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Slates are made, but seldom stand up.

Readjustment of the air craft program is imminent, and it is not any too soon,

Why should Douglas county continued expending money to publish official notices in a German language newspaper?

Another crown prince who has been lost to sight in the shuffle is Ruprecht. He may be blasted out some day, but not on the battle front.

Mayor "Jim" has picked his running mates, and now the race may start, with people wondering as to just how the combination was arranged.

Watch out for gas attacks and air raids all along the line now, the "ins" and the "outs" being over the top and ready to grapple in the

If the senator told the voters all the story of events leading up to the war, it is a good guess that he stuttered when the embargo episode was

Los Angeles will now more than ever insist on recognition alongside of San Francisco, even if the southern earthquake did fall considerably short of the force and effect of the northern

War against the helpless, the aged and infirm and the babies, is a part of the general German plan, which makes no account of suffering it inflicts on any. A day of reckoning awaits the Potsdam gang.

Honor flags for the Liberty loan are waving thick out in this neck o' the woods, but the loan is lagging somewhere. People who were doubting the middle west a few months ago had better get busy on subscriptions.

#### "And the Earth Trembled."

Southern California has just received a shaking up from an earthquake that would occupy a lot of space in the news reports were it not set over against the war. It will get grave and justified consideration from scientists, who will find in it an interesting, although not an uncommon, phenomenon. An earthquake first of all reminds us that the seemingly solid earth is an unstable body; that it is not a finished product, but is susceptible to and is undergoing constant change. Nature's processes are of such vastness in time and scope that man is not only unmindful but uncomprehending of them. Mechanics of tremblors are simple; merely the slipping of one stratum of rock upon another, the creation of a fault, with its consequent disturbance of surface conditions. How deep this lies, or what modification of internal conditions bring it about, must be left to conjecture. Mother Earth stirs in her unrest, and works of man crumble. Much ingenuity has been expended in projecting experience of the past through the future, depicting one or another of many possible endings for the habitation of the race, but all at last come to the same conclusion. We do not know, and every now and then we are reminded of our lack of knowledge by events such as disarranged a Sunday's program in the neighborhood of Los Angeles.

#### WOMEN AND OLD GLORY.

The Bee has aroused a healthy interest among the women folks by its publication of the generous offer of a patriotic citizen to reward the one who suggests the better form of salute to be given the flag by women. While this competition is in progress, and its rivalry is keen, we would like to say that, although woman may be deprived of certain privileges of military service, and therefore of some of the formality to which man may lay claim, she is not requested to forego any of that splendid quality of devotion that has made the story of Old Glory so wonderful. Long before Betsy Ross sewed together the stars and stripes that make the flag we all love. the mothers of America stood beside their husbands and brothers in the struggle to create a country where freedom should forever dwell. The woman who loaded the rifle for her man while he fired at the marauding Indians, who aided the soldiers of the Revolution, who in 1812, and in the '40s, and '60s and the '90s did those things that only woman can do for the fighting men of the republic, have well won a part in all the flag stands for. It is natural that the women want to give some sign of their reverence and love for the banner of their country, but, whatever sign they may adopt in doing so, nothing can exceed the proof they have furnished by sacrifice and

#### No Sign of Early Peace

Von Hindenburg's talk of "peace by August' is being repeated in this country by people who are either ignorant of what is going on, or who are willfully aiding the enemy. Peace by August is only possible with the entire collapse and withdrawal from the field of the German armies. This is a contingency so remote that it need not be considered. What must be kept in mind always by our people is that we have no reason to look for an early peace, and that many months of hard fighting are before us. The Hun is beaten in his present great smash; this does not mean that he is unable to continue fighting. A tremendous military power is not so easily exhausted. French experts expect to drive the invaders back, but they also say the Germans have prepared lines of defense all the way to Berlin and beyond. This ought to give a picture of the immense job ahead of our armies. Moreover, none should lose sight of the fact that we are fighting the German people. The masses are united behind the kaiser more solidly now than ever. The hope of victory to compensate them for the heroic sacrifices they have made holds them together at this moment; when the tide definitely turns against them, they will battle to retain what they have grabbed. No reliance is to be placed on reports of extensive dissatisfaction or disorder in Germany. Our job is to defeat the German people, and only when that has been done can peace be established.

