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ers leaving the city should have The Bee mail Address changed as often as requested.



Federal grand juries seem to be the more dangerous sort.

Omaha may not get a new quartermaster's rarchouse just now, but the goods will be delivered here just the same.

Fourth of July is also to be launching day at the United States navy yards, when the kaiser will hear some more bad news.

A naval officer has been indicted in Washington for hoarding sugar. He probably will not long be an officer of the navy.

"See America first" is a good slogan, only boosting passenger rates from 30 to 50 per cent has a depressing influence on the wanderlust.

The latest Hun air raid on an American hosoital ought to sprout a new crop of iron crosses. A French nurse and some children were killed.

Railroad men are unable to agree on the location of a central ticket office, but the government will help them come to a decision if they delay too long.

You may have noticed that while all this is

When this country went to war, the railroads found great difficulty in holding their shophands. Wage scales were low, and tempting offers of higher pay were plenty from shops that needed men on war contracts. More money from the railroads was out of the question, apparently, but appeals to patriotism and possible relief in the future held the shophands to the jobs. When the

AN ADJUSTMENT THAT FAILED.

government took over the lines, assuming full control of all operations, the wage board gave hope if not promise that better wages would reward the men who keep the wheels in condition to move. A few days ago the announcement of the award was made, and bitter was the disappointment of the shopmen. Instead of seeing their pay put up to something like that being earned by their fellows in shipyards and munition plants, they are put off with a meager and far from satisfying advance. Secretary McAdoo is now calling their attention to the fact that they are in employ of the government and any strike will be grave? in its effects that mere diswyal utterance. To this the men reply they must have more pay, and in some shops they have gone so far as to strike in protest. The problems of how to run a great railway system, with all its complicated and diverse elements, seemingly can not be settled by mere fiat, no matter how powerful the influence supporting the voice that utters the command.

### Situation on the West Front.

With the German crown prince lunging furiously along the Marne, the French desperately resisting his efforts at further advance, while the British apprehensively await the development that may involve their share of the line, the situation on the west front challenges serious attention. It is pretty certain now that the kaiser has staked his hope of victory on the present summer's operations, endeavoring to gain conclusive advantage over the forces now opposed to him before relief can come from America. We may rest easy in the belief that France, England, Belgium and Portugal will resist to the utmost, and with help of Americans now there they should be able to prevent disaster. Present indications are that the phase of the battle now under way will terminate, as did the first movement, in the gain of considerable territory by the Germans with no corresponding improvement of their general position. Speculation as to what may happen is idle. The one impressive aspect of the war at present is that America must bring sufficient force into the conflict to finally fix the result. None can tell how much that will be, but it is plain that we must hurry faster than ever, with men and munitions, as each day of delay makes the job that much harder. Mr. Wilson appreciates this, and a speeding up of all our war moves will be the answer to the Hun.

In England deep and detailed consideration is being given to one of the problems of post-war administration which perhaps may interest the people of America in days to come. It has to do with agriculture in general, the matter of food

## The Case of General Wood Newspaper Opinion Generally Questions the Order Plainly Designed to Shelve Him

Side-Tracking a Mistake. New York World: The news that Gen. Leonard Wood is to be kept in this country waii, Manila or Charleston. He chose Leonard Wood is to be kept in this country while the division whose training he is com-pleting will go abroad under his second in command will give every fair-minded man a bad taste in the mouth.

#### Creates Harmful Impression.

Kansas City Star: The detachment of Gen. Leonard Wood from command of the 89th division and his assignment to departmental announced to congress that "politics is adduty on the eve of the expected movement overseas will not be understood by the coun-try. General Wood is the senior major gen-General Wood app eral of the army. He stands in the public of two offenses: He is a close friend of Colomind as the earliest exponent in the army of nel Roosevelt, whom he preceded in comamination and been declared fit for service. If there are military reasons why General Wood should be detained on home service If these are not the reasons for keeping Wood should be detained on home service W. G. SHRIVER. W. G. SHRIVER. W. G. SHRIVER. Wood should be detained on home service If these are not the reasons for keeping some hint of them from Washington would General Wood at home, then public opinion not be out of place. Unless such explanation is doing an injustice to the War department. is forthcoming a very harmful impression is which should be corrected by a frank state-exceedingly likely to prevail, for the War ment of what the real reasons are.

