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Thought for the Day

It was not the Stoics alone who "bestowed too much cost on death, and by their preparations made it more fearful." As Spinoza has taught, "the proper study of a wise man is not how to die, but how to live, and as long as he is discharging this task aright, he may leave the end to take care of itself."

It is a wise monarch who knows his victory when he sees it.

Judging by the score, the Douglas county delegation ran the pie bases like professionals.

A point of order on good terms with a presiding officer again scores as an impediment to speech.

As soon as the jobs are parceled out the pressing affairs of state will receive consideration. Jobs first, duty after.

But in the number of victims the earthquake at Rome is several laps behind the military-machine destroyers.

One of the many paradoxes Mexico tosses at white men is why a people largely vegetarians should develop a mighty thirst for gore.

Well, if that's the case, as the cartoon pictures it, we will have to prohibit also the export of picks and shovels to any country engaged in war.

One small piece of the Nebraska legislative patronage pie goes to the bullmoose camp. Those bullmoose know how to cash in on their devotion to principle all right.

The objections of suburban residents to legislative annexation do not imply any objection to enjoying the feast of good things Omaha provides. Unity and co-operation are essential to progress.

Prospects for peace at the pie counter are brightening at Washington. The White house chef and the senatorial waiters are telling their troubles to each other, a condition filled with hope for the famished.

The inquiry into the cause of subway accidents in New York City raises the larger question why a community which builds skyscrapers for light and air should burrow through the earth for means of transit.

In time complaining witnesses will learn that it is dangerous to tamper with police court propriety. Let ninety-nine guilty criminals escape rather than have one innocent man disfigure the dignity of the court!

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The War and Our Business. The United States seems to be turning the corner now. The general situation is still confused and complex, but it is distinctly more hopeful. The total of our crops is astounding in quantity and incredible in value, the market worth of the year's output being calculated at some \$4,750,000,000.

Short Ballot for Commercial Club. The Commercial club election just held has developed a new form of ballot, which is, apparently, an improvement on what has gone before, but which invites still further improvement.

Let us suggest a short ballot movement for Commercial club elections. The thing for the Commercial club to do next is to elect its directors for three years instead of one year, and to divide them into three classes, with overlapping terms, so that only one-third will go out each year.

Resignation of Berchtold. One of the dominant diplomatic figures in Europe, Count von Berchtold, foreign minister for Austria, has just passed into eclipse, temporary, maybe, but of great importance just at this time.

Earthquake and Battle Shocks. Under normal conditions, the earthquake that rocked Italy would be looked upon as a world calamity. As it is, the news of the disaster falls upon ears dulled by the din of war, and the significance of the occurrence dwindles mightily in comparison.

"Uncle Moses" Obeys Instructions. Some folks may be disposed to score "Uncle Moses" Kinkaid for being the only member from Nebraska to record himself in the house for the woman suffrage amendment after votes for women was so decisively rejected in this state at the polls last November.

Some manufacturers balked at an exhibition of "Made-in-America" goods, planned at Cincinnati, and the project was abandoned. It is said the objectors feared to have their goods known as American made.

The senator's newspaper makes the startling discovery that the secretary of state does not want his prohibition-of-arms-export bill gassed. How surprising, in view of the fact that the senator is pushing his bill only to humiliate and embarrass the secretary!

Making War Photos Over in Belgium

A. R. Williams in The Outlook. THIS is another story of men of valor and of war. It concerns men in plain dress, not in uniform—a tale of civilians, not of soldiers.

The war photographer rarely comes to our notice. He is overshadowed by the war correspondent. While there is some deception, as I shall show, yet, as a rule, it is most difficult for the photographer to "fake his stuff," or to get it without paying the price.

With the British flag flying at the front, we sped away on the road to Termonde. In the outskirts of Ghent we met a roving band of Belgian soldiers who were in a free and careless mood, quite willing to put themselves at our disposal.

Leaving our automobile in charge of the chauffeur, we made our way over the bridge into the city of Termonde, or what was once Termonde, for it is difficult to dignify with the name of city a heap of battered buildings and crumbling brick.

I got separated from the party and was making my way alone when I was startled by a sharp "Hello" ringing up the street. I turned to see, not one of the photographers, but a fully armed Belgian soldier waving his hand at me.

