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other end of the avenue. Smooth work, Wood-

Those uncultivated Indian reservation lands

may raise lovely sod corn, but they are doing

lots better work right now in giving food to cat-

tle that are just as much needed by the world as

Spring lamb at \$20 the hundredweight in

Omaha and wool at 52 cents a pound in Montana

have a direct connection, and the effect of the

combination is plain enough to be seen without

In suggesting a suffrage committee of house

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tions relating to

Word from Washington and London contoms the news published exclusively in The Bee a week ago, that our destroyer flotilla had been sent across the Atlantic to join the British navy on patrol duty. Rejoicing of Britons at the presence of American war ships in the troubled waters surrounding the islands will have a milder but sincere echo in this country. The actual physical presence of the United States in the war arena must bring to us more directly the serious side of our self-set task. Pride will be felt at the expressions of the British commander, when he discovered the readiness of the Yankee tars for their duties. Our terriers of the sea are now pitted against the terror, and the hope of the nation follows these little fighting vessels into the region where destruction lurks on every side, above and below the surface. They'll make good, just as the American navy always has made good since the day when John Paul Jones sailed its first ship to victory through the wa ters where our destroyers have joined the watch for U-boats.

Another Move on the Irish Ouestion.

Lloyd George has made John Redmond a pro posal that home rule with Ulster excluded be accepted by Ireland for a term of five years, with the alternative of a convention at which representatives of the different groups and factions be given an opportunity to compromise if possible on plan for self-government for the island. Mr. Redmond, it is reported, has chosen the alterna tive, and a convention may be looked for. This is proof only that the British premier is

moving to redeem his pledge to the Irish, but is not to be taken as guaranty of settlement. It is hard for outsiders to understand the depth and intensity of the differences that hold the Irish groups apart. That internal politics has much to do with the perpetuation of the grievances is admitted by close students, who point out that neighborly relations exist between Ulstermen and others of the Irish, save on the 17th of March and the 12th of July. Extremists have held the attention of the world for years, to the exclusion of the great body of Irish, who sincerely devote themselves to the pursuits of peace, and look ahead to the time when bickering will cease and Ireland may have a place among the nations,

It is conceivable that an Irish convention may bring about a basis on which agreement finally may rest. One group should not be permitted to forever enforce its views to the detriment or exclusion of the others. Under the convention the Irish will at least be given an opportunity to say what sort of government they want, and this may mean progress towards the solution.

Hysteria Versus Patriotism.

One of the leaders of the war work among the women says economy should be made "pa-triotic, and not painful." She might well have added that it should not be spasmodic nor hyslicity" exercises needed restraining influence in terical. What really is required is a simple readjustment of our domestic economy. Elimina-While the spring may have been backward, tion of wastes does not mean and should not beand all that, it has been a long time since corn was as nearly all planted at this date of the seacome parsimony. Extravagance may be done away with without resort to stinginess, and people need not unduly stint themselves in order to be careful. "Business as usual" is just as es-Congresswoman Rankin's experience with sential as military preparation. When our peohouse rules differs little from that of male memple get steadied down a little, life will still flow hers. For young and old congress is a continuin its orderly course, and we will be all the better off because of our preliminary shaking up. Economy will then be practiced as part of the Lingering echoes of grain pit life suggest "dehorned bulls" and "hideless bears." A mere daily routine and not as a sacrifice. Life will be all the sweeter because of its increasing sobriety, illusion. Cessation of activities means healthful but to get onto a sane plane of living calls for

no reckless disarrangement of business.

Buying the "Liberty" Loan.

Secretary McAdoo of the Treasury department urges on citizens the desirability of subscribing to the Liberty loan. The success of the issue should not be left to the banks and the heavy capitalists, for the people are deeply concerned and are sincerely invited to purchase. Bonds are issued in denominations as low as \$50, in order that modest investors may participate in the loan. Many banks are arranging to assist their customers in buying these bonds under conditions that will permit payments to be made with little inconvenience to the buyer. This will enable many to get possession of at least a portion of the securities. It is a good way to demonstrate personal interest in' the government's project, as well as to practice thrift. The popularity of the cause will induce many to buy and almost anybody can get into the game. Ownership of a Liberty bond will draw the tie closer between the citizen and his country. Help yourself by helping the country to make good.

