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You should know that
Omaha has adequate grain supply,
favorable freight rates and
terminal facilities for more flour and
cereal mills.

Now, guess who'll be queen.
"N-68" is also some mark for Omaha's credit.
The golden October sunlight is fervent
enough.
If another recall is needed, it will not fail
because of a defective petition.
"Put your house in order," is General
Wood's advice to Omaha, and it is sound.
Cincinnati's dream may have come true, but
a ball game is never out till it is played out.
President Wilson is a sick man, but not
too sick to protest against calling in a
specialist.
Colorado coyotes are destroying the water-
levels, which may account for high prices to
regular consumers.

Omaha men are getting high honors from
national associations, just another proof of the
kind we have here.

"Educational week" in Nebraska is
proclaimed for November 3, but it should last fifty-
two weeks each year.

Eighty dollars goes for base balls in each
game of the World's Series. Maybe that is
why the event is so popular.

Colonel Morris is right about the Omaha
jail, and it is not an original discovery on
his part. Its condition has been notorious for
years.

Prospects for Mayor Smith's recovery are
so good that his attendants say there is no
longer need to worry. This news is the best
that it offered the public today.

Siberians are making progress. They have
apologized to Uncle Sam for flogging one of
his soldiers and are now pursuing the bolshe-
viki, a program that ought to keep them busy.

The new superdreadnaught Idaho made
22 knots an hour in its trial trip on the Pacific,
the highest speed ever attained by a battleship.
This is a pretty good guaranty of peace in
itself.

Omaha's "gentleman burglar" is outdone by
the Fort Worth thief who obeyed the maiden's
mandate and departed without robbing her.
These Chesterfields of Crime ought to form an
association.

California walnut growers precede the crop
to market with announcement of an increase
in prices. Some day the Department of Justice
may discover that the meat packers are not the
only combine existing.

Ardmoreans upheld democracy, liberty and
several other things by pelting Senator Reed
with old-time eggs and the like when he sought
to speak there. That is in the state that has
the perfect constitution.

The French Chamber of Deputies at last
has voted for the Versailles treaty, but the
French senate still deliberates as to its con-
tents. As they are more vitally concerned than
anybody, delay in America does not seem so
dangerous.

Opening the Mississippi
In all intelligent discussion of congestion on
the transportation lines of the country the
necessity of waterway improvement is con-
ceded. Nobody takes the negative side as a
matter of argument, but the fact is plain that
forms of selfish and narrow opposition exist.
The friends of waterways hold frequent con-
ventions and present conclusive reasons for
comprehensive and steady action, but their ef-
forts so far have not secured what can be
called successful results. Policies of utilization
continue to be nebulous. So it was also with
the Panama canal for more than half a cen-
tury. All parties, all the people, were in favor
of it, but concrete action was long lacking.
When at last it came, there was a fortunate
concentration and vigor of leadership, and the
great work was put through within eight years
of republican administration. Had it not been
for this energy, firmness of purpose and direct-
ness of methods the link between the two
largest oceans would still be a theory only,
supported by the whole body of republican
and yet only a project on paper. But by national
good fortune the canal was built in less time
and for less money than was thought possi-
ble, and today our navy has the inestimable
advantage of quick assemblage in force on
either coast. Our fleets are in ready touch with
each other according to emergencies as they
may arise.

The Mississippi river and its navigable
tributaries are an unequalled system that
reaches throughout the most productive region
in the world. What it produces is in demand
in other continents, and they have crops and
merchandise to exchange for ours with mutual
benefit. But our arteries of communication are
inadequate. They are often clogged and
plainly seen to be inadequate, not for a time,
but all the time. Yet congress gives little
thought from session to session to a permanent
opening of the Mississippi commercially.—St.
Louis Globe-Democrat.

GETTING BACK TO BUSINESS.

With the help of the military under direction
of General Wood Omaha has assumed within
a few days a condition of order that could
hardly be improved on. Acting on the sound
advice of the general, causes for possible fric-
tion are being removed, and with the co-operation
of thoughtful citizens, now keenly aroused,
public affairs are being subjected to scrutiny to
locate the weak spots and apply needed
remedies.