"You betcha," he replied, coming quickly up to me. "What are you doing down here fighting?" I asked.

"You betcha," he replied, "I'm a Belgian reservist, my name is August Ridden, I came from Warner, Wis., and I'm out here on scout duty."

The happy arrival of the photographer at this juncture, however, redeemed my fallen reputation; for the soldier is always peculiarly amenable to the charms of a camera, and is ever willing to quit fighting to get his picture taken.

People and Events

The cost of the world war to date is figured at \$5,000,000,000. The cost of killing seems considerably higher than the cost of living.

The Bee's Letter Box

Maupin Waxes Satirical. LINCOLN, Jan. 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: Governor Morehead's message is a splendid example of terse, forceful English, and as such should be used in the public schools as a model.

But why stop with utilizing the work of convicts in the matter of state printing? There are convicts in the state prison just as competent to perform the duties of private secretary to the governor, clerks in departments, stenographers, deputies, etc., as there are competent to do the printing required by the state.

There are some pretty good bookkeepers among the convicts. Why not use the state institutions, in the state office, and farm them out to private employers, and in this wise not only save the state an immense sum in salaries, but provide quite a bit for revenue on the side?

Governor Morehead has shown us the advantages of electing a banker and business man to the position of chief executive of our fair state. A little investigation will disclose the fact that there are more bankers in our various state prisons than there are printers.

With convict officials in charge, and convict clerks to assist them, the taxpayers may be relieved of a burden now amounting to a huge sum for salaries alone. Followed along this line, putting convicts in charge of practically all of our state institutions, save in positions demanding special education and training, and we not only will have solved our prison labor question, but we will also have solved to a great degree the problem of taxation.

What Fair Play Demands. OMAHA, Jan. 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: Mr. J. Duis calls me to task for mixing nationality with sympathy in what I said in a letter printed lately in The Bee, but I honestly believe that I did nothing of the kind.

Only in order to be brief I did not state that Americans should give fair play to England and to the allies, too. It is not fair play to reproach the allies for bringing Hindus, Algerians and Senegalese to fight, while nothing is said of the Turks with their holy war coming in as the allies of Germany.

It is not fair play to bring up so often the spectre of a fancied Japanese peril and to insinuate that England will help Japan to make war on us. To seize on the difficulties between the United States and Japan in order to arouse more bad feeling in this country against Japan and England is going too far in disregarding President Wilson's advice.

Let the innocent one throw the first stone. Besides I say that if England was that monster of selfishness which somebody wants us to believe it is, in the civil war it would have destroyed the union and it could have done it, pressed as it was by Louis Napoleon to recognize the confederated states. England didn't do it, in spite of the lack of cotton.

strovers to the south, the south had merely the benefit of the doubt. We judge a man according to the deed for which we try him, not according to what he did fifty years before. Let us do so.

Regarding "Gowin comes back," I say that I never intended to make that proud Gentle tip his hat to King George, as I never tipped it myself—that ideas and truths are no monopoly of the men of any race or nation, although haughtiness might be, and that he should confine his reading to publications openly engaged in fostering race hatred and national prejudices.

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SMILING REMARKS. "Yes," said the haughty actor, "I began my career as Legree in an Uncle Tom troupe."

"Oh," replied the ingenue, who had been permitted by him to pay for her own luncheon. "I thought you might have been one of the chunks of Joe."—London Evening Standard.

Grubbs—Do you find that your wife can keep a secret? Stubbs—Well, not exactly, but she can keep it going.—Richmond Times Dispatch.

Mrs. Heavyswell—I hear that German butler you liked so much has left. Mrs. Kippure—Yes; he complained that the cook was not observing strict neutrality when she served Irish stew.—Judge.

"He became run down by his overworking himself at agricultural pursuits, and the doctor advised a change of occupation, which is why he came back to town and set up as a fashionable dentist."

"That's no change of occupation. He's still cultivating achers."—Baltimore American.

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ELIZABETH is to be given next, and she is one of the prettiest, sweetest dolls we ever saw. She has light hair and blue eyes, and is stylishly dressed in the very latest fashion. You Can See Elizabeth at The Bee Office.

Boys' Skates Free. This picture of one of the Skates will be in The Bee every day this week. Cut them all out and ask your friends to save the pictures in their paper for you, too.