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Delay Exasperating, but Not Fatal.
Some impatient critics are inclined to rail at the government for not making faster progress in war preparations. These should restrain themselves, for the delays experienced, while exasperating, are not fatal. We are just coming to realize how unready we were, but the world has before it the marvelous spectacle of an hundred millions of people giving over the pursuits of peace and adapting themselves to the unaccustomed business of making war.

Bohemia's National Aspirations.
Efforts of Omaha Bohemians to compel Election Commissioner Moorhead to change their designation on registration records from Austrian to Bohemian under the heading of nationality brings to view one of the really important phases of the war. The Czech struggle for independence is one of the tragedies of history. As Poland was dismembered and divided among stronger powers, so Bohemia was swallowed up in the Austrian empire, because of internal divisions.

Our Fighting Men
Robert L. Bullard.
Colonel Robert L. Bullard, U. S. A., who has been recommended by the president for promotion to the rank of brigadier general, was born in Alabama in 1861 and was graduated from West Point twenty years later.

Possible Relief from Famine Threats.
Reports tabulated by the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, covering the winter wheat situation in the northern hemisphere, show probable relief from the famine situation, at least as regards winter wheat. The world crop will not be up to the high mark of two years ago, but it may not fall so very far behind that of 1916.

Serious Business.
An Omaha parent has returned from a visit to his son at one of the training camps with the comforting gossip to the effect that the young men now preparing for service may never be sent out of the country. This is devoutly to be wished and would be mighty consoling to everybody, if it had any good foundation.

The People's Theater
By Frederic J. Hoskin
Washington, June 18.—At the foot of the Washington monument, picturesquely and appropriately environed by towering chestnut trees, has recently been erected the newest American institution—a government theater.

Our Fighting Men (continued)
Colonel Bullard (continued)
The new sylvan theater at Washington has not yet attracted very wide attention and yet everyone should know that it is here—a thing of tremendous possibilities.

Our Fighting Men (continued)
Robert L. Bullard (continued)
John J. Morrison, who has been nominated by President Wilson to be a major general in the regular army and who is expected eventually to command a division in France, has long been known in the service as a hard-working, professionally zealous soldier of high ideals and standards.

Our Fighting Men (continued)
Robert L. Bullard (continued)
John J. Morrison (continued)
Peyton C. March, recommended by the president for promotion to the rank of brigadier general in the regular army, has been in command of the Eighth United States field artillery at El Paso. Colonel March was born in Pennsylvania fifty-two years ago, was graduated from West Point in 1883 and was assigned to the artillery.

People and Events
Jess Willard paid \$105,000 for the wild west show and attached it to his champion belt. The romance of the show has lost as much of its glitter as the belt.

TODAY
Proverb for the Day.
Dead men's shoes fit well.
One Year Ago Today in the War.
The Skouliouda cabinet in Greece resigned today.

One Year Ago Today in the War (continued)
German forces halted the Russian drive in Volhynia.
Lieutenant Immeleman, noted German aviator, shot down on French front by Lieutenant G. R. McCubbins of the royal flying corps.

One Year Ago Today in the War (continued)
In Omaha Thirty Years Ago Today.
The condition of Alfred Sorenson, managing editor of The Bee, whose foot was injured by a nail, is much better and the doctor says he will be out in a few days.

One Year Ago Today in the War (continued)
This Day in History.
1738—Enoch Poor, who led the American attack at the battle of Saratoga, died at his residence in Hackensack, N. J., September 8, 1780.

One Year Ago Today in the War (continued)
The Day We Celebrate.
Brigadier General Charles J. Bailey, U. S. A., born in Pennsylvania fifty-eight years ago today.

The Bee's Letter Box
Calls Fitzgerald a Bird.
Omaha, June 19.—To the Editor of The Bee: The new assessor—he is a bird. They come and you make a statement of the value of your property of which they are got competent to judge the value. Then they notify you by mail that they raised it 50 to 100 per cent. I have a small stock of groceries, I put it in for all its worth. In fact, more than it would sell for now. I get notice that they double the value. How is that? JUST A POOR MAN.

