no less gallant lads whose very lives are de- heavy guns.

pendent upon leadership and direction of the

highest order attainable, can pass unheeded

entire and undivided responsibility

squarely upon the commander-in-chief,

Last week we wrote gladly and rejoic-

was not; Creel not only was not but is hop-

things he said:
"We are confronted squarely with the

equipment with all possible speed. The les-

sons of the present militia mobilization with

its incompleteness of equipment, its short-

ages in all directions, extending to the pres-

ent moment in many things, in the matter

of clothing, shortages in artillery, shortages

in various directions, all indicating the need

of a systematic and well-thought-out prepa-

ration, and that without delay.
"We should also take up with the rail-

roads the question of constructing the right

type of car for the movement of men, horses,

arms and guns—a type which at the same time would be useful for every-day work, but have those essentials which would make

it available for the use above referred to.

We should also organize our railway men so that they will be available in time of war.

It would be the height of folly to take over

an able transportation man from one of our

great railroads, where he can do his best work, and use him as an officer of the line.

The same is true with reference to com-

munications, telephone and telegraph, Their

controlling men must know something of

what is to be expected of them in time of

war, and from their forces must be organ-

ized large reserves for use along the coast

and with the troops. These are some of the

many things which must be done in the way

"Our people have been told of our great

wealth and resources in men. They have

never been told that these amount to noth-

ing in the way of meeting an immediate at-

tack unless organized and trained and unless

the materials of war have been supplied.

Panic patriotism and patriotism as illustrat-

ed by the putting out of flags; and the offer

of money and material after war is upon us,

while indicating good spirit, indicate a lack of intelligent appreciation. It is too late.

To make good shortages and to provide equipment takes time, and much of it is re-

quired. No amount of money can buy time.

knowledge of our condition is general throughout the world in all lands except our

"Our safety now is dependent upon the

forbearance of others and not upon our abil-

of organizing our industrial resources.

and unrebuked?

Wood, the Soldier, Goes

Baker, the Pacifist, and Creel, the Faker, Stay

George Harvey's War Weekly.

we mistake not, President Wilson testified to the same difficulties in mobilization that our

that in effect. He successfully passed a rig- own army has had; that is, they did not have

orous physical examination and is six years trained men to handle the transportation

under the age of retirement. So why, why, facilities; they did not have a trained sol-

The answer is Baker, or rather Baker and ping it into a system, and it took practically

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THE BEE'S SERVICE FLAG

He will be here tomorrow.

Jupiter Pluvius is helping out the depleted street cleaning fund.

Barges on the Missouri river would be a big elp in the present coal situation.

Two to one is no especial odds for Yankee soldiers to face. "Remember the Alamo!"

Mayor Smith wants everything down in black ind white; good enough, and no secret treaties.

Now is the time of year when Texas really ins to attract attention. Watermelons are

An Omaha jury has decided that riding race orses is a useful occupation, but this decision is subject to revision.

Praise for the American soldier is coming from all European armies but the German. There's a reason.

Montana is looming up in the wheat line also, proof of how the once neglected area is contributing to succor humanity.

The U-boat has added war thrills to travel in

erican waters, but up to date the ocean still being used as a highway for commerce. Ninety per cent of American wounded will

cover say the medical officers in France, owing that that department is also well or-

Only a few Americans have been made prisonrs of war by the kaiser, and the treatment acorded these is not of the sort to elevate opinion the Hgn's hospitality.

One of the U-hoat raiders boasted of intent stay in American waters all summer. They will keep under the surface most of the time if hey do, or else will take up a permanent abode

Civilian's Part in Victory.

"Victory depends upon the civilians," says mier Clemenceau, tiger of France, who adds at the soldiers do not need exhortation. He right, and his remarks may be extended to ply to America as well as to France. Our sidiers have the spirit of victory, but they must ually the support of the home folks. The back of the line is quite as important as et of the line itself. Each individual engaged ductive work at home is helping to win the and each one who goes about the daily no matter what it is, with a cheery dispoon is making the job that much easier for verybody. Not all will hear the cannon's roar, t all may keep stout hearts and work with one thought in mind, that of winning the war. pintment will come to some, especially to ose whose high hopes outrun the achievements the soldiers, but these should look ahead to the ture, when our cause will be triumphant. Do t dwell on the present, nor on the days that e to intervene, magnifying difficulties and exng dangers, but trust in that outcome all low to be certain, the ultimate victory of the nies of Liberty. In that way you will help win the war.

