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THE BEE'S SERVICE FLAG



A little dignity is good for a great city.

Could it have been the eclipse that stirred Old Sol into such ferocity all of a sudden?

Seven hundred thousand American soldiers have gone to France to fight, in spite of the kaiser's protest.

Airplane mail service has not blinded business men to the fact that the old-fashioned kind is not up to requirements.

The man who paid his income tax last March can smile at the one who is hurrying in this week to get ahead of the limit.

Idaho women are gleaning wool from bushes along sheep runs to help win the war. At present prices the wool is worthy the effort.

Porto Rico and Hawaii will furnish between hem 17,000 fighting men for Uncle Sam, showing that our island territories are worth having.

Drownings are coming to vie with automobile secidents as shockers. Caution is necessary to revent picnic pleasure being turned into mourn

Another Swedish ship has been sunk in the dediterranean, affording a further illustration of he sincerity with which the kaiser stands by his

A Kansas mustaches and a Nebraska beard we been sacrificed to the Red Cross, showing devoted the men of the middle west are to

One wise step taken by the federal railroad ector is to compel the heavier loading of cars or intrastate traffic. The old practice was

Three trips to a hospital have failed to traighten out the mental kinks of a Richardson anty farmer, and he still rejoices in the glory of the kaiser. He will be furnished permanent quarters by the state.

Colonel Roosevelt reminded his Auditorium udience that some English-language newspapers in this country had done more to soil the fountain of patriotism than the worst papers printed German. Yes, and he need not have looked ar from where he was talking if he wanted to pecify one such journalistic hyphenate by name.

Conquering the Swine Plague.

Experts of the Department of Agriculture ongratulate the country on the falling off in swine losses due to disease. The death rate among all hogs from disease for the year g with March was 42.1 per thousand ad. This is to be contrasted with 144 1897 and 118.9 in 1914. Saving hogs ormerly dedicated as victims to cholera or ome other form of disease means an addition to the available food supply at the rate shown of more than 7,000,000 hogs annually. At present the death rate is equivalent to a loss of almost 3,000,000 hogs, enough to provide food for the United States for 25 days, and a little more than equal to the total slaughtering for the month of April last. The improvement noted is most encouraging, however. It means that losses to the armer have been reduced, while the food supply has been increased by reason of the persistent nbat against swine plague or cholera.

UP COMES A GHOST OF THE PAST.

It is inevitable that the shivery ghost of the past in the form of a demand for unlimited currency inflation should stalk forth from under the pall of this mightiest of all wars.

No one, therefore, can be surprised to find in the platform promulgated by a certain ambitious candidate for political favor a plank for a law making all Liberty loan bonds acceptable at par in payment of debts of every kind; in other words, converting them into legal tender paper money.

It is surprising, almost funny, however, to find the suggestion repelled and ridiculed by our amiable democratic contemporary, the hyphenated World-Herald, which, as we all remember, was once hell-bent for unlimited currency inflation through 16 to 1 free coinage; and, more than that, at this moment counts among its editorial writers one of the foremost earlier-day champions and spokesmen of greenbackism.

It is self-evident that the present proposal to attach legal tender qualities to the tens of billions of Liberty bonds, already issued or in prospect, towers like Gulliver among the Lilliputians as compared with the ancient greenback movement and the more recent free silver agitation, but it is of the same essence. It has the one big advantage that it would swamp us under a wave of currency inflation all at once, instead of doing it piecemeal or by degrees. It is open to only scant improvement-that the bonds be made noninterest bearing as well as legal tender and be cut into lower denominations, so that they can be used for small change.

If the greenback ghost is going to walk again, let him come out and show his full stature.

Suggested Test for Loyalty.

Chief of all qualifications to be looked for in candidated for congress this year will be loyalty. It is imperative that a congress 100 per cent loyal be elected. This has moved the League for National Unity to formulate a test which it suggests be applied to all aspirants. It is:

That candidate, in or out of congress, or that citizen can be regarded as loyal who since the declaration of war has by word or act unreservedly supported and will support the government in the vigorous prosecution of the war to a complete and decisive victory, and who has not attempted to destroy allied unity and effort by attacks upon nations fighting with us against a common enemy.

