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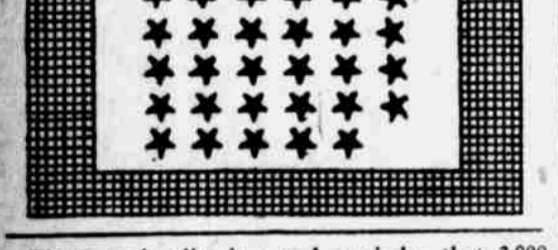
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The casualty list is a sad reminder that 3,000 miles is not so far away after all.

"Hurrah will not win," counsels a Red Cross leader, but when coupled with work they make an irresistible combination.

Taking off transcontinental trains is not going to help improve the postal service, which could not well be worse. Better put back those railway mail cars.

The Red Cross drive is going fine, but don't overlook the fact that the newspaper publicity it is receiving is one of the vital factors in "putting it over."

The Lincoln Journal intimates that "Brother Charlie" Bryan's program is his guess at what the platform of the Nonpartisan league will be. Well, some of it looks that way.

The home rule charter makers have started at the job. No special hurry, just so Omaha is cut loose from the long-distance charter tinkering before the legislature meets next winter.

Two ships a day was the record for the ship yards last week. This ought to cheer Admiral von Capelle, who has amused himself telling the Germans his U-boats were winning the war.

"Practical politics" should have but a short life at the Central High school. With the nation battling for democracy, autocratic methods and "secret diplomacy" can not be tolerated in the public schools.

Secretary McAdoo wasted mighty little time on the railroad president who overlooked the fact that Uncle Sam is running the roads this summer. Efficiency in management just now means carrying out instructions without delay.

"Tom" Marshall Not "Tom" Reed.

In a dignified, orderly and altogether decorous way, the senate took a fall out of the vice president of the United States one day last week. At another time the proceeding would have attracted headlines on the first page, but with all eyes fastened on Europe, this incident, important though it be, was lost sight of. Our genial vice president evidently had been eating meat and fancied himself endowed with those qualifications that distinguished the "Tom" from Maine and which enabled the latter to look the house in the face at its fiercest moment without quailing. At any rate, when Senator Kenyon asked that the yeas and nays be taken on a certain vote, Mr. Marshall ruled it could not be done; he already had announced the result and that ended it. Pressed for his authority, he finally admitted that he had formulated the rule himself, that he considered it a good one and expected to stand by it. Senator Gallinger presented the constitution to him, and was informed that, while the vice president was edified to know that the fundamental law gave the senators a right to have their vote put on record by roll call, he yet could see no reason for overriding his own rule. So finally the senate did it for him, setting aside his decision and taking the vote as Senator Kenyon requested. This historic episode illustrates the fact that the vice president of the United States is of importance only as a possible successor to the president.

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TODAY

One Year Ago Today in the War.

President signed the bill increasing the strength of the navy and marine corps.

United States senate passed a bill appropriating \$50,000,000 for a bureau of war risk insurance.

The Day We Celebrate.

Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, noted Jewish rabbi of Chicago, born in Luxemburg, 66 years ago.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, novelist and playwright, born in Edinburgh, 59 years ago.

Mme. Alla Nazimova, actress, born in the Russian Crimea, 33 years ago.

Charles H. Markham, president of the Illinois Central railroad, born at Clarksville, Tenn., 57 years ago.

This Day in History.

1782—Island of Formosa, in the Chinese sea, almost wholly inundated by volcanic agency, during a storm.

1795—Mungo Park started on his famous voyage of exploration to Africa.

1818—General Jeremiah T. Boyle, civil war commander and military governor of Kentucky, born. Died in Louisville, July 28, 1877.

1861—General Benjamin F. Butler assumed command at Fort Monroe.

1866—Victor Hugo, the famous poet and novelist, died in Paris. Born at Besconon, France, February 26, 1802.

1868—Ferdinand made a second assault on Vicksburg and was repulsed.

VON HERTLING THREATENS REVOLT.

