewis comes up for air long enough to announce that the president is about to declare for the "socialization" of coal, oil and national highways of land and water. And the internationalization of everything else, a fine platform for 1920.

The Day We Celebrate.

Loyal S. Mole, clerk in the Omaha postoffice, John H. Clarke, associate justice of the su-

preme court of the United States, born at Lisbon, O., 62 years ago. Maj. Gen. William S. McNair, U. S. A., assigned some months ago to the command of Zachary Taylor, born at Tecumseh,

Camp Zachary Taylor, born at Technology, Mich., 51 years ago.

Gilbert M. Hitchcock, United States senator Company, 60 years ago. from Nebraska, born in Omaha, 60 years ago. President Henry C. King of Oberlin college, an American member of the interallied commis-

sion to investigate conditions in Syria, born at Hillsdale, Mich., 61 years ago. Rt. Rev. Paul P. Rhode, Catholic bishop of Green Bay, Wis., born in Prussian Poland, 48

Henry K. Groh, third baseman of the Cincinnati National league base ball team, born at Rochester, N. Y., 29 years ago.

Thirty Years Ago in Omaha.

John P. Morris and Miss Nina Terry were married at the Seward Street Methodist Episcopal church in the presence of about 600

friends and relatives. The Medical Society of the Missouri Valley net at Metropolitan hall. Among Omaha doc-ors who read papers were J. E. Summers, jr., P. Lord, E. S. Dailey, L. A. Merriam, P. S. senring. A. B. Somers, B. F. Crumner, rold Gifo.d, W. F. Milroy, W. S. Ross and

e Corsair" is playing at Boyd's opera

PRESIDENT AND IRELAND

Finally the president has issued what purports to be his interpretation of the covenant of the League of Nations as it refers to the Irish question He particularly points to Article XI as covering Ireland's right to self-determination. The text of this article is:

Any war or threat of war, whether immediately affecting any member of the league or not, is hereby considered a matter of concern to the whole league, and the league shall take any action that may be deemed wise and effectual to safeguard the peace of nations. In case any such emergency should arise, the secretary-general shall, on the request of any member of the league, forthwith summon a meeting of the council.

It is also declared to be the fundamental right of each member of the league to bring to the attention of the assembly or of the council any circumstance whatever affecting international relations which threatens to disturb either the peace or the good understanding betwen nations upon which peace de-

If, under this article, the United States or any other member of the league may bring the case of Ireland forward for consideration, as a possible casus belli, what is there to prevent England or any other nation from bringing in our relations with Mexico, our policy as to the exclusion of Asiatics, or any one of a number of occasions for international friction, now left exclusively to our own determination?

In offering his consolation to Ireland the president virtually admits the maximum of charges against the covenant as it stands, that it takes the right of self-government away from nations and vests it in a super-national assembly or council. If this be not true, then the implied promise to the Irish that their case will be given consideration by the League of Nations is not made in good faith.

The president's interpretation of Article XI also gives deeper significance to Article XX, against which much objection is laid, because of its menace to national control of domestic affairs. The apparent inconsistency between Article X, which guarantees territorial integrity of members as existing, and Article XI as now expounded, need not be debated. Try to picture the spectacle of Great Britain giving up Ireland or any other component part of the British empire at the behest of the League of

An answer to this may be found in the recent utterance of Lord Jellicoe; addressing the New Zealand Club at Wellington, he said:

A look around the world shows that the millenium is as far off as ever. The Pacific is growing daily in importance. It contains great possibilities of trouble which statesmen can better overcome with a strong force behind them. The protection of trade requires more vessels than ever, the criterion being not the number of enemy cruisers, but the number of our merchantmen and the value of

The Irish may be content with the president's shifty reply, but Americans will do well to remember that the lion does not intend to let go anything on which he has laid his paw.

End of a Bit of By-Play.

Attorney General Davis has reported adversely to the proposed move to oust Municipal Judge Holmes from office for failure to prosecute a so-called bootlegger. The attorney general finds two or three things wrong with the proceedings. First, if the city prosecutor found himself unable to proceed before Judge Holmes, other courts of competent jurisdiction were open to him, and he might have proceeded there. Also, the state's investigators were unable to discover that a complaint had ever been sworn to by the city prosecutor in the case. And finally, the judge was acting as police magistrate when the event occurred on which the proceedings were based, and could judge. Aside from the patent purpose of trying to show to outsiders that the enforcement of the prohibitory law in Omaha is accompanied by great difficulty, owing to the opposition of certain public officials, which effort proved a flash in the pan, the case is of no importance. Some really interesting facts might have been developed, though, had the inquiry been ordered.

