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THE BEE'S SERVICE FLAG

Business for the week: The Red Cross.

Do not worry about the slogan-just give to the Red Cross

Early to dinner and an evening at the ball park is the program now.

These be sad days for idlers in Omaha, with jobs on the one hand and police court on the

Again the call is out to save wheat. Keep at it till the new crop in August lifts the world over the crisis.

Notice the exclusive news stories which readers are getting in The Bee from day to day shead of other papers.

The weather gods are cutting too many didoes for comfort just now, but generally crops are briving, and that is what counts in the long run.

Again the theaters and their employes are all they can to aid the good work, You can always depend on the actors to help when

Eleventh place in the clearing house record was Omaha's standing last week. Envious competitors still are waiting for the drop that does

Ban Johnson wants the base ball slackers taken out of the ship yards and sent to war. If they won't play ball they must not be allowed to make ships. This is one way to make base ball

Mr. Wilson has on file in Washington several distinct pledges made by the kaiser, none of which were observed, thus being well fortified when telling the world that Germany will not tool him with pretense of peace.

It is hardly likely that the people who handled the money for the pro-German propaganda are the "persons of wealth and influence" behind the proposed new Omaha daily so long as the hyphenated organ already here gives them all they could hope to buy with their money.

#### Get at the Bedrock Facts.

The State Council of Defense has formally alleged misconduct and lack of patriotism against ive members of the teaching faculty of the University of Nebraska. This is in response to a request from the Board of Regents that formal charges be filed. It is now up to one or the other of the bodies to give the accused a hearing, that the facts may be ascertained and the matter disposed of. Since the council was organized a year ago it has many times made charges against individuals connected with the state schools. Finally the matter seems to be coming to a head, and we ought to know if any foundation for this continual criticism exists. Our great educational institutions ought to be free from any taint of disloyalty, but they ought also to be immune from assault by persons whose zeal may lead them to extravagance or intemperance in utterance. Whatever body is charged with the responsibility should lose no time in getting at the bottom of the scandal and giving the people

#### INTERESTING IF TRUE, BUT-

The hyphenated World-Herald picks up for ts sage comment a bit of gossip credited to "Colonel" Al Sorenson revamping the periodical project to establish another daily newspaper in Omaha, this time to be backed by "a bunch of stalwart republicans who think such a paper is needed in Nebraska, and that Omaha is the place for its headquarters." So many new dailies have been launched in Omaha on paper without materializing in fact that this scheme, if it existed outside of anyone's mind's eye, will not be taken any more seriously than the others, particularly at the present time, when conditions of newspaper publishing everywhere are far from tempt-

But if any "persons of wealth and influence" eally wanted to start another daily in Omaha, the invitation would be to start, not a republican paper, but a democratic paper-one that would be both honestly democratic and loyally American at the same time; one that would voice the sentiments of the patriotic democrats of Nebraska who are not tainted with pro-Germanism and who are out of sympathy with the guerilla warfare waged on the Wilson administration by the pseudo-democratic senator and his pretended democratic newspaper.

If there is room for another daily in Omaha, it is for a democratic paper that will quit coddling the kaiser, that will stand up unflinchingly for America first and all the time, that will call a spade a spade and not forbid the use of the words "hun" or "boches" in its columns for fear of offending its pro-German readers, that will fight for Omaha and Nebraska and the United States of America and stay on the firing line when the battle is raging.