Money-Made Morals.
Omaha, June 20.—To the Editor of The Bee: The show is on! The spotlight of scandal, public and private, is centered upon some prominent citizens of Omaha. After indulgence and playing with fire somebody's finger was burned, with the subsequent exposure of some of the loose morality in which our respectable elements are dabbling. Delicate perjury, exquisite lying, subtle hypocrisy, combined with the coarser and more vulgar exhibitions of money-grubbing morals are being delightfully displayed to the public eye.

Surplus Vegetables for Soldiers.
Wymore, Neb., June 19.—To the Editor of The Bee: The individual gardeners are large this year, due largely to advice from the government through the newspapers, and the surplus will be allowed to go to seed or if gathered at all will be poorly stored, as it will be considered a surplus which would not be used.

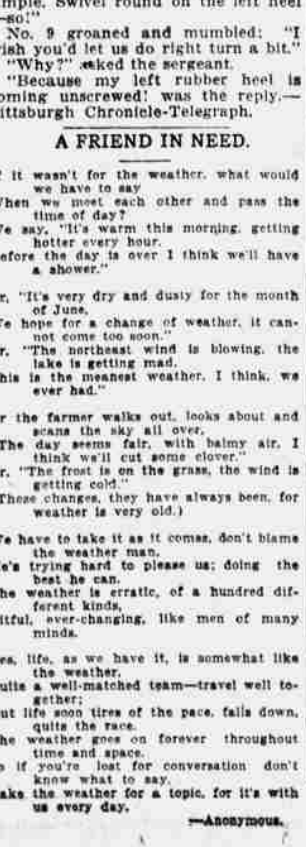
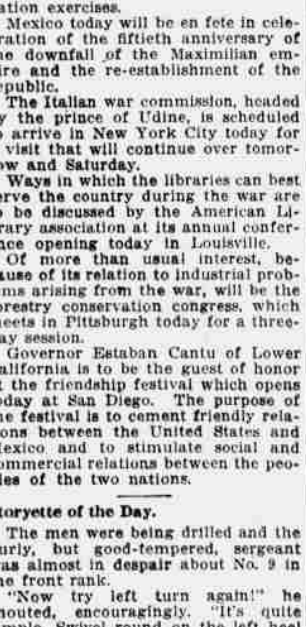
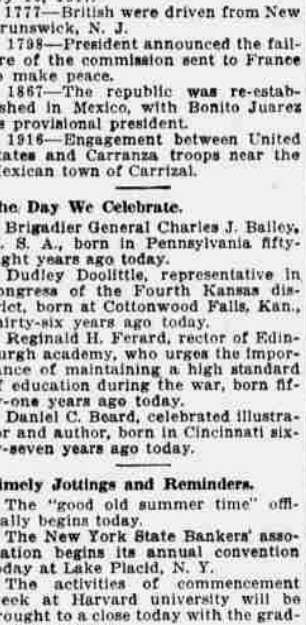
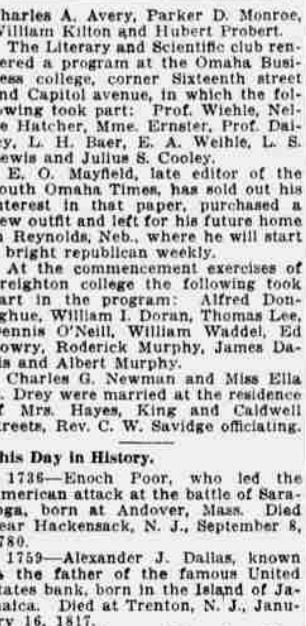
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He who walks or runs, works or plays, may heed the signs of the times in the injunction.
Pa Bourke should have started his tour in Denver and maybe the team's record would look better.
The finest line of bunco steering abroad just now is that which hitches German hopes on war indemnities.
That somebody ought to have control of the police force is fairly well established by the stories being told at the investigation.
French experts have come from the front to train American birdmen for service. They'll find a fine lot of youngsters waiting for the chance to go "over the lines."
Uncle Sam is now on guard in Irish waters against the U-boat peril, and here's hoping his weather eye is as good on this as it has been on other important occasions.
Federal revenues for the fiscal year are well over the billion mark, with eight days to go on. This is a fairly respectable sprinkle preceding the financial deluge of war taxes.
Wheat and flour prices have been coming down ever since the "stabilizing" influence of speculating was removed last month. This may be looked on as one real victory for public opinion.
Great Britain and the Allies are said to be spending for supplies in this country an average of \$3,000,000 an hour. The nation's crop of Wallingfords are thus shunted to the piker class.
Attorney General Reed may save himself and the supreme court a lot of worry if he will only take notice that Washington has ruled that any drink concoction containing alcohol is an alcoholic beverage.
Nebraska's drouth began too late in the fiscal year to affect government revenue perceptibly. Next year things are bound to look differently, unless the remainder of the wet belt sees its duty and lets it soak in.
The lordly spud still clings to its lofty perch, but the garden patches here and thereabouts will work a change in the conditions soon after the glorious Fourth, when all the folks will be reveling in home-grown new potatoes.
Secretary Daniels is right for once in his career, at least, when he demands of the governor of Rhode Island that the state use its authority to clean up moral conditions at Newport. Otherwise Uncle Sam may again be compelled to "invade" a sovereign state.
All junkerdom is enraged and sore fore and aft over the lashings applied by President Wilson in his Flag day address. Old-time school-masters are holy terrors in that line. In the present case what junkerdom experienced is but a foretaste of what is coming from the same source.
Increased demurrage charges in Nebraska carries considerable steam for speeding up shipments and increasing the efficiency of rolling stock. Closer co-operation between shippers and railroads in loading and unloading and prompt movement of cars would quickly end the perplexities of transportation and swell the business and income of both parties.

