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At the present time there is some speculation as to what action the Swiss navy will take in the European crisis!

As an example of rare audacity that is well nigh sublime commend us to a party bolter, who loudly and vociferously denounces party traitors.

Ice wagon drivers in Minneapolis declare they are persecuted. It appears that the ice consumers of that city insist upon receiving all the ice they pay for.

Leslie's Weekly exclaims, "Let the thinking people rule." Judging from its policies the thinking people it would like to see rule are the wolves of Wall street.

Federal investigation of a so-called cantaloupe trust has resulted in the indictment of twenty-eight men and seven corporations. Now watch the price of cantaloupes soar.

The Glenwood Herald issued a special edition last week that was truly a creditable one. It was profusely illustrated and contained much valuable information concerning the resources of Pope county.

"New Jersey Tomatoes to Feed Europe's Soldiers," reads a headline in a city daily. Wouldn't it be better to ship some of New Jersey's mosquitoes across the pond? They doubtless would be able to quell the hostilities.

England doubtless feels that its course is entirely justifiable, now that Andrew Carnegie has pronounced its actions "O. K." Andy is evidently so busy manufacturing armor plates that he has no time to advocate peace.

Duluth is highly elated over the splendid showing made by its rowing crews at Philadelphia last week. Duluth oarsmen won the big event of the regatta. Minnesota athletes invariably acquit themselves with credit. Must be the climate.

The sympathy of the nation goes out to President Wilson in his hour of deep sorrow. The president is bowed in grief owing to the death of his wife, who passed away last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Wilson was a true helpmate to the president.

The Rock County Herald is contemplating the issue of a daily paper. Judging from the advertising patronage accorded the Herald at the present time, it would seem that a daily paper could be operated with financial success in the thriving metropolis of Rock county.

The stupendous European conflict is widening and the end is not in sight. Meanwhile Uncle Sam has declared his neutrality and the indications are that this country will enjoy a period of peace and prosperity while the European nations are engaged in a titanic struggle.

We have received a communication signed by officers of various German and Austrian societies requesting that the American public withhold judgment regarding the present European crisis until authentic reports on the situation of both sides are available. It is only fair that the public should not arrive at conclusions in matters of this kind too hastily and it were merely right to await authentic and reliable information anent conditions.

An article by George Creel entitled, "Four Flush Radicals," in the current issue of Harper's Weekly is well worth reading. It is a fact that not infrequently the voters entrust the reigns of government to men, who, while being notorious servitors of predatory interests, are particularly loud in their lamentations anent the down-trodden people. Actions, not words, count and the people should insist upon receiving some practical results from their public servants.

Some good people in this country object to large expenditures for the upkeep of our navy, they think the money put into warships is worse than wasted. The United States should have a navy strong enough to command respect for the flag in every quarter of the globe, and it should be maintained in the highest state of efficiency.

Congress is so busy with legislation affecting manufacturing enterprises that it has no time to devote to problems affecting agricultural conditions in this country. After all the farms are the real bulwark of the nation and it would not be amiss if some effort was expended with a view to improving conditions wherever possible. A nation with a large and prosperous area of farms is in a fortunate position and the cities and villages alike depend upon the farmers for their prosperity. Constructive legislation is needed, instead of demagogic "grand-stand" speeches that are of no benefit to anyone.

The federal reserve board is now complete and the country feels safer. Thanks to the untiring efforts of certain United States senators, Jones of Chicago is not a member of the board. While all admit that the gentleman in question was eminently qualified for the place, he made the mistake of managing his own affairs too successfully. However it would seem that anyone capable of attending to private business would be the right person to entrust with a position of public trust requiring the exercise of good business judgment. Honesty, of course, is the prime essential, but success surely does not indicate dishonesty.

A Minneapolis man, who is prominently identified with the State Automobile association and who labored hard to prevent the enactment of the Dunn road law, has experienced a change of heart. He writes: "In justice to yourself, I feel that it is only proper to acknowledge that the 'Dunn Good Roads Law' is accomplishing very beneficial results in the maintenance of our roads. I refer especially to the feature of the law which makes the dragging of the roads compulsory, and, in motoring through the various counties, I especially noticed the beneficial results derived from dragging. It is a step in the right direction and one that is giving results."

While the United States is not taking a hand in the present European conflict, still conditions in this country are materially affected in various ways. If the struggle is prolonged imports to this country will be materially reduced for years to come, and that will mean a decided decrease in the tariff duties collected. It may be necessary to levy a "war tax" in order to increase revenues. Exports, however, will increase and the price of foodstuffs will advance accordingly. The United States is in a fortunate position compared to the warring nations abroad, and at the conclusion of hostilities the supremacy of this nation should be firmly established.