than military and such a belief will not make for the good feeling which all patriotic Americans hope and pray will prevail. The public, I am sure, will bear the General Wood is a good soldier, and will

Wood, who was chief of staff under President to go, the American people will want to to the high standard of excellence for Taft and is now senior major general of the know why. army, was sent to France, the country was

gratified. They remembered his valuable work, beginning in the Spanish-American war, and continuing without interruption until we entered the great war. He was inearly in advocating conscription,

Agriculture After the War.

The Bee's

Fair Play For All.

would command his Funston division in from the hands of the War depart- menacing force and our only safety is General Wood has undoubtedly been of-fensive in his attitude toward the administra-mand and the announcement made that fair-minded men, to say the least. To The Hohenzollern family should be fensive in his attitude toward the administra-tion and the military high command. But that aggressive antagonism should have been punished either by court-martial or not at all more active service. It is now reported -certainly not by permanent internment in that he will either continue to train men at courageous and experienced leaders, where they can never again bring the the United States. General Wood may not be the genius that many of his supporters consider him, but mated aught against the general's fitness. over 109 generals have now gone The suggestion that General Pershing does cause other than physical, to prevent it has been carried to since June 28,

abroad and there must certainly be some among this number with whose military tal-ents those of General Wood can favorably compare. sion. I believe it would be a safe bet that 99 per cent of the boys at Funston and 95 per cent of the parents of the complete control of the German emdence.

#### Has Politics Adjourned?

Minneapolis Journal: The president has journed;" but has he sent word of the fact and the men who respect, honor and General Wood appears to have been guilty

trust their leader, can't help but be of German people are held responsible assistance in winning the war. Here's for the war of infamy of the worst hoping that the "powers that be" will kind seen since the world was see their way clear to put General founded. Bring Germany into the the preparedness policy that is now, after long delay, reaching its fruition. He has been on observation and instruction duty in France and has recently passed medical ex- and has urged on various occasions the field, the nation needs, right now, many defenseless people. Our only

Omaha, May 28.-To the Editor of Kansas City, Mo., May 29.-To the The Bee: I have just read your edi- Editor of The Bee: I have just fintorial headed "Railroad Wages and department cannot be unaware that the coun- And it will require far more serious oftry has been greatly puzzled by its apparent fenses than these to justify the War depart-unwillingness to make the fullest use of ment in depriving the republic of the distin-right of the men to a wage increase. Rates" and I am heartily in accord man Lenroot's speech to the Nebraska General Wood's great abilities. In the ab- guished military talents of General Wood, and nobody will question the right of time, don't want any politics played sence of such initiation there will be wide-spread belief that there were reasons other than military and such a belief will not make for the good feeling which all patriotic Americans hope and pray will prevail.

Now, I would like to call the atdoubtless obey orders uncomplainingly, de- tention of the people to our own Mystery Should Be Cleared. St. Louis Globe-Democrat: When General army in France needs him, and if he is not are not also desirous of keeping it up

One of Strongest Men in Army.

With operating expenses · almost doubled. I cannot see how the street Brooklyn Eagle: The disposition in some railway company can make ends quarters to attribute to politics the transfer meet, not to mention paying dividends of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood to the command to which they are justly entitled. of the Western department, stationed at San Within, the last month they have sisting on an army reserve in January, 1914. of the Western department, stationed at San He originated the Plattsburg idea, which has Francisco, is premature, if not unjust, and Francisco, is premature, if not unjust, and raised the wages of their employes 7 cents per hour, and have given two been followed in training officers. He was in such a matter prematurity is perniciousother wage increases since the war He was ness.