Public Lands and Food By Frederic J. Haskin

Washington, May 15 .-- With the nation organ izing all of its resources to increase the produc tion of foodstuffs, the commissioner of the gen-eral land service will begin opening to entry this summer one of the last great bodies of valuable agricultural lands which the United States gov-

agricultural lands which the United States gov-ernment has to offer to its citizens. This will make it possible to obtain trust and grain lands, some of them of the very best quality, for \$2,50 an acre, payable in installments in compliance with the homestead law. About 2,300,000 acres will be made available in the next few years. These are the lands which the government has recovered by its suit against the Oregon & Cali-fornia Railroad company, now a part of the South-ern Pacific system. The lands were granted to the railroad long ago on condition that they should be sold in small tracts to actual scitlers at a certain price. They were sold at higher at a certain price. They were sold at higher prices and in larger tracts. An act was recently passed by congress revesting the title to the repassed by congress revesting the title to the re-maining lands in the government, which act the supreme court has now decided to be constitu-tional. The land office will therefore classify these lands as power sites, timber lands and agri-cultural lands. The agricultural lands will be sold to qualified citizens at the stated price of \$2.50 an acre, on condition of compliance with homestead law. Doubtless considerable areas will be a bargain at that price.

The timber on the timber lands will be auctioned, and then these lands will be opened to entry under the homestead laws, free of any cost. The conditions of the homestead laws are that the lands must be taken up in tracts not exceed-ing 160 acres; the homesteader must reside upon his claim for three years, and he must cultivate a certain part of it.

It is true that there are over 200,000,000 acres of public lands, and newspaper dispatches have indicated that much of this great area is to be promptly plowed and seeded, so that immense crops will be produced upon them this year. This idea is erroneous. As a matter of fact, a large part of these lands are now producing all the food in the shape of range stock they are capable of producing, and any marked increase of pro-duction is a matter of time, improved methods and reclamation by irrigation. As Clay Tallman, commissioner of the general land office, points out, our government has never

As Clay Tallman, commissioner of the general land office, points out, our government has never taken any steps to make a general and compre-hensive classification of the public lands. The Interior department has been surveying them since its foundation, but the government has left the task of classification to the settler. Thus it first offered to its citizens homesteads of 160 acres, and left them to find the lands which could be successfully cultivated in finits of that size. Practically all of the lands suitable for farms of that size have now been taken. Also, many fruit-less attempts have been made to cultivate lands which are too dry, and much money has been wasted in that way and settlers needlessly discouraged.

Perceiving the need for allowing men to take Perceiving the need for allowing men to take larger bodies of land, congress passed a law enabling any citizen to take up 320 acres of arid land which could not be irrigated from any known source. It is this law which brought into being the science of dry farming. As a result of it great areas in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming which were cattle range ten years ago have become a rich wheat country, dotted with towns and grain elevators. This act also resulted in many fundores

640-acre homestead law was passed last year, and already 20,000,000 acres have been ap-plied for in these units. The rush to get lands in these 640-acre tracts shows that men believe they these 640-acre tracts shows that men believe hey can make a living on them. Doubtless many suc-cessful combination stock ranches and farms will result from the passage of the law. It will lead to the intensive use of lands which have hereto-fore lain idle. It will also have its train of fail-ures, due to the bad judgment of settlers, who will fail to estimate aright the resources of the lead they enter upon land they enter upon.

It is obvious that this judgment of what land It is obvious that this judgment of what land is fit for is a job for an expert. And the need for expert supervision in the use of our remaining public lands becomes yearly more apparent. As long as there was rich land in abundance any settler could be trusted to pick out a good farm. When dry farming became necessary, it was a task for a scientist to determine upon which lands it would be successful. Hence the many failures that followed in the wake of the 320-acre law. And to determine what lands will support a family in 640-acre tracts by a combination of farming and stock raising is even more of a problem.

in 640-acre tracts by a combination of farming and stock raising is even more of a problem. The inventory and classification will be a great aid to increasing production from our public lands. There will be no plowing and seeding this year, except on the areas inquitoined above. Neither can there be any greatly increased pro-duction of beef, for most of those 200,000,000 acres surveyed and uncorrected to those 200,000,000 acres, surveyed and unsurveyed, are supporting all the beef and mutton they can in their present condition. But if the present emergency leads to a recognition of the need for an accounting of our public natural resources, as well as of fac-tories and mines and automobiles, it will have



One Year Ago Today in the War.

French captured fort on Hill 304 Verdun.

