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You should know that
Omaha leads all metropolitan
cities in per capita value of its
manufacturing output.

Now for a regular week of carnival fun.

However, Mr. Burleson is accustomed to
being "straitfaced."

Those French girls who tried to work Arthur
Balfour evidently do not know the Scotch.

So another fleet of "booze cars" got across
the bridge. Well, that you know about that?

Rack renters still defy public sentiment, but
some tenants are defying the landlord, which
counts most.

Japan is talking about using a million bales
of American cotton next year. All right, we
have plenty for sale.

Wall street looks for an early settlement of
the steel strike, and as a rule the brokers are
pretty good guessers.

Woman's vote is expected to settle the Lux-
embourg election in favor of Princess Char-
lotte. That is as it should be.

Germany is threatened again with blockade
unless it takes its troops from the Baltic prov-
inces. Peace is far from present in Europe.

A sugar man is talking about 25 cents a
pound for the sweetening next year. Those
fellows may have their minds changed for them.

Cardinal Mercier says the Americans are
very swift, but this applies to his automobile rides
and not to the mad rush we made to rescue
Belgium.

The adjutant general of the army says all
drafted men will be out of Europe by the end
of October. This will comfort a lot of anxious
parents.

The air service of the United States army
continues to take a larger toll of life in Amer-
ica than it did in Europe. Something is wrong
somewhere.

The report of the investigating committee to
the house on conditions in American camps
abroad may dim the luster of some stars worn
while the war was on.

Professor Fling thinks the league should
be endorsed in order to keep Japan from taking
more of China. Most Americans favor making
Nippon disgorge what it already has grabbed.

An effort to raise the Lusitania is under
consideration. Sentimental reasons would jus-
tify almost any expense. What a glorious
thing it would be to see that vessel again float-
ing!

Just as was expected, an influential group
of Californians has sent to Senator Johnson a
message commending his views and urging him
to continue his fight against the League of
Nations.

A Nebraska school teacher has dispersed her
drove of hogs because she could not get suit-
able help to carry on the business. In this she
makes a sacrifice that she may continue to teach
school, not because it pays her well, but for the
reason that she can serve humanity better by
training children while someone else raises the
pigs. Such devotion is rare enough to attract
attention, and deserves a better reward than a
schoolman usually gets.

Mr. Hoan and King Albert

We cannot imagine that the serenity of
King Albert or Queen Elizabeth would be much
disturbed if the wireless should tell them of the
impolite utterances of the socialist mayor
of Milwaukee. The comforts of the George
Washington would not lose their savor, nor
would the faith of the royal personages in the
warm welcome awaiting them in America be
shaken in the slightest degree. For the king
and queen of the Belgians know what social-
ists are. They have them at home.

Thinking Americans, preferring our own
form of government, may do to recognize that
freedom is compatible with a form pre-
serving the monarchy; that the kings of Eng-
land, of Italy, of Belgium are not autocrats,
and are a peril to nobody. That ministerial
responsibility to parliament means quicker
response to public feeling than our Ameri-
can plan is self-evident. That may be an ad-
vantage or a disadvantage. Hoan of Milwaukee
is not a thinking American. Perhaps that is why
he is mayor of the city he lives in.—Brooklyn
Daily Eagle

VOTING ON THE TREATY.

Voting on some of the proposed changes in
the peace treaty may be had in the senate dur-
ing the coming week. While it is not expected
these will be conclusive, it is admitted they will
be significant of the eventual outcome of the
contest. The debate will, of course, continue,
that the senators may express themselves fully
on the exact terms of the document, and cover
the text as far as it technically or directly af-
fects the United States. Conceding that the
sentiment is pretty well crystallized, the proceed-
ings ought to disclose to the public the probable
line-up for the final vote.

Senator Johnson's extemporaneous reply to
Senator Williams and other democratic critics
of his course last week is reported to have had
greater effect than any discourse on the sub-
ject yet delivered in the senate chamber. No
claim is made that any votes were changed,
but the energetic utterances of the Californian
broke through the camouflaged barrier of polit-
ics set up by the administration supporters
and placed the treaty squarely before the sen-
ate, to be considered as it relates to and af-
fects American interests without reference to
the fortunes of any group of politicians.

