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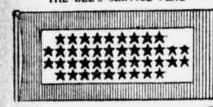
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Lightless nights will also help lick the kaiser,

Politics has been adjourned, but just watch the fur fly for the next 30 days.

Three days at a time gives the chautalkers a little chance, but it is not a safe basis for booking a long route.

If Haiti makes as much trouble for Germany

another nation is in the war. Ludendorff now wears Hindenburg's title,

as it has for Uncle Sam, the kaiser will know

which may be accepted as corroboration of the reported death of the latter. The anonymous letter writer may console

himself with the thought that at least he is helping swell the sale of postage stamps. Two hundred thousand Americans engaged in

the battle line ought to be a sufficient number to attract attention, even from the kaiser. If you do not believe that the democrats are

harmonious, listen to the exchange of compliments between the "Jims" and the "Jacks." Battle planes are going across the Atlantic

now at a rate that may bring us up to requirements in time for the big drive next spring. The American boys are not only fighters, but

pace-setters. Give them a litle more practice and the Allies' troops will have to speed up to keep | in Nebraska and is a thorough believer in strict

"German objectives were attained," says the official report from Berlin. Perhaps they were only trying to find out if the Yankees would

An Omaha elevator girl says she can spot the local proteuts by their long faces and grouchy demeanor. They will have other marks of distinction before it is all over.

The kaiser took much pleasure in watching the start of the latest "storm for peace," but his faithful reporter does not say whether he stuck for the finish. If he did, he learned a little more about war.

Some will read the sporting page today, and onder what it will look like hereafter without he box scores, but if they will only wait till the war is over they can go back to their favorite

Ella Flagg Young pledges the women to conservation for the next big Liberty loan drive. Bless her, the women folks have been conserving for the last three years, or we never would have gotten along as far as we have.

#### Base Ball on a War Basis.

Secretary Baker's decision holding professional base ball a nonessential industry is well foundsport, for it is the cleanest and most commendable ever devised. No other game ever took such a hold on the people, nor was any ever so implicitly trusted in its professional aspect. But professional base ball is not required for the winning of the war, nor will it seriously suffer through adjournment until that happier time enjoy. Minor league magnates saw the end before the beginning, and while they bravely tried to "carry on" through a few weeks, patriotism led them to put up the shutters and give their players opportunity to get into useful service. Big league owners have sought merely to get some return for the large sums they have invested. Their patriotism is unquestioned, and they will probably submit to the ruling with such

#### GERMAN DEFEAT BEYOND DOUBT.

That the Germans have sustained another serious defeat along the Marne is now beyond doubt, and the end of the war is brought that much nearer. The full extent of the victory gained by the Franco-American forces may not yet be told, for the drive has not wholly spent its force. Steadily our troops are pushing ahead, driving the Hun from vantage point after vantage point, and restoring to allied control local strongholds of importance. The forward movement has slowed down some, as was expected, owing to stiffening German resistance, but the south side of the Marne has been cleared of enemy effectives, while the retirement north of that river in the direction of the old Hindenburg line is progressing.

In the maze of speculation two points are quite clear. Paris has again been preserved, through almost the identical strategy that broke up vo luck's advance in 1914. At the same time, the allied armies are in a far better position for the opening of the proposed grand assault in the fall. German strategy of huge mass movements has again broken down because of the superior skill of its opposition. The boasted supremacy of the kaiser's troops in open warfare has been exploded. What they will do on the defensive is yet to be decided.

As a prelude to the more important operations planned for the coming autumn, this second battle of the Marne is impressive. It was not won by happy chance, but through careful calculation, and its lesson will not be lost on either side. German boasting will not be silenced, but soldiers who have been so signally beaten will not quickly recover a false sense of invincibility. For its effect on the morale of the Hun, then, the affair is especially important.

