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Organization of "relatives' unions" will soon be in order.

Ruth Law is a good, patriotic girl, even though she is a high flier.

Sixteenth and Farnam is no good place for a loose-jawed slacker to go into action.

It's too bad "Uncle Hod" Boies could not have lived to see \$1.65 fixed as a maximum price for corn.

As a vendor of booster stuff, Secretary McAdoo deserves a niche in the ad men's hall of fame.

The least the folks at home can do is to supply the money for the boys who do the work: Buy a Liberty bond.

It is worth while noting that Gabriel d'Annunzio is one of few war-time poets who practices what he preaches.

The Chicago Herald dubs Mayor Thompson "a phenomenon." Outside of Chicago he is esteemed "a lemon."

Omaha is waking up to its duty and may yet see its name on record as having provided all the men for the army allotted as its share.

Returns from registration will be awaited as eagerly as were returns from the last election, but with no such uncertainty as to the result.

The April rush to the matrimonial bureau by this time should show a perceptible rush to recruiting offices. Two months' training fits for active service.

Iowa courts and juries are putting the quietus on "blue law" enforcement fast very effectively, but it will take action by the legislature to lay the ghost entirely.

The patriotic citizen, who has done his full duty and wears all the buttons he is entitled to parade under the circumstances, is an awe-inspiring spectacle these days.

King Ak-Sar-Ben continues his kindly rule undisturbed by wars or rumors of wars. If all other monarchs were like Ak, the world would be filled with willing subjects.

Another Red Cross unit from the United States has safely reached the fighting front. And this saving corps is but the forerunner of the fighting forces soon to be under way.

National respect for free speech is so well rooted in the American system that we patiently tolerate the outgivings of the Emma Goldmans, Ben Reitmans, the John D. Works and other knackers.

If the senate puts the prohibitive tax on whisky without making it retroactive, it will be conferring a never-to-be-forgotten favor on the whisky trust, which is reported to have 300,000,000 gallons safe in storage now.

Patriotic Nebraskans eagerly await the hour when the governor's gold-lace colonels muster in their regiments and march whither duty calls. The event will prove a fitting climax to the pageantry of the state's golden anniversary.

Prisoners at Joliet are making poor return for the privileges accorded them under the mild discipline rule. The worst of it is that the outbreak will not affect alone the condition of those immediately engaged in it, but to some extent prisoners all over the United States will suffer as a result.

One of the coal baron subsidiaries of Pennsylvania declares a cash dividend of 30 per cent, payable next month, beside distributing a package of new stock at par. A few short months ago the barons regaled the public with tearful regrets because they had to slip a petty wage raise down to the consumer.

Arguments for Corn. Talk is revived on the necessity of teaching the Europeans to eat our corn. Doubtless enough of them would be glad to eat it, provided they could get it. But even greater is the need to teach the American to eat his own corn.

Prince Udine of the Italian mission reviewed the midshipmen at Annapolis and complimented them as the finest body of men of their class that he had ever seen. Marshal Joffre paid a similar hearty compliment to the cadets at West Point. Expert opinion is all the more appreciated, because it is true.

President Wilson and Son-in-law McAdoo ought to get in touch with one another. One insists we are going to war to save democracy, and the other hints that our purpose is to get rich. A little more team work, please.

No Conscripts Here, but Patriots All.

Registration Day is over, and one of the greatest events in American history is a matter of record. Millions on millions of young men have put down their names as available for any service their country may require of them, consecrating themselves to duty, and by that act dedicating their lives, if needed, to humanity.

The event was accompanied by much rattling of drums and blare of bugles, by waving of flags and patriotic oratory, but by more of silent reflection, of serious contemplation and earnest resolution. The young men who will go out in the service of their country are making many sacrifices of which too little account is generally taken.

Our Ponderous Registration Machinery. Why is it that in a great civilized country like ours, in order to secure an enrollment of men eligible to military service, we have to go through the laborious process of registration such as we have just witnessed?

Fixing Prices on Cereals. The Chicago Board of Trade has announced a maximum price for corn, at which all settlements and deliveries are to be made. This action is in line with the course taken by the same body to check speculative inflation in wheat prices and brings up quite an interesting question.