It is thus the critics of the treaty would
have it passed upon. The only attempts to
make political capital out of it have come from
the democratic side, the followers of the pres-
ident insisting that all opposition grows out of
"hatred" of the chief executive. This assertion,
weak enough at its best, was deprived of most
of its force when certain of the most influen-
tial democrats in the senate made it plain
that they could not and would not support the
treaty in its submitted form.

That the fight of administration to force
the document through without amendment or
reservation is hopeless has been apparent for
some time. Just before his tour was terminated,
the president gave evidence of willingness to
accept a compromise. This is seized upon by
thinking democrats as cause for approaching
him directly on the point. Developments of
the present week may disclose what the end
is to be.

Our New Merchant Marine.

Allocation of the eight former German mer-
chantmen to the Shipping board by the War
department adds greatly to the importance of
the government's passenger and cargo carrying
fleet. It increases in some degree the prob-
lem of the fleet's future. In a general way
the Shipping board has outlined the eventual
transfer of all the vessels under its control to
private ownership. Provision for this step has
not been fully worked out, although the plan
is quite likely to be adopted. Long before the
war came upon the world the question of gov-
ernment ownership and operation of ocean
commerce carriers had been pretty fully dis-
cussed, and it was fairly well agreed that the
public ownership and management of such
a fleet would not be for the best interests of
commerce. Arguments that then prevailed are
still effective. Experience during the war is
not a safe guide. It is true the Shipping board
was enabled to accomplish important and in
many ways unexpected results, but under such
conditions as cannot prevail in peace time.
That the American merchant marine, restored
as a result of the great conflict, is to be al-
lowed to again sink to the condition in which
it was five years ago is unthinkable, but its
success must be achieved along economic and
not on political lines.

Nebraska's Growing Good Roads.

Crops may be hauled to market in Nebraska
this year at a lower cost per ton than ever in
the history of the state. This will be the first
fruitage of the good roads campaign, that is
now being vigorously pressed in all parts of
the state. It is too early to give definite and
exact figures, because conditions of construction
will not permit. It is known, though, that
the several counties of the state set apart more
than \$10,000,000 for road improvement, and that
a considerable part of this has been expended.
Definite projects have been outlined, surveyed,
figured and approved at the state engineer's
office, and work on much of the program is under
way. Here we read of a stretch of thirty-two
miles completed, there it is ten, and from all
parts of the state come the reports of activity
in better highway construction. Concrete and
steel bridges, hard surfaced roads, or roadways
built of sand and clay that are wear-resisting in
a high degree and hold surface well, combine
to make the use of the highways less costly
than ever. With the proof thus furnished of
the real economy in good roads, it is certain
that the campaign will never be abandoned in
Nebraska until the state is covered by a net-
work of well constructed and carefully main-
tained roads. As an early, earnest and con-
scientious advocate of the improvement, The
Bee congratulates the people of Nebraska on the
progress made.

How We Are Progressing.

"A nominal cover charge will be made,"
So announces a local hotel in its advertisement,
this warning prospective patrons that rent is
to be collected for the knives and forks. Omaha
is now in line with New York and other effete
centers, where culture is measured by what
things cost. Once the landlord sought by vari-
ous allurement to entice people into his dining
room, where he rewarded them with such
diversity of food as bewildered the unsophistic-
ated, and sometimes puzzled the wise. Boni-
faced took a pride in the provender he set forth,
and the service that accompanied. We have
progressed. The dining room of today is no
longer the scene of cheery communion with the
good things of life, of cozy comfort and de-
lectable enjoyment. Instead it is a shrine
where austerity overpowers any ebullience of
awakened life, where formality prevails, and
where food and drink come forth only at the
bidding of such expenditure of wealth as might
have met the approval even of Lucullus, whose
chief standard of gustatory excellence resided
in his steward's accounts. And, with a "nomi-
nal cover charge" set down against the guest,
Omaha lands within the circle where money
talks.

It is not to be wondered at that in every
competitive examination in Nebraska the repub-
lican beat the democrat out. That is why he
is a republican. Just as soon as a man gets smart
enough, he quits being a democrat.