#### Themes for Commencement Day.

Again it is being urged that themes for commendement day essays, orations or declamations be selected with a view to stimulating and fostering the patriotism of the school children. This is a reflex of the nation's situation, but deserves the fullest of attention. While the purpose of the school at all times is to develop love of country and respect and reverence for its institutions, late years have shown a tendency to neglect this vital part of educational training. Too much stress has been laid on other views, under guise of broadening the mental horizon, with the result that things closer home have been lost sight of. Contact with war, has aroused the whole nation from the complacency into which it had fallen, and the danger resulting from that indifference to our own interests is now seen by all. More than ever is it clear that the place to begin teaching patriotism is in the public schools, where the foundations of citizenship are laid. No longer will any argue that to instill a love of country, along with an understanding and a high regard for its system of government, its social advantages and its limitless opportunities for the individual, smacks of chauvinism or holds pretense of self-righteousness. Patriotism rests finally on something deeper and finer than simple reason, but in America we have the consciousness that our every patriotic impulse, regardless of its birth, can be supported by reason, the least selfish of any being as important as the most self-centered. Therefore, the schools should be the brooding place where the innate love of country of the child is nurtured into the blossom of that fine devotion which is the highest and best form of patriotism and the true mark of the freeman.

#### A Billion for the Railroads.

One of the advantages of government direction of the railroads is noted in the apportionment of a billion dollars to be expended for betterments and extensions among the great systems of the country. The sum is far below the estimate once made by James J. Hill of the annual expenditure necessary to get the railroads abreast of their job. However, it ought to produce such improvement in service as will, with curtailments and readjustments, much nearer meet the requirements of commerce. The distribution of the allotment indicates a desire on part of the administration to facilitate transportation from the western fields to the seaboard,

The situation contains other elements of immediate interest. Now that the entire problem of transportation has been transferred from private to public control, utilization of waterways is coming forward. For example, Secretary Mc-Adoo has under consideration a scheme for providing the barges necessary to make the great Erie canal useful. This will unite federal and state activity to the relief of the railroads from the lake head to tidewater. Similarly, better attention will be given the navigable streams of the country, and even the long-neglected upper reaches of the Missouri are to be surveyed again and perhaps used. Another year should see vast changes in the general transportation industry of the country.

Nothing in this commits the country to the policy of public ownership. It is merely the adaptation of the central authority granted in the waremergency to the solution of problems that slowly would have been worked out under private management with perfect co-operation forbidden by federal statute. Lessons for the future are contained in this and perhaps will be applied.

### The Famine of Doctors Need of Better Classification to Conserve the Supply

could any longer afford to be sick because all the doctors had gone to France with the army. But this seeming absurdity threatens! now to become grim fact unless some sort of sane system for controlling enrollment Then, at a glance, the enrolling officer will near the center of the city and into our medical reserve is evolved. At be able to tell whether a volunteer comes biles and trucks of whatever kind and least 10,000 have been enrolled by the gov- from some district already stripped bare or hold a public exhibition, or parade, so ernment; many of them have already gone whether he comes from a city like New that the taxpayers of Omaha may abroad; others are sailing as fast as ship York, which for various reasons is, compara- gain a first-hand idea of what the room can be found for them. These men tively speaking, oversupplied. No doctor city possesses in that line, volunteered indiscriminately from all parts should be taken if the neighborhood he has I believe the taxpayers of the country. It mattered not whether a been practicing in needs his services. Sim- more interest in city affairs if exhibits man was an expert of renown, a professor in ilarly, no professor of a medical college a medical college or an ordinary practitioner, should be accepted unless it can be shown that way. stripped bare already and he happened to be to the army's welfare. In the same way the last physician in his countryside. He rigid inquiry must be made to discover was eagerly accepted and sent abroad. It is whether an applicant is not much more val- the Editor of The Bee: The letter en-

here is no sensible sort of procedure. What the country needs is a plan according to which physicians shall be classified when they offer their services to the army. There appear to be enough physicians in the country to meet both military and civilian demands. Naturally, our fighting forces come first. Were there not enough doctors o go around, those of us who stay at home would have to dispense with medical attendance altogether. But there are enough. It takes about seven to care for every 1,000 55, the limit for active service. In other words, we have about enough doctors to meet the needs of an army of 10,000,000. But, with only 3,000,000 soldiers in sight, less than 24,000 of the available 70,000 will be said, for the protection of future generations teachers, so that their graduates may be of

New York Evening Post. During the first months of the war people | deprived of ordinary medical attention from used to joke about the idea that nobody the "family doctor." Any plan evolved will

Probably a medical map of the whole a city country, showing the distribution of doctors loaded with booze, that the city offat the present time, will have to be made, cials secure a vacant spot somewhere said that men of the highest value as experts, men worth whole divisions, are doing ordinary surgeon's work on the French front, in part of the military forces. His special abilities of German, bullets Surgery daily danger of German bullets. Surely ities should not be wasted by assigning him "hatred" mentioned existing there to duties that could be performed as well by might be some reason for such ar the average physician. And, above all, the epistl; as it is, the letter is a meddlelives of our great specialists must not be some briar. The author of the article risked in routine work.