A report that Chancellor von Hertling is opposed to the new alliance between Austria and Germany, because of its conditions, would be of greater interest were he of stronger character. His personal attitude toward the agreement between the kaisers is not of especial moment, but as representative of the dominant faction in the Reichstag—that controlled by the Catholic center—he may cut some figure. It is not to be wondered at that the German emperor, when arranging for military union of the two empires, left the details to Ludendorff, a leader of the Prussian war party, rather than consult von Hertling, who comes from Bavaria and therefore is not in high standing with the militaristic clique. That Emperor Karl is entirely controlled by the German party at his court has been plain from the start, and while he would personally be likely to favor Hertling's views, it is quite likely he had no choice but assent to plans made by the Germans without regard to Austria's separate interests. The incident is not of great importance, save as giving emphasis to statements heretofore made as to the dominance of Berlin over Vienna. Riots at Prague are indicative of the reception the people under Karl gave the announcement that he had practically accepted Wilhelm as suzerain.

What About It, Mr. School Board?

A current news item tells of a grocer having his permit to sell wheat flour indefinitely suspended by the food administration for violating the rules of the government relating to substitutes. This profiteering by a grocer in disregard of the food administration might not count for much ordinarily, but in the present case the grocer happens to be a member of the Board of Education, a position conspicuous in the public eye and one supposed to set an example to young and old of obedience to law and loyalty to the government. How would it sound for children called on the carpet for upsetting school discipline to answer back that they did no more than a member of the school board who defied the orders of the food administrator until caught in the act? What is Member Warfield going to do about it? And what is the school board going to do about Mr. Warfield?

Free Ports and Bill Insurance.

American business men are moving in anticipation of after-the-war commerce, thought just now centering on two important projects, free ports and the insurance of foreign credits. The first has been before the country at different times within the last quarter of a century, always in connection with the protective tariff. That it now has serious consideration signifies that business generally holds to the opinion that we are to return to the republican policy protection for American industry. The mooted plan contemplates establishment of free port areas at New York, New Orleans and San Francisco and possibly at Panama or Colon. In time these may be extended in number, but the principle will remain the same. Such ports, with facilities for handling, sorting and manufacturing foreign goods for re-export will greatly enhance the commerce of the United States and afford employment for the fleet of merchant ships the nation is creating.

Insuring foreign credits presents difficulties not easy of solution. In Great Britain a corporation has been formed for the purpose and is now working out plans for operation. The need of such an organization or service is clear enough, for by such means the exporter will be enabled to make his sales on practically a cash basis, while the buyer will have the full benefit of the credit system. It lies rather outside the domain of commercial banking, but the intermediary corporation may be so formed as to connect the existing banking system with the export trade. Americans are watching the British experiment, to note how its detailed workings are carried out. This is also true of Germany, where more than anywhere some such means will be required for the revival of German trade when peace comes.

In these moves may be noted preparations for industrial and commercial activity after the war. Americans have been shaken out of their attitude of indifference and realize the necessity of going after world trade on a systematic basis. All the advantages that have come here since 1914 are not to be dissipated by carelessness in the future.

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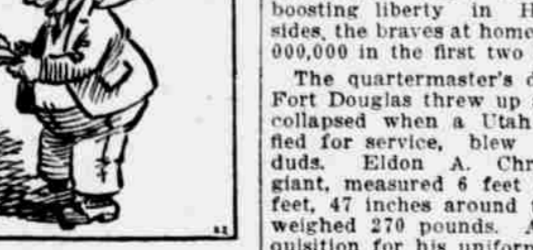
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Just 30 Years Ago Today

The fifth lecture in the course before the St. Andrew's brotherhood was delivered by Judge Savage on "The Bench and Bar."

The office of Dr. Wilson in Frenzer block was well filled with prohibitionists to discuss ways and means for



the coming campaign. Six hundred dollars were pledged by the members to carry on the Omaha Prohibitionists.

The Swedish societies and clerks are making arrangements for an elaborate musical festival to be held at Boyd's opera house on the afternoon and evening of the Fourth of July.