It is not possible to secure ourselves against
an aftermath of lawless outbreaks, unless each
individual citizen contributes fully to the end.
That there is a disposition to do this is the
most encouraging outward sign to be noted.
Resumption of the normal life of the city has
proceeded rapidly and visitors are impressed
with the fact that the recovery has been
achieved with least inconvenience or disloca-
tion of regular activities. Gradual removal of
the military forces will soon be possible, and
within a short time Omaha will be self-de-
pendent.

Counseled by General Wood, a city com-
mission is moving to strengthen the police force
and to provide more modern equipment and
instruction in its use. As a preliminary step in
the right direction this will be approved by all.
But it is axiomatic that the best armed and
drilled police force, no matter how numerous,
is no better than its leadership. Unless com-
petently directed, it will be of little real ser-
vice. This aspect of the problem we trust is
realized by the responsible authorities. As
they meet the expectations of the people in
this respect, will the structure of our city's
government be built again upon firm founda-
tions and the community be re-established in
its own and others' confidence.

Germany and Russia.

Arguing for immediate and unmodified ac-
ceptance of the Versailles treaty, David R.
Francis asserts that if Germany is permitted to
penetrate Russia in an economic way, the end
will be that the Teutonic power will be greater
than ever. As ambassador to Russia at the
time of that nation's dissolution, Mr. Francis
ought to be well acquainted with the situation
in detail. He should know the temper and dis-
position of the Russian people, both before and
after the overthrow of the empire. His assertions,
therefore, have the weight of authority. As
a reason for the adoption of the treaty and its
contents, however, Mr. Francis' statements
are not convincing.

From the very beginning it has been ap-
parent that Germany's influence in Russia
would exceed that of any or all of the Allies.
Even had the czar remained at the head of his
government, it is questionable if the hold Ber-
lin had on Russian affairs would have been
much weakened. When the time comes to re-
organize Russia, German advice probably will
be heard more readily than any from another.
These things have been understood and ac-
cepted by the Allies.

Germany's industrial and commercial future
is inseparable from Russia. An alliance be-
tween the two is almost inevitable now. How
far this will involve the other countries of
central Europe may be surmised by any at all
familiar with their politics and interests. The
Bee long ago pointed out the possibility of this
second league of nations, and nothing that has
transpired of late tends to change the situation.
Just how the formation of the coalition pro-
posed by Versailles will obviate the tendency
to closer relations between the Germans
and whatever government may finally emerge
in Russia is not clear. If the League of Na-
tions is called into being, it must be for a more
weighty and convincing reason than that it will
keep Germany from dominating in Russia and
central Europe.

California and the Medicine Men.

At the New York conference of "lady docs,"
one of them from California held up action on
compulsory health insurance by a peculiar plea.
She cited the predicament in which medicine
men find themselves in the Golden state. There
the doctors, big pill and little pill alike, are
fighting for their lives. Twenty-six known and
classified varieties of organized societies for
combatting medical practitioners exist, and
"schools" are run there to teach young folks
how to avoid the doctor and to have nothing to
do with him.

Just what this has to do with the plan of
compelling people to make provision against
illness or accident is not clear. If Californians
want to depend upon the "glorious climate" for
health and possible longevity, the rest of the
country should not be exposed to a danger that
exists. It is not divulged that the blessed
dwellers on the Pacific coast live longer or
have more of happiness than is the lot of those
who exist under conditions of climate indigen-
ous to other regions. They may, if they wish,
"throw physics to the dogs," and toss the physi-
cian after the dose, but in all fairness they
might let the rest of us take a short cut to
kingdom come if we are so minded.

It is curiously interesting to note in this
connection that as men of science get closer to-
gether and "schools" of medicine dwindle in
number as knowledge increases, forces opposed
to the Esculapian cult are dividing and multi-
plying.

Funds for Repairing the Court House.

No special session of the legislature will be
needed to provide money for repairing the
damage to the court house. The county com-
missioners have ample power under the law,
according to the attorney general, to call the
election for voting the necessary bonds. This
action will probably be taken without delay,
and it is possible that much of the work can be
done in anticipation of the bond issue. Here
is an emergency, in which action is required
that public property and public interests do
not suffer further. How extensive the damage
to the building really is will be disclosed only
when it has been completely examined, but the
partial restoration now in process, and the re-
fitting of the offices so that business can be
carried on should suffer no delay. Now is a
time when prompt action will count double in
the way of saving money for the taxpayers.

