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THE BEE'S SERVICE FLAG
Well, so long, Jim—take keer o' yerself.
For the winners, "seven" is the talismanic number, all right.

Mayor "Jim" might recall that old adage "The pitcher goes to the well till it breaks."
Things must be going pretty well for England, if the leaders over there can take time to fight amongst themselves.

Roumania, engulfed in the ruin brought on by Russian defection, may look ahead to the time when Balkan affairs will be readjusted elsewhere than at Berlin.
With five republican members of our new city commission, why need Omaha continue to be advertised abroad as a city administered by a democrat mayor?

Fuel Shortage Bill Threatens.
Although winter has passed and the demand for fuel is correspondingly lessened, the critical situation has not entirely disappeared.
Senator Warren's decision to stand for the senate again is interesting, for it involves Frank Mondell's determination to seek another term in the house.

ODAY
One Year Ago Today in the War.
British recovered part of territory lost near Fresno.
Brigadier General John J. Pershing summoned to Washington to be given command of the American expeditionary force to France.

THE DEMAND FOR 6-CENT FARES.
In going to the State Railway commission for authority to increase fares to 6 cents the Omaha Street Railway company invites a twofold contest.
In the first place, it challenges the city's claim to jurisdiction, for, if the State Railway commission can issue such an order, it can also assume power to make all the other regulations of street car service heretofore exercised by our city authorities.

The second question involves the determination of what is a fair charge for carrying a passenger on a street car in Omaha.
The company insists that the present 5-cent fare is not compensatory and will doubtless be able to make a strong exhibit of increased war-time cost of operation.

To concede a 6-cent fare merely because the company asks it, or because the conductors and motormen and other employes petition for it, would be just as untenable as to shut our eyes to increased operating costs of all public service utilities that are plainly visible and recognized in all other industrial activities.

Nicaragua in the War.
Declaration of war on Germany by Nicaragua is significant because it shows how solidly the nations of the world are uniting against all that Germany stands for in the present conflict.
It has a deeper importance, too, for it is accompanied by an appeal for solidarity among nations of all Americans.

Politics and the British Army.
General Maurice has startled England as it has not been since war was declared.
Charges by an officer of as high rank as he that the premier has not been truthful in statements to the public are not to be overestimated in their seriousness.

Ultra-conservatives can not forgive Lloyd George for overturning many of the Tory landmarks, and, even at expense of putting in jeopardy the morale of their cause, will have their try at unseating him.
The points to which General Maurice refers are in themselves minor, dealing with matters that were not immediately vital, and rest on language which might pass current with any but a precisian.

It is not probable the course of the war will be seriously affected by the incident.
Some reputations may suffer a little, a point in the game for control may change hands, but finally the forces of the British empire will be steadily held to the course that in time will bring victory.

OMAHA 2 CHICAGO 0
Articles incorporating the firm of W. L. Parrote & Co. were filed with the county clerk.
The 519th Service Battalion of Uncle Sam's colored warriors boasts of two Hun stragglers physically fitted for the role of "Mutt and Jeff."

"Liberator of Latter-Day Ireland"
Sir Horace Plunkett's Work as Chairman of Irish Convention
London Chronicle.
We do not know how far Sir Horace Plunkett is satisfied with the results of the convention over which he presided.
Always an optimist—30 years of Irish public life would long ago have killed him had he not been—he probably hoped more from it than it actually accomplished.

The margin of controversy has been definitely narrowed; the angle from which the Irish question must be approached in any future legislation has been readjusted; men of all creeds and interests, of all classes and parties, have for eight months frankly pooled their ideas and spoken their minds, and have closed the door to close the eyes with the real problem of the hour.

That is not everything, but it is much.
A majority of the nationalists, all the southern unionists, five out of the seven labor delegates were agreed that the scheme of Irish self-government outlined in the report should be immediately passed into law.

Prussian Kultur In Practice
Experience of American Doctor With Wounded Enemy Officer
In recounting "The Martial Adventures of Harry and Me" along the western front, last fall, William Allen White of Kansas reports a conversation with a young doctor who was a fellow-passenger on the trip over, and now was nursing a wounded hand in a hospital back of the lines.

What a German Indemnity is Like
The report from Zurich that Germany has imposed a war tax of \$2,000,000,000 on Roumania has a timely interest in connection with the campaign of the third Liberty loan.
Roumania is about as large as Alabama, with the population of Pennsylvania.

Whittled to a Point
Minnesota Journal: Father got a new idea of war when mother detailed him to dig the sweet pea trench.
Baltimore American: Germany is not only using paper clothes but also paper hats.
Louisville Courier-Journal: A typical Liberty loan slacker is one who stands up in the picture of war time.

Twice Told Tales
A Gentle Rebuke.
The conversation at a social gathering turned to the gentleness of some people in rebuking offenders, when Congressman Thomas Gallagher, of Illinois, recalled a little anecdote about that line.
For some time a certain good dominie had not been pleased with the quality of milk that his dairymen was serving.

The Bee's Letter Box
How to Dispose of Steins.
Madison, Neb., May 6.—To the Editor of The Bee: I was surprised to read in The Bee of April 30 about the "Stein-breaking fest" that is soon to be celebrated to raise funds for the Red Cross.

Odds Favor Attila.
Des Moines, Ia., May 6.—To the Editor of The Bee: We are told that there are persons among us who are critical of the public press for its persistence in referring to the Germans as "Huns."

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