#### Food for the Belgians.

An instance is presented that shows the allenveloping character of the business the United States is engaged in. Obligated to provide food for the armies as well as the people of its allies, with its own citizens voluntarily restricting their diet that something may be had from a short supply for others, it is called upon to feed also the victims of war who are within the German lines. Belgians and French in the occupied districts are hungry, and unless the United States can get bread to them they will starve. This has been a condition since 1914, and is not changed. It is one of the most shameful chapters of German history that the helpless victims of its great machinery of destruction have been denuded of all means of life and thrust out to perish. To be sure, the kaiser and his coadjutors relied on the fact that the people of America would not see a nation starve to death, and so gave themselves no concern, because they knew we would take up the job. Now, in the midst of battle and when we are short of ships for the transport of men and munitions to France, we stop to send food to Belgium. The war lords of Potsdam will snort with glee as they watch this act, but they know in their hearts that it is going down on the record against them and some day the account must be settled.

Austria is more concerned about internal than external affairs just now. Czech and Jugo-Slav opposition to the government bids fair to flame into open rebellion at any moment, while the Magyar influence is also arrayed against German ascendancy, thus assuring Emperor Karl anything but quiet moments. All this means the end of kaiserism.

How natural it is that the military authorities who murdered Edith Cavell should refuse even to consider a petition for pardon in behalf of a woman prisoner. Kultur is never expressed so well as when inflicting brutality on a woman.

The all-highest now repudiates the battle which has been lost. Just a few days ago he proclaimed it as "my battle," but Ludendorf will get the blame.

A year ago the kaiser promised the pope that Rheims should not be destroyed, and he carried out that pledge as faithfully as any he has

### Source of German War Power "Achilles Heel" Rests on the Iron Mines of Lorraine

Prof. W. H. Hobbs, University of Michigan, in New York Times.

which should penetrate no further than the and been forced to bring much of her iron present German offensive has already gone and from other sources. 30 to 35 miles), would bring the war at once to an end. This is easily proved, and has dum of March, 1915, which was presented to been admitted as long ago as March 20, 1915, the German chancellor, von Bethmann-Hollby a deputation from six of the most power-ful industrial and agrarian organization; of Germany made in a confidential communica-quantities of iron and steel of which no one tion to the German chancellor. This confidential memorandum was obtained and pub- the production of pig iron and steel had not as a newspaper's most prized posseslished in France in 1916, and its truths are self-evident to any student of mineral re-continuation of the war would have been im-

while possessing almost inexhaustible re- greater and greater importance, because this the jury? No, but here is what the sources of coal, has no considerable bodies ore can alone be extracted in our country in honest columns of The Bee say: of iron ore outside of Lorraine, and her rapidly augmenting quantities. The mingreat industrial development since 1871 is ette' covers at this moment 60 to 80 per cent in the prosecution of offenders." How is this for misrepresentation of facts. iron ore, which was wrested from France with the conquered provinces. In 1870 Germany produced but 1,400,000 tons of pig iron, (Translated from the French.) whereas in 1913 her output was nearly oneof the remaining third was obtained from the lowing conclusion is arrived at: province of Luxemburg in the same area over extends also across the frontier into France, tively the possession of all the mines of minthe plateau of Briev and the plain of the not be defended." Woevre, and those of the province of Luxemburg, form one commuous area, which memorandum to the German chancellor that spreads out in all directions from the com- the great drive on Verdun was begun. This mon frontiers of the three countries. The gives special significance to the recently pubnear border of this great iron district is disant scarcely 10 miles from the present battlefront on the heights of the Meuse east of Verdun, and the further edge only about 20 Hollweg, that Baron von Schoen, the Ger-