One Vote Against Pershing.

Representative Schall of Minnesota has the distinction of being the one member of the house of representatives to vote against thanking General Pershing for his distinguished service to the nation and to humanity. It is not permitted to question the motives of the gentleman in so recording his opposition. He would be false to himself if he did not vote as his conscience directed. But most folks will wonder on what ground he rests in his opposition. In politics he is set down as a "progressive," he as a practicing lawyer in Minneapolis, and thus by inference at least ought to be relied upon to sustain the cause that took Pershing to France, as well as to approve of the steadfast course he there pursued. However, like the youth who fired the Ephesian dome, Mr. Schall has attained a momentary fame. It may be in ages to come some antiquarian will dig up the fact that one vote was cast against the resolution of thanks in congress, but American schoolboys will always be taught of Pershing and the work he did for the world.

Furlough for General Pershing.

"Black Jack" might be expected to take a few days off, now that he is at home again. Folks in Laclede, Lincoln and Omaha are all more than eager to see him. They will make a fuss over him, to be sure, but they will also let him lazy around just as much as he likes, and have a real good time while he is resting up. He writes them he can not take the time from his work. He has many things yet to do, principally to make his report on his two years' stewardship of the A. E. F.. This is quite important, and will probably be attended to in shipshape by the only man in the world who really can make it. Yet the world can wait for it, especially as it will be laid away in the archives of the War department to gather dust. If it be relief from the strain of duty the general needs, let him come to Nebraska and Missouri, where he will be greeted by his life-long friends, who are more interested in him because he is "Black Jack" than because of the honors he won in France. He deserves a furlough and should take a real one.

Herbert Hoover says America must continue moral leadership of the world. This will be agreed to by all, but does not include the surrender of America's right to self-government in favor of a super-nation.

Texas is doing right well in the way of taking care of its storm-stricken people. If Nebraska can help any, let us know.

American Labor's Awakening

Washington Correspondence London Times.

The United States is, besides Japan, the only great country that has come out of the war richer than she was when she went into it, and with her industrial fabric fundamentally unimpaired. Her resources are, according to the standards of western Europe, but half developed. She may no longer have at her disposal great virgin territories, the colonization of which so eased economic reconstruction after the civil war. But she still has unlimited scope for intensive development in both the industrial and agricultural fields. Foreign markets are not yet for her the utterly vital necessity that they are for us. She can afford to dally with her problems in a way which it would be suicide for us to imitate. Why is it, then, that there is so much anxiety about the future, and that the excesses of the extremists are not discounted as froth that will disappear of their own accord as soon as things settle

The chief reason for anxiety is the lever which it is soon clear labor will have for the enforcement of any demands it likes to make. It is feared that, what with the need of attracting to its side the radical wing of the workingclass world, the present leaders of organized labor may, especially if employers persist in their pre-war obscurantism, become consider; ably more advanced than they now are. In the old days the chief reason why capital could be frankly and brutally selfish was the existence of a vast floating proletariat of low-class immigrants. Not only did these men make invaluable strike-breakers but their amorphousness rendered almost impossible effective organziation of fighting unions.

For years past the Federation of Labor has pressed for a curtailment of free immigration, which for the decade preceding 1914 averaged nearly a million annually. The war has already given it a good deal of what it wanted in this direction, and promises to give it more. Since the armistice there has been a remarkable exodus of alien working men. The figures are s follows:

November 8,285 March21,774 December 10,000 April 23,773 January 13,278 May 26,81216,854 June February

The reasons assigned for the exodus range all the way from the call of nascent nationality to the flight of wine drinkers from the pall of prohibition. It is estimated by the Department of Labor that some 2,000,000 are preparing to depart. Social reformers rejoice at the prospect as much as union organizers. They see the American melting pot purged of some of its most difficult alloys for of the foreigners within the gate it has been calculated that some 2,000,-000 cannot speak and some 6,000,000 cannot read English; and there is no doubt that among them the seeds of anarchy find fertile lodgment. But this does not comfort employers. Nor foes the possibility that the prospective size and permanence of the movement has been overestimated. All they see is that, whereas before the war the regular influx of nearly 1,000,000 immigrants a year gave them none too many hands, they are now, when the need for increased production is on every one's lips,

threatened by a very tight labor market. Nor is the exodus their only trouble. There is a good prospect that, even if natural causes do not keep it suspended, congress may pass laws making immigration very difficult some years to come. Its experiences with the hyphenated during the war, and now with the foreign agitator, has inclined American public opinion to jettison the old idea that, it was one of the functions of American democracy to offer an asylum to the downtrodden of all races.

