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THE BEE'S SERVICE FLAG A grid of stars representing service members, with text: From Funston to France is a long trail, but watch the boys hit it. Well, those rains ought to allay any nervousness that was felt as to crops in Nebraska.

Bohemia Under Martial Law. Most significant of all the revolts reported from the Central empires of Europe is that of Bohemia. That the Germans have found it necessary to declare that country under martial law, and now threaten a reign of terror in order to suppress the efforts of the Czechs to secure their political autonomy, is proof of success for a propaganda carried on for many years, but made acutely active with the beginning of the war.

Question of German Language Papers. Hazy Line Between Loyal and Disloyal Publications. Boston Transcript. There has been a heavy mortality of German language newspapers in the United States since war was declared against Germany. The disappearance of some of these papers has been an advantage, but not of all of them.

Today. One Year Ago Today in the War. House of representatives passed the war taxation bill. Italian war mission officially welcomed in Washington. United States denied passports to delegates to an international socialist conference at Stockholm.

SCOTCHING THE FEE GRAFT. The change in the head of the health department decreed by our new city commission has a significance beyond the exit of one health officer and the installation of another. It puts the finishing touch upon the fee graft game, surviving in the city hall alone in that office, which The Bee has for years denounced and decried as a brazen robbery of the taxpayers.

On the Way to "Over There." From Camp Funston comes the news that the 89th division is under way at last. Strict military rules prevent disclosure of the destination or time of departure, so that the first definite news will be when letters arrive telling that the boys are "over there."

Bill Hayward's "buffalo soldiers" are still supporting the words of the federal commander who telegraphed Washington back in the '60s, "The colored troops fought nobly."

With General Pershing and a lot more of the "boys" making the history and Dr. Fred Morrow Fling to record it, Nebraska is cutting some figure in the affairs of this war.

Editorial Shrapnel. St. Louis Globe-Democrat: A woman may like her husband to admire her hat and still have no faith in his taste. Baltimore American: Now Ostend has been bottled up following the daring raid on Zebrugg. Britannia still rules the sea, and impregnable bases are feeling nervous.

Uncolored Story of American Dyes Manufacturers Have, in Forty Months, Mastered Secrets of Industry

Henry W. Harrington in New York Post. In these days it seems like a bad dream that America was once sunk in such economic sin that it squandered all the volatile constituents of coal in the manufacture of coke. It was burning down houses in order to roast its pigs. The demand for coal tar brought about by the war caused the United States to tear down the old type of beehive ovens and to substitute for them the by-product ovens which conserved the black liquids in which are concealed the most potent means for promoting "bottle, murder and sudden death."

A Splendid Appointment. President Wilson's appointment of Charles E. Hughes to assist the Department of Justice in investigating the aircraft situation will appeal instantly to the confidence and the patriotic spirit of the country. It is a double assurance that the inquiry is to be thorough, complete and impartial; that the American people are to be put in possession of all the facts, uncolored by private or political considerations.

People and Events. "Dollar gas" is the elevated slogan of the owners of the natural gas belt of Kansas. Nothing less will keep the feed pipes full, provided the courts grant permission for the boost. A few years back 30-cent gas was all the go, and profitable at that, but the war has upset normal appetites for reasonable dividends.

Twice Told Tales. A Legal Overt. In Mississippi they tell of a young lawyer retained to defend a man charged with the theft of a pig. The young man seemed determined to convince the jury that he was born to shine, and accordingly he delivered the following exordium: "May it please the court and gentlemen of the jury, while Europe is bathed in blood, while classic Greece is struggling for her rights and liberties and trampling the unhallowed altars of the baseless infidels to dust; while the United States, entering the war, shines forth the brightest orb in the political sky, with due diffidence, rise to defend the cause of this humble hog thief."

Around the Cities. St. Paul elected a loyalist mayor by a 2 to 1 vote over a socialist Mayor. Hodgson by name, went over the top with such speed that the socialist opponent was smothered in the dust of the back stretches. Montclair, N. J., planned a large birthday blowout on its 50th anniversary and gathered up enough of the wherewith to make a celebration a hummer. Then, on second thought, the managers decided the affair would look better after the war and turned the money into the Red Cross treasury. "The wise men of the east" is not wholly a figure of speech.

The Bee's Letter Box

Employment of City Physician. Omaha, May 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: Concerning the selection of Dr. Ernest T. Manning as health commissioner, at a salary of \$3,000 per year, in addition to the stipend of \$2,000 per annum, which he is now receiving as supervisor of medical inspection in the public schools, I desire to write a few words, which I hope you will publish, in regard to the matter. Why should Dr. Manning or any other physician be allowed to hold and to receive salary from two positions, even though Mayor Smith states "the two positions fit in together so nicely that one man could look after them satisfactorily?"

Love and Marriage. Omaha, May 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: (Order inserted in England in consequence of the statement that 6,000 American soldiers have married in that country.) The "goo-goo" eye for the American is not permitted on London pave. And any girl who shall misbehave shall be condemned to an early grave.

SMILING LINES. "I see a bill recently passed congress without a dissenting vote." "I didn't suppose it possible to propose a bill so reasonable that everybody would vote for it."—Louisville Courier-Journal. Judge—the complaint against you is that you deserted your wife. Friend—Look at these warts on my head and this black eye.—Boston Transcript. Friend Husband—Do you think it would be conceded of me, dear, to say that I am a self-made man? Friend Wife (suffocating)—Not conceded, my dear, merely superfluous.—African.

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Three Loves. "I hear my country calling. 'Tis my duty to obey. And fight for good old Uncle Sam." For he's going to win the day. But there is one that I will miss, Whose heart I know is true, And she will love me all the more In my suit of khaki new.

Two Pictures. Not by old masters painted—Portraits, they're not rare, Diminutive they are in size, Not a Rembrandt, or Daguerra. Only done by an artist "Brownie," But I treasure more than gold, One in a suit of khaki, Bought the same at 5 years old.

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