The state needs county assessors. It needs the kind that will spend all of the year at the work and not have it done by a deputy in each county. The assessor should be named by some board and not be a resident of the county he assesses. When the state tax commission receives the returns from all of the state, this year, they will be convinced that something must happen soon.—Le Sueur News.

Nothing will happen. The farmer members of the legislature will not stand for a county assessor. So it is useless to discuss the question. The writer in the 1911 and 1913 sessions fought for a county assessor bill, and did succeed in getting the measure through the house at the 1913 session, but it was killed in the senate. There is nothing to be gained by appointing a non-resident assessor. On the contrary a resident of the county, familiar with local values, should be better qualified to make a fair assessment. But as already stated, it is not worth while to discuss the matter, for there is slight probability of a county assessor law being enacted in the near future.

That keen and versatile newspaper correspondent, "The County Chairman," sarcastically intimates that the state university faculty plans to Wisconsinize Minnesota at the next session of the legislature. Any half-baked, theoretical legislation that has its origin in Wisconsin or "far-off Oregon" ought to be incorporated into the Minnesota statutes without question! The legislator who would dare to interpose an objection should be promptly expelled.

It is just as we expected. In unequivocal language the stalwart editor of the Brainerd Tribune declares he will not support the democratic candidate for governor. But, he adds, "we are indifferent as to the republican nominee, because we cannot enthuse over his nomination." When politics liven up, along in October, Col. Halsted will not long remain indifferent. He will do as he always has done—battle valiantly for his party's standard-bearer.

Major R. L. Holcomb of St. Paul is quoted in one of the daily papers as saying: "There never was a Chippewa by the name of Mo-zo-ma-na or any similar name." The major is mistaken. Mo-zo-ma-na was the chief of the Mille Lacs band of Chippewa Indians for many years and resided at Mille Lacs lake. He died about 20 years ago. Mo-zo-ma-na Point is named after him. Mo-zo-ma-na was always friendly to the whites. At the time of the Sioux outbreak in 1862 had it not been for the efforts of Mo-zo-ma-na the Chippewas might have joined with the Sioux, and if they had northern Minnesota would have been devastated. But Mo-zo-ma-na and his powerful Mille Lacs band remained loyal to the whites. Mo-zo-ma-na came to Princeton frequently and was always warmly welcomed by the old settlers. The writer visited Mo-zo-ma-na at his wigwam on Mo-zo-ma-na Point several years before he died. He was a good Indian.

GOVERNMENT BY PEDAGOGUES.

It is generally understood that at the ensuing session of the legislature an effort will be made to give the faculty of the state university a large share in the administration of state affairs, probably for the reason that the university itself is such a model of "efficiency and economy."

Over in Wisconsin the state university dominates the state government and not to the entire satisfaction of the people of that commonwealth. University domination in that state is liable to get a backset in the next legislature. President Edmund J. James of the University of Illinois, in a commencement address at Ann Arbor, Mich., recently, was severe in his criticism of the policy pursued by the Badger university, and among other things said: "Michigan has not shared in the more or less hysterical claims for the university that it should lead human society or guide and control the state government. It has not spent its strength in doing the work of the primary school and the secondary school throughout the length and breadth of the state, and dignified it by calling it university work, thereby misleading the public and undertaking to do what other institutions should do because they can do it better, and thereby leaving undone the work which it can better do than any other institution. "It has not undertaken to administer the state government, but to train men who will be qualified to do it better than any body of college professors, who, in undertaking work for which they are appointed to do, and which if they do not do will be left undone. "We must never forget that if a busy college professor can really, in the odd moments which he has to give to it, run the government better than the men who are called to do so, it is only because the latter are hopelessly inefficient, and not because the former is efficient. The policy of asking the body of university professors to run the state government is a confession of weakness bankruptcy on the part of the state officials. "The way out of the difficulty, and I am quite willing to recognize a great difficulty here, is not to put the government in commission under the supervision of university professors, but to train up a new brand of civil servants and legislators and educate the people to employ them. To make the university a mere handmaid of state admin-

istration is not to improve the latter in the long run, but is to strike a fatal blow at the real service which the university may render the state—namely, the advance of science and the efficient training of its students for the highest possible work in public and private station."

PARTY LOYALTY THEN AND NOW.

A good deal of fuss is made of the alleged disloyalty of Mr. Lee to Governor Eberhart two years ago. What about the latter's position against Bob Dunn in 1904?—St. Peter Free Press.

The Free Press might have gone further and inquired what kind of support did Mr. Eberhart give Cole in 1906, and Jacobson in 1908? His friends may answer he supported both of them. Outwardly he did, but from such support "good Lord deliver us."