The prospect is not for employers a reassuring one. There is not only almost a certainty of a shortage of hands, but there is a vista of demands for wages that may easily become uneconomically high and for hours that may become uneconomically short. Fer, as said above, there is a fear that organized labor may grow more exigent as it grows stronger. years Mr. Gompers has sometimes had to make concessions to the extremists such as he won probably have shrunk from had he been the autocrat of his class. Never has that extremism been stronger than it is now.

I do not allude only to the activity of lawless extremists such as the so-called bolshevists not for that reason be ousted as municipal and the Industrial Workers of the World, They are disquieting, but it is difficult to think that in this new, clean-minded, and spacious country the unsavory doctrines which inspire them will get really far, especially if the influx of uneducated foreigners is to become more or less

But between them and the followers of the conservative trade unionists there stands an important radical contingent of genuine labor. Some of its strength comes from within the ranks of the Federation of Labor: some of it from unions which often, because of their advanced tendencies, are now affiliated to the federation.

The chief, or at least the most interesting, manifestation of this labor radicalism is at present the movement for the formation of a separate labor party. Mr. Gompers has always frowned upon the movement. He and his associates believe that more can be done indirectly by judicious pressure upon parties and candidates than by direct interference in

As a result there is no labor party in the United States. But the nuclei for one are springing up. Local labor bodies are organizing politically in various states. There is a certain movement for political organization within the Federation of Labor, and sundry of the big independent associations like the railway brotherhoods have been nibbling at the Some of the political programs thus produced reveal in an illuminating way the radicalism with which Mr. Gompers, on the one hand, and employers, on the other, may soon have to

What follows is the platform recently built at Cleveland by a number of Ohio labor bodies -nationalization of railways, telephones, mercantile marine, and mines; universal eight-hour day, with shorter hours where there is unemployment; co-operative management of industry by workers and employers; limitation of profits to 6 per cent, surplus to be added to wages; police protection for pickets and strik-

ers; and municipal ownership of public utilities. With this movement must be taken the more agrarian radicalism of the middle west, as represented by the Nonpartisan league. It is the custom of politicians to sneer at the league. It managed, nevertheless, to carry a referendum recently in North Dakota putting into operation a very considerable measure of state socialism, including the establishment of state grain elevators, a state bank, and official state newspapers in each county. The referendum went through despite the fact that the founder of the Nonpartisan league has just been convicted of disloyalty during the war.

Politicians may sneer at it as but another example of ill-balanced western radicalism, like the Canadian grain growers' movement, or in this country the old populist and greenbacker parties. But, together with the movement for a labor party, with which, incidentally, it would like to combine, and even with the socialist party, sadly battered as that has been by bolshevism, pro-Germanism, and other un-American influences, its success tends to show that there is enough of what may be called lawful radicalism loose in the land to explain the fear of employers that, even if bolshevism is checked, labor may be tempted to use the impending scarcity of the commodity which it sells more ruthlessly than the wisdom of leaders like Mr. Gompers would have it do.

The Canny Scot Again.

The report that an Aberdeen child had become mentally affected as the result of swallowing a penny turns out to be incorrect. It is the father of the child whose sanity is despaired of .- Punch, London,

The Boe's Little Folks' Corner ?

Glenwood Springs, Colo.. Sept. 12.

To the Editor of The Bee: The president's use of the word "quitsenators will have as much to do with the defeat of his peace plan as it stands as any other statements made by any leader of any affilia-

Senator Hitchcock, who pleaded

with the president, "with tears in his eyes," to use his own expression, not to enter the war arena, was not accorded this vituperative title then, yet he calls these senators, as does the president, "standpatters," who "stood pat with the president for no further delay in declaring war, because, forsooth, they "stand pat" with their conscience and conscientious duties and a reasonable delay in the present crisis. Will any open-minded citizen believe that Lodge, Johnson, Borah, Poindexter Harding, and the like, not to speak of the differing democratic senators, are bartering their country's welfare and position, to spite or discredit the president, to enhance their own political fortunes, to do otherwise than give their souls (their lives nor the president's are theirs to give this cause, nor to trifle with, even in speech), best inspirations and thought for their country? Need they, of the party that received the confidence of the people last November, "stand pat," "quit," or have "narrow minds" to gain a selfish point, when they and their party are in control?