"Buffalo" Jones came into notice because
of his faith that a superior quality of beef could
be produced by cross-breeding between the
range steer and the buffalo. His experiment
did not pan out as he planned, but did result
in his collecting a considerable herd of buffalo
and quite a few of the hybrids on which he
spent so much time. He was a pioneer to the
extent of proving what might not be done.

College Reconstruction

From the New York Times.
Now it is the colleges that are entering upon
their "period of reconstruction." They are the
sources of our future light and leading, and
the spirit in which they take up the task has
an import usually far-reaching. "I call upon
you young men and teachers," said Chancellor
Brown at the opening of New York University,
"to enter with us into the solemn vow that
our life shall be lived for our country and for
mankind, no less than was the life of those who
gave themselves in the supreme devotion of
that war of liberation." That is the call which,
as we once thought, all the world would heed;
but even these first months since the armistice
have brought a rude disillusionment. There
are times when the world seems not only
"against what it was," but infinitely more blinded
by self-interest and irresponsibility. The chan-
celler seems aware of a danger. The vow he
proposes means "that you turn your backs or
even your best of other days, that you put al-
sordidness and all cheap bargaining behind you
that you put frivolity and snobbishness and ar-
rogance behind you, that you put and keep the
life on this campus on such a plane that it shall
command the respect and admiration of all right-
thinking men."

Is this counsel too difficult? Chancellor
Brown seems to fear that it is. "The sense of
fun is strong in men and I cannot help putting
this appeal alongside of a college dance, a col-
lege election, a dormitory or a fraternity, or a
car full of student commuters. I cannot help
seeing how ingloriously the most heroic utter-
ance will be laughed down by the triumphant
actualities of the situation." There, in a word,
is the crux of the problem. For our soldiers
in France the "actualities" of the situation was
the dull roar of the German guns; for the rest
of us it was the increasing toll of the sub-
marine and the specter of starvation, which
meant defeat.

Taxes and School Bonds.

Omaha, Oct. 1.—To the Editor of
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\$50,000 for the new building pro-
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Why Liberty Bonds are Strong
There is no mystery about the recent
strength of the market for Liberty bonds in
the light of a treasury statement that no less than
\$17,537,000 had been retired and canceled up
to August 31. This is a very substantial frac-
tion of the total amount of \$21,000,000 in
these bonds which were originally issued and
represents a measure of debt liquidation hardly
to be paralleled in war finance within a year of
the war's end.

The price tendency in this market is thus
likely to continue generally upward. The
treasury is evidently working into an easier
position as the war recedes, despite the croak-
ings in congress to the contrary. Purchases
on regular sinking fund account must in time
cumulatively strengthen the demand. In an
investment world still much troubled by the
uncertainties and reconstructions springing
from the anarchy of war, these bonds are losing
nothing in the attractiveness of safety. None
of the Liberty issues will remain below
par as things are now going.—New York
World.

The Barbarism of Mobs

A mob is a strange and sinister thing. Its
members may be ordinarily decent citizens. But
under the influence of the mob spirit they lose
all self-control and the basest passions get the
upper hand. So different is the conduct of the
crowd from the normal conduct of the indi-
viduals composing it that it has been made the
subject of numerous studies by psychologists.
The United States has had several object
lessons recently in mob behavior. The rioting
in Washington, Chicago and Boston, and now
this latest outbreak in Omaha, are exceedingly
disquieting. They show the danger of a relapse
into barbarism that exists in every community.
In the long run education and discipline
must be the correctives. But in the meantime
the country must look to its constituted au-
thorities to maintain order with a firm hand.
The mob spirit must be curbed before it sweeps
over whole cities.—Kansas City Star.

