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The sweet tooth is in for a hard pull.

Will Russia stick? That's the question.

Legislature's going to adjourn? Oh, very well.

"Hands across the sea" is getting real emphasis now.

Cleanup day is all right as such, but it ought to come six times a week.

Things that could not be done safely in normal times are put over easily in war time.

Haven't heard much lately about the "unpatriotic west" since the figures on recruiting were given out.

Strikers in Germany are given the alternative of getting back to work or going to the front. As a strikebreaker the option stands unequalled.

Explanation intended to explain the sweetness of the situation also serves to remind consumers that the long howl sounds the note for the trade orchestra.

It is understood, of course, that the storage of millions of pounds of sugar in Omaha is a considerable means of averting a blockade in household pantries.

Six auto bandits fled before a woman who rushed to the assistance of a holdup victim in Chicago. Still some male oracles stigmatize skirts symbols of weakness.

When the time comes for Uncle Sam to inaugurate a price-fixing campaign a superior line of experienced talent will be available under the terms of selective draft.

Uncle Sam promises to use all who have asked for commissions if they come up to requirements. This is encouraging to the young men who want to serve and who have ability for leadership.

A correspondent writes The Bee in behalf of the boys who enlist and do not get any publicity. He should remember that "they also serve who truly stand and wait" and that a patriot's real reward takes higher form than a newspaper notice.

Death has plucked two Omaha leaders within a week, men who will be sorely missed in the community. T. J. Mahoney and W. H. Bucholz were elements of strength in the city's growth and by their efforts had contributed greatly to its importance.

Hospital ships, like hospitals, are supposed to be immune from attack, but the U-boat plays no favorites. A captain who can torpedo a passenger boat fitted with women and children is not likely to be at all squeamish over a shipload of sick and wounded.

Sir Gilbert Parker, chief of Great Britain's publicity bureau, recuperating in the mountains of Arizona, expresses the belief that the war will end within four months. The guess carries much weight and cheer, especially since it does not seriously upset summer vacation plans.

The sinking of hospital ships, the ravaging and enforced slavery of Belgians, the carrying of young women into captivity and the wanton destruction of property which characterizes the war go to show how grossly history wrongs Attila. In the light of civilized ruthlessness the deeds of the earlier Hun are those of a tyro.

What Should Be Done?
—Wall Street Journal

First, a war loan popularly over-subscribed by many times the amount offered.

Second, by national law advance the standard for milling flour, by which a large percentage of the valuable part of the kernel, now discarded, will be put into the flour. The wheat crop was short last year; the outlook is worse this year. War bread should bring the war causes and needs quickly home and conserve the food supply. Cattle and horses can eat grass and leaves which may be abundant this season, but human food is falling throughout the world. We now use only 73 per cent of the kernel.

Third, pass such tax bills as will give the government war revenues and will stimulate industry and capital expansion. Don't tax the tools of trade or reduce the country's capital. Tax the excess profits from increased business and leave the capital intact. We need it both during and after the war. Expanded capital will be the sinews of war and the trade defense of the country afterward. The 8 per cent tax after 8 per cent on capital is a fundamental foolishness. Nobody can, for taxation purposes, define capital—that mixture of money, mind and manual labor. Tax the profits; war energies increase profits; tax the increased profits.

Fourth, stop the general revaluation of railroads—a hundred millions of unnecessary expense. The war will change all valuations. The men and the money can be better employed.

Fifth, have the states repeal their full-crow railroad laws. This was only a labor tax on the railroads, now worse than needless.

Sixth, seize the present opportunity to put our educational system on a proper basis, linking industry, schools and training for defense, both mind and body, individually and collectively.

Seventh, let popular loans, increased taxation on increased business, war bread and military education press home to every hand and every pocket the necessity for world-wide cooperation in the world-wide defense of that democracy, begun in this country more than 100 years ago.

Mr. Balfour Does Us Proud.

Americans generally will agree with Mr. Balfour in his statement that the presence of this country in the war will astonish the world. The compliment may be accepted without vainglory on our part, for we are a nation of wonderful energy and unlimited resource and should be able to realize the utmost hope of our allies and the world by our part in the conflict.

Better Crop Reports from Nebraska.

A decidedly optimistic hue is given the crop situation for Nebraska by later reports from the fields. Recent liberal rains have revived to some extent the wheat fields of the state and conditions warrant the statement that Nebraska will have at least a 50 per cent yield, which raises the former estimate from less than 20,000,000 to above 35,000,000 bushels.

Advertising the Bond Issue.

Secretary McAdoo of the Treasury department is arranging details for an extensive campaign to advertise the big bond issue just authorized by congress, the purpose being to get the people acquainted with the terms and intent of the issue before it is placed on sale on June 1. The idea is a good one.

School Examination Papers.

Criticism is again heard from different parts of the state because of the list of questions sent out from the state superintendent's office to be used in school examinations. It is especially noted that in the lists designed for the Eighth grade pupils are questions entirely technical in their nature and beyond the comprehension of the pupil.

Economy in the Home.

Household management, with an especial view to the conservation of food, is coming in for much discussion and from the east comes a warning that saving may be carried too far and cease to be economy. Many ways for reaching the result aimed at have been put forth, some of them highly impractical and others easily workable with a little readjustment of personal habits.