Three German ships reported sunk in Baltic by British and Russian submarines

German ambassador at Washington Instructed all German consula in United States to warn German clu-zens to obey American laws.

In Omaha Thirty Years Age

In Omaha Thirty Years Ago. Mayor Broatch presented the fol-lowing appointments before the city council. City engineer, G. W. Tilison. city attorney, John L. Webster: assistant city attorney, H. J. Davis: attreet commissioner, Josiah Kent, in-spector of buildings, George C. Whit-lock: inspector of boilers, John Jen-kins; inspector of ballers, John Jen-kins; inspector of ballers, John Jen-kins; inspector of sak, James Gilbert; inspector of sewers, Thomas J. McLean, city physician, J. B. Ralph; veteri-marian, H. J. Ramaciotit; cierk of po-lice court. John S. Wood; board of public works, St. A. De Balcomb, C. E. Mayne and Louis Heimrod; city ap-praisers, F. W. Manville, Christian Specht and C. C. Thrane. A brilliant reception that was in A brilliant reception that was in

progress at General Crook's residence at the corner of Seventeenth and Day



enport, was rudely broken up by fire discovered in the stitic of the building. Frank Farish of engine house No. 3,

discovered in the attic of the building. Frank Farish of engine house No. 3, who was hurt some time ago in slid-ing down one of the engine house poles, is improving. Calonel A. H. Forbes was presented with a costly gold-headed cane by H. M. Hothery, the occasion being the colone?s thirty-sighth birthday. Henry Parrish made the presentation speech, after which a bountiful repast was enjoyed and speeches were made by Prof. Miller, P. Connolly and others. The second annual May party of the Ladies of Progress assembly No. 3637, Knights of Labor, was given at Cen-tral hall, the entertainment being in the hands of the following ladies; Mistress of ceremonies, Miss Emma Yon Trott; floor managers, Mrs. Anna Black, Mrs. M. J. Elilott, Mrs. Bertha Von Trott, Miss Emma Burmester, Mrs J. M. Kenney, Miss 1da Engstrom; reception committee, Misses Julia As-pinwall, Maggie Carroll, Lillian Franklin, Anna Barry; door commit-tee, Miss Anna, McGuire, Mrs. Mary Simpson, Miss Alice Henney and Miss Mary Thompson.

buried near the present site of Luo-ington, Mich. 1785-Prof. John Wilson, known the world over by his pen name of "Christopher North," born at Paisley, Scotland. Died at Edinburgh April 3, 1854. 1803-Nelson was appointed to command the British Mediterranean fleet and hoisted his flag on the Vic-tory.

2 Drops, and the Corn is a "Goner!" When you've got to walk on the sides of our shoe to got away from those awful corn-pains, there's eily one common-sense thing to do. Put 2 or 3 drops of "Gets-It"

1897-Turkey agreed to an armistice

The Day We Celebrate.

The Day We Celebrate. Edward F. Schurig, electrical engi-neer and president of the Standard Electrical company, was born May 18, 1853, in Germany, where he received his technical education. Mr. Schurig was city electrician in Omaha for nearly ten years, resigning in 1903 to practice his profession on his own account.

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account. John Potter Webster is 28 today. He is an Omaha-born boy and is sec-retary of the City Trust company. Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, commanding the German armies around Arras, where the great Angio-French drive is in progress, born in Munich forty-eight years ago today. Nicholas Romanoff, late czar of ali the Russias, born in St. Petersburg (Petrograd) forty-nine years ago today.



To Ward Off U-Boats. Dunbar, Neb., May 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: I had a subma-rine idea similar to the one I saw in your paper. My idea was to build a net on iwo sides of a ship with strms extending out from the ship, the net running parallel with the ship, ex-tending in front and behind some dis-tance, regulated so it could be raised and lowered at will. This net would want to extend down into the water the same depth as the ship. HARLEY A SNOWDEN.

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Mary Thomp This Day in History. 1675-The explorer Marquette was buried near the present site of Lud-

fleet and hoisted his flag on the Vic-tory. 1822-Augustine de Iturbide was proclaimed emperor of Mexico. 1848-German national assembly met at Frankfort-on-the-Main. 1862-Vicksburg was invested by the forces of General Grant. 1883-A cyclone at Racine, Wis, killed sixteen persons and injured 100. 1887-A statue of Schuyler Colfax, vice president of the United States, was unveiled at Indianapolis. 1892-Jacob Gould Schurman was elected president of Cornell univer-sity.

in the war with Greece.

