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What The Bee Stands For:
1. Respect for the law and maintenance of order.
2. Speedy and certain punishment of crime through the regular operation of the courts.

The "closed season" in Omaha started with quite a bang.

You may have noted that the "yeggmen" observed the eight-hour day.

Does a constitutional convention come under the head of "essential industry?"

"Off again, on again, gone again," seems to be the rule of the Kansas City switchmen.

The burglars undoubtedly agreed with the grand jury in its estimate of the local police heads.

Why worry about our relations with Europe? Haven't we enough real trouble at home?

The slippery hillsides will give the school children plenty of occupation till the embargo is lifted.

Congress got away on its long session without a hitch. Mr. Wilson will give his views of the situation today.

One thing should not be overlooked—very little fuel is being used in this country for the manufacture of booze.

A San Francisco husband worries because his wife has \$45 in the bank. Most of us would be glad for such a cause.

Lady Nancy Astor's debut in Parliament was made quite a function, but the lady herself takes it seriously enough.

Efforts to raise the pay of college professors is having effect. Prizefighter Dempsey refused to go on for less than \$100,000 a bout.

New York's "handsomest couple" is about to secure a dissolution of matrimonial partnership. "Handsome is as handsome does" still holds good.

A secess at a local theater predicts a "more roseate hue" for the coal situation this week. Let us hope it will shine through the doors of the blazing furnaces.

King Emanuel was cheered when he entered the assembly room of the Italian parliament. This is contrary to the socialist program, but may indicate the sentiment of patriotic Italians.

The president of the Kansas miners laughs at Governor Allen's volunteers, but he may live to change his tune. Those Jayhawkers have a way of getting what they go after, and coal will be no exception.

Robert Lansing still retains the faculty of using the English language so as to set out plainly what the United States expects of foreign governments who are inclined to trifle with the rights of Americans.

The Ellis Island Soviet

Few men seek a happy home on Ellis Island. It is a port of passage. But the soviet established there through the kindness of Uncle Sam has the fairest of fields for pleasurable existence.

MORAL ASPECT OF THE STRIKE.

Omaha people are submitting with commendable patience to the rigid exactions of the fuel administration. The gentlemen who are in charge have acted with what they believe is due regard for public interests and safety, and the uncomplaining assent given by the public is indicative of an excellent community spirit.

This hardship has been brought on the nation by a peculiar process of reasoning on part of men who are looking at all the world through spectacles of their own devising. It is singular, indeed, that men who profess to be opposed to physical warfare, and who a few years ago had a notion of making war impossible by refusing to dig coal to be used in military or naval operations, should so cheerfully engage in an economic war of such extent and so filled with potential and actual destruction as that now being carried on.

Horror of the war is duplicated; perhaps not in the dreadful carnage of a battle field, but none the less poignant and personal in the silent misery of homes where larder and coal bin alike are empty. A man stabbed to death in a charge is no more a loss to the world than a babe frozen or starved because of an obstinate, senseless strike.

A conflict whose basis is immoral can not bring permanent success to any. In this case two obstinate, willful sets of men, each acting from selfish motives, have precipitated a dreadful condition of an otherwise prosperous country, and both of these should be made in some way to pay for the disaster they are responsible for.

Michigan Election Muddle.

After due allowances are made for the partisan political aspect of the Michigan election muddle, justice requires that the matter be thoroughly ventilated. So far the proceedings have not had the surface appearance of fairness. When the voters of Michigan declined to accept Henry Ford as a United States senator, even rejecting the very earnest recommendation of the president that the great manufacturer be elected, the democrats started the howl of fraud, bribery, corruption and generally kicked up a big cloud of dust.

With this to start on, the campaign of 1920 is fairly under way for the administration, which hopes to prop up its tottering fortunes by a general accusation of crookedness against the republicans. So far as the republican party is concerned, it has stood forever for a fair ballot and a free count. From Tammany and Boston in the north to the "pocket boroughs" of the south, its effort has continually been to secure for the honest voter unrestricted opportunity to make his choice at the polls.

A seat in the senate is of immense value to the president and his party just now. It would give the White House full control of legislation, and permit a resumption of the dictatorial practice built up since 1913. To the republicans more than that is at stake. The fundamentals of the party's life are involved. Nothing should be omitted or neglected that will bring out the truth in connection with the Michigan case.

Put Up or Shut Up for Mexico.