Divers using the spring board at the municipal
beach do so at their own risk, according to
the supreme court of Nebraska. This ought to
be sufficient notice to any to observe the good
rule of safety first.

Pershing and the American Soldier

From the Philadelphia Ledger.

As so many of our would-be international-
ists are frank to tell us these days that there
is no American type, that our institutions are
without results in character-forming and our
education equally resultless in training the mind,
it is rather pleasant to note that General Persh-
ing takes no stock in any such balderdash,
which can be safely left to the parlor-social-
ists to mull over. For the general, in the
moment of his greatest triumph in his home-
coming, never forgot the man in the trenches,
the doughboy; and when asked it did not take
him very long to say that the American soldier
was the finest soldier in the world, and to give
his reasons therefor. What General Pershing
said has a meaning and a message far beyond
the usual platitudes of the general's office.
For, as he put it succinctly, "the American
soldier is the finest because of the way our
boys are raised. From childhood he is en-
couraged to take the initiative and to feel at
the start that he is master of his own destiny.
That is why he is able to do what he did; and
judging him from what he did, we have every
right to be proud of the American
doughboy, and there is no doubt of that."

That this evaluation by General Pershing is
no idle compliment is borne out by the fact
of what he and the boys did in the six months
which began about June and ended on Novem-
ber 11 to bring Germany to her knees. For
while this relatively brief period in which the
troops of the United States were actively en-
gaged in open warfare seems almost negligible
when compared with the four years and more
of the war as a whole, it was, as all the world
knows today, the determining period, and it
was determining by reason of the spirit and
the resources of the American army and its
chief component, the doughboys. For if nothing
else proved this, the famous St. Mihiel
drive, which in 27 hours forced the enemy out
of the territory it had occupied for four years
in the face of repeated attacks, and which re-
leased 200 square miles of territory, captured
13,251 prisoners, 456 guns and 752 machine
guns, would prove it, to say nothing of the
great Meuse-Argonne offensive wherein the
Pershing strategy of "drawing the best Ger-
man divisions to our front to consume them"
succeeded because the army performed almost
superhuman feats.

That they were thus able to recall the golden
age of the intrepid heroes whose deeds have
always fired the hearts of youth in these con-
centrated six months was due entirely to our
American education and to our method of liv-
ing. General Pershing is quite right. We have
a national type and a national character. No
correct in attributing the success of the dough-
boy to his training in initiative. But more
than that, it is the American school, the pri-
mary, secondary, high school and college, that
has given this initiative full effect, and all the
efforts of Jeremiahs among us to refuse to see
this won't alter the facts.

Bertillon Cards for Motor Cars

Massachusetts will go on record as the first
state to place the automobile to a thing, as it
was of Bertillon measurements. It will achieve
this distinction through a law which is to go
into effect on the coming Friday and which is
expected to put motor car thieves in the Bay
State into the lower class of the used-to-be.

The new act will change entirely the methods
of registration and of issuing licenses to dealers
in Massachusetts. But the most important of
the provisions of the act is that it will require
of all units which carry the life histories of fat
automobiles bought, sold and resold in the
state. Reports are required that will keep these
records constantly up to the minute. Identifi-
cation points will be recorded in such minuteness
that nothing will be likely to deceive the authorities.
The police will have ready access to dealers'
records and to licensed premises. Used cars
offered for sale must be held four days in or-
der that the police may look them over and
compare descriptions with those of machines
reported stolen.

Defense of the Middleman

The United States bureau of markets evinces
no purpose or desire to disrupt the basic prin-
ciples underlying the system for carrying on
business which trade itself has developed. For
instance, there's the theorist's great bone
of contention, the middleman. "He's been here a long time," says the bureau
in effect, "therefore his position cannot be
wholly false."