The Second Infantry band of Fort Omaha will tender a serenade to Brigadier General Brooke at the Paxton hotel this evening.

A literary, vocal and instrumental concert will be given in Exposition hall under the auspices of Omaha lodge No. 2226, Grand United States Order of Odd

fellows.

Creating a New Epoch

The Inevitable Effects of Doubling the Army (Philadelphia Public Ledger.)

Thus far we have scratched the surface of effort. Secretary Baker's budget of \$15,000,000,000 for the next year of war and his proposal that the million and a half men raised shall be doubled will get the nation down on its knees. It is not a question simply of withdrawing 1,500,000 more men from the productive industries. They must be supplied. The railroads, apparently overtaxed by the present great programs of supply, will have to double their efficiency. The Emergency Fleet Corporation must catch up with new cargo ships in proportion to the capacity of the army transport service to France. The twenty-odd thousand airplanes promised for delivery this spring, and not delivered, must be doubled in number and produced with an acceleration that will give American airplanes control at the American front. The delivery of Browning machine guns and of artillery of the middle and heavy types, which has been gravely disappointing, must be assured on a prodigious scale far exceeding the present requirements. Labor to expand cantonnements and to build new ones, doubled shifts of labor in the munition works and in the shipyards, the expansion and conversion of peace industries into added war industries, increased taxes and increased loans—these are the things which the American people will cheerfully face, as England and France have faced like necessities.

As the nation develops energy it will grow lean. The latest circular of the National City Bank notes that the government is virtually commandeering the basic industries, iron foundries, steel mills, woolen factories and the like, and converting them almost wholly to war uses. A balance must be struck somewhere with the necessities of the civilian population, but only with the intent of keeping its membership fed, clothed and sheltered in a way to conduce to their best efficiency in supporting and carrying on the war.

The selective service act is being administered according to rules that make it truly selective within the ages of 20 to 31. It is understood that the War department is at present opposed to increasing the draft age above 31, but no one knows what the demands of the war soon will be. Over 700,000 men will become of age each year and they are automatically liable to be drafted. As military experts are agreed that young men of 19 and 20 make the best soldiers, it is possible that the draft law may be amended to take in those ages before more mature men who are best skilled in commerce and industry and are responsible for their families, become subject to the colors.

Meanwhile it is extremely probable that hundreds of thousands of women will be drawn into the war industries. By 1917 British women were doing 60 per cent to 80 per cent of the machine work on shells, fuses and trench warfare supplies in Great Britain. They had been trained in airplane making, in gun work and in almost every other branch of industry. They had taken the places of men in all of the less essential occupations. A similar realignment and shifting of the sexes may be expected in American industry. And as the state lays its hands upon every private industry to check, to regulate and to transform, while the youthful manhood of the nation is being poured into France to decide the fate of the world, the fabric of society itself will be profoundly stirred. Our armies, those that survive the battle toils and perils, will return in a new epoch of American living.

A Triumph of Red Tape

Probably the stupidity of red-tape tyranny was never better illustrated than in the case of the American singer, Miss Estelle Dale, instructor in singing at Smith college, who tried to go to France to sing to the soldiers at the hospitals, Young Men's Christian association headquarters and other places where American soldiers congregate. As well known, General Pershing permits and encourages musical entertainments, lectures, picture shows and other means of cheering the boys who are so far away from home. The soldiers are better for these entertainments in every way. Many men and some patriotic women have given their time and their efforts to entertain the soldiers in this fashion, and at the first offer of Miss Dale was welcomed, as one would naturally suppose it would be.

But all at once it was discovered that Miss Dale would not do as a singer in France. She has been refused permission to go. Why? Because she was suspected of German sympathies? Not in the least. She is a thoroughgoing and patriotic American and has a brother fighting in the ranks of our army today. A brother! Ah, there is the difficulty. It is a rule of the service that the relatives of the soldiers are not permitted to visit them in the camps in France. And as Miss Dale is a relative of her fighting brother, she is, in fact, barred from singing to any of the rest of the brave half million! The very pledge and proof of her loyalty is the means of preventing her from doing a beautiful service to them all.