The latest from Washington to the Carranza government is more nearly a genuine ultimatum than any of the long series that preceded it. It is couched in plain terms, and flatly tells the Mexicans that the next move is theirs. The United States declines to be enmeshed in a web of words over a matter as vital as the imprisonment of an American citizen, who also happens to be a representative of its State department. He must be liberated, or a real reason given for holding him. This is yet a long way from a declaration of war or an intimation of armed intervention, but if Carranza insists on holding Consul Jenkins prisoner, the situation will become immediately serious. Americans have shown wonderful forbearance towards Mexico for nearly a decade, trying to allow the inhabitants of that country to adjust their own affairs. Because of the inability of Mexicans to set up and maintain a stable, responsible government, some hundreds of Americans have been murdered, millions of dollars in property has been looted or destroyed, and unspeakable outrages endured by our citizens. And the end of the reckoning is nearly at hand. If Mexicans can not govern themselves, we may be forced to show them how it is done.

What About the Homeless?

Somebody may gain fleeting fame by devising a plan to take care of the homeless men and women while every form of amusement is shut down. We have some thousands of these in Omaha, who are domiciled at rooming houses or hotels, eat at restaurants, and spend a considerable part of their leisure time at the theaters or similar places. With working hours shortened, these find their leisure time increased, and with all places where they might comfortably spend part of it shut down, they are in an unpleasant predicament. It may be that they will find some sort of relief in loafing around their lodgings, getting acquainted with one another, employing the time as best they may in various ways. But the dislocation of their routine of life is more serious than will be that of the workers who have homes to go to. Nobody seems to have thought of them when the regulations were made, but they are entitled to some consideration.

Secretary Baker's experience in the war office has taught him something. He professes to believe that American institutions have no cause to fear anything from an American army. This is considerable progress from the pacifist attitude he held four years ago.

A 14 Per Cent "Insult"

From the New York World.

The leaders of the coal miners in the conferences at Washington have seriously blundered. Having started out with a demand of 60 per cent increase in wages and having for a time confidently expected to get an increase of at least 31 per cent, they naturally feel and express deep disappointment at the government's 14 per cent conclusion. But in their refusing conference and arbitration on other matters at issue, and even on this matter of wage rates as a permanent arrangement, they have simply put their cause beyond defense at the bar of public opinion.

Mr. Garfield dealt with only one phase of the controversy. His decision, in effect, was that the industry can stand an increase of 14 per cent in wages without raising prices to the consumer, and that this 14 per cent will offset the increased cost of living to the miners. The fuel administrator did not attempt to discuss the question of hours, working conditions and regularity of employment, none of which can be ignored in a final settlement. He was concerned only in adjusting wage demands to the present selling price of coal.

Whether Mr. Garfield is right or wrong in his conclusion we do not know, nor can anybody know without a thorough analysis of the statistics on which his decision is based. It is worth while, however, as a sign of the times, to call attention to the contemptuous manner in which his report was received by the representatives of the miners, many of whom treated the 14 per cent increase in wages as an "insult" and also contemptible to be taken seriously.

Yet a 14 per cent increase in wages, whether it is adequate or not, is a substantial advance, and it is only in this new era of profiteering that either labor or capital has come to regard an advance of 14 per cent as infinitesimal.

The whole crux of this controversy is whether the public is to be saddled with an increase in wages that the industry itself cannot pay at the present prices of coal. It gets back again to the process of pyramiding which has been the basis of settlement in labor disputes for the last three years. When labor has received more, the employer has passed the increase along to the consumer and the consumer has had to make the best of it. The result has been a steady advance in prices accompanied by all the evils of a speculative market with few elements of stability.

That method cannot be continued indefinitely and there are already signs that a crisis is approaching.

The coal operators undoubtedly hogged everything they could while the hogging was good, and now the miners demand their chance at the trough; but the time is coming when wages will have to be adjusted with some regard to production, and selling prices cannot be maintained indefinitely at artificial levels through agreements between employers and employees to divide the swag. Otherwise the whole industrial structure will come crashing down.

It cannot be said that either the operators or the miners have conducted themselves in this controversy in a way to command public confidence. Both of them have played fast and loose with the general welfare, and if the government is to divide the swag, it is only on the effect a settlement it is because the government is dealing with men and interests who have no honest desire to see it get anywhere.

The miners, however, through a leadership with greater capacity for blundering, have now put themselves clearly in the wrong and on the defensive. In contemptuously kicking their merely tentative proposals, they have contemptuously dealt with the public interest and consider public opinion. The strike accordingly will have to be fought out on the line of fighting chosen by the miners. They can cause greater inconvenience and suffering to the country than could the steel strikers. Nevertheless, the steel strikers' loss in defying public opinion, and by the same token the soft coal miners will lose.