Neutral governments in Europe will be informed by the new food administration, dispatches from Washington say, that if they wish to get foodstuffs from this country they must supply ships to carry them. This may be equivalent to saying that grain will not be withheld if ships are sent for it. These neutrals want wheat. So do our allies. As Secretary Houston says, "the task of maintaining their subsistence is at once a political and moral obligation and a military necessity."
Last week's crop report shows that we may expect 656,000,000 bushels of new wheat. Probably last year's short crop of 640,000,000 will be exhausted before the harvest. In normal times we need 620,000,000 bushels for ourselves. Unless consumption here is reduced, only about 36,000,000 of the new crop can be exported. Recent estimates say acreage in Canada has been decreased by 8 per cent. Our allies will need more in the year than they have imported in the last twelve months. France, for example, must have nearly twice as much. They will look to this country and Canada for the greater part of the 540,000,000 bushels of wheat and the 300,000,000 bushels of fodder grain which they must buy. Our exports of wheat have been growing rapidly in the last two months. They rose from \$19,295,000 in March to \$42,560,000 in April. The quantity shipped from the United States and Canada advanced from 4,545,000 bushels in the third week of May to 6,179,000 in the fourth and 8,447,000 in the first week of June.
It may be impossible to supply the wants of our allies. How can we afford to let European neutrals have wheat, even if they furnish the ships? If some of them had kept for their own use the American wheat and other food which they sold to Germany they would not need so much now. The wants of our own people and our war partners demand consideration first. We cannot see that any American wheat will be left for neutral nations which have prolonged the war by supplying food to the people and soldiers and submarine sailors of Germany.

Charles A. Avery, Parker D. Monroe, William Kilton and Hubert Probert.
The Literary and Scientific club rendered a program at the Omaha Business college, corner Sixteenth street and Capitol avenue, in which the following took part: Prof. Wiehe, Nellie Hatcher, Mrs. Ernest, Prof. Daltrey, L. H. Bauer, E. A. Weible, L. S. Lewis and Julius S. Cooley.
E. O. Mayfield, late editor of the South Omaha Times, has sold out his interest in that paper, purchased a new outfit and left for his future home in Reynolds, Neb., where he will start a bright republican weekly.
At the commencement exercises of Creighton college the following took part in the program: Alfred Donaghy, William L. Douthett, Thomas Lee, Dennis O'Neill, William Waddell, Ed Lowry, Roderick Murphy, James Davis and Albert Murphy.
Charles G. Newman and Miss Ella E. New were married at the residence of Mrs. Hayes, King and Caldwell streets, Rev. C. W. Savidge officiating.



MIRTHFUL REMARKS.
The young subaltern, who was the son of a general and never omitted to rub in that fact, was taking a message from the general to the gunners.
"Your gunnery," he said to the major, "is a good deal better than your gunnery."
The major was in an irate mood.
"O'h," he rejoined, "and what in blazes does your mother say?"—Boston Transcript.

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