We can imagine how a real soldier would enjoy cutting such a piece of red tape as that. He would trample it in the dust under his army boots. The rule about relatives, he would say, was intended for a good purpose, but ordinary human sense is to be used in observing it. It was not made to prevent a prima donna from singing to any of the boys in the trenches. Republicanism at Washington never rises above the red tape. Bound hand and foot himself, he ties up in it as many others as he can.—Boston Transcript.

Who Are the Fittest?

Driven to desperation by proofs, which even a German could not reject, that Great Britain did not start the war and that Germany did, German newspapers at hand are now promulgating through the mouths of professors what they call the "survival of the fittest." The ethnological argument which ascribed German origin to Dante, Shakespeare and Michael Angelo has perished to ridiculous death. But the biological argument is again brought forward; it is said that it is the law of the jungle that the fittest shall survive.

There is no such law, and certainly Darwin never said so. His idea of fitness included not merely strength but intelligence. It is entirely probable that the colored citizen who chaperones the White House furnace is stronger than President Wilson. But no one will allege that his survival would be of the fittest.

It is one of the weakest things of German materialism, which has discarded all considerations of a spiritual and moral character, that it uses the word "survival of the fittest" to mean the survival of the strongest. Every advance in civilization throughout the ages has been the result of resistance to this doctrine. If the strongest only were to survive the soldier who blew out Edith Cavell's good brains would be the more desirable citizen.

When the world talks of the survival of the fittest it means exactly what Christianity means—the raising of man above the brute, where fitness is measured in intellectual, moral and spiritual qualities and not in sheer force, which must always be the servant of intellect. The German professors prove too much. They read themselves back into the category of the brute, and it is no injustice to say the German system of education has done exactly this thing with the German people.—Wall Street Journal.

The Bee's Letter Box

"America for Americans." Omaha, May 20.—To the Editor of The Bee: Strike for your altars and your fires; strike for the green graves of your sires, God and your native land. There never was a time in the history of our country when the loyalty of the people was more tested than it is at the present. Appeals are made for our money, for our time and our boys. Every true-hearted American is called upon to give and work freely, and the response is spontaneous. We are ready and willing to give our time and money. We give our boys because there is at stake what is dearer to us than life—our liberty.

But while we are making these great sacrifices, we have among us those whose aim is to destroy what we would maintain. They are worse than murderers. They aim not only to destroy life and property, but the very government by which they are enjoyed, and in many cases made them, and what to us is dearer than life. What shall we do with this fiend of hell—the spy? Shall we spend our money and time and see our boys go and never come back, and take these fellows, intern them and feed them, and after our homes are desolate because of the absent ones, turn them loose to mock us and still have the same impulses to destroy our government? There is no change in his desires. As time goes on and our boys continue to fall—your boys and mine—and we see that justice is not meted out to these imps, and we see that there seems to be no legal authority to do justice to them, what will the people do? Far be it from me to take an innocent life; but when there is proof unmistakable, if he is found with the goods of our government, can there be no doubt, the sooner his carcass is converted into fuel to keep the "old pot" aboiling the better.

There is still another class from the helligient nations, our enemies, who came here with their earthly possessions in a pack on their backs. The liberality of our government and people has enriched them. Now, by word and action they would curse and seek to destroy our government. They are not in sympathy with us in this war; they are still loyal to their fatherland. I would intern them till the close of the war, as we now need the ship space, and then give them the pack they came with, and turn them off where their sympathies are, and forever forbid them come back. They are a menace to our country.

There are among us from the belligerent nations those who are loyal and true. They appreciate the government that made them. They fill the bill of requirements of American citizenship. They give their time, money and sons to maintain the government. They are ashamed of their fatherland that has fallen to the most brutish methods of warfare and extermination that the world has ever seen. Make them feel that this is their country.