In this matter of enrolling physicians for Our opposition to the German lanthe army there has doubtless been a lack of planning and forethought similar to that which was responsible last year for the army there has doubtless been a lack of and to be effective our opposition must be strong. which was responsible last year for the attempt to conscript our medical students. Spanish and says nothing about the The fault probably must be laid at the door other 19 languages spoken in the of the medical societies which have not taken United States, showing a disposition up the subject with sufficient energy. Indi- to take in a little of other languages soldiers. We have approximately 70,000 viduals were meanwhile, drawn to enlist that in the midst of war. Whether practitioners in the country under the age of even when they knew that their usefulness the kaiser would or would not bar would be greater at home in a civilian ca- English and French doesn't matter; pacity than abroad in an American uniform. our position is different. There are Now, however, a real movement seems on German settlers, German descendants foot to correct the grave mistake that has and German spies throughout the been made, and to correct it before irrepara- United States, and through the agency required for the present, leaving fully 46,000 ble injury can result. In the near future the of the German language the kaiser to look after civilian needs. These civilian surgeon-general will probably call a conferdo not possess in Germany, and much needs fall into three categories, medical instruction, public health service and private men, when the entire subject will be thor- would not employ. practice. As Surgeon General Blue recently oughly threshed out. Civilian physicians are going to be consulted in the solution of this the interests of the German language, we must provide our colleges with good problem, just as civilian experts were called but infers that pro-Germans "soone in to help the government in other fields, or later will discover their errors; high standard. Neither can we permit the And, no doubt, a satisfactory, workable plan the time it may take to stop the kaispublic health to be endangered by depletion of the personnel of health departments and hospitals. And finally, people must not be population, will be evolved.

Covering our military needs, and at the same time it may take to stop the kaiser's hellish work, much of it behind the German language mask. Pro-Germans should be brought to a re-

#### Shameless War Rumor Mongers Typical Case of Baseless Gossip Revealed by Grand Jury St. Lous Globe Democrat.

The multitude of false, sensational and ing the Red Cross and its nurses, for the tionalities do not possess. That is nimble-footed war rumors that have distressed patriotic citizens and possibly interfered with the success of at least part of the war auxiliary work have received the attention of the grand jury and the judge of the United States district court for the southern district of New York. A woman who is senior surgeon for a college for women and war. children at Boston is charged with having made a statement at Vassar college, or to the grand jury to summon personal countries, our friends.

the president of the college, that "it was a lating such rumors, innocently or otherwise, our friends.

We want people in general to get made a statement at Vassar college, or to had been reserved in the Sloane maternity or who willfully circulate them. He de-hospital, New York City, for Red Cross nounced such stories as part of the "whisper-lawful language of Amercia. While nurses who were returning from France and ing pro-German propaganda," and declared the war lasts we should draw closer, expecting immediate confinement."

expecting immediate confinement." The grand jury reported that a thorough inquiry proved that there was not an iota of to both the credulous and the malevolent is truth in this statement and that the woman timely. Only part of these stories may be bad in all races and nationalities. We who made it now admits that she was misinformed. She was exonerated of any disloyal intention, but the grand jury felt imthat it deplores the tendency shown by the treated by the papers. No thoughtful loyal is over to look offer the war pelled to say in the way of general comment, public in general to give ready ear to and person will give them credence or pass them of foreign languages. There was repeat stories and reports of a sensational on and some way should be found to check no occasion for "A Layman's" arguand scandalous nature and character affect- the irresponsible or disloyal,

### Why Nobody is Laughing Now

A visiting evangelist says people do not laugh now at "what the Bible has to say about the fture of the world," since "their confidence in the processes of civilization has been shattered." Even the most literal believers in verbal inspiration have not been able to twist all the ancient millennial imand to dozens of other crises in the last 1900 coalition government. years. The world laughed at the Irvingites,

the "rapture" while there are such unprece- whose moral authority they repudiate. dented calls to service and sacrifice. Never Globe-Democrat.

