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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.

Little rays of sunshine also help.
Profiteering landlords seldom overlook an opportunity.

Shortage of fuel does not interfere with the enterprising burglar's pestiferous activity.

A steer has just sold in Chicago at the price of \$2.62 per pound. This is about the raiser's ideal.

The comity existing between governors in Nebraska takes on a fearful and wonderful form at times.

Putting mine officials into jail may appease the court, but it is men in the pits the country really needs.

A fuel administrator is promised Nebraska by the local administrator, but he does not guarantee delivery.

Conditions can not be so dreadfully bad in London when seats at a boxing match are going fast at \$125 per seat.

One Omaha policeman has resigned because he can not live on \$100 a month. But quite a number of folks have to.

Villa has been taken again, but by his own men this time, so he may yet live to contribute numerous chapters to current history.

In Paris the "national" costume for men has appeared, but the dear ladies will continue to suit their fancies in the matter of clothing.

Omaha bankers also agree with the grand jury's report as to the police management, and prepare to guard their own treasure vaults.

"Aphrodite" must have been some "drammer," if it was too strong for seasoned New York. Probably approached the original.

Oklahoma's governor does not want the protection of colored soldiers, evidently forgetting that Uncle Sam's uniform doesn't draw the color line.

Volunteer coal diggers enough to man the mines are in sight, so one phase of the solution appears to have passed. The next is to get them where the coal is.

Some Missouri coal miners went back to work because they could not bear to be idle and see their neighbors freeze. This spirit might well be imitated by others.

One local philosopher, viewing the state of the union, consoles himself with the thought that the republican party could not possibly have done worse than the democrats have.

Santa Fe trainmen, who threaten to quit rather than haul coal dug by volunteers, ought to keep in mind that they are working for Uncle Sam and a strike of the sort they propose would come mighty near to being treason.

Frank Polk informs Kurt von Leisner that differences of view in the United States regarding the treaty are not to be resolved in favor of Germany. It will do the Germans all good if they get this fact straight in their minds.

An Old Standby

An average good Missouri mule sells for \$300. This sturdy animal keeps on its sure-footed way regardless of multiplying automobiles and tractors. The steady demand for mules is mainly from the farms, a good sign of speeding up production where most needed.

There is clearly a sound business expansion when the demand grows for mules and horses as well as all kinds of motor vehicles and improved farm machinery. More production is the cry, and it is heeded. Breeders of all farm animals have accepted a new and higher standard. A \$1,000 hog is no longer a curiosity. The price of bacon suggests it.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

WHY HAVE A PENITENTIARY?

Mystery surrounding the easy release from the state penitentiary of a long-term prisoner convicted of a serious offense may or may not be impenetrable. Investigation properly directed will determine that. What the public is most concerned in is the modus operandi by which the liberation was effected.

A rather elaborate system for considering applications for paroles and pardons has been built up in Nebraska, ostensibly for the purpose of dividing responsibility between the executive and members of a pardons board. Back of this is a desire to relieve the governor of undue embarrassment in the exercise of the pardoning power, as well as to provide adequate means for determining the merits of individual cases.

An important criminal, to whom parole had formally been refused is able to secure release on an informal order. Some of the facts brought out by hasty inquiry give the case an unusual look. The order for a "furlough" was signed on September 8, a day on which neither the governor nor lieutenant governor was within the state, and when the president pro tempore of the senate was acting as executive.

It may not have occurred to him that anything out of the routine course was going on, but the outsider will be struck with the singularity of the coincidence. Another point of moment is the secrecy that was observed almost for two months before the order was presented, while even more astonishing is the fact that the warden complacently accepted without question a document that ordinarily must have called for verification.

Finally, the point raised simultaneously by the lieutenant governor and the mayor, that such proceedings tend to discredit the usual process of obtaining justice and punishing criminals, can not be avoided. The fullest possible inquiry should be made into the details of this case. Inquiry may develop a state of facts differing materially from the surface showing, and clear away what now seems a queer situation.

Fighting the White Plague.
While effort more or less sporadic, directed sometimes with and sometimes without high intelligence, is being made to rid the earth of various of its ills, the national organization for combating tuberculosis steadily pursues its campaign. This was carefully marked out long ago, when it had been fairly determined that the disease is preventable and even curable.

Experience has brought about various modifications in detail, as better ways of doing the work have been discovered or developed, but the main purpose is unchanged.

One of the most deplorable sequels of the war is the increase of tuberculosis in European countries. This was inevitable, because of the condition of undernourishment and consequent lessening of the disease-resistant quality of the inhabitants of the war-stricken lands.

The Society for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis is active, however, energetically and persistently combatting the disease to which is ascribed 150,000 useless deaths annually in the United States. Its work does not interfere with nor duplicate that of any of the other moves for relieving mankind of affliction, and so deserves the hearty support of those who really are concerned for the welfare of humanity.

How to Spend the Long Evenings.
One of our contemporaries undertakes to express the quandary in which its readers find themselves these days, between solitude and sleep, for filling in the long evenings. As an alternative, The Bee would suggest that something sweet may be snatched from adversity, if only the individual will accept the opportunity.