Dealing With Mexico

The attitude of chronic hostility to the United States maintained by President Carranza has often carried him to the verge of what, were almost any other country than this concerned, would be war. Whether it is plain pig-headedness or a deliberate policy of trying to incite the spirit of nationalism among the people as a support of his government, it rests for its success entirely upon the traditional forbearance, good nature and horror of war of the American people. Fortunate indeed for the Carranza administration or any other Mexican government pursuing a like policy, that it is the United States and not some other nation possessing military power, which borders that country. This good luck for Mexico is not solely because we so long and patiently withhold our hand from war, but as well because we stand between misgoverned Mexico and other nations not of such patient habit.

Mexico has been omitted from the list of nations invited to become signatories of the Versailles treaty and thus members of the League of Nations. This omission was made because its government is not considered by the other nations as a responsible one. High sounding declarations of principle and forms of government do not make either a democracy or a government representative of the people or so dependable that it may be considered a responsible member of the great world league. However, patient as the United States is and loth to use military force, our citizens must be protected and our interests and rights respected. Probably the Carranza government will stop short of forcing us into actual war or intervention by such explanations and modifications of conduct as may be necessary barely to accomplish that purpose, such as the release of Consul Jenkins, without altering its attitude of contemptuous hostility. This is more likely to be the case because of the failure of Mexico to procure arms and ammunition sufficient for the prosecution of a war. Firmness in dealing with Mexico now is required the more necessary and the more difficult because of the vacillating policy of the past few years. It has left in the Mexican mind doubt as to the location of our dead line of patience, which is therefore the more likely to be overstepped.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

TODAY

The Day We Celebrate.
Nelson B. Urdike, president of the Urdike Grain company of Omaha and the Urdike Commission company of Chicago, born in 1871.
Dr. Philip Sher, practicing physician, born in 1874.
Linn P. Campbell, with the Byron Reed company, real estate, born in 1889.
Louis C. Nash of Burgess-Nash company, born in Omaha in 1880.
W. F. Negele, Thompson-Belden company, born in Walnut, O., in 1866.
Frederick E. Farnsworth, general secretary of the American Bankers' association, born in Detroit 67 years ago.
Carolina White, celebrated operatic soprano, born at Dorchester, Mass., 31 years ago.
Louis C. Droncher, representative in congress of the Seventh Michigan district, born in Lapeer county, Michigan, 44 years ago.

The Bee's Letter Box

Opposed to the League.

North Platte, Neb., Nov. 28.—To the Editor of The Bee: With your kind permission I wish to state a few facts and make a few friendly suggestions which I think is not amiss at this present time. I distinctly remember reading in the press about two months ago that there were none opposed to the adoption of the so-called League of Nations only those who did not understand the English language or could not read. That is about the substance as I now remember, and it was spoken by a person who should be an undoubted authority.

Then, again, about four or five weeks ago, came the statement by a man from the north, who was only those who were anarchists, socialists, I. W. W.'s or bolsheviks, were opposed to the adoption of the League as set forth by our honorable president, and now we see strong indications that there will be a great effort made to punish all those ardent fellow citizens who, by going headlong, who seem determined to follow the example of our rebel forefathers who sought justice through their own hands, but the most effective way was to throw the tea overboard in Boston harbor and for such an act our dearly beloved English masters would either shoot or hang the bolshevik rebels.

To my mind the present is actually serious as if the first state-subsidized English language league don't understand the English language is correct, and the second accusation that because of their ardent following of the League of Nations, they are anarchists or socialists or bolsheviks or I. W. W.'s, these conditions clearly place them in the incompetent and criminal class, worthy of no consideration. There is now a move on foot to extinguish such characters. I beg leave to move that each and all of the fellow senators would either shoot or hang the bolshevik rebels, and as there is now a move on foot to extinguish such characters, I beg leave to move that each and all of the fellow senators would either shoot or hang the bolshevik rebels, and as there is now a move on foot to extinguish such characters, I beg leave to move that each and all of the fellow senators would either shoot or hang the bolshevik rebels.

MUCH IN LITTLE

Captain Fryatt's steamship Brussels has been offered to the Belgian government by the British government.

Orders for the construction of new passenger airplanes of the Bodensee type have been placed by the German Aerial company.

M. Plon, deputy, and Mme. Plon were arrested by burglars in their mansion at Cadix, Gironde, both being seriously injured.

To quickly clean a rifle a European inventor has patented a brush that can be mounted in place of a bullet on a cartridge and fired from it.

In a new electrically operated ironing machine a flatiron is mechanically moved over a board, but its course is directed by a hand lever.

A new bathroom accessory holds a tumbler in an inverted position to drain quickly and also serves as a ventilated shield for tooth brushes.