WAR TO THE BITTER END.

Every American, no matter what his pre-war sentiments, will say "Amen!" to the statement by Robert Lansing, secretary of state: "Prussia shall have war, and more war, and more war, until the very thought of war is abhorrent to the Prussian mind."

Just now the world is sick of war, but it knows that health will not come again until the Prussian mind is purged. For generations the leaders of German thought have devoted themselves to war. Prussia was built up on war, its conquests resting on duplicity, treachery and force. Its energy and its achievements have been dedicated to war. Whether Saxons, Bavarians, Wurtemburgers or other Germans admit the fact or not, they have, under Prussian domination, unconsciously or willingly, been dragged into line to pull or push the Prussian war god's chariot to the crushing of all liberty from the world. 'War is beautiful," says the editor of "Jung-Deutschland," official organ of Young Germany, and again, "War is the noblest and holiest expression of human activity;" while von Bernhardi, the great "military philosopher," writes: "It becomes an indispensible regulator, because without war there could be neither racial nor cultural progress,"

Worshipping the god of war, the Prussian mind is warped until it can see nothing else. If Bernhardi is correct, the United States is going to do Prussia a great service, for it will not desist until the plotters of Potsdam have had enough of war to last them and their descendants while the world stands.

Navigation of the Missouri. So far as the Missouri river itself is concerned, it is as susceptible of navigation now as it ever was. This statement has been repeated many times in The Bee, with the further statement that commerce can well be served by utilizing the waters of the mighty river. Details are to be worked out now, according to plans laid in Washington, and some steps taken to make the Big Muddy serviceable to commerce. An immense territory can be served by this stream, on which heavy and slow moving freight may be transported in bulk at low rates. Chief factor in the problem is that of distribution, which requires transshipment. Whether the cost of handling the freight from boats to cars will increase the expense beyond the point of profit must have great weight in determining the use of the river. If we are to have the advantage of inland navigation we must deal with the problem, not from the viewpoint of a war necessity, but as a permanent element of our internal commerce; indeed, it easily can be connected with our external commerce. No good reason exists why a considerable part of the material now exported from the great central west can not be borne to tidewater on river boats and reloaded directly to ocean-going cargo carriers. It is a matter of terminals, rather than of water and freight. The war has stimulated interest in the inland waterways and this ought to be pursued now to a definite conclusion.

Scandal! Unbelievable!

A census taken by the janitor of the house office building at Washington discloses the presence in the rubbish gathered by the charwomen and others of numerous empty flasks that once contained whisky, some beer bottles, likewise bereft of their contents, and other evidence that some time, somewhere, somebody had evaded the dry law of the District. It is not enough that Speaker Clark should point out that if all the discarded flasks were filled at once with contraband fluid the total would not supply half a drink for the membership of the house. That may be admitted; at least, in absence of proof positive as to the congressional capacity and duration of thirst, it will not be disputed. This does not explain the presence of the "dead soldiers." Representative Randall of California, champion of pure cold water, which is supplied in his district through the world's greatest aqueduct, comes forward with the reasonable explanation, Enemies of good government, champions of John Barleycorn, have thus sought to set obloquy on the fair and spotless names of the members of the house. Only the vilest of dastards could be guilty of such despicable conduct. And, while the agitation is going on, no one has suggested that the travel between Washington and Baltimore is less than it used to be.

"Yours for America, first, last and all the time," is the way some small-souled individual winds up an anonymous letter, abusing not The Bee alone, but all newspapers. If America had to depend on the defense of such cowards as the writer of that screed the country would be in a parlous case.

Proceedings in the courts promise to revive interest of stockholders in the Independent Telephone project. Perhaps they would rather it were allowed to rest undisturbed in its tomb.

The new head of the traffic squad is to make a survey of conditions on which to formulate some new rules. In the meantime pedestrians will be safe if they will stick to the sidewalks.