#### Are State Railway Commissions Obsolete?

There is evidently method in the mad scramble of our Nebraska State Railway Commission to make work for itself. The commission insists upon asserting jurisdiction over the public service corporations of Omaha in matters of rate regulation; it goes through the forms of issuing orders governing railway operations performed by the federal administration over which no state board has any authority; and it is also speeding up in its activities under the so-called blue sky law. The commission plainly has to have some excuse for continued existence and something to warrant maintaining its expensive staff of rate clerks, bookkeepers, engineers and valuation experts, and if they confined themselves to the field of railroad supervision originally mapped out for them, the members might be in danger of discovering themselves to be gentlemen without an occupation.

The Bee was one of the original advocates of a responsible elective state railway commission government control of the railroads when they are in private hands, but no one can fail to see that state regulation becomes superfluous when the federal government steps in to run the railroads on its own account. So far as the public utility corporations are concerned, and to the extent the service is local they can be as well, if not better, controlled by the local authorities as a function of municipal self-government. Repression of blue speculations is very well in its way, yet the state railway commission would never-have been created for that one job, which could easily be imposed upon other state offices.

Perhaps the state railway commission in Nebraska is no more obsolete than railway commissions in other states, but the whole subject of their future usefulness or uselessness calls for early attention.

#### Increasing the Terrors of War.

The ways and means committee of the house will do well to look up some of the reports made from France of late years, notably that which relates to housing and tuberculosis. A few centuries ago a king of old France found himself short of funds and his chancellor of exchequer conceived the idea of taxing windows. The populace answered by bricking up all superfluous openings, and originated a habit that persists to this day. They went without fresh air, incurred tuberculosis, and evaded the tax. Ten cents a gallon on gasoline will mean that most folks will give over ed. This does not imply any hostility to the the use of the automobile; taxing clothing above a certain cost will force most wearers to buy the cheaper kind, and so on through the socalled "consumption" list of the new revenue law. Finally, all tax must be taken from income, either directly or indirectly, and whether levied In one way or another, it eventually rests on the production of the country. Why not adopt a when we will be at peace and Americans can in law based on our own and the experience of comfort devote themselves to the game they all other countries, and not experiment with devious and uncertain devices, which may or may not produce revenue, but certainly will give the war additional terrors.

The World-Herald expresses astonishment that the president should be moving to immediately take control of the wires. Why, do you think, did Mr. Wilson insist that the resolution authorizing him so to do be passed wthout delay grace as will bear good fruit when the park gates or debate, if he did not intend at once to assume are again opened and the sport resumed, as it direction of the telegraph and telephone business of the country?

### Creel and His Achievements Senator Sherman of Illinois Dissects the Eminent "Publicity Man"

Senator Sherman of Illinois took occa- way could be amended every 90 days. All ty committee, as follows:

based journalism are rebuking the spirits us by saying America is "a race of commerthey called from the vasty deep at \$1,250,000 cial sharks willing to devour one another." They remind me of the thrifty genius who kept a kennel of wolves in the brush and bred them so he could collect the locked doors by rich men who despised the by the senator from Indiana (Mr. Watson).

on a public platform.

aggeration made him refer to congress as slum scenery. His July 4, 1917, U-boat chapter was not an amazing yarn; it was a psychological art amazing yarn; it was caiser's whole fleet of marine pests! He re- ment on it. trained himself to one submarine and strew-

plained in the hearings.

could have put a rifle in the hands of every minutely sketched. soldier as he entered camp emanated from the same wellspring of veracity who would have charge of the distribution of all human uous is hurtled out to an astonished world. information if this joint resolution were passed in its present form. This careful regard of the government caused the men to mixed his colors. The reader's head buzzes be drilled with broomsticks as a safety-first when he is told the secretary can keep three

