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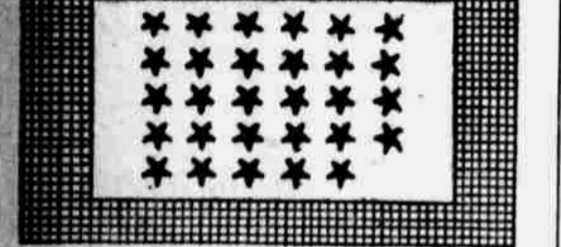
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Sparks in the council meetings simply mean that we now have a lot of live wires there.

The "arch" will go, but Omaha's welcome for the visitor will not be in any sense lessened.

Never fear! Uncle Sam's boys will give a good account of themselves in the big battle.

It should be understood that from now on hard coal is so denominated because it is hard to get.

What is our new police administration going to do about professional street beggars? This abuse can be easily stopped.

Omaha is in the lead for the moment as a four center, prophetic of the day when this city will permanently occupy the position.

Chancellor Avery is quoted as saying he was tired of professors' views on the war. He spoke for the public as well as for himself.

Extraordinary conservation of wheat is necessary for the next two months. But just wait till Nebraska's wheat crop is harvested and available!

Our high school cadets cannot charge that the weather man has failed to keep up his record on encampment week weather. They are about the best little rainmakers we have now.

To grasp the scope of the new freight rate increase it should be remembered that there has already been one 15 per cent boost since the government took charge of the railroads. An increase of 15 and 25 is a 44 per cent raise.

The secretary of war should extend to some of the senators the same request he has made of the newspapers, not to comment on the size of the army we have in France. Most of the misinformation now in circulation comes from Washington, and not a little of it has source in the Creel committee.

A "Welcome" Improvement.
The city council has resolved on one thing that will have general commendation. This is the removal of the so-called "welcome arch" that has obstructed and disfigured Farnam street for some years.

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PART THE FARMER IS PLAYING.

One of the remarkable publications sent through the mails while the late Liberty loan drive was in progress alleged that the farmers are slackers. Just now a most sufficient retort to such a charge is afforded by figures from the Treasury department and the Department of Agriculture. Secretary McAdoo makes especial acknowledgment of appreciation for the farmers' contributions to the Liberty loan; every state in the agricultural belt went over its allotment and practically every county in every state, showing the tillers of the soil to be buyers of bonds also.

Railroad Rates and Certain Shippers.

One of the complicating features of the general freight rate situation in the United States is forced to the front by the order of Mr. McAdoo putting into effect a 25 per cent increase. Certain industries will be compelled to absorb this increase, which has the effect of putting them at a disadvantage with regard to competitors.

Check the Riveting Contests.

Chairman Hurley of the shipping board has issued an order that is of more than passing interest. Its effect will be to stop the individual riveting contests that have excited so much comment within the last few weeks.

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Americans Learning New Art of War

Improvements in Firearms, Battle Losses and Rival Strategy

Francis Vinton Greene in New York Times.

While the artillery has been of a character such as no American had any conception of four years ago, and has produced such casualties as artillery has never produced in any previous war, yet the fundamental fact has not been changed that the combat is decided by the infantry, and the manner in which infantry has been used by the Teutons and hence necessarily by their opponents—has been a constant surprise to all military students.

Table with columns: Total Killed and Battles Engaged, Wounded, Pct. Rows include Frederick, Napoleon, Crimea, Italy, United States, Austria, France, Turkey.

The figures enable us to get a proper sense of proportion between the wars of the past, and between each of them and all of them in comparison with the present war, which, as nearly as can be judged by such figures as have been made public by competent authority, is somewhat more than three times as great as the sum total of all wars during the previous two centuries.

The figures also develop the unexpected fact that while there has been a constant improvement in firearms since Napoleon's time the losses in battle in proportion to numbers engaged, have decreased. This is confirmed by statements recently made by our War department that the losses in killed and wounded in this present war are only 7 per cent of the numbers engaged.

The classic case of Wagram is still worthy of the most careful study, for while firearms have changed, the human heart, the human mind and human psychology ("reactions" in modern slang) are immutable.

The Germans have been the most profound students and would-be imitators of Napoleon. Their tactical writers, Clausewitz, Von der Goltz, Balk and Bernhardi, have always emphasized the advantage of the offensive and the necessity of "driving home," or, as the French say, "charger au fond."