Ireland and Conscription

London Chronicle, April 20. Mischiefs created by the linking together of home rule and conscription for Ireland have not yet been repaired, despite the prime minister's powerful elucidatory speech. Lloyd George made it plain that, as Sir Edward Carson expressed it, "no recruits in Ireland are to be conscripted until a home rule bill is passed by this government." agery in the Scriptures into a self-consistent The Nation writes with somber gravity on whole, even after exalting their own "spirit- Irish conscription as though the menace of ual insight" in matters of interpretation it remained; and Ireland itself, with unexabove the ripest and most reverent scholar-ship of the world, nor can they fit its most tion of the Catholic bishops, to withstand a salient features to present conditions less danger that has already been removed. Plain palms in the cafe?

The Man—The only palms I saw were the fantastically than they were fitted to the dealing would have got rid of ambiguity and time of the crusades, to the Islam movement, misconceptions, but politicians love equivoto the reformation, to the Napoleonic wars cation, especially when they belong to a

We believe it to be as demonstrable as the Plymouth brethren, the Millerites, the a problem in Euclid that conscription will Anabaptists and the many individuals who not be attempted in Ireland until home rule is picked out new Jerusalem, identified them- an accomplished fact. More than that, there selves as the "witnesses" of the Apocalypse, is a high degree of probability that, once an named the beast, and set a multitude of Irish parliament is in being, the imperial different dates for the end of wordly things. government will not use the powers con-But nobody is laughing now; everybody ferred upon it by clause 2 of the new military is too busy trying to improve the "processes service act, but leave it to that body to raise civilization." Just now all the people of men for the army in what proportion and the world who recognize their responsibility by what method it pleases. Any other course to God and mankind are bending every would ruin the prospects of self-government thought and energy toward establishing civil- in Ireland at its very beginning. Both jusization on a better basis. Everlastingly whip-ping Germany and the "monstrous thing" this matter to an Irish parliament. Irishinspires Germany now, is the first men will do voluntarily, at the invitation of duty. No red-blooded men or women are sit- their own leaders, what they would sullenly ting idly by, dreaming of being taken up in refuse at the dictation of an external body

It may be said that our argument ignores was there such a general spirit of self-sacri-fice since the morning stars first sang to-bill and a change of government here. Our the posibility of the loss of the house rule gether. Never were there greater plans for reply is that, after Mr. Lloyd George's the future, for the establishment of justice speech, with its significant references to laamong nations and among individuals, for bor in this country, to American opinion and the spread of enlightenment, for the relief of to the alled allegiance to the principle of distress, for the promotion of physical and self-determination, no British government, moral health, and for telling every human whatever its political complexion, will atcreature the "good news" proclaimed by the tempt to enforce conscription in Ireland angelic choir to Judean shepherds .- St. Louis against the will of the Irish people. There are some things that can't be done.

#### Twice Told Tales

Josh Comes Back One June day a city man went to he country to see about securing summer board with Uncle Josh, and, arriving about dinner time, he was invited to take a place at the table.

This he did, and afterward sauntered out on the veranda and lighted a "Let's get down to business, Mr. Jones."

Jones," said he to the farmer. "I want to say that I enjoyed that meal very much."
"Ye did, eh?" returned Uncle Josh gazing far over the green fields.

"Yes." responded the city man and if that is a fair sample of the meals you serve I think we can easily come to terms. "Jes' a minute," interposed Josh with a thoughtful expression.

of all, I would like to know if that was a fair sample of your appetite."-Buffalo News.