Unseen Forces in War. Mr. Balfour, whose office in the London cabinet corresponds to that of our secretary of state, told the Canadians that the British empire had "staked its last dollar on democracy."

Our Navy on Guard. One more little gleam of light on what the United States is doing in the war comes from Rio de Janeiro, "passed by the censor," to the effect that the presence of an American naval squadron in Brazilian waters has drawn a congratulatory resolution from the Brazilian congress.

Shafts Aimed at Omaha. York News-Times: Omaha and Douglas county officials are having a great row over charges of official corruption. Let them fight until, like the historic Kilkenny cats, there is nothing left but their tails.

War Time Driftwood. The sea-plane can be launched from a warship under way, can fly ahead of it, and, by means of wireless, give notice of hostile ships at least sixty miles away from its floating base.

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Science on Wash Day

By Frederic J. Haskin

Washington, June 3.—Science has invaded the laundry. After solving the puzzling problems of how many calories of protein and carbohydrate should be given when we buy 11 cents worth of fish, the microscope and the test tube have determined how often a stiff collar should stand starching before it cracks at the edges.

The recent investigations into the fine points of washing and the mysterious reasons for the rapid deterioration of some kinds of wash goods were made by the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research, which is connected with the University of Pittsburgh. The research was undertaken at the instigation of the National Association of Laundry Owners, but the results include many points of interest to any citizen who has clothes and sheets and tablecloths to wash, whether they are laundered at home or in a power laundry.

It is a fact not generally realized in the average household that the life of any article or garment which is washed regularly depends not only on the number of times it goes to the laundry, but also on how badly soiled it is. If clothes and linens are badly spotted and stained they do not last as long, because they must be washed longer and more vigorously.

Particular attention was paid by the investigators to the life of the starched collar. In the course of the research a dozen new collars were taken and put through the process of washing and starching again and again. These collars had a life of about forty trips through the laundry before they began to crack at the edges.

That exposure to the air in drying tends to weaken cloths and fabrics was shown by another series of tests, which indicate that clothes should not be left on the line any longer than is absolutely necessary.

That the washing of fabrics is frequently not a wise practice was shown by another series of tests, which indicate that every washing, no matter how careful and gentle, weakens a cloth somewhat.

These tests show that the most economical practice is to launder garments and linen as often as is necessary, but no oftener, and to take care that they are not unnecessarily soiled.

Elaborate investigations were also made into the various washing materials. It was found that a combination of soap and washing soda is the best for use in laundry work.

Such an expression would not have come from a British minister three years ago. Nor could it then have been supposed that Lloyd George would now be the British premier.

Mr. Balfour declared in Canada that "autocracy, enthroned in the central powers, precipitated the war to gain domination of the world." It is a larger order than can be filled.

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TODAY

Proverb for the Day. Circumstances alter cases.

One Year Ago Today in the War. Germans occupied Fort Vaux, called "the key to Verdun."

Russians continued vigorous drive against the Austrians, taking 25,000 prisoners. Further German attacks on salient, and a British trench gained at Hooge.

In Omaha Thirty Years Ago. A lunch party was given by Mrs. George W. Ames, at which the following ladies were present: Mrs. J. M. Metcalfe, Mrs. General Dandy, Mrs. Dr. Lee, Mrs. W. A. Redick, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Kitchen and Mrs. Morse.

The St. Philomena Literary society elected the following officers for 1917: President, William Doran; first vice president, Miss Nellie Heelan; second vice president, Miss Mollie Heelan; secretary, M. J. Scanlan; treasurer, Miss Lizzy Devey; trustees, P. C. Heafey, T. J. O'Neill and John Mullen.

William Spaulding, the newly appointed depot transfer agent, has assumed the duties of his position. C. S. Higgins has secured control of the St. Cloud restaurant on Douglas street.

The Omaha Literary and Scientific club held a special meeting at the Omaha Business college and elected the following officers: Julius S. Cooley, president; W. F. O'Neill, vice president; G. A. Rathbun, treasurer.