Can it be conceived for a moment that Senator Lodge, whose brave and lamented son-in-law (Congressman Gardner) gave up his life, not in speech, but in the war camps, through disease, after having resigned from congress to serve his country, can it be conceived Senator Lodge would favor a peace treaty or league of his own making in part that would, as the president Hitchcock argue, make for more wars, to lose more of the precious blood of his kinsmen? No one doubts the president means well in theory, means well by his country in this work from his light and standpoint, but he asks too much that his countrymen snan blindly his judgment and his only, blindly his judgment and his only, that he that his is the only treaty, that he that his indea in a matter that he should gladly welcome discussion on, discussion patriotic, discussion sound, discussion open and varied, as the people demand; enlightenment from every side, and not only from the side of those who framed the document, that had to be changed once when it was similarly declared sound, and if he erred then, can he be declared immune from error now?

He misleads himself, he misleads points that the people want what he important points on which audiences are silent. Who wouldn't want to hear him speak? Who wouldn't attend a meeting at which wouldn't attend a meeting at which ing to protect themselves by hiring the carrange. the land, is present; out of courtesy, out of desire to hear and learn if

No, the "game" is not being played fairly when the influence of a great position is used to affect public opinion, by decrying and ored with re-election because such service as has merited the approval of their fellow citizens, who need better, more logical, more poiseful arguments than the presi- "What are the bugies blowing for?" will consider that their services are no longer of value to them and the

Note of Appreciation. Lincoln, Sept. 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: Now that the armistice between the suffragists and antis in Nebraska has been signed, we dare "lay down our arms" long enough to "take up our pens" and thank the newspapers of Nebraska for their co-operation with the Nebraska

Suffrage association in its Before I have quite relinquished my position as one of the spokes-women of the organization, I want to express the gratitude of the members of the association, and my own abiding appreciation of the friendly aid of The Omaha Bee during my administration as president of the

association. You have won the enduring friendship of the entire membership, and particularly of the retir-

ing president. E. M. BARKLEY.

Perplexing.

An Episcopal clergyman who had ut recently come to a certain but recently come to a certain neighborhood passed two urchins on the street.

'Good morning, Father," said one of them, misled by the clerical garb.
"Don't you know nothin'?" said said the other contemptuously, when the minister had passed. "Dat guy ain't no father. Why, he's married an' got two kids."—Boston Trans-

Balkans on the Job. Here's rather an unusual thing. There's an uprising in the Balkans and Balkan troops are being used to put it down. But probably it is only emergency measure until the United States can be called on .-

Kansas City Star. Quick Disappearance. "Do you believe a gun could be made to shoot around a corner?"

"No, but the sight of a creditor often has that effect upon a man."— Boston Transcript.

DAILY CARTOONETTE. I'M GOING TO STAY OUT HERE



DREAMLAND

ADVENTURE By DADDY.

"THE CHARMING MERMAID."

(The Prince of Dollars falls in love with mermaid who sings to him from a ocky isle in the lake. When Balky Sam, he army mule, carries the prince out to he isle, the mermaid vanishes, but a giant turtle appears.) CHAPTER V.

Balky Sam Kicks.

HEN the giant turtle grabbed Balky Sam by the tail there ground, Balky Sam knew just what wild hubbub. Balky Sam to do. He hunched up his hind was a wild hubbub. Balky Sam thrashed around in the water like a boy fighting a nest of hornets. The Prince of Dollars, on his back, had



Oh! the Mermaid Has Gon After Him. She Will Carry Him Depths," Moaned Peggy.

SUGAR HOARDED IN CUBA. Warehouses on Island Are Buiging

With Product, Says
William E. Gonzales, United
States minister to Cuba, who ar-With Product, Says Gonzales. rived in New York port on the steamship Monterey from Havana, was surprised to find a scarcity of sugar in this country. "I can't understand it," he said.

"The Cuban warehouses are simply bulging with sugar. It may be the United States is not sending suf-ficient ships to the island." Mr. Gonzales added that the peo-

ple of Cuba appreciate the election reforms recently introduced by Gen-eral Crowder. The minister proceeded to his home in South Caro-Another passenger on the vessel

Christian Visser, general manager of a Dutch oil company, Tampico Mexico, felt that intervention b the United States in Mexico would bring about a revolt there with the the public, when he declares from overthrow of the Carranza regime. Washington or from his traveling Carranza will hold out until the last moment, he said, but the people advocates and nothing else and that applause gained in delivering over the moment the United States sound American phrases shall be steps in. He added that few oil construed as proving his case on wells had been fired, but that the possible, out of curiosity, as with all the time. Robberies were nusome? | merous, he declared, and were often

Thanks His Stars. casting reflections upon the many honored names of men, who have grown gray and old in service to their country in war and peace, and who have, most of them, been honnal and Tribune

Said Johnny-who-had-stayed.