TODAY

The Day We Celebrate.
George A. Magney, former county attorney,
born 1857.
Hon. Michael Patrick Cashin, premier of
Newfoundland, born at Cape Broyle, Nfld., 55
years ago.
Maj. Gen. William Lassiter, U. S. A., re-
cently assigned to command of Camp Bragg,
born at Petersburg, Va., 52 years ago.
Gabe E. Parker, former register of the
United States treasury, born at Fort Towson,
Indian Territory, 41 years ago.
Dr. Charles S. Howe, president of the Case
School of Applied Science, born at Nashua, N.
H., 61 years ago.
Dr. Malcom B. Adams, president of George-
town (Ky.) college, born at Clarksburg, W.
Va., 51 years ago.

Thirty Years Ago in Omaha.

Johnson and Weberg are building a \$16,000
brick tenement on Nineteenth street near
Spruce.
Despite cool and threatening weather the
bricklayers' union celebrated their fifth annual
picnic.
Rev. D. R. Kerr, pastor of the Southwest-
ern Presbyterian church, preached his farewell
sermon to a full attendance at his church.
A new Swedish Lutheran church has been
established and will be built at once in the
vicinity of Twenty-fourth and Vinton streets.

The Bee's Letter Box

Rent Protesting.
Omaha, Neb., Sept. 26.—To
the Editor: I, The Bee, You
and I do not agree so often but
I feel like complimenting you when
you do a good thing, like going after
the rent sharks of Omaha. Rent
sharks they are and no matter how
one may apologize for them he can-
not make them anything else. I am
on both sides of this question, know
something of the added cost of main-
taining property, and have felt the
goad of 100 per cent increase of my
own rent, so I think I can be fair.

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SOME BAIT!

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Forward or Backward
The time for you to
choose the road of life
on which you will travel
is today. Soon it may
be too late.

Little Folks' Corner

DREAMLAND ADVENTURE

By DADDY.
"THE WANDERING MONKEY."
(When Mrs. Holt's diamond brooch is
stolen from a locked room, Peggy and
Billy see tracks which lead them to be-
lieve that the robber is a bird or animal.
Seeking the robber they come upon a
strange nest in Birdland, and find within
it "wild monkey," who throws at them
what they think is a bomb.)

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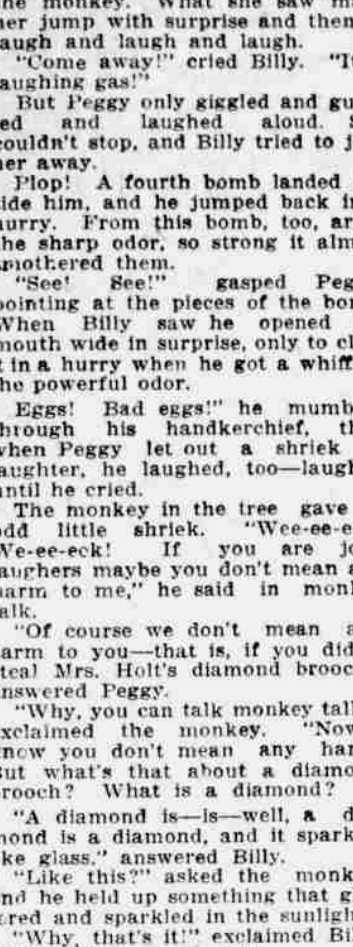
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DOT PUZZLE



Trace sixty-three, he's simply fine.
Draw from one to two and so on to the
end.

The Handy Lexticon.
A couple of pinner up in London
for a holiday halted in front of a
brass plate fixed in the front of a
house, whereon was inscribed in
bold characters the word "chiro-
podist."

The Exclusive Party.
The communist party does not
want doctor-lawyer-editor mem-
bership, yet the average communist
will appeal to the doctor to bind
up his wounds, hire a lawyer to
keep him out of jail and beg the
editor to keep the affair out of the
newspaper.—Buffalo Enquirer.

Rely On Cuticura
For Skin Troubles
All druggists. Soap, Ointment, 24 Cents. Tablets, 25 Cents.
Sample each free of "Cuticura," Dept. 2, Boston.

Skinner's the Best
Macaroni and Spaghetti
made of Durum Wheat

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If the road leads to
prosperity—it is time to
start the nucleus of your
future fortune—it is
time to make the earnest
determination to save at
all costs.

A small amount de-
posited regularly and
added by 3% interest,
compounded semi-an-
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