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COLONEL ROOSEVELT'S MISSION.

Colonel Roosevelt, former president of the United States, will be the guest of Omaha again today. He comes this time to speak under the auspices of the National Security league...

Germany's Case Plainly Stated.

Dr. Dernberg, well recalled in America, is now before the public again, this time with a statement as to Germany's war aims. He states the case for the Kaiser's empire very plainly...

"Pork" and the Railroads.

One of the causes for apprehension as to the working out of government control of the railroads is already showing justification for the fears of those most interested...

New Names for Old Trains.

And now "The Overland Limited" has been ordered to the discard, and yet it is likely that Mr. McAdoo will find it difficult to eradicate a name that has served for forty years to designate a train that is more than locally famous...

Mr. McAdoo has given congress a blanket order for \$8,000,000,000 to be raised by taxation. Details will be supplied by Claude Kitchin.

Those new passenger rates are breaking up a lot of plans for summer gatherings, but they do not interfere with any of General Crowder's excursion parties.

Battling on Historic Warpaths Soissons the Scene of Many Struggles in Its Long Career

New York Times.

The capture of Soissons by the Germans a few days ago added one more struggle to the long line of battles and sieges which, from early Gallic times to the German attack in January, 1915, has marked the history of that ancient town.

Among all the cities of France, few rival little Soissons in its record of sieges. It has always been a center of military interest—sometimes of crucial importance. Caesar gave the name of Noviodunum to the capital of the powerful tribe of the Suesiones, who occupied twelve towns and were one of the greatest of the Gallic peoples...

It was at Soissons that Pepin the Short was proclaimed king and crowned by the papal legate before his formal coronation at St. Denis. Under Charles the Fat, in 886, the Normans attacked the town, and, though they failed to take it, they devastated the country roundabout...

During the Middle Ages Soissons was the chief town of a county whose lords were frequently at war with their overlords, the Capetian kings of France, or with the citizens of the town, and bloody battles there were a commonplace. In 1155, at an assembly of prelates and barons held at Soissons, Louis VII, issued a famous decree forbidding all private wars for a space of ten years...

In the Napoleonic wars it played an important part. In 1814 it was captured by the French, and, in 1815, after Waterloo, the vanquished hosts of Napoleon gathered at Soissons. On August 14, 1815, it was taken by the Russians. After that the town enjoyed a period of peace until 1870, when, after a bombardment of four days, it surrendered to the Germans on October 16...

A picturesque incident in the history of Soissons is the fact that for nine years, when he was an exile from England, it was the residence of Thomas A. Becket. He sought refuge in the great abbey of St. Jean des Vignes, founded in 1076, whose ancient portals and cloisters of the thirteenth century, with some fine fifteenth and sixteenth century work, have survived.

Status of Unnaturalized Bohemians

The war has produced no greater paradox than this: Unnaturalized Bohemians in the United States are technically enemy aliens, because they are subjects of the Austro-Hungarian empire.

Bohemians are Slavs—not Teutons. Surrounded by conquering Teutons and Magyars, and brutally oppressed by both, their history for generations gives a record of the miseries and humiliations of a subjugated people. Their sympathy in this war is overwhelmingly with the allies and against the central powers.

It has happened, however, that many Bohemians and other sincere friends of our cause have been annoyed and humiliated merely because they bore names which were neither Anglo-Saxon nor Latin. The loyal people of the United States have plenty of real enemies to fight. Let them take care that they do not fight friends.—Saturday Evening Post.

Another Hospital Bombed

When the commander of a German airplane raid on a British hospital was brought down and captured, the other day, he said, in reply to questions, that he had no desire to kill wounded men or their nurses and doctors, but that the British would build their hospitals near railway tracks, they must expect to have them bombed. Of this plea in mitigation and avoidance, the most that Philip Gibbs found to say was that its truth could not be disproved.

Making Travel a Luxury

As affected by the increased costs of travel under Director General McAdoo's order, railroad passenger traffic is divided into three classes. The users of commutation tickets in suburban travel fare the best with an increase of 10 per cent. The longer distance traveler in a day coach fares next best at a flat rate of 3 cents a mile, whether he uses a single ticket or mileage. Where the rate had been 2 cents, which had become seldom, this will be an increase of 50 per cent.

It is, however, the long distance traveler using a sleeping or parlor car who "gets it in the neck," so to speak. He must pay for his passage ticket 16 2/3 per cent above the regular 3-cent rate. If he wants a section in a sleeping car he must present one and a half passage tickets; if a drawing room, two passage tickets, and the same for a compartment, where one and a half tickets are now required; and if he wants a drawing room in a parlor car there must be five adult passage tickets—the Pullman rates remaining the same in all cases.

The Bee's Letter Box

Distinction Reserved for Certain Senators.

Shickley, Neb., June 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: I would like to ask one question before the case is closed against the professors of our State university. Did any of them ever have their picture printed on the front page of the Fatherland? If they did, then they should be shot without any further hearing.

Outlet to East Omaha.

Omaha, June 7.—To the Editor of The Bee: In presenting a petition to the commissioners for opening additional outlets or inlets to North and East Omaha it looks like the public would soon be able to learn if the commissioners are going to be guided by the political sap-suckers who have been trying to secure the openings for the last three years.