#### First Requirement.

As a country physician was driving hrough a village he saw a man amusing a crowd with the antics of his trick dog. The doctor pulled up

"My dear man, how do you manage

The Bee's A

the "family doctor." Any pian evolved the The Bee: It has been suggested, because of the recent apprehension of cause of the recent apprehension of automobile at Plattsmouth

I believe the taxpayers would take of this kind were held periodically of all city property that can be handled

Opposes German Language. mentions wrong that does not exist.

He touches on German, French and

Germans should be brought to a re-alization of their errors at once. "He" writes in a way to picture Americans as narrow-minded and speaks highsounding praise of the qualities of the masses of Germans and individual virtues of the German race, as though they are a superior people endowed with gifts and abilities that other nareason that such stories and reports not only taught and is one reason we want the seriously interfere with the recruiting of language abolished. If there are any nurses for service abroad, but also have a German-born people among us that tendency to create public distrust in the cannot speak English it is American Red Cross, and are detrimental to they have clung to German kultur and the army activities it is carrying on to alle-viate the unspeakable condition due to the of the country that gave them prosperity and feeds and protects them Judge Hand went further and charged To the loyal German-born Americans it will be no hardship to give up the the grand jury to summon persons circu- foreign language—the others are not

violation of the espionage act. The warning side by side.

There are wise and foolish, good and

of pro-German origin, but all of them aid don't need to worry about the future the enemy, to some extent. There is no ex- of the German language or any other cuse for their acceptance or circulation, for language; we are will be a-plenty of time when the war is over to look after the proper status ments and utterances. All in all, it was a tangled vine that bore every indication of kaiserism camouflage, and if it had not been dated, addressed and signed would have sounded more

having first been written and published in Berlin than in Omaha.

#### CHERRY CHAFF.

"Here, you have spelled Shakespeare's his article. "Shakespeare spelled his name in several ways," pointed out the intelligent compos-"Yes, he was a rotten speller, but I ex-pect you to do better."—Louisville Courier Journal.

The Girl-Did you observe the lovely waiter's .- Puck.

style to which she has been accus-"Why, you're earning forty a week."
"By heck, so is she."—Louisville Courier-

Sergeant-I hear you are an expert horse Private—Well, I owned a racing stable before I enlisted Sergeant—You're just the man I'm looking for; go over and shoo the files away from the major's horse.—Puck.

"I there is anything in a name, that fellow yonder ought to be called Gunn."
"Why so?" "Because he is always either getting loaded or getting fired."—Boston American.

"The bookkeeper is sick."
"Aw, he sin't sick. He just wants to go fishing." "Yes, he is sick. I told him he couldn't

Millicent (watching the parade go by)— Why do so many of the men wear spiral

puttees?
Tom—Makes 'em march faster.
Millicent—Makes them march faster! Tom-Yes; you see they're all wound up!

"Are you sure, Jack, that she's the right kind of a girl? Has she the right judg-ment?"
"Why should you doubt her?"
"Well, she has selected you."—Puck.

Bard Out. "Can't I see the editor myself?" demanded the spring poet. "No," replied the militant office boy. You must remain in the bard zone.

New York Sun.

# TO A STRAW CAUSE

O straw chapeau, when you were new. A crown of pristine beauty you. An argent cloud of shimmering sheen. A kelly fit for any bean. A nimbus on my raven fuzz. A luscious lid—that's what you was. But now your glory's one with Greece, Your primal pulchritude has blewed To innocuous desurtude.

You're on the fritz-that's what I mean An evanescent charm you had; Too brief a time you made me glad. Like to the poet's popples spread. I touched the bloom, the flower was deads Comorrow just a piece of hayadios farewell to thee Goodby, good luck, and R. I. P.

Out yonder stands a sad-eyed cow And thou, a one-time snappy dud, Will presto be a juicy cud. A common fate is that, alas! We die and fertilize the grass On which in sweet contentment brows a multitude of grateful cows Which give us milk which once was we Straw hat, goodby and R. I. P! -Cartoons' Magazine.