The U-boats are too busy dodging destroyers

York News-Times: Last week Omaha had the most beautiful women in the world. Now it has the finest

Plattsmouth Journal: The fellow from the east who told The Bee that Omaha had the prettiest girls of any city he ever saw was giving The Bee a piece of fresh taffy. Plat, mouth is the town for the best looking girls in Nebraska and no doubt those he saw

in Omaha came direct from this city. Omaha Commercial club, through its shall expect the federal authorities to secretary, has done the entire state a see that there can be no such thing as distinct service in sending out through the east a statement in refutation of the wild-eyed tales of treason in Nebrasks. In a sense the Omaha Com-mercial club owed that duty to the state, in view of the fact that Omaha was the origin of the fantastic tales. But for that the club itself cannot be heid responsible. It has not over-stated the case. It could well have been added that the Lincoln Council Peter Sells of Sells Bros. circus, of Defense has, after a thorough intellect Omaha to return with the circus of the five ministers of that city from the 26th of June.

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glar insurance has advanced since the ance companies a yellow streak? Do they believe that the kaiser is going to

New York World: A hundred thousand tractors doing the work of 200, 000 men and 800,000 horses on American farms are worthily sustaining the battlefield reputation of the

worried about the coming of the lord mayor of Dublin. What we are interested in is that the next lord mayor of Minneapolis should strain his voice hollering for the United States. Baltimore American: The people have responded without stint to every call the government has made upon

Minneapolis Tribune: If you were in Germany you would not be allowed to have more than one suit of clothes. Maybe you haven't more than one, anyway, but if you had managed to accumulate a Sunday, go-to-meetin' suit in addition to your working clothes you would have to turn it in

Creel. Wood was for preparedness; Baker a year and a half to do it. "General Wood-That is right. But their ing for a long, long life so that to the very regular army, known as the expeditionary

end thereof, to his dying day, he may continue upon bended knees before his crib each night to thank God that he was not. As ments, like our own, failed, and they had to timore American. we recall the happenings and speeches of these days, the president varied somewhat. But there was no doubt about Wood. He was for getting ready—not to seek trouble, but to meet it if it should as it for the control of the control o out to meet it if it should, as it finally al entourage, did not meet the demands of that sinking feeling."-Buffalo Express. the situation. They had the same experience did come-and he said so whenever he got chance. Frankly, we had forgotten how we had. If we had gone on with this war, ar-seeing he was and we were rather start- if it had been a real war, we would have had led when, last evening, we dug up his testi- to shake things up and form some commissions, including big business men with wide mony before the senate military affairs committee away back in December, 1916, and in January, 1917. Here are some of the "Senator Brady-To put business methods

diery; so they had the same difficulties whip-

into the organization? "General Wood-To get the cobwebs out of the supply departments and put some punch into them to convert them from a wheelless vehicle into something that will Their cherished "sheepskins" so obtained; question of preparedness. Just ask a sol-dier what would happen if we had to meet a well-trained enemy. You can imagine what would have happened in the war with move easily and smoothly.

"Senator Brady-To put business methods

"In conclusion, I wish to emphasize the well-organized power.

"This country is in effect unprepared.
We need, and need immediately, a system for the training of men, and we should push forward the manufacture of men, and we should push vital importance than that we should take Burning the midnight gasoline forward the manufacture of munitions and measures to this end and take them imme-

diately. This is most interesting and highly important reading. Practically everything that General Wood foresaw as necessary—even to the raising of an army of 4,000,000 menhas been done or is in process of doing, but of course, a year or even more too late, because this was not the first, it was pretty nearly the last of General Wood's adjurations. From the very beginning of the war he had beseeched our government to make ready, but the president did not, Mr. Baker smilingly would not and Mr. Creel continued and still continues to heap pious effusions of gratitude upon the Almighty, who of course had nothing whatever to do with it and, we have not the slightest doubt, is as disgusted as the rest of us that an impudent popinjay should undertake to shift a part of the responsibility to unfamiliar regions.

The simple fact is that General Wood is in bad because he was right. He also introduced Colonel Roosevelt to the boys at Plattsburg and got the reprimand which we thought he deserved from Secretary Garrison. But it was a trifling matter of excessive zeal, fine patriotism and deep conviction, no unworthy attributes at best, and-we were not at war then.

We are, now. And it is the common peril and love of country that should be drawing us together, just as recently it did effect the happy reconciliation of Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft, instead of inducing the wreaking of vengeance upon great men, and especially great soldiers, capable of rendering the best service. The World disposes of all such things, at stated intervals, by saying that "Roosevelt hates Wilson"-and, of course, Wood is a friend of Roosevelt. Well, suppose he does; what of it? Who cares whether he does or not, so long as the president doesn't-as, of course, he does not because of the Biblical inhibition which some think lets even the Germans out-hate the and months of it, many of them, are needed to make even reasonable preparation. The colonel,

The suggestion is toe often heard that Mr. Wilson wants to can General Wood because he might, as a military hero, become a rival for the presidency we reject with utter scorn. If we really believed that, we -but we don't, not for a minute; of course ity and preparation to defend ourselves.