started. As with the railroad men., hrst among our military men to tell us that Wood, not a West Pointer, colonel of the few, if any, will question the right of is to be at their post at Washington we should need 5,000,000 men in France. But, Rough Riders in Cuba, friend of Colonel the street car men to this increase, rather than desert their duties and we should need 5,000,000 men in France. But, Rough Riders in Cuba, friend of Colonel the street car men to this increase. in urging preparedness, he ran counter to Roosevelt, is now senior major general in the Then why should not the same rule views of others. He opposed the Hay bill and declared in December, 1916, that the mobilization of the militia on the Mexican France. No man is more worthy of oppor-Cost on the public?

border proved its failure. He said in Janu-ary, 1917, that the War department needed a But in executive, organizing capacity Gen-be did not think it was fair to make

wholesale reorganization. These statements were in answer to inquiries bfore congres-sional committees and within the rules of want the War department to let the world asked him if he did not get a raise in military propriety. When recalled from know why Wood goes west. Guessing can- wages lately and he said The poor chump forgot that the public

France he told the senate committee on mili-tary affairs mapy things, the failure of the air-Suppose, just as a hypothesis, that the street car map were maying their just craft program being one of the features made saving of Russia through a joint Japanese street car men were paying their just eraft program being one of the features made saving of Russia through a joint Japanese part of it to make his par enter public. Why members of his staff were re- and American friendly invasion of Siberia larger. Yours for fair play, T. M.

with it, Few indeed will question the convention. I fully agree with him when he says President Wilson, at this

FRANK A. AGNEW.

gaged in by Germany, and the whole

**General Wood's Case** 

ished reading in your paper Congress-

good job of it ought to be done, and the Prussians placed where they will

never again be a menace to the free

A senator of Rome more than 2,000

ears ago demanded the destruction

of Carthage in every address he made

in the national assembly of Rome and

nations of the earth.

boys in khaki would vote to have Gen- pire. But the atrocious warfare has eral Wood accompany their boys to been carried so far that few now be-

France as their leader. The general lieve that the autocrats alone are re-who has the confidence of his men. sponsible for the kind of warfare en-

don't like to have to feel this way, but under the present conditions I can't help it and I feel that the administration ought to throw light on the situation. Why was General Wood not allowed to lead his regiment which it is second to few, if any other to France? That is the lifetime am-bition of a soldier; to be in the thick street railway system in the country? of things when the opportunity come I was especially pleased to see that Senator Lenroot felt that it was so much his duty to be in Washington at this time that he could not even wait to be a guest at the banquet. I hope that our own senators and representatives from Nebraska will feel that their most important duty at this time

> come and spend their time campaigning for re-election WILLIAM COLTON.

Conservation of Lids.

"You say you've worn this hat for two years'

"Yes, sir, and it looks all right ill. Twice I've had it cleaned, and still. once I exchanged it in a restaurant for one that was entirely new."-Boston Transcript.



General Wood is a good soldier, and will

ig on Foch is not saying a word. Grant did not talk of his plans till 18 years after the war was over.

Strongest of arguments yet advanced for good roads is the use of the auto truck to bring the armer's offerings to market. It can not run on poor irack.

Nebraska Germans who contributed to the Red Cross funds for Germany early in the war now begin to realize how they were duped and cheated by the kaiser.

The judge and the colonel having talked it over between themselves, a lot of comfort on nich the democrats have relied for the future has disappeared. The war is certainly bringing good Americans closer together.

### "Shooting Up" the Train Service.

Under the direction of Mr. McAdoo, train servce throughout the whole country is being extensively modified, the changes principally takg the form of reduction in number and equipment of passenger trains. That this is justified to a considerable extent is admitted by all who are familiar with conditions. Under the competitive system a degree of luxury had been reached in passenger train service that had become exsensive and burdensome to the railfoads. Some few of the splendid hotels on wheels might have paid their way, but the great majority of them owed a deficit in operation. These brought with them an attendant course of extravagance in ordinary service that exceeded requirements and prevented economy. In the discontinuance of unnecessary trains, reduction of mileage by consolidaions, and the abolition of excessive luxury, the ederal management is moving in the direction of ficiency. But a danger may be seen in the general process of "shooting up" the schedules. The ness of the country will be hampered by too creat reduction, and especially by the wholesale owing up, which must have a reflection in business processes. A readjustment of some of the, clorms now under way may yet be required.