Governor Eberhart's friends have no reason to complain of the treatment accorded him. Besides filling 16 months of Governor Johnson's unexpired term he has been twice elected governor. That he made a passably fair chief executive the Union freely concedes, but he has rendered the state no such distinguished service as would entitle him to the unusual honor of a third elective term.

Some of the charges made against Governor Eberhart in the primary campaign were true, and some were petty and contemptible. But there have been other preliminary campaigns in this state of which the same might be said. In our judgment it would have been proper to have urged against the governor that he had been sufficiently honored, that he had held the office long enough and that he had not accomplished anything that entitled him to a third elective term.

Governor Eberhart's friends made a good fight for him, but a majority of the republicans of the state declared in favor of William E. Lee, and the adherents of the governor should, and the great majority of them undoubtedly will, acquiesce in the verdict rendered on the 16th of last June and ratify it at the polls on the 3rd day of next November.

OPINIONS OF EDITORS

Would Give State What It Needs.

In all the complaints made against Mr. Lee, the republican candidate for governor, we have yet to note one that says he would not give the state an honest and business-like administration.—Stillwater Gazette.

Minneapolis a Suburb?

Julian Street in his "Abroad at Home" articles says "Even St. Paul is widening one of her principal business streets." We hope the proud suburb of Minneapolis gets the full significance of that "Even."—Redwood Falls Gazette.

That Little Word "It."

Why all this protest about Henry Rines' contesting the election of Mr. Preus for state auditor? If Mr. Preus has been fairly elected the recount will show it, and the only one to lose by the transaction in that event will be Mr. Rines.—Browns Valley Tribune.

Might Explain the Block Vote.

If anyone thinks there is nothing in being at the top of the ticket when the "intelligent" voters make their X on them, one should go over the vote in Anoka county, for instance. And it might help to explain away that big Block vote that has had so many people guessing since the primaries.—The Pine Poker.

Horrid!—No Bar! in Sight.

No republican candidate for governor in Minnesota this year. Ain't it horrid?—Anoka Union.

What constitutes the republican party of Minnesota, the 104,000 who voted for Mr. Lee in the primaries, which is a majority of the rank and file, or a few scattering disappointees like Frank Pease of the Anoka Union?—Browns Valley Tribune.

One Good Paper Enough.

The Hutchinson Voice, after an existence of several months, has suspended publication and the plant has been moved to Lankin, N. D., a new town of the Soo line. The subscription list of the Voice has been assumed by the Leader. Mr. Africa, the publisher of the Voice, receives a cash bonus of \$700 for taking his plant to Lankin, and we wish him success in his new location. Hutchinson could hardly carry the burden of supporting two papers, especially when they have such a splendid weekly as the Leader. It is a good move all around.—Chaska Herald.



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Game Halted by Rain.

The Princeton ball team, accompanied by a goodly contingent of rooters, traveled to Foley last Sunday to cross bats with the aggregation of that place. Unfortunately a heavy downpour of rain set in, before the first inning was completed and consequently the game was called. Foley had 1 score to Princeton's 0 when hostilities were concluded. Kasner and Wilkes opposed each other on the firing line and Skaben and Ben Mushel did the receiving. All performed well.

Ros was first up and was retired, Kasner to first base. Doane sent one out to right field that was caught and Berg retired the side by striking out. When Princeton assumed the defensive, the rain was falling rather freely and as a result the ball was wet and difficult to control. A. Mushel, who was first up for Foley, hit a high infield fly and reached first base. The next man up secured a walk and both runners advanced one base on a passed ball. The next batter hit a roller to Wilkes who threw to Mallette at second in an endeavor to retire the man from first. In the meantime the runner on third started for home, and Mallette attempted to head off the score, but, as the ball was wet, the throw went wild. By this time the rain was such as to make further play impossible and the game was halted.

NOTES.

Plaas of Princeton and Joe Mushel of Foley settled all disputes during the short period of play and both proved satisfactory.

Joe Mushel's squad of special police maintained order in a commendable manner.

The Princeton boys were used absolutely right at Foley and undoubtedly will make another trip to that place this season.

Next Sunday Lindstrom will meet the locals at the fair grounds and a

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real contest is bound to ensue. Princeton will endeavor to even things up with the Chicago county squad, and no doubt they will.

School Opens September 7.

Advice received from the state authorities to the effect that in order to have all fall terms of school terminate at a date to coincide with the time of the state examinations, they must begin September 7, 1914. This date therefore is the opening day for our schools this fall and not August 31 as previously understood. Parents please remember this.

J. J. Skaben,
Clerk of Board.