Then a flier on aeroplane news absorbed gone to France and that thousands more would be ready in a few days, that the whole European sky was to be blackened with them in a little while. He was told by the senior senator from New York (Mr. Wadsworth) and other members of the committee on military affairs of the gap between fact and fiction before it was published and yet it and the public treasury on his nod. Then the earth tion before it was published, and yet it appeared, and Mr. Creel laid it on an individual named Strunsky; I find that thoughtful precaution in the hearings, as I go back to that time and peruse it. One thing it has netted us, Mr. President, at least, it has enriched our vocabuary with a new word. Munchausen is stale and vapid. Strunsky tunes things up with a refreshing variety that falls upon the ear with indescribable euphony. Creel admitted before the committee that one air-

which were given him to prepare copy for publication. His handiwork relating to Hol-Diplomatic matters in an undigested state, it permitted to gaze upon the greatest secreis noticeable, have not been referred to him age imagination do not impress the department as promotive of international harmony among free peoples. Sensational matter does not appeal to him, he avers. He is so tied eur before we lapse into unconsciousness. The to humdrum routine that anything lurid peerless strategist and warrior fiinishes the causes him infinite torture. He says him- moving theater by remaining for hours in self that any trashy or stupid stuff is at once relegated to the garbage can. I wonder how he himself keeps out of it? He knows it at consuming major portion of the seems. In the sight as a qualified expert, having produced it himself in prodigious quantities before he was named by the president as conservator of adulation is called. Here it is—let me

voter was a Russian serf. The senate sits in now quote literally. Perish the base thought despotism and we are the despots. Those that I could improve on the original: are things stated by a public officer, whose "There he goes now," remarked one of the power it is proposed to increase prodigious- office force who sit working in the room outy by the passage of such a resolution as this, side Secretary Baker's office. The supreme court is a tyrant. The law is goes, in his palm beach suit, with that little an autocrat winking at criminals in high old soft hat on his head. Just as friendly places. The president is helpless. The execu- and natural. Nothing pompous about him. tve office must have aroused the sympathy I should say not. Just as easy and demoof congress for it has delegated most of its cratic as an old shoe! power to that department. It would hand over the rest of it if the constitution were not Creel, the terrors of a Hun invasion are conan obstacle. That document is, he said, siderably mitigated. We await our fate with worn out and ought to be abolished by hav- calmness and fortitude. Nothing can be ing every court decision on unconstitutional worse on either side of the grave. It has alacts of congress or states referred to a vote most converted me into a Universalist-hell of the people. The constitution in this simple has nothing like this.

sion, during the debate on the resolution to public officers were to be subject to recall authorize the president to take over control on a 3 per cent petition. Instead of being of the telegraph and telephone systems of the present in our seats, most of us would be United States, to refer to the career of home answering the 3 per cent petition de-George Creel, chairman of the official public- mand and justifying our right to hold our seats longer. Elections would be going on

Creel now appears as the great luminary all the time. This explains Creel's appointment and to scatter the darkness he and his kind have created. The aboriginal freebooters of de-

Our government was framed behind bounty paid on their scalps. The bane and masses, to preserve aristocratic privileges. The whole scheme was a conspiracy against antidote are discovered on the same pay roll, presided over by a saffron swashbuckler of former days. A mental discharge of 10. 000 words per working day in the rarefied at-mosphere of the Rocky Mountains exhilarat-If it were true then, it is true now. If it ed the imagination and brought on a verbal were false then, it is unspeakably vicious and poseness which makes it imprudent for Mr. deprayed now. A man who will say it now is Creel to appear before an audience. We have a civic leper, and under recently enacted his own words for it in this hearing, to wit, laws a potential felon. The only mitigation of the condition of affars in Denver when he offered is that it is campaign extravagance, wrote the editorials inserted in the Record local temperament, and sophomoric periods. He regrets his phrasing, and modified his I quote: "Nobody then spoke in whispers, form of expression. It was too hectic for nobody spoke in conversational tones-we lower altitudes than Denver. Instead of screaming, conversational tones and a more The press enlightened its readers with didactic style are now recommended; maybe tropical epithets and red headlines. It was a waste of ink to use an adjective less than the lower pitch and denatured epithets do not superlative. He vows on page 160 of his purge him of principles which he avers stout-evidence: "Never again will they get me upsist the conviction that, if Creel were not on Once a short time ago he made a speech the payroll he would be going out of one in a New York church. Excitement, or the vociferous spasm into another, emitting 10, novelty of being within a sacred edifice, or a relapse into his natural temperamental ex-

chological extravagance. It is so explained ular composition ever produced from offiin cold type. We marvel at his self-restraint. Call sources. It had escaped my attention. Was there not an opportunity to blow up the