It is not meant that this shall be the sole and final qualification or test of loyalty. The language does comprehend enough of meaning, however, to affect a great many who might deem themselves well fitted for a place in congress. It is not a retroactive test, but deals solely with the attitude, expressions and actions of men since we entered the war. Unless a candidate can measure up to its requirements he is not fit to sit in the national legislature. Voters will exact other evidences of fitness from men who offer themselves, but this will serve well as a starting point, for under it-the desired grade of 100 per cent loyalty may be attained.

Closing the Case Against Germany.

Viscount Haldane's record of his conversations in 1912 with the German emperor and his chancellor is a most important addition to the great mass of proof that Germany not only deliberately willed the present war, but had carefully prepared for it, while professing to desire uninterrupted friendship with the world. The Haldane diary shows that the German basis for peace in 1912 was that offered in 1915, and several times since-recognition of German domina-

In 1912 England felt insecure, because of the activity of Germany in building up its navy, and sought to obtain an agreement that would make possible a cessation of battleship construction. Americans were intensely concerned in the program at that time, and the proposition that a recess in building navies be taken by the nations until a better understanding might be had was fully debated and partly acted upon. So far did the American government go in order to show its sincerity that Germany passed us, and we dropped from second to third place in naval strength. The kaiser persisted in his preparations, forcing the conclusion that he was bent

Sufficient proof is now available to convict him and his associates of having long planned a campaign that would establish him as master of the world. With this ambition unsatisfied, he could not live at peace with other nations, but struck when he believed all things were ready. The record of German intrigue and duplicity now being unfolded is incredible in some of its aspects, but the truth is plain. Each of the many involved and sinuous movements tended to the

The guile of the emperor and the deception of his ministers is uncovered, and the guilt of the Potsdam plotters established so firmly that even the boldest among them has given over defending their schemes. Lust for power has led to wholesale murder and unspeakable misery, for which the kaiser is responsible.

Denver is the latest city to require that its dancing masters and others of the kind do useful labor. The mose will soon be all-enveloping and Solomon's lily will stand alone as an example of well-arrayed idleness.

British Effort to Preserve Peace Lord Haldane's Account of Negotiations Two Years Before the War

London-Chronicle, May 14.

PART II.

(Continued from Yesterday.) Haldane had an interview with the emperor, the chancellor and Admiral Tirpitz on the navy, at which Tirpitz held out for the new German naval program, which was discussed

friendly, but I felt that I had come to the lic opinion in Germany expected a new law ment of the troops, it is natural that most difficult part of my talks of getting ma- and the third squadron, and he must have men and women over here should most difficult part of my talks of getting material fit to bring back for the consideration of my colleagues. The utmost I was able to get was this: The emperor was so disturbed at the idea that the world would not believe in the reality of the agreement unless the shipbuilding program was modified that the saked me what I would suggest. I said the third squadron, and he must have men and women over here should these. I said we could not contest Germany's right to do in these matters and indeed in other matters as it pleased. But why fighting, but we knew they would do that. What we want to know is that they are winning. To meet this, I have tried to keep my faith undisturbing a sked me to consult the experts in London ed. my trust that General Pershing. discuss here, but that if he would not drop the new law-which I saw he felt he could not-he might at least drop out a ship. This idea was never abandoned but Admiral Tirpitz combated it so hard that I said, Well, can we not spread the tempo?' After much talking we got to this, that, as I insisted .hat they must not inaugurate the agreement by building an additional ship at once, they should put off building the first ship till 1913 and then should not lay down another till three years after (1916), and not lay down the third till 1919.

"The emperor thought the agreement would affect profoundly the tendency in shipbuilding, and he certainly should not desire to go beyond the three ships. The fact of the agreement was the key to everything. The chancellor, he said, would propose to me this afternoon a formula which he had drafted. I said that I would see the chancellos and discuss any further territorial questions with him, and would then return as speedily as I could and report the good disposition which I had found to my coland, indeed, all other matters to their judg- too narrow an engagement for us."

ment. I could only assure the emperor that I had been much struck with the friendly On the following day, February 9, Lord disposition in Berlin, and that he would find a not less friendly disposition in London.'

