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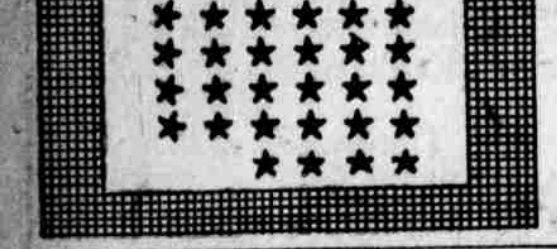
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Why so many accidents at the Fort Omaha ballroom school?

Whichever way you vote, don't be "gassed" by the political hot air artists.

The rain god must be waiting for tomorrow, when the local base ball season opens.

State smashing is mighty good exercise and this is the day for the Omaha voter to go to it.

None of the candidates will be justified in complaining of the sort of weather furnished for the campaign.

Nebraska has done other things besides sell stamps and buy bonds, if the visitors are interested in knowing this.

Church consolidation, long vainly urged, may be forced by the departure of so many preachers for the work at the front abroad.

Ed. P. Smith has given it out that he will resign if after election he finds that he cannot be mayor. Nobody ever heard Mayor "Jim" talk that way.

Double-crossing comes so natural to certain uplifters that they just cannot go straight even when the straight road leads directly to destination.

That jaw-breaker may be the word the Hun uses when he writes about the tank, but it is a good wager he has another for conversational purposes.

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WHY A SELF-PICKED MAYOR?

Omaha's commission plan of government provides for the choice of seven members of the city council from among fourteen candidates listed on a nonpartisan ballot...

Studying Nebraska Methods.

The presence in the state of Mr. Frank A. Vanderlip, Mr. B. E. Sunny and others of eminence in connection with war work is decidedly complimentary to Nebraska.

Probing the Air Board.

President Wilson has ordered an inquiry into the affairs of the air craft board, to be thorough and decisive.

Whether the matter is merely the result of rivalry between makers of airplanes, a controversy between designers of motors, or contains basis for the allegations that German influences have intervened between the government and the air craft...

What is now necessary is to find out who practiced this deceit, who aided in bamboozling the public while the princely sum of almost a billion of dollars was being dissipated...

A ship complete in twenty-seven working days is a pretty fair record, and is a notice to the kaiser of what the American nation can do when it once gets under way.

Nebraskans Lead 'Em All. Neligh Leader: The way Nebraska went over the top in the Liberty loan drive is gratifying...

Whittled to a Point. Washington Post: One would feel better if so many wanted conspirators were not found working on government contracts.

Mystery Miracle of War

A Day When Ypres Was Wide Open to the Boche

New York Herald.

"Queer things happen in all great battles," said the veteran of many of the great combats of the western front. "There are occurrences which nobody can explain, and sometimes it is on these inexplicable features of a day's fighting that the tide of battle turns."

"The veteran is an American; but he has been 'in it' from the first, for he went over with the first Canadian contingent, and astonishingly enough came through Ypres, the Somme, Vimy, Ridge and innumerable other great struggles with the enemy and still lives, hoping after a blighty, which sent him home, to fight again another day."

"For they stopped short and turned back within 300 yards of us," says the American veteran, "when we were completely out of ammunition—and they knew it—and when they might have swept on and taken Ypres, with nothing in the world to hinder them—nothing but a few exhausted men with not a round of shot among them."

"Orders are orders in war time. It evidently meant that all those who were left of us were to be wiped out. It didn't look as if a man could come through. But the boys stood by without a murmur. Fritz was within 300 yards of us, still coming on and cleaning up our men as he came. It was a shelling of the infantry and killing of the artillery with bayonets. Naturally, as we were in the artillery, we had no bayonets; so we equipped ourselves with our trenching tools, pickaxes and anything we could get and prepared to sell our lives dearly. We didn't suppose we would have much of a chance to drive a good bargain, for, after all, pickaxes are not strong against shells and bayonets."