How has Germany succeeded in prrotecting this most vulnerable and vitally important section of her territory? The story is an interesting one. On July 25, 1914, 10 days before war was declared, with "malice aforethought," Germany sent the entire 16th army corps stationed at Metz and a portion of the 8th corps stationed at Treves and Cologne to occupy in force the Lorraine iron fields along the entire frontier. Here, while the bodies of French "covering troops" were keeping 10 kilometers in the rear of ready for action. On August 2, two days before war was declared, German troops advanced through the neutral territory of Luxemburg and occupied the iron district there. her grasp. France has accom-

A single lrive eastward from Verdun loss of most of her iron-producing district from her colonies across the Mediterranean

Now let us read the confidential memoran-

could have had an idea before. \* \* If torial columns, everywhere recognized

No one needs to be told that the sinews of land warfare, which in turn depend upon developed resources of coal and iron. Germany, 'minette' (Lorraine ore) takes a place of ment, or inference, in the report of

"If the production of 'minette' had been distorted to make political capital for disturbed the war would be as good as lost." the News and its camouflage candi-

The report goes on to say with much force third of that of the entire world. Of the iron that if French troops had been able to adore which she mined for the purpose, three- vance into Lorraine five to 10 miles beyond fourths came from the Lorraine beds, all of the frontier, or had even held the frontier, grand jury's report? No, but you have it from a circumscribed area some 30 miles the war would have ended from Germany's the word of Uncle Sam's secret inlong and eight miles wide, hugging the French border. A considerable percentage "bridgehead" of the iron region, and the fol-

"The security of the German empire in a he frontier to the northward. The district future war necessitates therefore imperathat the German (L. raine) iron ores we t ette, and comprises the fortresses of Longwy known of these conditions, and with of Thionville (Diedenhofen), the French ores and Verdun, without which this region can- the exception of Butler, have made no

It was shortly after the submission of this lished statement of M. Pichon, the then French minister of foreign affairs, since verified by the ex-chancellor, von Bethmannman ambassador at Paris, had instructions to demand of F-ance the handing over to Germany of the fortresses of Verdun and Toul for the period of the war in case France ly the laboring men, many of should agree to remain neutral. As Verdun is the "bridgehead" of the main "minette" area, Toul serves a like purpose with regard to the small outlying section of "minette," situated a short distance to the northward f Nancy, an area which has continued to re- memory will be forgotten. It is fit

main in French hands. In the minette iron district is therefore the Achilles heel of the German monster. Once their frontier under official orders issued in driven from this area, Germany would be the interest of a peaceful solution of the in- forced to an unconditional surrender, as she ternational situation, the German troops has herself admitted. Development of the mounted batteries and felled trees to make iron in Ukraine, with which a "peace" has Florence's citizens were to celebrate recently been concluded, is not ossible on a last Friday evening, but the weather scale commensurate with Germany's needs did not permit, the anniversary of the without several years of development, and Battle of Lexington, hen the first the question of transportation across the then, crossing into France, they advanced 1,200 miles which separate the district from upon the French fortress at Longwy and oc- the industrial section of Westphalia and cupied the French iron district as well. Thus Rhenish Prussia would have to be solved. two days before the declaration of war Ger- | Should the attempt be made to bring the ore many had the entire iron area of France and in sufficient quantity from the equally dis-Luxemburg, as well as that of Lorraine, tant Kiruna mines of Swedish Lapland, means would have to be found by the allies, plished the modern miracle of her defense as they have been found before, to interrupt against Germany under the handicap of the Baltic traffic.

# Life in Women's Land Army

armies is the land army, and its activities are thrown themselves heart and soul into the is varied as those of any of the others.

In a college at Wye women are being trained as farm bailiffs. They started a course in December, and will be ready for their duties early next month. They have been specially picked from the rank and file of the girls, and the choice was difficult. Women bailiffs are urgently needed in many parts of the country, as they have proved their worth where they have been already employed. Fifteen scholarships were offered, and there were 300 applications. Three or four of the farms which were taken over from those who were running them badly committees to run, and they have made a big success of them with a woman bailiff and women farm laborers.