Use "Gets-Iti" Your Corns Won't Swell in Water, Besides, They'll Shrivel, Loosen and Peel Off

Rentore the old city markets. Bring the farmer and consumer together and lower the price of vegetables from 25 to 50 per cent. Such markets would greatly stimulate suburban gardening. If the cereals now wasted in liquor making were made into bread it would greatly relieve the shortage and leave \$2,500,000,000 to pay the increased price of all foodstuffs. This nation has never known a real scarcity of food, but it is now called upon to sustain not only itself, but all the entente allies besides. This will tax us to the utmost. God speed the right and hasten the day of universal democracy. D. C. JOHN.

NOTES OF INTEREST.

The matchlock musket was invented at Nuremberg, Bavaria, just 400 years ago, in 1517.

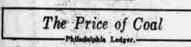
Water glass, which many persons are no using to preserve eggs, was invented by German chemist in 1825 as a solution for hardening the exterior of buildings. **Corns Peel Right** Off With "Gets-It"

tow.

grain.

German efficiency for organization apparently considered the possibility of an uprising of the proletariat, and had a plan laid to turn its course to advantage. How else can one account for the quick work in Russia?

With one enthusiastic gardener demanding the extermination of the sparrow and another wanting to do away with the squirrel, the amateur nature lover hardly knows which way to turn. Maybe it will be well to let Mother Nature attend to those matters and keep the balance herself.



Perhaps the federal trade commission underestimates its own powers of control over the hard coal situation, but if it will fulfill to the letter the intentions outlined in its preliminary report to the United States senate it will find that even the formidable combination of coal producers and carriers will hesitate about carrying to an extreme its policy of extortion at the expense of the consum-ers. The power of publicity which the commission threatens to use to check dealers who attempt to extort extravagant profits is a potent one. The public has been officially informed by this body, which speaks advisedly and only after full inves-tigation of the facts, that there is no reason for panie as to the adequacy of the anthracite supply and that a the adequacy of the anthracite supply panic as to the adequacy of the anthractic suppry and that as the present prices are unwarranted by market and labor conditions there is conse-quently no good reason for an advance in those

prices. Ordinary consumers will hardly take to them-Ordinary consumers will hardly take to them-selves the commission's warning against panicky purchasing of coal, for this is a commodity which the average householder or even the average busi-ness concern cannot hold in storage in any con-siderable quantity. Summer reductions in the price of anthracite have been made expressly to encour-age the domestic consumer to be forehanded in the matter of his fuel supply and not to leave it until winter to buy, when the demands of the improvident increase the troubles of distributors. Such timely coal purchases, carly in the season

until whiter to only, when the demands of the improvident increase the troubles of distributors. Such timely coal purchases, early in the season, are encouraged in theory if not in practice by the discount offered by the dealers. It is the speculators, possessing large storage facilities and the power to hold loaded cars, who are to blame. There ought to be no difficulty in locating and dealing with offenders of this class. Such practices could not have been possible with-out the consent or contrivance of the carriers. If the latter cannot apoly the remedy the time must the latter cannot apply the remedy the time must come when the powers of government will be brought to bear upon a trade that performs a service so vital to the tife of the community.

Our Touchy Senators.

Folks who have smiled at the Russian coun cil of workmen and soldiers berating generals and ministers for not first submitting their orders for revision, may get another laugh if they will consider the spectacle at Washington. Here we have revered senators of the democratic majority railing at a democratic president for daring to go ahead about the business assigned to him under laws recently passed. When the Council for National Defense was provided for, it was understood to be empowered to set the country ready for war; the resolution declaring existence of a state of war carried with it power for the president to use all the country's resources in defense. Under this authority something has been done while the congress has been debating details of additional legislation. Senators Lewis, Martin and other democrats find in this occasion for great indignation, and demand that in the future they be consulted before appointments are made, contracts let or anything else is done looking to preparation. These perfectly good democrats may some day be aroused to the fact that war does not wait on their deliberations. Scolding the president may relieve their minds, but it will not check the progress of events.

The first principle of a sound revenue system is that it shall not unduly hamper industry that produces the wealth out of which all taxes must be paid. Another equally sound principle is that the federal government shall not interfere with the sources of revenue of state and local governments. The war tax bill pending in Washington, however, violates all principles of sound finance.