To tell the news, to tell the news,"
The Nurse-on-Duty said.

"What makes your cheeks so white, so white?"
Said Johnny-who-had-stayed.

"I'm fearing that I may not watch,"
The Nurse-on-Duty said.

"For General Pershing's coming, he—
He is marching down this way.
That's why they've got the banners out
And all the streets are gay.
That's why they shout 'Hurray!'
For they'll march with General Peershing
in the morning."

"What makes my roommate breathe so

"What makes my roommate breathe

Asked Johnny-who-had-stayed.
He's tearing up his fever chart."
The Nurse-on-Duty said.
"What makes that rear-row man fal

What makes that rear-row man fall down?"
Asked Johnny-who-had-stayed. "He's trying to get off his cot,"
The Nurse-on-Duty said.
For they want to march with Pershing, Fevered brow and broken limb bon't seem to them to matter. If they only march with him. and they're calling to each other: "Come on, Jack!" "We're coming, Jim." for they want to march with Pershing in the morning."
What's that so bright against the sun?"

What's that so bright against the sun?' Said Johnny-who-had-stayed. "The flag that shows the victory's won, The Nurse-on-Duty said. What is that passing overhead?" Said Johnny-who-had-stayed. "The spirit of the glorious dead,"

The Nurse-on-Duty said.

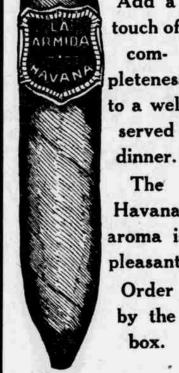
For they're going to march with Pershing
They'il be there, but we won't see;
hey will march with General Pershing
Down the Lane of Victory,
or the land that they have died for
And the lands they helped set free,
hey will march with General Pershing in
the morning. urse-on-Duty said

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all he could do to hold on. Peggy and Billy, who thought the Turtle was the mermaid transformed into a

reptile, stood on the rocks power-

"Swim back to the island," shouted Billy, who quickly saw that in the water all the advantage was with the turtle. Balky Sam acted at once on Bil-

ly's advice, while the turtle dragged back on him, he swam forward with all his might. Billy helped by strip-ping off his waist and throwing out one end as a rope. Balky Sam caught this end in his teeth and Peggy and Billy pulled at the other end. Thus the turtle was dragged out upon the rocks.

With his feet once upon solid

legs, and then wham! He kicked out with all his might. The turtle, grimly hanging on to Balky Sam's tail, was right in line with that powerful kick. Crack! Balky Sam's heels landed full on the turtle's bottom shell, splitting it in two and jarring the reptile, so it let go of Balky Sam's tail. Then Balky Sam lashed out with a second kick, sending the turtle flying into the lake, where it sank beneath the surface Peggy and Billy let out a yell of glee when Balky Sam's first kick gave the turtle a sudden stomach Then they doubled up with the painfully surprised reptile back into the water. And they were so busy laughing that they didn't notice what had happened to the Prince of Dollars until a sweet but frightened voice suddenly called to them from the lake.

"The prince! The prince! What has happened to the prince?" They looked up quickly, and there, only a few feet away, was the mermaid swimming swiftly toward them. And the prince—he wasn't in sight.

"Hee-haw! The prince fell off when I kicked the turtle," brayed

Balky "And he struck on the rocks under the water and hurt his head," hooted Judge Owl, who all during What has Noodle drawn? this time had been hovering in the air above the rocky isle. "He must be down there-deep

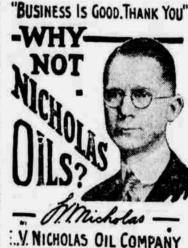
shouted Billy, looking over the rocky isle. She raised her hands, then turned over in a quick dive. As she went under the lower part of her body flashed into view. It was the tail

'Oh! Oh! The mermaid has gone after him. She will carry him away to the dark, dark depths," moaned Peggy.

But just then the waters seemed and up came the mermaid One hand clutched the prince b the hair. He was unconscious, and there was a red cut on his forehead the prince ashore to cried the mermaid.

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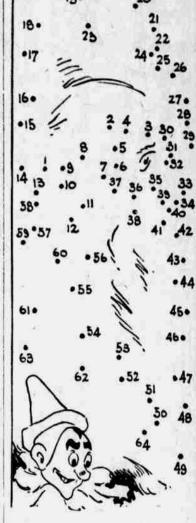
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