a Year Ago Today in the War.

y 13, 1912.

ritish made gains south of chex river on Arras front. merican liner Kroonland reported by two torpedoes that failed to ex-

land. This is contrary to custom going back to the foundation of the English nation, whose traditional policy has been to encourage land ownership. As an accepted alternative it is proposed that big holdings be broken up, particularly those of the Church of England, and be distributed among the people. Ex-service men are to be favored in this distribution, payment for the land to be extended over such period of years as will ensure the new owner ample opportunity to make good in his venture.

Along with this will go the close continuous supervision of the government over all agricultural operations, to the end that all land be used to the best public advantage. This contemplates the fixation of prices, that the farmer lose nothing because of government interference with private plans. Protection against foreign food products will be required, to take the form of a tariff or a more direct subvention. The proponents of the plan do not expect that England will become self-feeding, but realize that conditions demand some such revolutionary change as is involved in plans now taking form.

Direct benefits to be derived from a better social use of the land will be provision for the returned service men, who will not remain in England under circumstances approaching prewar conditions; the good that must come from an increased home production of food, and land ownership distributed among the people and not among the few. This is one of the ways in which British statesmen are providing for the future, and is of interest because of its recognition of the fact that the general welfare rests more closely on the success of agriculture than had been admitted.

The weak point in the kaiser's plan to capture a few Americans for experimental purposes is found in the fact that, while his soldiers had no trouble in locating the Yankees, none of them were able to get home to tell about it. Those who were not killed are now in cages back of the line.

with agriculture in general, the matter of food production, and involves as one of its details the ownership of the land. A considerable sentiment has sprung up in favor of nationalization of all Lloyd George as to European expectation natural, the inevitable corollary of such con- to my state or my government myself, that General Wood would be America's mili- sideration? Could Leonard Wood do as in any capacity that I can fill, in any that General Wood would be America's mill-tary representative at Versailles. Prior to much for his country and for the civilization place, at any time, in this country or France, my services, not for political this, when the eastern division was broken of the world anywhere else, even in France?

# •As To Railroad Advertising Not a Waste, But a National Blessing

Edward Hungerford in Leslie's. 1 its responsibilities. They have given gen-For a number of years past the railroads of the United States have been spending about \$10,000,000 annually for advertising in news-demand of them. If ever there was a year

papers and magazines, as well as for book- in which the American man-and the Amerlets and other printed matter. True it is that ican woman, too-had earned a vacation pe- The Bee:

publicity was for the benefit of certain sec- ly reflected in a loss of national efficiency- the allies get through with the most benefit of any one railroad or group of rail-roads. No one knows this better than Frank-lin K. Lane, secretary of the interior. He

The railroads of the United States have pression of all aims of any people has seen the effect of well-organized railroad has seen the effect of well-organized railroad publicity upon the national parks. The gov-ernment has never advertised—chiefly because minded and progressive officers, whose real mark of her stolen provinces, in the abilities have not always been appreciated, restoration of the great Polish nation it is afraid to do so. But the railroads have even by the larger transportation executives by taking from Germany her prov-of the land. That statement is subject to inces that were stolen in the shameful advertised the country's great attractions. And because of that advertising hundreds of some remarkable exceptions. It would be division of Poland between Prussia, thousands of Americans have journeyed to hard to say that Louis W. Hill was blind Austria and Russia, and in the to what the advertising managers of the restoration of the provinces stolen the great natural attractions upon which the iederal government has expended millions; Great Northern, the Northern Pacific and the from France in 1871. have looked into the land and its farms and Burlington had accomplished for his three province of Prussia alone and that Germany should be reduced to the