The latest exploit of this public functioning the sea with wreckage and oil so one ary is a special feature service article July could have somthing for his imaginaton to sent out by the committee on pitiless public-What a high-horsepower expression is ity, or, rather, public information. The style worth is shown by details generated in his and familiar nausea remind a western man superheated fancy. Aboard a warship ac- from the Wabash region of over-indulgence companying the fleet was a prosaic Associat- in paw-paws. It identifies unmistakably the ed Press correspondent who was unable to toadeater whence it came. There is no use see or to hear any of the engagement. He in having anybody's name to it. The subject persisted in wiring that the whole story was matter and style identify it completely. The a myth. It was, to be euphonious about it, subject is the secretary of war. His wearing an artistic elaboration, is the way it was ex- apparel, his gait, how his brain functions, his manner of saying "yes," or "no," of making a complete tour of the brown davenports lin-The apocryphal tale that the government each occupant a succinct judicial answer, are Without warning the startling information that he thinks clearly under all circumstances and is never ambig-

He selects his words fastidiously, shad-

ing his meaning like one of the old masters caution. They were then unaccustomed to or four stories told him by as many men up in his dome all at one time. Instinctively we think of the juggler who entranced our his next effort. He, it was, who inserted in boyish attention by keeping up a gorgeous the thrilling serial dubbed the "Official Bulle-tin," and edited by the official bullhead, fort, except a fixed smile. Suddenly he aplanguage which led the unsophisticated citi-zen to believe that hundreds of aircraft had the good, fair forms and hoary seers; he public treasury on his nod. Then the earth temporarily resumes its customary revolupeared, and Mr. Creel laid it on an individual tion. Five stenographers then rush in. He admitted before the committee that one air-plane had actually been shipped. This was the landscape fades away in a haze of tobacso much better foundation for most of his in-formation than usual that the committee and co-smoke. Gradually the scene reveals a everybody else felt relieved that he got so tached, curled up in a deep, soft, armchair, Then came the Von Igel revelations, reading his Theocritus and Juvenal or a biography of Tom Johnson or a work on 3-cent fares. From this deep dream of peace publication. Fits nandiwork relations this overripe boswen blazes the limit bland brought an instant and indignant protest Baker's trip to war-swept France. We are tary of war the world ever saw. Stanton since. Great creative ability and a high-voltof comparison, to enable our staggering mentality to gain a last look of Baker walking serene on the summit of inaccessible grandthe trenches and dugouts in mortal peril sight as a qualified expert, having produced consuming major portion of the scene I forgive it for the benefit of the senate, for

fear that it might escape in "the wrecks of Mr. Creel said six years ago the American matter, and the crash of worlds." I shall

### Twice Told Tales

Very Likely. A socialist was talking at the Colony club about girls' schools.
"Ultra-fashionable girls' schools I "Two housemaid, were talking once about their mistress' daughter, who

What's that new course Miss Mabegun.
er way.

"I think,' said the second maid, 'I Washington Star.

> Ready for the Fray. "I understand Mrs. Gabson has left

Mr. Gabson and gone home to her nother."
"Yes, a sad affair. She charges aim with excessive cruelty. "You surprise me. Gabson doesn't

sort. He got hold of a gas mask somewhere, and when Mrs. Gabson started one of her monologues he put

Uuseful Science. During a recent visit to the house

"What is geography, Tommy?" he "Geography," said Tommy, "is what

The Bee's A

One Well Managed County Office. Omaha, July 17 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Last Saturday an article appeared in The Bee Letter Box unthe heading of "County Employes and Wages," signed "Taxpayer." Taxpayer says, as I understand it, "all county officials" are at fault in employing incompetent office help. do not care to enter into an argument with "Mr. Taxpayer," but I jujst want to mention a thing or two: During the last 10 years I have had the opportunity to call at various departments in the court house and have noticed the way the various departments were being managed. One cer- While rays of westers sunshine in department I visited mostly, as by business has demanded. When wished to look up certain records. The serried ranks advance, and your fine lads and my fine lads. tain department I visited mostly, as I have always found them in firstclass shape, which only goes to show that all work is kept up to date. In A sob clings choking in the throat case I was unable to find what I was looking for, all I had to do was to