What would I do if it were my business? I would organize an American league. I would organize a branch in "every middlesex, village and town." I would take in every loyal citizen whose business it would be to become interested in his neighbor and his neighbor's business, and thus make every man and woman be able to account for their standing in every department of life. The devil is crafty and needs watching in every nook and corner. Every loyal American should be on the job morning, noon and night. VOX CULAE.

SMILING LINES.

"Hicks promised to give his wife a dime for every one he spends for cigars." "How does he spend for cigars?" "First rate. You see we meet every day and he buys me the drinks and I buy him the cigars."—Boston Transcript.

"Now, my good woman, we want an energetic worker to clean out these offices. Do you work with avidity?" "No, sir, I use soap, strong soda and a hard brush."—Baltimore American.

Dentist—You say this tooth has never been worked on before. That's sure, but find small flakes of gold on my instrument. Victim—You have struck my back collar button, I guess.—Buffalo Express.

"Noah solved the flood problem all right." "Well?" "What's a fellow to do with the world going dry?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Hokus—How did he acquire his reputation for such a feat? Pokus—That's easy. There isn't a subject under the sun about which he can't remain silent and look wise.—Judge.

People and Events

French veterinarians found a way to relieve the mule of its bray and prevent the humble beast signaling the enemy. Similar application of science to the howling midnight cat would contribute to the happiness of untold millions. With the bootjack gone, stones scarce, coal too precious to throw away and artillery forbidden, it is clear that humanity cannot attain the high levels of peaceful civilization which destiny marks unless the caterwaul is ruthlessly removed. Defenseless democracy is justly entitled to surgical relief.

Peppery Points

Washington Post: Speaking of Liberty loans, that loan of 500,000 men to France, just announced by Secretary Baker, is not so bad.

Minneapolis Journal: Otto von Gottberg—War is beautiful. General Sherman—War is hell. The Yankees hope to convince the Germans of the latter view.

Washington Post: If one were to leave it to the average enemy sympathizer he probably would acknowledge that being sent to jail is preferable to being sent to Germany.

New York World: The prospects of a satisfactory wheat crop next summer should not tempt persons of principle to break their own resolution and the Hoover commandments.

Brooklyn Eagle: A drug to quiet the pangs of hunger is a German invention of which necessity is the mother. "Why eat at all?" is doubtless a scientific question often discussed in Teuton universities.

New York Post: Concerning Hitchcock as chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, Mr. Wilson would probably say that he cares not who rules the foreign relations committee, as long as it is headed by Mr. Wilson, can run its foreign relations.

Louisville Courier-Journal: "The assassin who caused the war is dead." The assassin who caused the war was very much alive, still dealing out assassination right and left. The assassination of a couple of members of Austria's royal house was only a prelude. War would have come if the Serbian crank had never lived.

THAT KID BROTHER OF MINE.

News reached me today and was such a blow, I kid hardly try to think it's so: My little kid brother! Why yesterday A' playin' aroun' with his blocks 'n toys, He was the littlest of all thuh neighbor-hood boys; But his a man now, maw says, just as As I was when I 'listed back in 'mine."

I never had this thing quite down to rights, Although I've mixed in 'uh lots of fights, But my little kid brother! I'm sure proud Of the pep he had to go 'n enlist, Another knot on thuh war god's fist, Thuh tears keep comin', but I'm jes' cryin' With pride over the kid brother of mine.

I remember once when I was a boy, He'd stubbed his toe 'n with a grimy show, His was wipin' his eyes 'n said: "Hit must be awful, Jim, with all yore hood boys; Ter see another man in tears; But I ain't cryin' 'cause I'm hurt, It's jes' 'cause I got my clothes all dirt."

An' now the've gone! I took him away, With what doughboy outfit maw failed ter say; "To fight them damn Dutch," maw writ when he left; He drew himself up as she cried over him 'N said, "Don't carry on, maw, I'm gonna help Jim!"

So he left 'n transferred, to get on thuh line, Ter fight side by side with that kid brother of mine! OMAHA. MIKE O'ANGELO.

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