Now comes a petition to open Fowler avenue, which could no more be used for the purpose of wheel traffic, and inasmuch as the city now owns the ground for opening Ames avenue, which could be opened for foot traffic, all that is really needed, and inasmuch as Grand avenue is still there and could be easily converted into a desirable heavy hauling street by the removal of a few sickly shrubs and a little grading, it will offer a fine opening for display of the new commission's sagacity.

DISGUISED TAXPAYER.

SAID IN FUN.

"Why couldn't that young society favorite get a license to run his car?" "Because somebody told them at the license office that he boasted of being a lady-killer."—Baltimore American.

Mrs. Flatbush—"I see that a French cook is cutting spring peas into cubes. I wonder what that's for?" Mrs. Flatbush—"So they won't run off your knife, dear."—Yonkers Statesman.

"I think he got mad over nothing. I did mail him a letter marked 'Dictated,' but not what that's for." "Well?" "He sent back a card saying 'Tous respectueux' and thrown into the wastebasket."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Briggs—What is the first thing to do when you see a woman of decent appearance?" Griggs—Look up some girl and marry her.—Life.

Ted (at summer hotel)—Those pretty waitresses look awfully fetching. Ned—After you've been here a while you'll find they fetch nothing.—Puck.

"There is one queer thing about fish stories." "What is that?" "In telling them fishermen never seem to know where to draw the line."—Baltimore American.

OPULENT ELMWOOD PARK.

When the storm winds withdraws his minions, And the wind regrets its anger, When each wayward whiff wafts an essence Of lilies, hipped langur— Elmwood calls to me, Calls to me.

When the honey bees are growing restless, And the flowers long to bloom, When the drizzling, dripping drops of rain Exhale an after-noon perfume— Elmwood calls to me, Calls to me.

When the morning's sunrise greeting Presents a panoramic view, And you marvel at the diamond brilliance In the sparkling beads of dew— Elmwood calls to me, Calls to me.

When the trees and bushes are in the budding, And the landscape green and brown, When the open spaces so much nearer heaven Than the stressful streets of town— Elmwood calls to me, Calls to me.

When the songbirds to their old home places Are with melody returning, And a subtle sympathy in the gleaming Stir an impulsive yearning— Elmwood calls to me, Calls to me.

When the silent, silvery moonbeams Emblazon Nature's embossed scroll, And the evening's witching vapors Bared the secrets of your soul— Elmwood calls to me, Calls to me.

When the valleys and adjoining lowlands Are with verdure freshly kissed, And the distant river's rising vapors Crown the hilltops with a mist— Elmwood calls to me, Calls to me.

When the wondrous evening sun's descending In a fiery golden blaze, And the fleecy, floating clouds are tinted With her departing rays— Elmwood calls to me, Calls to me.

When the stars in their mighty multitude Are in an apertite diving, And nature in her profigate bounty Links her spirituality with mine— Elmwood calls to me, Calls to me.

When the atmosphere seems so readily responding To your higher, nobler thought, Surging with mystifying emotions Of God's miracles plainly wrought— Elmwood calls to me, Calls to me.

Omaha. T.D.H.

Signposts of Progress

War garden strategy suggests early preparation for a drive on bugs.

Sweden is manufacturing a wood pulp material used as a substitute for absorbent cotton.

A scientist in Sweden has advanced the theory that bearded grains draw electricity from the air to aid them in their growth.

Oil-burning locomotives are now used in 21 states, on 53 railroads and on 32,000 miles of track in this country. They consume 42,000,000 barrels of oil yearly.

American wage-earners in March were making more than ever before in history, the average wage for factory workers throughout the United States being \$18.71 per week.

The first American substitute discovered in this war turned up at Camp Lewis, Washington state. Private Lino Carlo, alias John F. Sanchez pulled down \$1,500 for the subbing job.

That rubber is in certain respects stronger than steel is indicated by a unique test made at a tire factory. A hard blast under enormous pressure was blown on a piece of rubber and a piece of steel. The rubber actually outwore the steel three to one.

Cold storage is working wonders in floral supplies, especially with bulbous and deciduous flowering plants. By arresting the life processes and holding plants and bulbs at the freezing point and therefore dormant, they may be planted and allowed to blossom at any time of the year to suit the grower. No regular flowering season is allowed.

Advertisement for Cuticura Oils, featuring a woman's face and the text "WHY NOT NICHOLAS OILS?"

Advertisement for Cuticura, describing its uses for various skin conditions like eczema, rashes, and itching.

Advertisement for Parker's Hair Balsam, highlighting its benefits for hair health.

Advertisement for Blake School for Boys, located in Lakewood, N.J., offering summer sessions.

Advertisement for BEE ENGRAVING DEPARTMENT, offering services in Omaha.

Advertisement titled "TODAY" listing various historical events and figures.

Advertisement titled "Just 30 Years Ago Today" with a cartoon illustration of a man in a suit.

Advertisement titled "Round About the State" discussing local news and events.

Advertisement titled "Peppery Points" featuring humorous observations.

Advertisement titled "Twice Told Tales" containing a story or anecdote.

Large advertisement titled "Important Changes in Schedules" for Eastbound and Westbound trains, effective Sunday, June 2nd.

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