"We are without trench mortars of the type in general use throughout the battle-fields of Europe. We are without various kinds of field signal apparatus, especially for fist, and Creel, the faker, stay.

What's the matter? That the country night work. We are short of modern field

in its hour of direct peril is to be deprived of the services of its greatest commander? wireless to such an extent that we had to Broken Bow, Neb., June 3.—To the strip Panama in order to secure a small Editor of The Bee: Your readers will amount for use on the border. We are withremember that la .. March Francis J. It seems incredible. And yet this is what the sending of Major General Leonard Wood to artillery such as is in general use in Europe with authority to investigate the stock the Pacific coast means. There is nothing -artillery which often has had a determin- yards. for him to do there that a retired colonel ing effect upon operations. We have not with his characteristic vigor and thorlor him to do there that a retired colonel could not perform satisfactorily. Every army officer knows that.

Wood is to be shelved definitely and permanently. His division of 40,000 men are to their way to France, but he, their beloved chief, who has made soldiers of them, is one could not perform satisfactorily. Every army built in this country as yet any of the modern aeroplane engines of the latest military type. We are not constructing, as we should, and given as bonuses or stock division of 40,000 men are types. We are building little or none of the cause of the sale of stock at less than chief, who has made soldiers of them, is on. chief, who has made soldiers of them, is or- long range mid-caliber type of artillery such par, the actual amount of money indered to oblivion. What, in the name of Alas is now in general use. Indeed, we are mighty God and of the American people, does only just commencing the manufacture of

this portend? Has the administration gone the approved heavy type of machine gun. stock yards company declared a divicrazy? Can it be so steeped in self-sufficiency and have not yet determined the type of dend of 8 per ce. t on its capitalizaas to believe that the perpetration of so gross light machine gun we are to use, although tion, which included cash and vatered an outrage, not merely upon a gallant officer, these guns must be provided in the propor- stock, which would amount to about but upon thousands or it may be millions of tion of about eight of the light to one of the 64 per cent on actual investment. In the eyes of the farmers and others who have contributed to these enor-"This is the condition, although the world's greatest war is two and one-half years cold, and its lessons as to equipment, radical remedy should be immediately

dent at his worst? Because it is the president and nobody else. There can be no hiding behind the general staff, the chief of staff or the pacifist secretary of war. The entire and undivided responsibility rests open book to all the world. We stand practically as unprepared as when the great war months since Mr. Heney made his remoth so has come forward with a remedy of a young man as she spoke. Then she burst into tears.

One of the most useful men of the vards he contributes to this enormous. rests effort can purchase time or make good its yards he contributes to this enormous American revolution was General loss.
"Senator Lee of Maryland-Is not your extortion.

heard abroad before Pershing went and the only one of whom Mr. Lloyd George did ask of Mr. Medill McCormick, despite diplomatic denials, "Where is Leonard Wood?"—Why should be we inquire heard wood—No, sir; I would turn it should be we inquire heard abroad before Pershing went and the War department that has failed, as you admit, to properly handle this relatively stock yards service should not be regulated?

should he, we inquire, be shelved, punished over to the commander in chief, the president The "piti is light" of publicity is and humiliated? His record is unimpeachable; of the United States, and I would go after now beating upon those institutions all admit that. He rendered superb service the War department supply organization, if and if some way is not devised soon to regulate them and restrain their exin Cuba; none can deny that. He holds the respect and admiration of the regular army I would enlarge the coordinating and superploitation of the public state-owned packing houses and stock vards are to a marked degree; despite the fact that he wising control of the chief of staff until effi-was not a graduate of West Point, any offint supply resulted.
"The Chairman—Take the British army more at the bugaboo of state socialcer will tell you that. He was the most cap-able chief of staff the country ever had; if for instance, as I read about it; they have ism. CHARLES W. BEAL.

CHEERY CHAFF.

Beggar-Please, sir, I've a sick wifecould you help me out?

Passerby—I can give you a job next week.

Beggar—Too late! She'll be able to go
to work herself by then.—Boston Transcript.