Lord Haldane had another conversation with the chancellor in the hope of arriving the present circumstances. While the at a formula with regard to the navy. The terrible battle is on, raging with furiat great length. Lord Haldane wrote: at a formula with regard to the navy. The terrible battle is on, raging with furi-"I insisted that fundamental modification chancellor said that the "forces he had to ous intensity, and the fate of the world was essential. The tone was thoroughly contend with were almost insuperable. Pub- seeming to tremble with each move-

he asked me what I would suggest. I said asked me to consult the experts in London ed, my trust that General Pershing that it was a too technical matter for me to and make a suggestion. I had said, he remarked, that everything was good only on balance, and Germany must for a greater end give up a minor advantage. The new squadron and the new fleet law it must have, but the same squadron and the new fleet law it must have, but the same squadron for the experts on which he it was a question for the experts, on which he tory. I know the contest will be long did not pronounce, whether a retardation of and costly, for the foe is powerful greater magnitude than Tirpitz proposed and desperate, but win we shall, and might not be possible. I promised to let to that end I am looking ahead. I him know privately the state of feeling here about the Tirpitz proposals on my return."

The ministers then endeavored to arrive at a formula, the whole purpose of which us trust our leaders and help win the was to bring about conditions which would war by keeping our upper lips as stiff was to bring about conditions which would war by keeping our upper lips as stiff as our backbone. A FATHER. of the duty of neutrality, and, in the event of war, to combine in order to localize the conflict.

After Lord Haldane's return to London negotiations in search of a formula were continued. Prince Lichnowsky preserved a friendly atmosphere, but the German government never agreed to conditions which would have safeguarded the neutrality of Belgium or maintained its honorable obligaleagues and leave the difficulties of not being tions to our allies. The nearest they got at able to stop shipbuildin more completely, the 11th hour was, as Lord Grey said, "far

The Potsdam Conspiracy Kaiser's Council Votes for War Three Weeks Before Start

Henry Morgenthau, Former Ambassador to Turkey, in World's Work.

revealed the cause of his sudden disappearance. The kaiser, he told me, had sum-moned him to Berlin for an imperial conference. This meeting took place at Potsdam on July 5. The kaiser presided; nearly all the ambassadors attended; Wangenheim came to tell of Turkey and enlighten his associates on the situation in Constantinople. Moltke, then chief of staff, was there, representing the army, and Admiral von Tirpitz spoke for the navy. The great bankers, rail-road directors, and the captains of German industry, all of whom were as necessary to German war preparations as the army itself, also attended.

Wangenheim told me that the kaiser solemnly put the question to each man in turn. Was he ready for war? All replied "yes" except the financiers. They said that they must have two weeks to sell their foreign securities and to make loans. At that time few people had looked upon the Sarajevo tragedy mething that was likely to caus This conference took all precautions that no such suspicion should be aroused. It decided to give the bankers time to readjust their finances for the coming war, and then the several members went quietly back to their work or started on vacations. The kaiser went to Norway on his yacht, von Bethmann-Hollweg left for a rest, and Wangenheim returned to Constantinople. In telling me about this conference, Wan-

genheim, of course, admitted that Germany had precipitated the war. I think that he was rather proud of the whole performance; proud that Germany had gone about the matter in so methodical and far-seeing a way; especially proud that he himself had been invited to participate in so momentous a gathering. The several blue, red and yellow books which flooded Europe the few months following the outbreak, and the hundreds of documents which were issued by the enlistments as suggested might release the document of the release the rel Germany's innocence, never made any im-

ernoon, puffing away at a huge black cigar, and giving me his account of this historic meeting. Why waste any time discussing the matter after that? This imperial conference took place July 5; the Servian ultimatum was sent on July 22. That is just about the two weeks' interval which the financiers had demanded to complete their plans. All the great stock ex-changes of the world show that the German bankers profitably used this interval. Their the side of a deserted brick building and at-

I have already mentioned that the Ger- poses. If anyone wishes to verify Wangenman ambassador (Baron Wangenheim) left heim, I would suggest that he examine the Constantinople for Berlin soon after the assassination of the grand duke, and he now that there were astonishing slumps in quotations, especially n the stocks that had an international market. Between July 5 and July 22, Union Pacific dropped from 1551/2 to 1271/2, Baltimore & Ohio from 911/2 to 81, United States Steel from 61 to 501/2, Canadian Pacific from 194 to 1851/2 and Northern Pacific from 11136 to 108. At that time the high protectionists were blaming the Simmons-Underwood tariff act as responsible for this fall in values; other critics of the administration attributed it to the federal reserve act, which had not yet been passed How little the Wall street brokers and the financial experts realized that an imperial conference held in Potsdam, presided over by the kaiser, was the real force that was then depressing the market!