In some districts the women are tackling ferrets sent to France this pest has become serious. They are learning mole-catching girls are doing well, and a class for forewomen is being started at Lydney, in the food production department have a ers. Market gardening, of course, has the official blessing.

matter how dirty or how hard. The girls others, has the editor faithfully carried out. success that "No girl has been returned" is every girl gets asked out to tea at least once the official statement. They love the work a month, so that her social sense may not and are welcomed everywhere by the farm-Yorkshire and Sussex, and have been "sanctioned" for Dorset. They get their training from a local blacksmith, who mends agricultural machinery, and they are allowed only to do work connected with agriculture. who wielded dustpan and broom when they The care of machinery has a new importance, and women who learn to do this work farm benediction by a group leader:will find a future in it if pleasant surroundings in country scenes will make up to them for a not very high rate of pay. All through the land army the pay is low compared with that in other kinds of women's work; for agricultural traditions die hard. Yet the call of the land is so great that a fine type of girl constantly answers it. The humanity

The most human of all the women's and the kindliness of the women who have organization are largely spirit of the army-from Miss Meriel Talbot, Mrs. Alfred Lyttelton, and their colleagues posited some money in the bank to

If you would realize how human the land army and its directors are you must know put the money in the bank, is it so something of the welfare work done in it. easy to draw it out? Welfare is hardly the word, for it has been draw it out the next day—but you are gravely misused. The welfare worker for required to give two weeks' notice! the girls at headquarters at the food production department is really a long distance games mistress; she is the town friend, adviser and shopping guide of the girls who are isloated in distant farms. She gets into have been given to women's agricultural touch with them by means of the monthly magazine, the Landswoman, started by the Board of Agriculture. It is the most human of papers, and in it the girls tell each other how to cure chilblains and describe the difthe plague of moles, for with nearly all the ferent kinds of cow that may live on one farm. There is a serial story and many pictures of the girls-good looking and strong and some of them get quite expert in a week. It is intended also to teach them rabbit catching, but the rabbit when alive is almost as which links up the girls with each other, and elusive as when dead. In forestry, too, the suggests amusement for winter evenings.

The first number was published for Christmas, and it brought the editor 200 Gloucestershire. There is a big demand for letters. One girl asked her to buy a cake and gardeners, but the women who organize for post it in time for her boy's birthday, which post it in time for her boy's birthday, which he was spending in Palestine. Another sharp way with people who want them. Their wrote yearningly for some pretty lingerie at aim is to coax food from the land, not flow- the winter sales, as there was only flannelette in the country shops. Another asked for a play with no copyright fee that would There is no farming operation which has not shock the country ladies who might witnot been performed by some of the girls, no ness it. All these commissions, and many who drive the tractors have been so great a She has also made it her business to see that grow shy from disuse. Ten thousand copies Women farmers are to be found in of the magazine were printed in the first month, but it was bought up so rapidly that four times the number will have to be printed for March. Poetry, too, is published in the Landswoman, some of it the work of girls Here is a verse from a were "townies." God bless the cow, altho' she bellows. God bless the cowmen, honest fellows. God bless the byre and bless the stall

And bless the laborers, bless them all. God bless the roads and bless the fields, God bless the land and all it yields, God bless my little cottage home, To which at night I tired come.

#### Twice Told Tales

Francklyn Ruthven said at a lunch

"An old banker here last week confided to me that he was going to pro-pose to Gaby Delicieuse, the beautiful hula-hula dancer of Broadway. He seemed very much in love. His hand shook and his voice trembled as he told me of his loverlike hopes and "Mr. Ruthven, he said, 'do yo

think it would be morally wrong if I deceived her about my age?" "'Why, no, said L.
"'Tm 64,' he said. 'Don't you think

words and snarled: "Tell her you're 75 or 80, George Then she'll accept you sure?"-Wash-

was half done. This continent would have been in a fine position to withstand the strain of today if the pacifists of Lincoln's time had their way. York Mail.