Official chemist employed by the state of Missouri says: "A wholesome product, free from preservatives and yeast cells and by reason of small amount of fermentable sugars present would say that no de-leterious effects would be pro-duced on processes of diges-tion."

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fun. I imagined that people avoided me-perhaps they did! But the regular use of Resinol Soap-with a little Resinol Ointment just at first-has given me back my clear, healthy skin. I wish you'd try it!"

# One Year Ago Today in the War.

London reported British in posses-ion of 10 miles of Hindenburg line on Lloyd George offered Ireland home tion could agree on plan.

The Day We Celebrate.

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George A. Wilcox, secretary and treasurer of the Omaha Stove Repair Works, born 1856.

Augustus O. Stanley, governor of Rentucky, born at Shelbyville, Ky., 51 years ago.

Thomas Ewing, former commissioner of patents, born at Leavenworth, Kan., 56 years ago.

Dr. Edmund J. James, president of the University of Illinois, born at Jacksonville, Ill., 63 years ago.

Day in History.

1781—Washington and Rocham-rau conferred at Wethersfield, Conn. 1852—The Michigan Central rail-ted was opened from Detroit to Chi-1—French government troops ed possession of Paris from the nunists.

reved a declaration of independence ad declared war with Turkey, 1902—President Roosevelt assisted

### Just 30 Years Ago Today

A. Munroe, general freight agent of the Union Pacific, accompanied by his wife, left New York for Liverpool. Mr. Seeley, manager of the Omaha base ball team, left for Chicago to ob-



ain a few more players for the hom

An excursion of 175 from California eastward passed through Omaha on the B. & M.

From the present outlook the lemonstration for the observance of Memorial day will be the grandest ever given in Omaha.

A joint committee of the Omaha Republican club and the state central 1—The Roumanian senate aptable a declaration of independence is and appointed Walt Seeley, Frank Hanlan and D. H. Wheeler as a committee to go to Chicago to arrange for the Nebraska headquarters in that city during the national convention,

The Roumanian senate aptable a declaration of independence is a declaration of indepe

#### Aimed at Omaha

Kearney Hub: This headline indicates how badly The Bee is cut up over the result of the recent Omaha

Tekamah Herald: The recent vote in Omaha on taking over the gas plant showed 5 to 1 in favor of municipal ownership; there were 19,000 votes polled on the proposition and only 4,000 against. That was a hard slam on ex-Governor Morehead, who vetoed a law to give Omaha munici-

Kearney Hub: The last class in German in the Omaha public schools will be discontinued at the close of the present school year, except in Central High school, where work may be continued for two years to finish courses. No new classes are being started and there is no demand for the language on the part of pupils. Young America has its hunch and is exemplifying the idea of "America over all.

Albion News: Omaha is making a exceptional record in its bank clearings, and last week it was the tenth in the United States in the volume of its clearings. One year omaha was in fourteenth place and two years ago in sixteenth pace. No city in the country is climbing more

Minneapolis Journal: The United States government is calling on every state to raise its quota of sheep. election: "A good job—the court a Mary, and have a little lamb tag you about.

> France suggests that Germany was right, and that the Lusitania was, infact, loaded with high explosive. Brooklyn Eagle: Bryan and Anderson seem to be in a row, each claiming the allegiance of the Metho-dists to his own brand of prohibition.

Louisville Courier-Journal: Apropos of discussion in government cir-cles about raising the draft age to 40 t may be said that there are many Americans above the present draft age who do not believe that the win-

tionist will not grieve Brooklyn Heights. It's mighty hard to be Heights. It's mighty hard to be neighborly with visionaries, even if they are wholly innocent of disloy-New York World: German gas

## Peppery Points

New York Herald: The presence of half a million American soldiers in

Only the Methodists are silent, and their silence is surely tactical discre

ning of the war should be left wholly Brooklyn Eagle: The arrest of "Pastor" Russell's successor as a sedi-