There is a vast difference between Paderewski's salary as Polish premier and his former earnings as a professional pianist. When at the height of his popularity as a pianist he was paid at the rate of \$15 a minute.

A Chinaman who wears his spectacles in the presence of guests or a social superior is held to be as rude as in this country we consider a man who fails to remove his hat when meeting women of his acquaintance.

A large number of Japanese obtain a livelihood by catching fireflies. These insects are used as ornaments at social festivities. Sometimes released in swarms in the presence of guests.

In the 16th century there was a curious custom in England whereby street peddlers were forbidden to sell plums and apples, for the reason that servants and apprentices were unable to resist the sight of them and were constantly tempted to steal their employers' money in order to enjoy the costly delicacies.

DAILY CARTOONETTE.



AND HE DID



Advertisement for Nicholas Oils, featuring a portrait of a man and the text 'BUSINESS IS GOOD THANK YOU'.

Little Folks' Corner



Making Your Own Bed Quilt.
Snow flying, frost pinching and coal scarce! Who cares! The very best thing for your health is to sleep with your windows open, and the heat turned off. You will enjoy it if you have plenty of covers. Why not make your own bed quilt?



Flying Weather Vane.
Tell me how to build an airplane, Uncle Bob—a toy one that will fly.

The Patched Quilt.
The diamond and the box patterns are the most attractive to use and they will be the closest imitation of the old-fashioned quilt, so scarce now, and so valuable. The diamond patch is made by first cutting a paper pattern of a geometric diamond figure the size that you wish. Then cut your cloth by this pattern in patches of contrasting color. Plain blue and white or checked gingham in blue and white, and pink and white will be pretty. Sew the diamonds together on the wrong side with small over and over stitches.

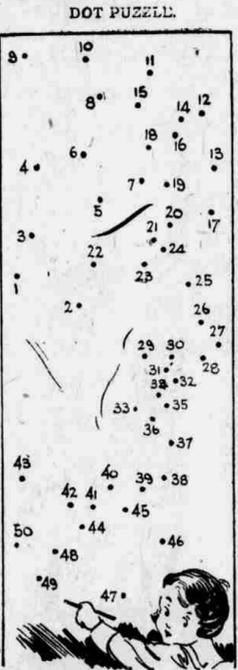


The Box Pattern.
The box pattern is made by combining diamond patches in threes so as to make the geometric box figure. Then sew the boxes together as you did the diamonds.

A Chintz Comfortable.
If you can use a sewing machine, you can make a soft, dainty quilt for your room to match the curtains. Stitch chintz in a gay pattern so as to make a large, bag-shaped covering the right size for your bed. Then attach it on the machine up and down its length, leaving a space of about six inches between the rows. Gather all the soft old material that you can find for stuffing it, cotton, old stockings, old linen, scraps of silk, or ravelings of yarn. An old sweater, raveled, is splendid.

Fill the spaces in the quilt between the rows of stitching with this material, and finish it by binding the edges with plain cambric or ribbon to contrast with the colors of the chintz.

DOT PUZZLE.



What has Willie drawn? Draw from one to two and so on to the end.

To Those Who Would Be Physically Fit:
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All baths and electrical equipment useful in the treatment of the sick.
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Masonic Temple, 19th and Douglas.
Phone Tyler 920.

the post (G) with a spike through the hole first bored in A. Use an iron nut for a bearing.

Next week: "A Burnt Wood Book Stand."

Metecological Indications.
Lama Beane says thick cornhusks and large bunches of hair over the ears of the girls indicate a severe winter.—Toledo Blade.

"THE MILLS OF THE GODS."

The mills of the gods grind slowly, but oh how fine and sure. The time may be long, but they will right wrong. For they grind.
The mills of the gods grind slowly, but oh how fine and sure. You cannot evade or them persuade. Not to grind.
The mills of the gods grind slowly, but oh how fine and sure. To justice they cleave, and they will not reverse. For they grind.

Advertisement for 'OKEH' Arrow Form-Fit Collar, featuring an illustration of a collar and the text 'an "OKEH" Arrow Form-Fit Collar'.

Friends Across the Sea

The close of the war has enabled us to again transact business with Europe.

If you have relatives or friends abroad with whom you wish to transact business, you can make use of the Foreign Exchange Department of the First National Bank.

Advertisement for First National Bank of Omaha, featuring the text 'First National Bank of Omaha' and 'Street Floor Entrance'.

What about those ugly skin blemishes?

Why don't you get rid of them? Be free to enjoy life—not unhappy because wherever you go people are noticing your poor complexion.

Advertisement for Resinol Soap, featuring the text 'Resinol Soap' and 'Discriminating men like Resinol Shaving Stick'.