its cities, have broadened tremendously and have become far better Americans by the great railroad properties, to say nothing of part should be wholly disarmed for a process. You cannot tell me that the Yankee the entire northwest which they serve. E. period of 100 years and all military process. You cannot tell me that the rankee, the entire northwest which they serve. E. period of 100 years and all military travel habit has not been a national asset. It has been one important way, as well, in which a widespread people have been the electrification of the Milwaukee, the smooth-fighting for the safety of the earth travel habit has not been a national asset. which a widespread people have been the electrification of the Milwaukee, the smooth-fighting for the safety of the earth travel habit has not been a national asset. which a widespread people have been the electrification of the Milwaukee, the smooth-fighting for the safety of the earth travel habit has not been a national asset. Be a state of the safety of the earth travel habit has not been a national asset. The safety of the earth travel habit has not been a national asset. Be a state of the safety of the earth travel habit has not been a national asset. Be a state of the safety of the earth travel habit has not been a national asset. Be a state of the safety of the earth travel habit has not been a state of the safety of the earth travel habit has not been a state of the safety of the earth travel habit has not been a state of the safety of the earth travel habit has not been a state of the safety of the earth travel habit has not been a state of the safety of the earth travel habit habi more closely knit-toward a compact and running passenger services of the North- from military rule and in the preserhomogeneous nation. Its educational value western, the New York Central, the Rock vation of republican institutions, a Island, the Union Pacific and the Southern has been tremendous.

I am quite sure that when Mr. McAdoo Pacific have become known through the fully realizes these things-and in the long loyal devotion of the advertising executives run he cannot fail to realize them-he will of each of those great railroads. Down in order the railroads to resume their adver- the southwest the folks have begun to see tising; not merely perfunctory notices of train changes, but a moderate war-time pub-licity for our great summer resorts. We ing one, chiefly through the efforts of its cannot expect, even though we are involved advertising manager. You may think it was in a great and critical war, that the vacation Phoebe Snow who filled the cars of the Dackhabit of America is to be abandoned en- awanna, but I know something of the ingenitirely. Americans east and west and north ous advertising mechanism that made her and south have risen bravely to the war and into a very profitable business bringer.

purposes, so that my people will pick me up and send me to the United States senate, but because I feel it is high time for men to act out politics and quit playing horse, for they are fooling no one but themselves. It is time to get down to business and smash the kaiser and let the farmers' union, the nonpartisan league and all

other small organizations alone. Keep your eye on the politicians. J. E. EVANS.

Germany Should Be Destroyed. Omaha, May 30 .- To the Editor of lets and other printed matter. True it is that the competitive factor was the chief influence in the greater part of this advertising. But in the greater part of this advertising. But for men and women overworked in the strain sword of war. For hundreds of years



"Business is Good-Thank You"



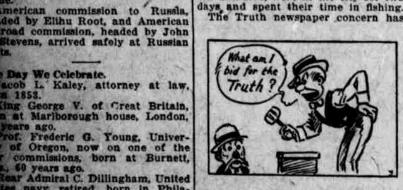
The busier people are, the busier are their telephones. In these extraordinary times it is only natural that telephone lines should frequently be reported busy.

The telephone operator knows that a number reported busy will be asked for again. Thus, it is easier and quicker for her to complete a call at once than to tell you she cannot do so because the line is busy.

The telephone operator has an unusual responsibility these war-time days and appreciates consideration shown her earnest effort.

> REBRASKA TELEPHONE COMPANY Save Food Buy War Savings Stamps nd Liberty

## eam, the score of which was 14 to 3 in favor of Omaha. Four of W. H. Parrette & Co.'s traveling men, Darrow, Bailey, Car-son and Roe, were in the city for two days and spent their time in fishing. The Truth newspaper concern has



60 years ago. ar Admiral C. Dillingham, United a navy, retired, born in Phila-itai 70 years ago. advertised to be sold at auction

Day in History. 08—Jefferson Davis, president of Confederate States of America, in Christian county, Kentucky. in New Orleans, December 6.