John Bull's family accepts without a whimper food restrictions and regulations that would have been impossible three years ago. One may grasp the revolution in mode of living in Great Britain the simple statement that the Englishman's served a good turn to the country at large and the west in particular.

Our Fighting Men

Austin M. Knight.

Austin M. Knight. Admiral Austin M. Knight, commanding the Asiatic fleet, is considered one of the foremost authorities of the United States navy in the matter of ordnance and gunnery. His naval experience dates back to 1873, when he graduated from the Annapolis academy and went on the Tuscarora to the Pacfic station. In the war with Spain he engaged in the blockade of the Cuban coast and in the Porto Rican expedition. In later years he has filled many responsible teaching and adminis-trative positions. From 1907 to 1909 he was presi-dent of the special board on naval ordnance, and has filled many responsible teaching and trative positions. From 1907 to 1909 he was presi-dent of the special board on naval ordnance, and in 1913 he became commandant of the Narragan-sett Bay naval station and president of the naval war college. From these positions he was trans-ferred early this year to the command of the Asi-atic fleet. Admiral Knight is 63 years old and a native of Massachusetts.

William C. Gorgas. Major General William C. Gorgas, who was made surgeon general of the United States army in recognition of his distinguished services in ridding the Panama canal zone of the tropical diseases that menaced the health of the workers employed in the building of the isthmian vater-way, is considered one of the foremost authoi-ties on sanitation and kindred problems Bore in Mobile in 1834, General Gorgas was appointed a surgeon in the army soon after completing his Mobile in 1854. General Gorgas was appointed a surgeon in the army soon after completing his medical education at Bellevne. He engaged in the usual routine of service until the close of the war with Spain, when he was appointed chief sani-tary officer of Havana, and during the American occupation of that city he applied methods of combating yellow fever which completely elini-nated the disease in the Cuban capital. Then came his selection as chief sanitary officer of the Panama canal, followed in 1914 by his appoint-ment as surgeon general of the army.

Joseph E. Kuhn.

Joseph E. Kuhn. Brigadier General Joseph E. Kuhn, who re-cently became head of the war college, and as-sistant to Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, has had a varied military carcer since he graduated from West Point in 1885. In addition to the routine service that ordinarily falls to the lot of an army officer he has held important posi-tions in the army's schools for experts. He has also had the advantage of serving as military ob-server and attache of the American embassy in Berlin during the first two years of the present war, and, consequently, is fully informed as to the latest developments in war tactics, equipment, etc. General Kuhn was born in Kansas in 1804 and was appointed to West Point from that state. In the war with Spain he served as a major of In the war with Spain he served as a major of engineers.

today

Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy of the United States, born in Washington, D. C., fifty-five years ago

Wishington, D. C., htty-live years ago today. Samuel M. Vauciain, member of the United States munitions standardiza-tion board, born in Philadelphia fifty-nine years ago today. Charles M. Hough, recently ap-pointed a justice of the circuit court of the United States born in Philadel-phia fifty-nine years ago today. J. Hamilton Lewis, United States senator from Illinois and a staunch defender of the president's war poli-cies, born at Danville, Va., fifty-one years ago today.

Timely Jottings and Reminders.

Today the late czar of all the Rus-sins will celebrate his forty-ninth burthday anniversary as "Citizen" Nicholas Romanoft. . The Department of Agriculture at Washington is to conduct a public hearing today on the proposal to ex-tend the gypsy moth quarantine to several towns of Vermont and New Hampshire.

several towns of Vermont and New Hampshire. The Old Spanish Trail association, which is promoting the building of an improved highway from Florida to California, is to open a two-day con-vention today at Tallahnassec, Fla.

Storyette of the Day.

Storyctic of the Day. Not long ago a man was charged at a country court with trespassing, and also with shooting some pigeons which belonged to a furmer. In giving his evidence the farmer was exceedingly careful, even nervous, and the lawyer for the defense en-deavored to frighten him. "Now," he remarked sternly, "re-member you're on oath. Are you prepared to swear this man shot your pigeons?"

pigeons

"I didn't say he did shoot 'em," was the reply. "I said I suspected him of doing it." doing it." "Ah! Now you're coming to it. What

"Ah! Now you're coming to it. What made you suspect the man?" "Well. I first caught him on my land with a gun. Secondly. I heard a gun go off and had seen some pigeons fail. Thirdly. I found four of my pigeons in his gocket-and I don't think them birds flew into his pocket and com-mitted suicide for the fun of the thing."-Chicago News.

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