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The Bee's Service Flag



A bond in every home. Keep at it.

The Kaiser's storm troops know what it is to encounter a storm.

Congress doesn't seem to care very much for George Creel's peculiar brand of literary ability.

Mayor 'Jim' accuses the other fellows of 'stealing his stuff,' but he yet has time to write his own platform.

Some of the senator's chickens are coming home to roost, and he is not at all elated by their appearance.

Bolshevik threats of trouble for the allies sound terrific, but the bolsheviks so far have succeeded in making trouble only for themselves.

If Omaha can get along without any one thing during the war, that one thing will be amateur performances conducted in the German language.

Again the Kaiser, with hypocritical smugness, deprecates the horror he would have prevented.

Secretary Daniels has been allowed \$1,300,000 for his naval campaign.

If Grover Cleveland Alexander had only been a farmer, he might have escaped the draft at this time.

Arbor Day.

This is Nebraska's special holiday, devoted in the beginning as now to the planting of trees.

Just 30 Years Ago Today

The ladies of the P. E. O. cleared \$127 by their recent entertainment. Sidewalk Inspector Allan and Councilman Snyder made a tour of the business district of the city and considered every walk therein which is not of a durable character.

GOOD POINTS IN A PLATFORM.

Six of the candidates for city commissioner have affixed their names to a platform which sets them squarely before the people on some of the real questions of the local campaign.

Another promise pertains to public health and sanitation. This reasonably may be interpreted to contain a pledge to work out some efficient method of collecting and disposing of household refuse, better care of the streets and alleys, and closer co-ordination of the several branches of public hospital service.

Other pledges to work for a home rule charter, for watchful supervision of the police department, with the execution of certain reforms in its administration; economy in public expenditures, and efforts to avert labor difficulties raise no new issue.

Mystery of Muscle Shoals.

One of the unsolved mysteries of the progress of the present administration in the war has to do with the establishment of plants to recover nitrogen from the atmosphere.

Yes, Muscle Shoals is in Alabama. That may explain why all the nitrate plants are going there, to the exclusion of other equally attractive and available sites.

Some Useless Worry Over Future.

One of the subjects for worry in the east just now is what are we going to eat and with what will we be clothed in the future.

Quebec police are blamed by a coroner's jury for precipitating the draft riots. This verdict will cause a smile, even in the midst of battle danger.

First of American Liberty Loans Hard Work in Financing the Revolutionary War

The first Liberty loan in American history—ancestor of all subsequent Liberty loans—was collected from avowed pacifists in the little city of Philadelphia during an hour or two on the dark, chill morning of New Year's, 1777.

Hard money it was and hardly borrowed, but nothing less would have filled the gap which yawned between Washington and the further prosecution of the war.

But let us skip the intervening years and loans of that early war until we come to the transaction that made the surrender of Cornwallis possible and assured national independence.

The committee, indeed, "performs a vital function," as the sun says, and "the necessity for great wisdom at its head is manifest."

The Impossible Hitchcock

The great and growing importance of the senate committee on foreign relations is most clearly and intelligently described in an editorial article from yesterday's issue of the Sun which is printed elsewhere on this page.

Morris, fortunately, had been entertaining Rochambeau, the French commander and the Chevalier de Chastellux in his home while the armies were passing through Philadelphia.

He opened the letters and was able to announce immediately that the Count de Grasse had brought his squadron safely into the Chesapeake. The Frenchmen didn't stop to argue longer, but assured the financier he might have the silver.

People and Events

Quite a flood of fish stories of the cod variety have been poured out before a legislative committee in Boston by fishermen and fish dealers.

A fine brood of a boy is John Duffy of St. Louis, just over 98. There were some doings on his birthday, so much so that his admirers hired a hotel for the day and gave Johnny the time of a long life.

Editorial Shrapnel

Minneapolis Journal: Invest in the United States. It is safer than a gold mine, for all the gold mines are in it and back of it.

The Bee's Letter Box

On the Near Side Stop.

Omaha, April 20.—To the Editor of The Bee: I agree with those few who have taken the time and trouble to write, that the near side stop is very unpopular with street car patrons.

But there were obstacles in the path of Washington's strategy. De Grasse's squadron might either elude or defeat the British fleet and reach the Chesapeake.

Wants Ben Baker in Congress.

Omaha, April 19.—To the Editor of The Bee: Although Judge Ben S. Baker made an unsuccessful run for congress in 1916, a great many of us would like to have another chance to vote for him this year.

The German Mind.

Omaha, April 17.—To the Editor of The Bee: It might throw some light on the mooted question of just what was the condition of the German mind and his philosophy that could have made him so ruthless as to rush into this war.

Advertisement for 'WHY NOT NICHOLAS OILS?' featuring a portrait of a man and a signature.

Public Exhibition of Particular Interest To Grand Piano Owners

Of unusual interest to owners of grand Pianos in the Apollo Recital and Exhibition in the BALL ROOM BLACKSTONE HOTEL TODAY AND TUESDAY.

