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The Bee's Service Flag

Bought your Liberty bond yet? Don't delay.

Dynamite under an Omaha bridge is another proof that no spies are in action in this country.

The democratic senator from Nebraska is more than worried; he feels the crown of martyrdom settling where his laurels formerly rested.

Holland seems to be getting its Dutch up at last. The Netherlands have been quite patient with the kaiser, but too much seems to be enough.

Ludendorff says France has dug its own grave, but he does not appear to realize that a brave people would rather be entombed than enslaved.

When a Methodist minister can say "Amen!" to a curse on the kaiser it is poor time to ask tolerance for men who apologized for the Lusitania.

Putting in your coal for next winter ahead of time helps two ways. It will keep the miners busy during the summer and save off worry next fall.

Mayor "Jim" is not letting any grass grow under his feet, as his assumption of control of the police department indicates. But then somebody had to be head.

"Dave" Francis is to be rescued from the bolsheviks and made United States senator from Missouri, thus securing the people of that state one truly loyal man in the senate.

A genuine sense of sorrow is felt in The Bee office over the death of "Harry" Hunter, who was for many years connected with this paper in capacity of reporter, city editor and editorial writer.

British Naval Activity. Certain signs point to a possible greater activity on part of the British navy.

TOLERATION FOR HITCHCOCK.

A defender has sprung up to champion the cause of Senator Hitchcock in his pretensions to the chairmanship of the senate's committee on foreign relations.

In order that the value of this defense may be fully appreciated, it is only fair to state that Mr. Utermeyer was the chief counsel for defense of Captain Boy-Ed and Captain von Papen, German spies, convicted in New York.

We are asked to look with toleration on the comment made by Senator Hitchcock at the time of the sinking of the Lusitania, to the effect that money would be repaid for the lives of Americans then murdered by the kaiser.

We are asked to condone a course of "ability and courage" that won this commendation from the German-American Alliance in Nebraska: "One of our principal duties must be this, that we shall aid in the re-election of United States Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock."

It is not surprising that Utermeyer should come to the defense of Hitchcock.

Our "Pure and Healthful National Life."

The disloyalists are so few in number, so despised and execrated, so weak and futile, that they are not a drop in the brimming bucket of our pure and healthful national life.

If that is true, agents of the intelligence department of the army and navy who have to deal with spies and traitors are sadly at fault. One of these men, testifying before the senate committee on military affairs last Friday, said, "the situation is most serious and can not be handled under existing laws."

Civil Authority Supreme in America.

President Wilson's opposition to the Chamberlain bill asking that spies be turned over to the military courts is based on the constitutional supremacy of civil law in America.

In some instances hysterical persons condemn the government bitterly because spies are not summarily stood up against a wall and shot, being seemingly forgetful of the fact that the civil branch of the government has no power to do this, and that the military has that power only under very unusual circumstances.

The attorney general also says "the duties of the department are too engrossing to permit it to deny or explain the many misstatements or groundless charges made," all of which may easily be understood. But this does not alter or detract from the fact that our course with convicted spies has been extremely lenient.

If Mr. Wilson is honored among his countrymen and throughout the world today, it is because of his high ideals and his earnest devotion to them.

The Big Push of Bethlehem

How Charles M. Schwab was Enlisted by Kitchener for the War

B. C. Forbes, in Forbes' Magazine.

When Lord Kitchener was made British secretary of war one of his first important acts was to dispatch an S. O. S. cablegram to Charles M. Schwab beseeching him to hasten across the Atlantic for a conference.

He had toiled laboriously for years to pave the way for opportunity's coming. For 10 years he had virtually withdrawn from the social world and had devoted his days and nights to creating at South Bethlehem a greater plant than that of the much-vaunted Krupp of Germany.

A 6 o'clock in the evening of October 29, Mr. Schwab reached London. Without taking time to go to a hotel he sped direct to the war office.

Not only was a contract entered into with Kitchener filled and filled successfully ahead of scheduled time, but, instead of furnishing 1,000,000 shells in 10 months, Schwab's plans were developed so extraordinarily that by and by the output reached 1,000,000 shells every month.

One of Mr. Schwab's most cherished possessions, one which he would not exchange for millions of dollars, is a letter from Kitchener in which he conveys to the steel master the thanks and gratitude of the British empire for the services he had rendered it.

Without loss of a moment Kitchener got down to business. "How many shells could Schwab supply—a million?"

Then he motioned to the only other chair in his office—apart from this chair, the one occupied by Kitchener and a large flat-topped desk, there was nothing in the whole vast room in the way of furniture except an army bed, the only bed which Kitchener's body knew night after night during these terrible days, for the war lord worked literally night and day and had no time to leave his office for sleep.

It was war times, and was not his company entitled to a war profit? suggested Schwab. Certainly.

It was to be a long, titanic struggle Kitchener confided. He counted upon it lasting five years. (A prophecy to be fulfilled?) He realized very fully that Schwab's was the only huge free ordnance plant in the world, and he was anxious to have Mr. Schwab's pledge that control of Bethlehem would not be sold as long as contracts were being filled for the British.

