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German Barter With Russia. When German and Russian commissions get down to formal conferences...

Russia and Germany are both so circumcised as to worthless money that pure barter can be made as acceptable...

The Russians can cart their grain and beef and wool and hides and minerals into Germany...

A pure barter arrangement between Germany and Russia could become a singularly dangerous trade obstruction...

Nobody need think that the Germans are going to lie down and quit industrially for lack of international cash...

While the Fire Chief Cleans the Streets. New York city had lain two weeks under a snow blockade...

committee seems to have had experience in attempting to keep the streets clean, excepting Mr. MacGraw...

New York will watch this committee with interest. It will be pardoned if that interest is not tainted with hope...

But while waiting with characteristic patience for spring thaws to take the snow and ice away New York will ask whether this belated committee is to be a permanent part of the city government...

Principles Before the Supreme Tribunal, the American Electorate. This newspaper has said repeatedly that only one tribunal in the world is competent to pass judgment on the principles embodied in the peace treaty...

President Wilson himself, arrogant though he is, perceived this for a moment when he wrote to the Jackson Day dinner in Washington of a "great and solemn referendum."

Now it is recognized by Senator Hircsovic of Nebraska, who has led, as much as any Senator could lead, the vain struggle for fulfillment of President Wilson's dictum...

This is because those applications are undergoing a constant process of modification and readjustment as the promulgations of the Paris Conference encounter the irrepressible facts of everyday human life...

Consequently the principles of treaty and interwoven covenant would be the only issue; and those principles can be briefly stated. The matters at issue are:

American nationalism against internationalism; American democratic rulership in the United States against alien super-sovereignty;

With American nationalism, American democratic rulership in the United States to fight for, what a glorious struggle real Americans will make in the campaign of 1920!

County Seat Wars in Kansas. A modest news item from Kansas says that a county seat war is on in Morton, the southwestern corner county of the State.

State history and they turned to them town site fights as one of the ways of raising that peculiar article referred to in the classical language of the sage of Emporia.

In Kearny county a dozen men were killed, the court house at Chautauity was burned, the town itself and Coronado or Omaha were moved away, and the rival town, Larkin, became Kearny's capital.

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Within the memory of men young enough to register for the last draft hams sold for eight cents a pound. People used to eat them then whenever the high cost of living shot port-house steak up to 15 cents;

It is a common working basis in valuation that a thing is worth what you can get for it; or, on the other side, that it is worth what you are willing to pay to end your hankering for it.

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Important hog like making a road through their primitive soul more than to drop shovel and pick, take up a rifle and get busy.

This theory of the man in the ranks on the subject of military merit is justified and fortified by the fact that the three rewards which are most coveted, which are desperately hard to get, which have never been cheapened, and it is to be hoped never will be, are come by more readily by the private than by his superiors, for the private has chances thrown in his way to go it alone.

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Scientific View of a Flier's Gaze at the Cause of Influenza. Mr. Nautily's experience with a cycling or lid, as Mr. Nautily has called it, is not a matter of less interest to the aviator than to the meteorologist.

Now, Mr. Nautily has described exactly what must have been the conditions that existed at the lid. Dust notes, the finer particles of chimney stacks, sulphur gases and the gases of decomposition not being able to break through the lid spread out as a blanket on its under side.

Mr. Nautily notes the possibilities of a lid in the diffusion of volcanic dust. His opinion cannot be positively established, but it is reasonable and highly probable.

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FARMERS SEETHING WITH DISCONTENT. Recent Big Profits Taken by Middlemen Between Them and Final Consumers.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Charles E. Barrett, president of the National Farmers Union, presiding today as chairman of the conference of the National Board of Farm Organizations, said that while it would be very pleasant to be able to say that "all is well with agriculture and that in the farmer's mind there is no discontent, nothing left to be desired," the facts were that "the farmer is not content nor satisfied."

Answers to the recent questionnaire sent out by the Post Office Department, he said, came nearer to revealing the truth about agriculture than anything that has received equal publicity in the city press.

"The replies of the farmers," said Mr. Barrett, "reveal deep dissatisfaction with the treatment that has been accorded agriculture and resentment at the wide spread between prices received by the farmers and those paid by consumers, the farmers' cry being 'I'm not getting my money's worth for the goods I produce, and I'm not getting my money's worth for the goods I consume.'"

Senator Capper (Kan.) and Representative Anderson (Iowa) advised the farmers to act as a unit in calling their needs to the attention of Congress.

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THE WEATHER.

For Eastern New York—Fair and continued cold to-day and to-morrow; fresh northwest winds.

For New Jersey—Fair to-day and to-morrow; fresh northwest winds.

For Southern New England—Fair and somewhat cloudy to-day; fresh northwest winds.

For Western New York—Fair to-day, somewhat cloudy to-morrow; fresh northwest winds.

Observations at United States Weather Bureau Office, New York City, Feb. 19, 1920, 8:30 P. M.

Temperature, Rainfall, Wind, Clouds, etc. for various cities including Albany, New York, and other regional locations.

LOCAL WEATHER RECORDS. Maximum, Minimum, Average, etc. for various cities including Albany, New York, and other regional locations.

EVENTS TO-DAY. All day conference of trust company men presiding the ninth annual dinner this evening of the trust company association.

JONES-REAVIS BILL ENDORSED. Public Works Department Association Appeals to Congress. Speedy passage of the Jones-Reavis bill now before Congress, which would reorganize the Department of the Interior into a National Public Works Department.

CANADA'S LUMBER DOWNSIZING. Threatened Shortage. Ottawa, Feb. 19.—The threatened lumber shortage in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, caused by the steady shipment of the Canadian supply to the United States, was considered today by the Board of Commerce.

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