turn to one of the employes and ask
for information, which was always for information, which was always for information, which was always given me in a willing way and with good service. I never saw any "visitors" in this particular department Tears shine on every watcher's cheek disturbing the employes, who were

iways keeping themselves occupied with work. Mr. Pearce himself is an able official, has no outside interests of his cial, has no outside interests of his In soldier gray or blue, own to look after, devotes all his time Brave comrades from a thousand fields to his office, knows his business and runs his department not from a poto his office, knows his business and litical standpoint, but in a real businesslike way. He employs none but the best experienced help, who are Strong are the hearts which bear along also always pleasant and anxious to Democracy's advance, accommodate. It would not be just to Mr. Pearce and his able force if Go on their way to France. we included his department with some of the others, which in my estimation an stand a good overhauling. I hope that our voters will not wait till the last minute, but start right now and pick out their candidates, study them and their records and be sure that when they cast their votes that they will cast them for the right kind of a andidate and not feel sorry afterward and when it is too late. A VOTER.

Germany Should Pay Indemnity. To the Editor of the Bee: It has been the idea of some and advocated by some that the United States should not demand any indemnity from Germany at the end of the world war. What would Germany do to us, should she by any hook or crook win the war? They have already announced that they would compel us to pay a large part of their demand for the payment of \$45,000,000,000 and would make the United States a part of the great world-wide German empire. Should we back out and not ask any indemnity? I should say not.

As I advocated in the daily press recently, and my position was strongly upheld by numberless people, many of them of high talent, the German nation should be destroyed, and the kaiser and his six worthless sons should be banished to the remotest parts of the earth, until they die. Not only should Germany be destroyed as a nation, but the people of that part of the earth should be compelled to pay us for the vast amount of dam-age and expense they have caused to numerous peoples of the earth. They should be compelled to pay for the material damage done to us and to replace every form of property they have stolen from the Belgians, from the French and from the other nations they have overrrun. The kaiser and his sons should either be banished or executed for murder. Personally would favor the execution of the kaiser and the crown prince of Ger-

dier is worth the lives of 10,000 such fellows as the kaiser and his six goodfor-nothing sons. Let us demand an indemnity of Germany that will cause her to be so placed that she will never again want to start out n any world wide conquests, and would tend to stop her military system forever. There should be a universal demand in the United States for indemnity from Germany, for we are simply dealing with barbarians far worse than the Goths and Vandals of ancient times.

FRANK A. AGNEW.

### MIDSUMMER SMILES.

"Did you hear of the death of my rich

uncle?"
"No. How much did he leave you?"
"Not a blessed cent."
"Well, gee whiz! What was the good of his dleing?"—Boston Transcript,

"Philosophers speak of a law of compen-

"Not disputing that, what most of us complain about is the amount of compe-sation forthcoming."—Boston Transcript.

Slicing bacon is, of course, a side splitting affair, but with bacon at forty-five cents a sound it's no joke, at that.—Browning's

"He is nothing if not remantic. He pro-posed to her on the edge of a mountain "What did she do?" "She threw him over."-Baltimore Amer-

Doctor-Did you give the patient the medicine I ordered for his insomnia regularly? Amateur Nurse-Yes, doctor, but it made

#### ON THEIR WAY TO FRANCE.

him mad when I woke him up to take it.— Baltimore American.

Down to the deep blue water, Marching to throb of drum, From city street and country lane The lines of khaki come;

Are on their way to France

As file on file sweep by, Love speaks in every glance; For your fine lads and my fin Are on their way to France.

Before them, through a mist of years, Spells duty in those flapping folds

The word rings out, a million feet Tramp forward on the road, Along that path of sacrifice O'er which their fathers strode. With eager eyes and cheeks aflame, With cheers on smiling lips,

Those fighting men of 1918

Move onward to their ships.