TODAY

The Day We Celebrate.
Dr. Charles E. Smith, dentist, born 1863.
Miss Virginia Gildersleeve, dean of Barnard
college, born in New York City 42 years ago.
Nora Bayes, a popular singing comedienne
of the American stage, born in Chicago 39
years ago.
Maj. Gen. William C. Gorgas, U. S. A., former
surgeon general of the United States army,
now retired, born at Mobile, Ala., 65 years ago.
Andrew J. Montague, former governor of
Virginia, now a member of congress, born in
Campbell county, Virginia, 57 years ago.
Prince Charles of Roumania, who renounced
his rights to the throne to make a marriage of
his choice, born 26 years ago.

Thirty Years Ago in Omaha.

A. W. Wyman, H. W. Yates, Luther Drake,
E. E. Balch, Alfred Millard, Thomas McCague,
F. W. Davis and M. T. Barlow, who recently
returned from a bankers' convention at Kansas
City, today forwarded resolutions of thanks to
Kansas City bankers.
Miss Isabelle B. Anderson has organized a
class of Omaha school teachers whom she will
instruct in elocution and physical culture.
Milton Darling has gone to Omaha to attend
the Knights Templar convocation at Washington
were A. B. Smith of the Burlington and Louis
H. Korty, superintendent of telegraph for the
Union Pacific.
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hughes were entertain-
ed by Miss Fannie Butterfield at the home
of Mr. Clement Chase on Park avenue.

The Bee's Letter Box

Fireman's Wife Writes.
Omaha, Sept. 36.—To the Editor
of The Bee: I was indeed glad to
note that in a recent issue of your
paper our reader signed himself
as "An Interested Voter of Omaha,"
had a kind word for the "fire lad-
dies" instead of referring to them
as "loose loafers," such as many citi-
zens do.

However, in naming over the ex-
penditures of a fireman he did not
name all. For instance a certain
amount is deducted each month
from his salary for the Firemen's
and Policemen's Benefit associa-
tion. Also each man must furnish
his own sheets, pillow cases, blan-
kets or comforts, spread and pillow
sham, and which, we all know, do
not wear forever. It might do some
people good to visit an engine house
and take a look into their sleeping
compartments. You might be really
surprised and for the moment
forget you were in a hospital from
the spots, sanitary surroundings.
I get also mention the fact that
two-thirds of the firemen's wives
work in the city. Some of them
could name many who work down
town, while others do things, from
taking care of invalids in their
homes to selling washing, so on.
Honest work is no disgrace to these
good women, but would the city
kickers allow this? No, their wages
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Two before this the school
board asked for a bond issue for
a technical school building and the
plea was granted. Was the money
diverted to other purposes? If so,
by what authority of law?
By the way, isn't it time to try
to stop imposing extra tax burdens
upon them alone? The new ap-
proach the point of confiscation.

Mob Rule—Incident Anarchy.

Akron, Ia. Sept. 29.—To the Editor
of The Bee: It is remarkable
that mob action is resorted to as
address in a civilized country. Two
wages can never make a right,
hence the traitor's "Sun" is
lynching must return—upon the
heads of those who participated
therein. "Vengeance is mine," saith
the Lord, and I will repay.
The mob is a very wonderful work
Herbert C. Hoover accomplished in
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bia, in the neutral states on the
west, but especially in our own
country, in creating, organizing and
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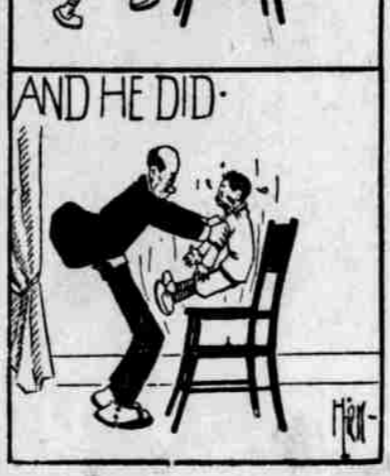
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DAILY CARTOONETTE.



Little Folks' Corner

DREAMLAND ADVENTURE

By DADDY.
"THE WANDERING MONKEY."
Peggy and Billy, seeking Mrs. Holt's
stolen diamonds, finds a monkey in the
woods, who shows them the road of a
black robber. After they are puzzled
and frightened by a mysterious voice,
Billy traps the robber in his room.

CHAPTER IV.