# The Bee's A

Omaha, April 19.—To the Editor of The Bee: The editorial in one of the Omaha papers on the grand jury's

report is an insult to the intelligence of the people of Omaha. Such deliberate misrepresentation of the facts has never before appeardeliberate misrepresentation

dates? Here is another statement by the toward suppression of the social evil. Can anyone find this statement in the cleanest cities, morally and socially, in the entire country. Which do you the Omaha Junior Yellow?

And, again says the Junior Yellow attempt to change them.

Did anyone ever hear of Dan Butler, the eminent sociologist and reformer, making any attempt in his term of office to change the moral conditions of Omaha for the better? "HOT SHOT" MURPHY.

Jerry Sounds Call to Arms.

Omaha, April 22 .- To the Editor of The Bee: I desire space to assert my estimation of the patriotism of ever before witnessed by me especialbuy bread. Notwithstanding the willingness of these patriots supreme sacrifice of life itself for the safeguarding of democracy, can it be possible th t in years to come their and proper that the chivalrous story valorous deeds of our warriors and should be kept before the minds of the young men of the nation. So that it might inspire them to emulate their

example. With that idea in view some of war for Independence. Likewise Patriots' day of 1918 had a couble significance, for the sons of America are again under arms to defend the sacred cause of liberty, as did the heroes of Lexington. I might mention, too, that a resolution was to be read on the evening of April 19, rebuking the city commissioners for their action n refusing to name one of Florence's streets after the "father of the American navy," Commodore John Barry. The rebuke was deferred until May 7, 1918. Friday is the last day to register, don't be a slacker so you can admin-ister a rebuke to the bell-hops of the corporations.

JERRY HOWARD

A young woman who had just dein the mysteries of the proceedings. "But," said the other, "after you

"Oh, yes," she responded, "you can -New York Post.

Canvasser-This is the very latest work in your line. You can't afford to be without Intended Victim-Still, I guess I'll do

Transcript.

thing I can't afford .- Boston Transcript. "You have given me some expensive

BRIGHT AND BREEZY.

She-Tom, dear, I have at last discovered

that I love you.

He—Ah, you have heard, then, that my uncle has left me \$5,000.

She—Sir! After that remark we must part forever. I heard it was \$50,000.—Boston

"Yes."
"And I regret that I can only be a sister You. "That's all right, sis," said the young man, cheerfully. "You can square matters darning socks."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

She-Whit is the correct translation of He-Faithful to the last. She—The last! How horrid! And you've always told me before that I was the very first!—Minneapolis Tribune.

"Could you give this girl a place in your "Not with that face."

"She has a beautiful voice."
"Her place is with a telephone company."
-Baltimore American.

"Judge Flubdub dosen't seem to know

half the time whether he is going or "That may be because he has been re-versed so much by the higher courts."— Kansas City Journal.

#### HERE'S TO THE STARRY BANNER.

Here's to the Starry Banner!
-Let it shine on our masts towers-And here's to the Great Republic,
That has welded her strength with

Her flag's in the streets of London: Her fleet's on the Northern Sea; And her sons stand firm in the trenches. To fight till the world is free.

From the Lakes to the Mexican border, From Maine to the Golden Gate, There is drumming and marching

Through every glant State.
It begins at the call of the bugle.
With the sun on the earth's wide rim:
And the heart of the Great Republic Is beating a battle hymn The heavens are filled with her eagles. Which circle and soar and swing, Through the windy sky, they go wheeling

With her star on each widespread wing: And in all her ports and rivers. In building yards and slips, Night and day the hammers play On the ribs of her rising ships.

She is forging mighty armies,

sand ships, To strike till the sword shall cease, Till the tyrant's power is broken, By land and sky and sea,

last World Conqueror overthrown. And the World, at length, is free.