At that great meeting in New York where the campaign for the Red Cross fund was inaugurated, one of the addresses made was by H. P. Davison, official head of the Red Cross organization in the United States.

That is a very striking, as well as pretty, illustration of a thought. The rainbow is always a promise of clear shining after storms, so much that it has passed into proverb that "a rainbow at night is the sailor's delight," foreboding an end of storm-tossed seas. Surely no other people in history could ever have been so finely and fittingly characterized as Europe is in blackest night.

People and Events
A curious combination of lightning strikes was scored in New York during a recent storm. Nature's electricity struck a moving passenger train, smashed a school house chimney and wrecked a flagpole on a fire house. Strange to say the freakish lightning omitted church steeples from its visiting list that time.

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The Bee's Letter Box

Calls Bee's Spirit Splendid.

Chicago, May 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: Mr. Frank W. Judson, director of the second war fund for the American Red Cross in Nebraska, has sent us copies of The Omaha Bee containing the very fine publicity which has been given to the Red Cross.

President Wilson's Appointments.
Eddyville, Neb., May 26.—To the Editor of The Bee: What percentage of the important appointments made by President Wilson have been given to republicans?

Distinguish Between Friend and Foe.
Omaha, May 28.—To the Editor of The Bee: Sweeping orders inaugurated by Governor Harding of Iowa will find little approval amongst the best and thinking class of Americans.

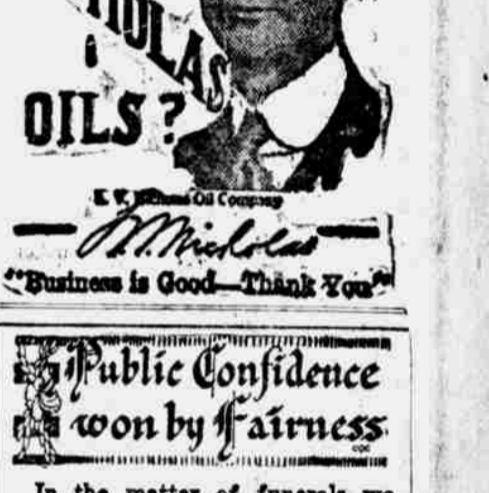
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hemians not only fully contribute their share to the war funds of this country, but in addition by voluntary contributions are maintaining their own independent army on the battlefield to help the kaiser. The reports come this morning that the Bohemians of Wahoo bought the two pounds of White House wool for which they paid \$5,000, and the report says: "There is a large proportion of Bohemian population there (in Wahoo) which is exceedingly active in war work."

CHEERY CHAFF.
"I fear I went too strong on that talk about it wasn't money we were using for, but the principle of the thing."
"Was so?"
"The jury saw it in that light evidently. Give us 2 cents damage."—Lottville Courier-Record.

WHY NOT NICHOLAS OILS?
"His removal from office, troubles and wrinkles and makes you look young again."
"The beauty doctor?"
"No, our photographer."—Judge.



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TODAY

One Year Ago Today in the War.
British delivered heavy fire and raids on Ypres and Arras sectors.

The Day We Celebrate.
Frank C. Durr, chief clerk to the auditor of passenger accounts of the Union Pacific, born 1867.

Just 30 Years Ago Today
A large and selected assembly of people took advantage of the holiday to visit the fair grounds and witness the practice match of the Omaha Cricket club, first 11 against 15 other members.

Around the Cities
St. Louis authorities call on saloonkeepers for a showdown on liberty bond investments. Revocation of licenses is threatened. Still, it's a poor slacker who cannot borrow a bond for a showdown.

Right to the Point
Minnesota Times: Before the war is over Switzerland is likely to have the greatest private collection of ex-kings and things in the world.

"Over There and Here"
A law passed by the New York legislature gives any citizen the legal right to arrest persons making disloyal statements.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company Announces

That on Sunday, June 2, the following changes will be made in its passenger service to Chicago:

Train No. 6 will leave Omaha at 6:14 P. M. (now 6:02 P. M.) arriving Chicago, 9:15 A. M. Train No. 20 (THE PACIFIC LIMITED) leaving Omaha 7:50 P. M., will be discontinued.



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