What the monkey did.
The black robber lay quietly in
his room while Billy and Rollo
climbed the tree. In fact he was
too quiet to suit Billy, who thought
he might be up to some trick. And
the nearer Billy got to the room, the
more suspicious he became.
Rollo, the monkey, was eager for
revenge. His nose was still sore
from the nipping given it when he
had climbed the tree before, and
now that the black robber was fast
in a trap Rollo meant to get even
with him. So the monkey was rac-
ing on ahead of Billy, when sudden-
ly Billy caught him by the tail.
"Wait," whispered Billy. "Maybe
the black robber is trying to fool us.
He may grab your nose again."
Rollo stopped short at that. He
didn't want that preclous nose
nipped a second time.
Billy quickly thought of a way to
see if the black robber was plan-
ning a surprise for them. He took
off his cap and put it on the end of
a branch high up. Then he held
the cap slowly over the edge of the
nest, just as if it were on his own
head.
Snap! A sharp, powerful beak
suddenly snatched fiercely at the
cap. If Billy's head had been in-
side, it would have gotten a slash-
ing whack and a nip, and Billy

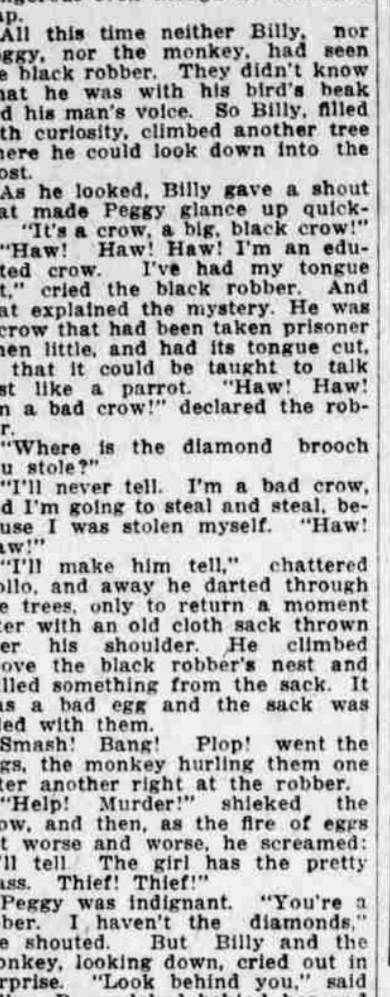


Away He Sailed.

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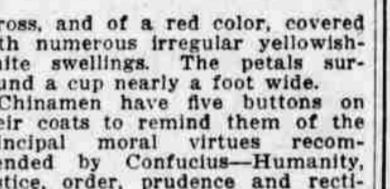
The hand of a normal-sized hu-
man being contains 25,000 pores.
Bagdad is famous for its breed of
white asses. Their ears and tails
are sometimes colored a bright red.
The present dwellings in Greater
New York could more than accom-
modate the whole population of
Switzerland.
In Siberia the sun rises exactly
at 6 a. m. and sets at 6 p. m.
throughout the year, and is directly
overhead at noon.
If the appetite of a man were as
great as that of a sparrow in pro-
portion to his size, he would eat a
whole sheep at one sitting.
In China every business man has
a shop name and a private name,
and among his family and acquaint-
ances he is known by the latter.
The palace of Versailles, the scene
of the signing of the world peace
treaty, is probably the most costly
palace ever built. In order to keep
the outlay a secret Louis XVI de-
stroyed all the documents relating
to the building.
A Swiss milkmaid, with a musical
singing voice, obtains better wages
than the one who cannot sing, as a
cow that is soothed with a pleasing
melody during milking will, it is
said, yield one-fifth more milk.
The rafflesia of Sumatra is said to
be the largest and most magnificent
flower in the world. It is composed
of five roundish petals, each a foot

DOT PUZZLE



Can you finish this picture?
Draw from one to two and so on to the
end.

who was delighted. And she was
astonished, too, when she heard that
the thief was a tame crow that had
gone bad.
As for Rollo, the wandering mon-
key, he wouldn't go into the town,
but raced back to his home in the
woods. But Peggy and Billy were
to see him again and have another
peculiar adventure with him, as will
be told in next week's story.



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