-London Chronicle

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# Just 30 Years Ago Today

One Year Ago Today in the War. British renewed battle of Arras and shed Germans out of nearly eight miles of their front trenches. Foreign Minister Balfour, head of the British commission, conferred with President Wilson at the White

The Day We Celebrate. General Sir E. H. H. Allenby, com-mander of British forces in Palestine,

ander of British forces in Palestine, orn 57 years ago.
Frederick C. Penfield, former Ameran ambassador to Austro-Hungary, orn in Connecticut, 63 years ago.
Thomas Nelson Page, American abassador to Italy, born in Hanover outty, Virginia, 65 years ago.
Dr. Arthur F. Hadley, president of alle university, born at New Haven, years ago.

W. Murray Crane, former United States senator from Massachusetts form at Dalton, Mass., 65 years ago.

This Day in History.

1616—William Shakespeare, the world's greatest literary genius died at Stratford-on-Avon. Born there April 23, 1564.

1791—James Buchanan, fifteenth president of the United States, born at Cove Gap, Pa. Died at Wheatland, Pa., June 1, 1868.

The bids for the grading of the South Omaha boulevard, which will require the carting of 50,000 cubic yards, was opened by P. E. Her in the office of the South Omaha Land com-

A maple sugar social (known as a sugar eat) was held at the Methodis



Episcopal church. The South Omaha Glee club was on hand to help them

One hundred and fifty cars of stock came in over the Union Pacific tracks. Lafayette Young of Atlantic, Ia. was in the city and made a pleasant

call at The Bee office. H. K. Burket, the North Sixteenth 1809—Napoleon, after four days street undertaker, has just purchased a handsome and convenient transportation wagon and ambulance, which will be found a vast improvement virginia.

#### Aimed at Omaha

York News-Times: The old hotels in Omaha are burning up. Great loss of life, but not of humans

York News-Times-The Omaha Bee is again going along gloriously, the war news making material for good

Plattsmouth Journal: Some felows evidently got their sufficiency in running for office in the recent primary for commissioners in Omaha. If they don't know when they've got enough the voters will tell them.

Grand Island Independent: Rev. Titus Lowe of Omaha, who has been in France, declared to a meeting of ministers at the metropolis a few days ago that the temptations to soldiers in France are less than they are in America—the French girls being better chaperoned than in this country. le added immediately, and regretted he necessity of adding it, that the fact was no compliment for the Amer-

Fremont Tribune: With two big ndependent packing plants being inanced for South Omaha that market has an excellent prospect of be-coming of greater importance than it has yet attained, though it is now sec-ond in rank in the United States. The plain reason for it is that South Omaha is in the center of the great agricultural and stock-growing section of the country. This is bound to count in its favor. And shippers have never had better treatment at any other market

## Right to the Point

New York World: The simple life now is the wheatless and meatless life Washington Post: There is no use in waving the Old Flag unless it is to get your arm in trim for real action. St. Louis Globe Democrat: As regards the German drive, General Foch

s expected to figure as the man with Minneapolis Tribune: Political gos-sip has it that Colonel Bryan will seek the democratic presidential nomination in 1920. Republicans will be slow to believe anything so soft for them is

Brooklyn Eagle: We note without regret that the Prussian pretzel is disappearing in New York City. No fellow can eat crooked pretzels with-out being unconsciously predisposed to disloyalty. Chicago Post: "King Albert of Belgium Decorates Pershing." It is a graceful tribute to America from a king so splendid in his chivalry that

no man-made decoration can add glory to his name. Kansas City Star: George Creel has made a speech in which he in-

sisted that critics of the government were blind Samsons, pulling down the pillars of the temple. We had a hunch somebody would have to say hunch somebody would have to say leave you for that scarecrow! Ah, Chicago News: There were lots of well-people in the north who wanted to An stop the American civil war before it sighed.

### The Rich Suitor.

on at Hot Springs:

my chances would be better if I told her I was—say—50?'
"The banker's brother happened along just then. He heard the last

Human Riddles.

Miss Mary Garden, the singer, commiserated at a New York reception with a movie star whose betrothed had the bad taste to abandon her for

And Miss Garden smiled