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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 continue expanding money to publish official notices in a German language newspaper?

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 variety.
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 of 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.

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 service.

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.

Food for the Belgians.
An instance is presented that shows the all-enveloping 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.

Just 30 Years Ago Today
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 company.
A maple sugar social (known as a sugar eat) was held at the Methodist Episcopal church. The South Omaha Glee club was on hand to help them.

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.
A single drive eastward from Verdun which should penetrate no further than the present German offensive has already gone (30 to 35 miles), would bring the war at once to an end. This is easily proved, and has been admitted as long ago as March 20, 1915, by a deputation from six of the most powerful industrial and agrarian organizations of Germany made in a confidential communication to the German chancellor. This confidential memorandum was obtained and published in France in 1916, and its truths are self-evident to any student of mineral resources or of economics.

Life in Women's Land Army
London Times.
The most human of all the women's armies is the land army, and its activities are as 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 is difficult.

Twice Told Tales
The Rich Sultor.
Franklyn Rutven said at a luncheon at Hot Springs:
"An old banker here last week confided to me that he was going to propose to Gaby Bellacour, 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 fears."

Human Riddles.
Miss Mary Garden, the singer, commiserated with a New York receptionist who had a headache and who betwined with the bad taste to abandon her for another.
"Mr. Rutven," he said, "do you think it would be morally wrong if I deceived her about my age?"
"Why, no," said I.
"84," he said. "Don't you think my chance would be better if I told her I was—50?"
"The banker's brother happened along just then. He heard the last words and snarled:
'"Tell her you're 75 or 80, George. Then she'll accept you sure!'"—Washington Star.

The Bee's Letter Box
BRIGHT AND BREEZY.
She—"Tom, dear, I have at last discovered that I love you.

HERE'S TO THE STARRY BANNER.
Here's to the Starry Banner!
Let it shine on our mast and towers—
And here's to the Great Republic,
That has welded her strength with ours!
Her flag in the streets of London:
Her fleet on the Northern Sea;
And her sons stand firm in the trenches,
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