Instead of dividing the evenings between sleep and solitude, either of which may be reckoned among the necessities, give a portion of it to solid reading, sober reflection and intelligent discussion in the family circle of the situation. This does not mean that one must set about a thorough course in political economy, although that would do nobody harm, but it does mean a time for cleansing the mind of a lot of false notions that have been fostered by a course of moral and mental treacle applied through various agencies.

It is not for the moment possible to devote the evenings to watching miracles performed before the camera, to see the bedraggled heroine brought up from the depths of physical degradation and suddenly mounted on a pinnacle of immaculate prosperity, or the honest train robber or bank burglar given a clean-bill of health because "he paid for it all in France." Folks now have a chance to get away from inverted morals, diverted principles and distorted economics, and acquire something of a comprehending grasp on the fundamentals of life. It is not our purpose to prescribe a course of reading, but we may be pardoned for making a suggestion. A good place to start would be the editorial by George Horace Lorimer in the last Saturday Evening Post, headed "Joyriding and Jaywalking."

Ending War by Resolution.
A difference of opinion has arisen in congress as to which of two ways to go about ending the war with Germany and Austria by resolution. The course suggested as an alternative to ratification of the peace treaty. Democrats express the opinion that Mr. Wilson will give his assent to neither, and that a resolution can not be passed over his veto. This is equivalent to notice that the president's party will support him in his present attitude. One thing that should not be forgotten is that the end of the war will bring to a termination the extraordinary powers exercised by the president. This would not be a public calamity. Return to peace conditions is earnestly desired by all. In his message to congress the president ascribes no little part of social unrest to the fact that peace was not speedily restored. He is well advised that it can not be on the basis of accepting his League of Nations covenant. With the attitude of congress further disclosed, the matter now becomes more and more one of personal disposition of the president. When he is willing to meet the senate half way on the treaty, the rest will be speedily accomplished.

Bolshevism On the Baltic

From the New York Times.
Allied today in dealing with the German-Baltic army of Von Der Goltz and Avaloff-Bernhardt was due largely to the fear of bolshevism—either spreading from Russia through the Baltic states or springing up spontaneously in them. Now that the army which was to save the Baltic for Germany is thoroughly beaten we may expect to hear more talk of this. The outcry will probably be great, and most of it will come, directly or otherwise, from Germany.

The actual danger is very much less. Mr. Duranty's dispatch published in yesterday's Times indicates something of the difficulties which the Letts will have, as the Esths have had, with the "Baltis"—the descendants of the medieval military conquerors of the country. In Latvia these are mainly German in blood, with some Swedish and Danish elements; in Estonia the Swedish racial element is much stronger, but racial origin is not the decisive characteristic. The Baltis include a considerable percentage of the town population and practically all of the landholding nobility; and, whether German or Swedish by descent, practically all of the aristocracy in some cases. Numerically they are from 4 to 8 per cent of the population in different parts of the Baltic territories.

In Estonia 80 per cent of the arable land and 84 per cent of the forests belonged to 755 nobles. In consequence, when the Esths got control of their own country they passed severe measures of expropriation which split up most of the estates. No doubt in some cases this worked hardship; but the land barons had had some centuries to make themselves loved, and had succeeded, with a few exceptions, in winning the bitter hatred of the populace. The same thing is true in Latvia, where the expropriation is still to come, and the fears of the Baltis are consequently heightened by the uncertainty of the situation. The unsuccessful Russian revolution in 1905 provoked some peasant risings in the Baltic states, with the burning of manor houses and massacres of nobles, which naturally were followed by still more severe reprisals when imperial authority was re-established. It is apparent that the Baltis are afraid of something of the sort today, now that the German filibustering expedition, which received at least moral support from the land-owning classes has collapsed. There is, however, reason to hope that the responsible governments now in control on the Baltic will prevent popular outbreaks such as occurred in 1905.

All this, however, is not bolshevism, nor anything like it. It is a solution of the agrarian problem such as is going on in Czechoslovakia and Rumania, and is about to occur in Jugoslavia—something more extreme and attended by harsher feeling, since local conditions were more oppressive; but it is not bolshevism. Latvia and Estonia have both fought off bolshevism; there is a good deal of socialism in both countries, but very little of it has any sympathy with the state of Lenin and Trotsky. In the winter of 1918-19 the bolsheviks invaded the Baltic states, with the frank declaration, published in one of their official newspapers, that "Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia lie across the route to western Europe, and obstruct our revolution. This wall between the revolutionists of Russia and Germany must be torn down. . . . The control of the Baltic will also give soviet Russia the opportunity to act upon the Scandinavian states."

But much has changed in a year. Spartacus is no longer an imminent danger in Germany, and the bolshevik drive toward the Baltic has been stopped. The Baltic states need peace, even such a temporary half-peace as can be made with soviet Russia. They hope to regain their feet economically by acting as commercial intermediaries between soviet Russia and western Europe, but the government was going pretty strong when it spent that much, now it spends that much more than it's got.—Kansas City Star.