Nebraska Press Comment

York Republican: Says the Omaha Bee: "The United States, let it be remembered, is not out for land or gold." That's what we heard them say. Will The Bee kindly take a couple of days off and tell us just what the United States is out for?

Department of Agriculture

Making the Farm Pay

By Frederic J. Hazkin

Washington, D. C., April 21.—When the grain and cotton standards, now established by law, were still under discussion, the secretary of agriculture pointed out that they were needed because the farmer rarely knew what he was selling, while the buyer always knew what he was buying.

It was a rare thing, according to Secretary Houston, to find a farmer who knew the grade of cotton he had on his wagon. The man who bought it always knew, and he often bought it as one grade and sold it as a better one, with a corresponding profit.

How to make farming as profitable as it ought to be in view of the investment in capital and labor is really the big economic problem of the country. The matter of grades and standards is only one detail of the question.

The office of farm management has been studying the business angles of farming—the best size of farm, the best crops to plant, how many horses and cows the farmer should keep, how many hogs he should raise, whether it pays better to rent a farm or buy one and a hundred similar questions.

The business of making the farm pay involves a great deal more than the production of a big yield per acre. If you have a 150-acre farm in Pennsylvania, how many acres are you going to plant to wheat? There is a certain wheat acreage that will give the maximum profit.

Many other farm problems are being worked out by studying the successful farmer. A system of bookkeeping for farms has been devised on this plan. Almost every farmer feels the need of keeping books, but comparatively few of them have a simple and adequate system.

The best size for the farm has been studied and the conclusion is that the ideal farm for this country, considering profits and standards of living, is one that will keep two men and four horses busy. Smaller farms are not so profitable, and larger ones tend to concentrate the ownership of land in a few hands.

York Republican: Says the Omaha Bee: "The United States, let it be remembered, is not out for land or gold." That's what we heard them say.

Rushville Standard: Senator Norris of Nebraska, the notorious hyphenate senator, disgraced himself when he suggested the "dollar mark" design for a war flag. No, senator, we are not fighting for dollars; we are fighting for liberty. It was our forefathers fought a tyrant on the other side of the Atlantic, that their descendants might be free.

PROVERB OF THE DAY.

A quiet tongue makes a wise head.

One Year Ago Today in the War.

Severe bombardments followed French gain at Verdun. Revolt broke out in Dublin under direction of the Sinn Fein.

In Omaha Thirty Years Ago.

Mr. Penrose, of Penrose & Hardin, has returned from a few hours' shoot over in Iowa with a friend from Chicago, the result being 107 jackknives and about twenty ducks.



large fish ten inches in length came whizzing past his face and dropped on him.

John L. Webster has returned from Washington, D. C., where he went to argue two important cases before the supreme court.

Rev. T. J. Mackay, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church in Council Bluffs, united in marriage Miss Claire M. Jackson and W. J. Ward.

This Day in History.

1778—Battle between the American ship Ranger and the British ship Drake. 1781—British under Generals Phillips and Benedict Arnold occupied Petersburg, Va.

The Day We Celebrate.

T. J. O'Connor, city clerk, is 37 years of age today. R. C. Peters, president of the Peters Trust company, is 55 today.

Timely Jottings and reminders.

The annual congress of the National Society of United States Daughters of 1812 meets today in Washington.

Storyette of the Day.

The energetic automobile salesman had just delivered the fair customer her new car and everything was lovely.

MIRTHFUL REMARKS.

"I met Jabe this morning and he told me he had enlisted to go to the war." "I didn't know he was so patriotic."

PATRIOTISM OF THE POETS.

The American Eagle.

Oh, say, can you see in the arch of the sky That brave bird, now soaring, in majesty high?

Guess Again.

Some said that Wilson wouldn't fight, That somewhere in his frame There was a streak of yellow, but They'd better guess again;

The Country for Me.

From sea to sea is there a land That holds me with a stronger hand Than this, my own native land, My own America, the grant?

Old Glory.

Once when my baby-Dear begged me anew, As babies have forever done, For 'just one more story, a story that's true."

Rain's Spuds.

When April skies are grim and cold, And April winds are raw and cold; When words of war are on our lips, And thoughts of war our moments fill;

For immediate and permanent relief from eczema I prescribe Resinol.

"If you want to experiment, try some of those things you talk about. But if you really want that itching stopped and your skin healed, get a jar of Resinol Ointment. We doctors have been prescribing that ever since you were a small boy; so we know what it will do."

Found Health in Cardui.

Mrs. Anna Hileman, of Henryetta, Oklahoma, says that she suffered for eight years with headaches, backache, nervousness and other complaints caused from womanly troubles and that she had been in many places seeking health but was not benefited until she took Cardui.

THE OMAHA BEE INFORMATION BUREAU

Enclosed find a two-cent stamp, for which you will please send me, entirely free, the pamphlet "Care of Food in the Home."

The Bee's Letter Box

For a "Coalition" Cabinet. Omaha, April 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: Your editorial advising that President Wilson recognize his predicament, so far as the democratic party is concerned, and place some republican leaders on his cabinet list, hits the nail squarely on the head.