-King Frederick VIII of Dener of the present ruler, penhagen. Died in Ham-President Taft welcomed a naval squadron at Hampton

Just 30 Years Ago Today Aimed at Omaha York News-Times: Somebody down Three thousand seven hundred and east has sent word to The Omaha Bee fifty fans witnessed the base ball game between Kansas City and the home

> Kearney Hub: Bishop Stuntz of Omaha has enlisted 300 Methodist clergymen to go into the harvest fields of Nebraska and Iowa and assist in bringing in the sheaves, or any other useful task that a Christian can profitably engage in. Some bishop!

to a board of examining physicians for examination as to their mental condition. A reckless man may care

Wayne Herald: William Hayward,

ormer well known Nebraskan, for a here, is in command as colonel of a body of New York infantry in the front line trenches in France, accord-ing to a letter from his pen in Wednewdwie Omethe Des The and the steamship Tuckahoe has now added a "world's

promise of the throne of Egypt to that the Omaha girls are the best Enver Bey probably accounts for that looking in the United States. If this sardonic expression on the mug of the sphinx. Minneapolis Journal: Cuba came up with \$5,000,000 for the third Lib-erty loan. The boys down there are not only grateful, but they have the

Right to the Point Washington Post: Kaiser Bill's

New York Herald: Which do you think the most stupidly asinine—that minister of finance, who talks of ex-tracting large indemnities from Great Britain and the United States, or those of the German people who believe

him? Brooklyn Eagle: French agricul-Brookiyn Eagle: French agricul-tural experts, prophesying for France the best crops since 1890, give pleas-ure to the world at large. Nature is always at work repairing the effects

of human nature's wickedness. Baltimore American: The infant mortality in Germany is causing un-easiness, but in view of the father-land's attitude toward the mass of its children as mere cannon fodder, the

Teutonic infants are doing the best things for themselves in dying off as fast as possible before the state has a

Wednesday's Omaha Bee. Like all trained, alert, red-blooded Americans, Hayward keenly relishes being in the thick of the fight, and is anxious to help put the finishing touches on the German empire.

'Over There and Here' Third Liberty loan was oversubscribed 40 per cent and the Red Cross war fund 50 per cent. Both records. taken together, emphasize the naional will,

Britain plans to follow the Ameri-can method of discouraging passenger travel by raising rates. Last year rates were advanced 50 per cent. Another advance is expected to curtail civilian travel 40 per cent, and increase military movement to that extent.

A war saving metal exchange has been opened in New York City for the purpose of buying up discarded household silverware and personal ornaments and sending the g.ods to the melting pot. Owners are paid in War Savings stamps. Zion City, Ill., where General Voliva

is on the job, supplements faith with ed American blood. Recently a band started a parade with a potpourri of German tunes. It didn't get very far. A shower of bricks chased the thoughtless players to cover.

In a summary of the testimony of British soldiers who were imprisoned in Germany and recently exchanged Irvin Cobb says that German women wearing the Red Cross uniform of wearing the Red Cross uniform of mercy spat upon the prisoners and re-fused food to the hungry men. "They showed the prisoners food and then threw it in their faces. The conduct of the German women, especially those dressed as Red Cross nurses, was bettern and the second se was barbarous and revolting, so much so that many prisoners say they have a repugnance to seeing a Red Cross uniform."

little for being arrested or paying a ane, but the prospect of being de-clared mentally deficient or undevel-oped, is a prospect that causes him to stop and consider.

June 13 at 10 a. m. on the corner of Thirteenth and Douglas streets.

Thirteenth and Douglas streets. Arrangements for the coming Fourth of July celebration by various labor organizations of the city are be-ing rapidly perfected. The Mayne paint manufactory was discovered to be on fire and the stable belonging to the American District Telegraph company, a laundry build-ing and two dwellings next the paint works were badly burned and the paint works completely d\_troyed. The loss is estimated at \$7,900.



guy ever strikes York he is sure to have a change of heart.

Albion News: An Omaha judge has adopted a novel plan with automobile speeders. He assumes they are mentally deficient, and sends them