At a meeting of the Leavenworth street property owners, held at Porter Bros. store, Euclid Martin was elected chairman, George H. Hobbie acting as secretary.

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1798—Imprisonment for debt abolished by act of congress.

1799—Patrick Henry, patriot, statesman and orator, died in Charlotte county, Virginia. Born at Studley, Va., May 27, 1736.

1804—Louis A. Godey, who published the first magazine exclusively for women, born in New York City. Died in Philadelphia, November 29, 1878.

1849—General Edmund P. Gaines, distinguished commander in the war of 1812, died at New Orleans. Born in Culpeper county, Virginia, March 20, 1777.

1861—Count Cavour, the "regenerator of Italy," died in Turin. Born there, August 10, 1810.

1863—Attempted assassination of Czar Alexander of Russia, as he was driving in Paris with Napoleon III, by a Pole named Berezowski.

1899—Spanish cruiser Reina Mercedes sunk at Santiago.

1916—Death of Yuan Shi-kai, president of the Chinese republic.

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The Bee's Letter Box

Soldiers' Dependents.

Norfolk, Neb., June 4.—To the Editor of The Bee: Are there any arrangements in effect, public or private, whereby those subject to draft by reason of age and with persons dependent on them, can have those dependent on them taken care of as well as those who support take care of them in case any those subject to draft go to war?

If a man were exempted because of this feature, but was willing to go if his folks were taken care of properly, are provisions in effect to do so? Kindly answer fully. Thanking you, I remain, yours truly, E. C. MCASLIN.

Ans.—No arrangements for caring for dependents have yet been made. It is understood that only those without dependents will be first taken, but this is not decided on as a fact.

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"Surprise is often expressed that there are so many veterans of the civil war still living. The fact is that the war was fought, at least on the northern side, by boys. Of the 2,153,798 enlisted there were only 48,828 who were over 35 years old. The official figures of the age at enlistment in the civil war were read in the house of representatives the other day by Joseph C. Cannon and they are as follows:

Those 10 years and under... 25 Those 11 years and under... 24 Those 12 years and under... 20 Those 13 years and under... 20 Those 14 years and under... 1,522 Those 15 years and under... 194,987 Those 16 years and under... 231,001 Those 17 years and under... 444,891 Those 18 years and under... 1,181,428 Those 19 years and under... 1,181,428

(These two classes make the total number of enlistments) 2,169,798

Those 20 years and over... 618,511 Those 25 years and over... 46,626

"It will be noticed from this statement that the greatest number of enlistments were of boys 18 and under. In a great number of cases these boys became officers before they were 20, some of them even reaching the rank of captain. The methods of war have so changed that in future armies there must be a far greater portion of mature men. There must be a large number who can handle the intricate, complex and death-dealing machinery and engines of destruction."

Plea for Socialism. Omaha, June 3.—To the Editor of The Bee: Instead of being tolerant and advocating tolerance on the part of others during the great world crisis you are trying to create a condition of intolerance and to usher in a period such as existed during the insurrection. No insult was offered the United States flag when the mover of the motion to clean it made up his mind it needed cleaning. In fact he showed more reverence for the flag than those who unjustly hold up the price of food under its folds when people are starving to death in the midst of plenty. I also wish to call your attention to the fact that just such intolerable conditions as you suggest, put Nicholas Romanoff out of a job and too much of this kind of talk might put the capitalist class in this country to work at useful labor.

Do not be too hasty in condemning others whose motives you do not know or understand. Be kind, be tolerant and help us in a peaceable solution of the great world problems. We ask the co-operation of all peaceable, liberty loving people to help us in our work and to frown upon intolerance and repression. Let us be a united people in our fight for a true and worldwide democracy. JESSE T. BRILLHART.

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is to "keep things going" just as though there were no war. To "hold back" or "retrench" in the purchase of household needs or comfort-giving articles because we are at war would be one of the most unpatrician acts imaginable.

For now, more than ever, it is to the interests of the whole country and every individual in it to keep all kinds of business normal.

Each man—each woman—must do his or her part to "keep things going." Our stores will ever do their part by using "Quick Service and Small Profits" as our guide.

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