Control of Bethlehem had been valued by certain other interests—not British—as be-

The Bee's Letter Box

Complaints of Petty Thievery.

Omaha, April 20.—To the Editor of The Bee: It may interest you to know that the World-Herald, a few days ago, published a notice that a few would issue an early mail edition Sunday nights. Not an extra, at the regular price of 2 cents. The notice said "pay no more."

Omaha, April 22.—To the Editor of The Bee: At several moving picture theaters during the recent third Liberty loan drive, I have noticed that when the "Four-minute-men" started to speak and throughout their talk, there was a constant movement of people getting up and going out, or coming in and finding seats.

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CHEERY CHAFF. "I wonder why it is impossible to keep one's neighbor's hens out of one's garden."

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Colonel Grimshill—Why so say? You were in deep mourning the last time I saw you. The widow Lookabout—I was. But she said the soldiers began to rendezvous here. I've been called to the colors.—Judge.

WHEN THE FLEET PUTS OUT.

Following is a poem written by Garrett Bernard, now stationed in the navy yard at Philadelphia. He lost his mother at the age of 19 and his father soon after. A woman in this city who has been corresponding with him has made him feel now that there is one who cares when his "ship comes in from sea."

Great multitude, who above and crush. Who smile through tear dimmed eyes. Like curls and windows, waving flags. To bid the boys goodbye.

Thus goes one army. But we know still other boys must go; Good fellows, too, both proud and brave; Yet they are sent devoid of show; No blaring bands! No waving hands! This loneliness can be. At night time in the navy yard When the fleet puts out to sea.

Share leave is over some hours before. So those whose homes are near. Still think in privacy of all They hold most close and dear. But wait! Do all have folks to leave? Nay, many there are like me, With no one living now to care. When my ship puts out to sea.

O for a fluttering handkerchief! O for a heartfelt sigh. With martial music for a farewell kiss. When the order comes "stand by." I crave a pair of clinging arms. With their mother's love for me. To hold tight as they're forbid. The ship to put out sea.

In spite of guards, police and such. Some suffering faintly. Hearts Plunge madly down the bloody pier. As at the vessel's side for me. With anguished sobs they scan the crew. But, ah! 'Tis not for me. Since mother died there's no one now Cares when I go to sea.

Ah, well, perchance you "over there." Where submarines may roam. I'll do my bit as well as those. Who have some folks at home. Home, God, that wondrous place. With their mother's love for me. Henceforth 'tis where I hang my hat. When the fleet puts out to sea.

The green helms carry pondrous guns. And thousands of tons of coal; But the heaviest thing of all on board. Into the yearning arms they see— When we come back some leap ashore Into the yearning arms they see— But I will sleep, for no one cares. When my ship comes in from sea.

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TODAY

One Year Ago Today in the War. President Wilson signed \$7,000,000,000 war bond bill.

French mission headed by Marshal Joffre arrived in United States.

Washington announced that 20,113 men had volunteered for the army since April 1.

The Day We Celebrate. Byron Clark, solicitor for Burlington company, born 1856.

R. C. Peters, president of the Peters Trust company, born 1862.

General Henri Philippe Petain, the French commander who saved Verdun from the Germans, born at Gauchy-la-Tour, 62 years ago.

Senor Don Joaquin Mendez, minister from Guatemala to the United States, born in San Salvador, 56 years ago.

John L. Stoddard, traveler, lecturer and writer, born at Brookline, Mass., 55 years ago.

This Day in History. 1845—China issued an edict permitting foreigners to teach the Christian religion.

Just 30 Years Ago Today

General Crook will leave for Chicago by the first of next week where he will assume control of the division of Missouri.

At a meeting of the Bricklayers' union a donation from the Plumbers' was made.

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The North Presbyterian church society filed an article with the county clerk, stating that by vote of the members of the church it hereafter be known as the Second Presbyterian church.

"Over There and Here"

England has installed a "pig controller." Prospects for big business are fine.

Tobaccoists and match dealers in the British Isles are obliged to sell goods at official prices and post the price lists on their show windows.

Swiss reports have it that Germany is buying up American paper money in neutral countries and using it as a bracer for the spinesless mark.

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Editorial Shrapnel

Minneapolis Tribune: Von Hindenburg apparently has been too busy to send his regrets for being unavoidably absent from keeping his dinner engagement in Paris on April 1.

Baltimore American: To talk and tinker is a characteristic essentially American. With a crisis at hand let us come to an agreement on aircraft requirements, cease haggling over minor changes, get down to earth and fill the skies with conquering planes.

New York World: The German long range gun has now made a happy chance shot on a maternity hospital in Paris. If in General Bernhard's cheery phrase, "France must be crushed so that it will never cross our path again," a maternity hospital is a good place to begin.

New York Herald: The executive committee of the German-American alliance has decided to dissolve that organization. It was organized under a charter granted by congress.

Louisville Courier-Journal: Of course the word of the divinely appointed and divinely anointed Kaiser Bill cannot be questioned, and it must therefore be agreed that the Lord is on his side. Convey it, would seem, the devil must be on our side. He would be most ungrateful were he not, considering the multitudes of the kaiser's subjects we are sending to him every day.

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