Wangenheim not only gave me the details of this Potsdam conference, but he disclosed the same secret to the Marquis Garroni, the Italian ambassador at Constantinople. Italy was at that time technically Germany's ally. A pirate bold and bloody, called

Give Older Men a Chance

We can easily imagine that any plan to draft men too old for service in the field, in order to use them for industrial or semi-industrial purposes, would be met with a storm of disapproval, especially from organized labor. But the acceptance of voluntary enlistments by men from 40 to 55 years of age, as advocated by Secretary of War Baker, is a different thing. It seems to be statesmanlike. The secretary frankly concedes that of 7,500,000 men between the ages named most would be precluded by family ties and conditions from enlisting, but very large numbers might be expected to enlist. And if out of a total of 1,000,000 men in France, 400,000 have to be employed behind the lines and are not soldiers in the fighting sense,

then enlistments as suggested might release

It is high time to give the older men pression on me. For my conclusions as to chance. Their patriotism is as keen as that the responsibility are not based on suspicions of the youngsters. Physiologically considor belief or the study of circumstantial data. ered, their hearts are not so strong, they are I do not have to reason or argue about the not able to stand the strain of a soldier's life matter. I know. The conspiracy that has on the battle line, just as a former foot ball caused this greatest of human tragedies was hatched by the kaiser and his imperial crew tries to go into a hot game. But plenty of at his Potsdam conference of July 5, 1914. men even at 55 are in fine health, able to One of the chief participants, flushed with work hard, able to work intelligently and his triumph at the apparent success of the plot, told me the details with his own and judgment over their juniors. If they mouth. Whenever I hear people arguing about the responsibility for this war or read encourage them. At home it must draw the clumsy and lying excuses put forth by more and more on women for its industries. Germany, I simply recall the burly figure of The energy of every responsible adult person Wangenheim as he appeared that August aft-ernoon, puffing away at a huge black cigar, war.—Brooklyn Eagle.

People and Events

records disclose that stocks were being sold tacked it with stones and a primitive batterin large quantities and that prices declined ing ram. When the drive ended the building rapidly. At that time the markets were was a ruin and the kaiser's mug beaten into somewhat puzzled at this movement; Wan- a semblance of the original. What happened genheim's explanation clears up any doubts that may still remain. Germany was changing her securities into cash, for war purious a semblance of the original. What happened to the raiders? Nothing much—yet. A citywide gale of laughter smothers thought of reprisals.

Twice Told Tales

Incorrigible.

At a college in England it is against the rules for male students to visit the "resident lady boarders." One day a student was caught in the act and brought before the headmaster, who said: "Well, Mr. Blank, the penalty for the first oftense is four shillings, for the second ten shillings, for the third fl and so on up to

"And what would a season ticket cost?" inquired the culprit.-Boston Transcript.

Get Wise in Advance. "I hope I can support her in the tyle she is accustomed to."

"Get wise to that style, though, before you marry her. I never knew
my wife's people, but to hear her
talk, you'd think she was raised in a
palace."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

What Ruth Said.

Ruth, a carefully brought-up little girl of 5 years, returned home from her first dinner away from home and was being questioned by her mother. "And you were a good girl all the time?" asked mother.

"Yes, mother," was the joyful reply.
"And did you remember to say something nice to Mrs. Brown just

"Yes, indeed," Ruth answered, tri-umphantly, "I smiled and said, I enjoyed myself, Mrs. Brown; you had a lots better dinner than I thought you'd have."—The People's Home

a great deal of peace of mind may be preserved by trusting our leaders just now. Every true American, I take it. is deeply concerned in the progress of the war, and nearly all have some difficulty in remaining patient under momentary reverse or loss of ground disturb me, for I feel sure of the outcome, because our boys are in it. Let

LAUGHING GAS.

"I don't think I would care to play base all," said Hamlet Fatt. "No spotlight?" suggested Yorick Hamm. "It isn't that. But when an actor makes a hit he gets all the glory. Here a fellow makes a hit and some other chappie brings in the run."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Washington isn't what it used to be, "What do you miss?" "The spirit of independence. Why, I can remember when you could make a landlord paper the house by threatening to move." -Washington Star.