Not even love can hold them back Nor halt their stern advance, As your dear lads, and my dear lads, J. A. WHITTAKER.





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In a surprisingly great percentage of cases, however, calling telephone numbers from memory results in asking for the wrong number, which causes serious loss of time, the referring of calls to special operators and annovance to those called in error.

Always consult the directory and call by number. slowly, one numeral at a time.



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buque. Born at Vincennes, Ind., April 12, 1804. 1915—Berlin reported progress in but were driven out by British.

One Year Ago Today in the War.

The Day We Celebrate.

club, born 1869.

57 years ago.

This Day in History.

to have mutinied and fled before the

E. J. McVann, former manager of

Just 30 Years Ago Today Roll of Honor Endorsed W. R. Stirling, next president of the

Many Russian regiments reported ity cathedral. The new addition to the street car barn at the south end of Thirteenth



1657-Frederick I, the first king of Prussia, born in Konigsberg. Died February 25, 1713. street line is now completed. It will accommodate 100 horses. Five addi-1706—Treaty for the union of Scot-nd with England signed. tional cars will be nut upon that line and they will run every ten minutes.

W. E. Annin and wife have returned the German advance toward Riga.

1916—Germans encounter drive gained footing north of the Somme, Manitou, Colorado Springs and Lead-Manitou, Colorado Springs and Leadville.

Holdrege Progress: An idea ad-Brotherhood of St. Andrew, advanced that Omaha establish a Roll be distant when the kaiser will dressed the local organization at Trin- of Honor commemorating those of its to say: "Rueckwaerts mitt Gott." young men who have given their lives for their country, gives promise of the German flag is splotched by the bearing fruit. It's a laudable intention, and the action of the Metropo- sinking of the hospital s ip Llandovery lis may well be followed by other of Castle, the state municipalities. In the city Balt

park at Portland, Ore., stands a beaumen in France, the first million tons tiful monument, commemorating the of ships completed, and the shipment valor of the Oregon young men who of big howitzers to France gave up their lives in the Phillipines. Surely Phelps county can well afford to commemorate the heroic actions of er young soldiers.

Beatrice Express: The Omaha Bee that the bundesra, the reichsrat and her young soldiers is out with the suggestion for the all the oth-maintenance of a "roll of honor" in able to do. some public place upon which shall be inscribed the names of Omaha soldiers who have died while serving the

country in the military or naval forces engaged in the war. The Bee suggests that the "roll of honor" could be set up in the court house or city hall in an attractive though temporary form that would permit of constant additroops.

1896—George W. Jones, first United State senator from Jowa, died at Dubuque. Born at Vincennes, Ind. April 1896—Central United Preshy. cities. The proper authorities, the "Next of Kin" organization, Council of take steps immediately to that end.

Brown's Worry. Brown's debts don't seem to worry him."
"No; he says if he looked worried it would worry his creditors, and then they would worry him into worrying some more."
"Boylon Transcript." -Boston Transcript.

Editorial Shrapnel Albany Journal: The time may not be distant when the kaiser will have New York World: Even the black in

Baltimore American: One million had just returned from one of these Three cheers! America is under way. Pittsburgh Post: American rat, are think the name of it's cosmetics.' destroying \$200,000,000 worth of food

Portland Press: Men used to say that the world owed them a living. Now they are learning the they owe the world a reasonable amount of work at a useful occupation. Kansas City Star: The ... Louis wife."

Wife."

"Oh, he didn't do anything of that "Oh, he didn't do anything of that held of a gas mask brewers present what they conceive to

all the other enemy rats have been

be the whole case against the .uel administrator's order denying them coal when they point out that their plants represent an investment of \$80,000,000. it on."-Birmingham Age-Herald. Shucks! The south had \$400,000,000 invested in slaves in 1860. New York Herald: So Germany holds

up the western offensive while the Tommy's uncle decided to test the kaiser rants about harnes ing the sun youngster's progress in study. and sea and Von Hertling prattles about the future of Beigium. But Geraksed. many will have f: little voice in the disposition of that country as the you put inside your trousers when kaiser when the allies sit down to you think you are going to get a talk terms.