"Why is Smithers talking so much about the sacrifices one has to make just now and the increase in living expenses?" "All put on. He wants to make people

"How is that expert in genealogy you

"Nothing to him."
"How's that?" "He has traced my ancestry back 500 years without finding anybody worth mentioning."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK POEM.

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Sidelights on the War The Germans are selling artificial meat, camouflaged with pepper, sait

In April for the first time, accords

ing to Mr. Lloyd George, the output of allied shipping exceeded losses. Henceforth the submarine is a meaace but not a peril. At the commencement of our secscarce ever seen a battlefield.

were but 65 graduates of West Pour in service, and our few regulars had

During the revolution, having but few educated officers, we were very frequently dependent upon European soldiers of fortune, who were eagerly employed with high rank and extrava-

Residents of London who live in houses or flats are allowed to buy one pound of meat, half a pound of su-gar, half a pound of bacon, ham or sausage, and a quarter of a pound of butter or margarine per week. A statue of Germania before the

publication office of a Milwaukee new publication office of a Milwaukee newspaper has been relegated to the attic. "Some features of the figure," it was said, "are now likely to give offense to some of our citizens. "I have given four sons to the ser-

ingly of the president at his best. Must we development of arms and munitions are an open book to all the world. We stand practically as unprepared as when the great war and effectively applied.

It has now be n well onto three a Kansas City feccuiting officer: want to give my baby now—the proof and no one in a position to do I have." She was leaping on the interval of the president at his best. Must we development of arms and munitions are an and effectively applied.

It has now be n well onto three a Kansas City feccuiting officer: want to give my baby now—the proof and no one in a position to do. vice," said a middle-aged mother to

Thomas Mifflin, who served as quar-And why should our senior general officer proposition substantially to turn over the only one whose name had ever been entire military control without question to feally refrained from protest.

Thomas Mifflin, who served as quarterments has regulated the price of some things the farmer have patriot of age was appointed a bridadier general officer.



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ded to negotiations and recognized visional government. Day We Celebrate.

dward A. Smith, attorney-at-law, a Omaha of the American Surety any of New York, born 1873. Buckingham, general manager of alon Stock Yards company, born

part Sidney Burelson, postmaster al of the United States, born at Marcoa, Tex., 55 years ago. drew O'Connor, whose statue of the is to be placed at Springfield, orn at Worcester, Mass., 44 years

Rev. Joseph H. Johnson, Epis-blahop of Los Angeles, born at stray, N. Y., 71 years ago.

nomus P. Marshall, cele-tacky ofator and politician, acknowl. Ry. Died at Ver-feetenher 25, 1264.

to bother any more coastwise windjammers. Just 30 Years Ago Today Herman Kountze left for Pough-

keepsie to witness the graduation of his daughter, who will be one of the honor girls in the Vassar commence-One of the most successful private



returned. The party consisted of Jeff Bedford, J. S. McCormick, George Ames, W. G. Albright, Marsh Kennard

A large party of excursionists took advantage of the low rates on the B. & M. to go to Salt Lake City. Mrs. William A. Paxton gave a large ladies' reception at the Union club. Miss Mellona Butterfield left for Salt Lake City to instruct a summer

class in china painting.

Peter Sells of Sells Bros. circus, on the 26th of June.

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Aimed at Omaha

Harvard Courier: The workers in the near beer factories in Omaha are out on a strike. Let's all contribute to their war chest so they won't have to go to work again.

movie theater. Talk about boasting. Los Angeles isn't in it.

Whittled to a Poin

Louisville Courier-Journal: Burwar began. Have the burglar insur-

family. Minneapolis Journal: We are not

a coal shortage this winter. The coal

Twice Told Tales Soothing Wrath.

The old lady entered the taxider-mist's in a blazing wrath, carrying a "It's an imposition," she said. "You stuffed my poor parrot only last summer, and here's his feathers falling out before your very eyes.

"Lor bless yer, mum, that's a tri-umph of our art," was the reply. "We stuffs 'em so natural that they moults in their proper season."—Boston Transcript. Some Hike.

"Astronomers tell us," said the man
of statistics, "that an express train

would consume several million years in reaching a certain star." The other man sat silent, wrapped in thought. "Did you hear me?" asked the man of statistics.
"Oh, yes, I heard you," responded

the other quietly. "I was just think-ing what a predicament a chap would be in if-he should miss the last train and have to walk."—Boston Transcript. Her Guess.
"Isn't it terrible the way prices keep

oing up?" "It is. My husband said if it kept up he'd either have to work harder