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If you have bought any rice recently you can believe a proud boast of the Missouri farmer who says he made a net profit of \$70,000 upon 500 acres of rice.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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The VELVET HAMMER

By Arthur Brooks Baker
JOHN A. SWANSON.
When Adam was the only man, the first and foremost chief, sartorial simplicity was great beyond belief. He grabbed a suit of hand-made-down from off the nearest tree and said, "It's very cheap and plenty good enough for me."

But since that gay and happy time the ruthless hand of fate has gone and changed the simple styles and brought them up to date. The noise upon the street would be uproarious and big if any one appeared in clothes he gathered from the fig. We want to be resplendent beaus and charm the giddy belles, therefore we buy the garnishments that John A. Swanson sells.

He always has the kind of clothes that never lose their grip and never queer their owner with a disconcerting rip; that never cast their buttons as the forest casts the leaf and bring the wearer face to face with deep and sudden grief. He keeps the kind of pants in which a person climbs the fence in perfect nonchalance and with serene confidence.

His big Nebraska Clothing house is widely known to fame, but it is only one with which he's played the clothing game. He started here when Omaha was young and full of grass and proved himself a business man of quality and class. He's built successive businesses in clothing for the gent, and gathered as the years rolled by a stately recognition.

TODAY

The Day We Celebrate.
Rome Miller, hotel man, born 1855.
Leo A. Hoffman, undertaker, born 1880.
Viscount Jellicoe of Scapa, Britain's famous naval commander now visiting Canada, born 61 years ago.

Next Subject—E. E. Calvin.

The Bee's Letter Box

A. E. F. Men on Coal Strike.
Genoa, Neb., Dec. 3.—To the Editor of The Bee: The telegram sent to President Wilson relative to the coal situation by F. H. Stevens, traveling salesman stopping at the Forensics, should be considered as an insult to all American soldiers and personally is by me, and I will be frank to tell this gentleman so face to face.

As to the manner in which this strike situation has been handled, I think it was all wrong. The situation should have been taken in tow before it reached the point of a nation-wide walkout, and mines operated by the government until their differences. Any fair-minded person will concede to that argument.

But Mr. Stevens' statement (which is J. W. Wism) that the 1,500,000 A. E. F. men were sent to France as bill collectors for Wall Street is absurd and without any foundation, and an insult to the Stars and Stripes, and to the quarter-million "buddies" who he today in far-away France. We did not go to France to benefit any one, but to protect the integrity of this nation and save our sister allies from slaughter by a band of savages known to the world as "Huns" and "Boches," and the same fate our allies in plain and pure U. S. Wism in all its forms and no one but an I. W. W. would make a like assertion.

How We Have Progressed.
The national treasury's deficit next June. It is now estimated, will be \$2,491,273,345.36. We used to think the government was going pretty strong when it spent that much, now it spends that much more than it's got.—Kansas City Star.

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Aid to Lusitania Victims.
The committee of the national relief fund, in response to an appeal by the lord mayor, as treasurer of the Mansion House fund, have voted £6,125 (\$30,625) for investment by the public trustees to supplement the pensions of the widows and orphans of the needy passengers who went down in the Lusitania.

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Little Folks' Corner

How to Earn Money Outside of School
Everyday Science?
Home Mechanics?

Boy's Workshop Before Christmas.
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ply slip a ready-made cartridge into the barrel and, when I pull the trigger, the rifle hammer drives a little firing pin into the soft metal covering the percussion cap. The cartridge, or shell, is held in the gun by a little rim. A shotgun cartridge is loaded and fired in the same way except that the cartridge is filled with small shot held in by a wad." (Next week: "Why the picture is blurred.")

Boys' and Girls' Newspaper Service
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His Idea.
Miss Older—Do you think it a bad luck to postpone a wedding? Mr. Simms (crusty old bachelor)—Not if you postpone it often enough.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

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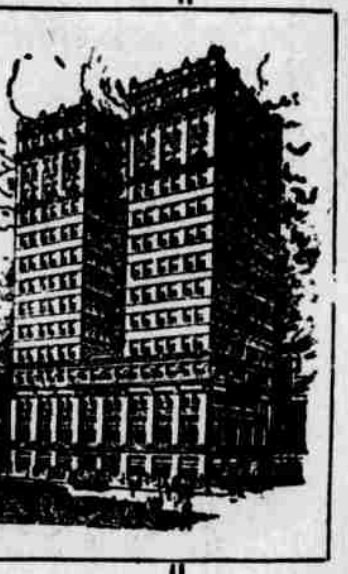
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Young Men of Omaha

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LYKO The Great General Tonic
It will restore that confidence you need to combat the ever-opposing forces of social and business life; it will give you the heart and spirit to do and the courage to challenge the world to your right to a place in the Sun, because it will rebuild your physical strength and mental power to a state of perfect health, recharging your run-down, exhausted system with the current of new, rich, red blood. LYKO is a refreshing appetizer and an exceptional general tonic in those subnormal conditions of the physical and nervous systems, such as muscular and mental fatigue, nervous exhaustion, general weakness, or debility following a protracted illness or the result of a wasting disease. LYKO is a refreshing appetizer as a restorative agent—a really remarkable reconstructive—and so reliable in its action that you will pleasantly anticipate the taking of it.

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