What It Set In Motion. The kaiser, looking over the havoc of the battlefields of Cambrai, said to his remark: "What have I not done to spare the world these horrors? Napoleon, riding over the field of Austerlitz the evening after his victory, made a similar hypocritical utterance. We credit the kaiser, however, with not having foreseen Cambrai nor the other things when in 1914 he decided, for war. It is no draft on our credulity to believe that he had no such horrors in his mind then as have since happened. He did not count upon holocausts of dead and wounded, upon four years of destruction, upon such suffering and misery, upon that evil eye has caused humanity. Could he have foreseen, even that pinchbeck imitator of the great butchers would have been blenched from the responsibility."

Slam on Teuton Pride. Abas sauerkraut, enter Liberty cabbage! the new name selected by the food commission, under which the German counterpart of chop suey will henceforth be bought. The effort to camouflage the succulent strings of sauerkraut fermented under the new name will be on a par with seeking to subtract from the fragrance of a rose by calling it a dandelion. Only in this case the camouflage will be complimentary to the viand and elevate it to the place of honor among the dishes upon the hotel menu.

Twice Told Tales. Some Economy. One day Jones was complaining that he was not feeling as fit as usual, and a friend suggested that he go in for exercise. "There's horseback riding, for instance," said the friend. "It is one of the best forms of exercise on earth."

Central Typewriter Exchange, Inc. Have you got yours yet? If not, don't lose the opportunity of a lifetime. Just think of it, the old reliable, sturdy, strong visible No. 5 Oliver at the lowest of low prices.

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The Bee's Letter Box

For War Time Taxes.

Omaha, May 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: Please allow me to suggest an emergency war tax at this time levied on the wealth of the nation, viz.: Ownership of \$2,000, assess a minimum tax of \$5; \$3,000, assess at 2 mills; \$4,000 at 2 1/2 mills, with 1/4 mill increase for each additional \$1,000, up to \$10,000. Then skip up to \$15,000, making the levy on that at 3 1/2 mills, with 1/4 mill for each additional \$5,000, which would compel a man worth \$100,000 to pay to the government the sum of \$312.50, and so on up the line, increasing the levy 1/4 mill or 1/2 of 1 per cent after you reach the per cent for every additional increase of wealth, skipping \$5,000 upward at each \$100,000 period. I haven't taken the time to figure out how this tax would affect Mr. Rockefeller, with his \$1,250,000, but I will take it for granted that it would be more of a task for him to pay this tax to Uncle Sam than the purchasing of Liberty bonds. I stand ready for the government appraisers to come and appraise what I am worth, and am anxious to pay to my country a tax in proportion to what I am worth. Those who are willing to follow suit and pay this kind of a tax to their government, and all those exempted on account of not owning the \$2,000 worth of property should petition to their representatives in congress to this effect and be true patriots to their country, in assisting to bring in our war fund a part of the unearned increment now held by the so-called rich.

Here It Is In Figures. Pittsburg, Pa., May 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: I feel sure your readers will be deeply interested in a startlingly new and seemingly convincing interpretation of the 13th chapter of Revelations, in which I find proof that William von Hohenzoellern is the "Beast" whose forthcoming as a scourge of earth was foretold in the Bible in previous times. My method of interpretation differs wholly from that hitherto employed, in which the figure "666" for instance, was appended to the numerical corresponding to the title, "Kaiser." There is no authority for the arbitrary use of such a figure, and according to my method it is not required.

Write Cheery Letters to the Soldier Boys. It is rather astonishing to find that the United States War department feels it necessary to ask the families and friends of soldiers now in the training camps of this country not to write them doleful and despondent letters. When a man is in a line of duty which may put him up against something holding an element of danger, deprivation or exposure of any sort, the thing to do for him is to make him feel that he is where he is because he is the best man for the place, and that when the ordeal is passed, with duty done, he still a young man, would be awfully sorry if he had never gone to the front. A St. Louisian, answering a Christmas letter from a nephew who is on the way, if not now "over there," wrote: "When the soldiers get back, if you should find yourself here and never having been over there, you would feel like a bound boy at a shucking bee. You are fortunate to be at the right age. Your chance to get back with a whole skin is more than even, but, none the less, it is a world, and particularly the women, will admire you for having taken the chance of losing it."

Complains of Car Service. Omaha, May 3.—To the Editor of The Bee: In addition to the inconvenient near side stop system and in addition to the wretched service we are now given, I see that street railway officials are going to ask the State Railway commission for permission to raise the fares from 5 to 6 cents.

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