"I dunno. I never did any lion taming. "I dunno. I never did any lion taming. How long is the engagement good for?"
"That depends on how quick you are in getting out of the cage."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"I took a friend who was an amateur ma-gician out in my machine, but I'll never do it again." Why not?"

"We hadn't gone any distance before the car seemed to knew who was in it, and turned turtle."—Baltimore American.

"'Love laughs at locksmiths,' you know."
"That's an old saying and a trifle out of

"But love certainly has the laugh on fa-ther when he tries to head off a six-cylinder elopement in a one-lung flivver."-Birminghanm Age-Herald.

"These runways are popular, but they kill off a lot of seats that might otherwise be sold." "I know. Couldn't we fix it so that the chorus girls could trip through the audience over a line of bald heads?"—Chi-

THE WAYS OF MAN.

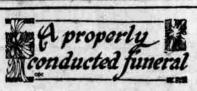
At seven Willie wanted to Become a pirate bold, To sail the rugged Spanish main And gather chests of gold, To make his captives walk the plank From his low, rakish craft, And meet their pleas for mercy with A deep and gutteral laugh.

At sixteen he was different, for No more he craved to be The presidential chair— Decided to be satisfied If Fate would land him there.

At twenty he was changing still-Was Mary's "cusual friend," And what with opera, lunch, et cet.. His purse was on the bend; He lost his aspirations all, A single one did save: The height of his ambition was To be her humble slave.

"Tis saddening to relate, Tis saddoning to relate,
He shares a flat with Mary and
With kidlets six or eight;
At eight he jumps a car each day—
Gets \$15 per; n his last ambition, he's





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Around the Cities

St. Joseph's halo for the time being resembled the eternal triangle. The triangle differs from the Waukegan design, inasmuch as the outraged wife

worked the gun on her rival. Chicago reports 2,400 fewer deaths in the first five months of 1918 than in the same period of 1917. Better health conditions, improved water and milk sanitation, and fewer serious ac-The Bee: I would like to suggest that cidents are the primary causes for increased joy of living.

Sioux City's first tryout of hoboea on the "work or fight" plan failed both essentials. A gingerly introduction to jobs quickly soured the first gang and provoked a walkout of town. very small percentage of the jobless stuck to the jobs offered.

Sioux City officials announce that slackers, idlers, gamblers and Indus-trial Workers of the World, will be driven out of town and must take all their women companions along. A round-up is already on. Those who will not buckle down to jobs are to be shown the various roads out of

Mayor Cowgill of Kansas City, Mo., told the city solons to cut out all talk of a municipal gas plant. No money has reached the limit. Meanwhile the solons beat an anvil chorus on the pipes of natural gas vendors without seriously disturbing the sleep of the managers.

Chicago's bunch of theater ticket scalpers find their pickings not as easy as in former days. Failure to account for the excess profit tax brought down the wrath of federal revenue agents. and a grand jury promises an early deliverance on the offense. Scalping on Uncle Sam's revenue split is risky business in war



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HARRY C. MOIR

Paris enthusiastically welcomed Ma-r General Pershing and his staff. More than 100 lives lost in a Ger-a air raid over London, the fourth thin three weeks.

The Day We Celebrate. ear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, W. L. retired, born at Lyon, N. Y., 64

e Year Ago Today in the War.

ienry P. Davison, head of the war hell of the American Red Cross, a in Troy, N. Y., 51 years ago. fartin Kavanagh, outfielder of the Louis National league team, born farrison, N. J., 27 years ago.

Day in History.

3—Francis Dana, famous jurist, ret U. S. minister to Russia, born arlestown, Mass. Died at Cambanasa, April 25, 1811.

4—American Daughters of Lib-American Daughters of Lib-ganized in Philadelphia to pro-othing for the suffering sol-

tusian troops invaded Han-kingdom had taken sides

Just 30 Years Ago Today

The democrats of the Second ward will dedicate their new wigwam on Sixteenth and William streets this evening. Hon. M. V. Gannon and others will address the meeting.

Milk Inspector Hickstein, accomissioner, in his rounds of the dairies



of milk, visited forty-eight places and

General John C. Fremont took a drive about the city and its suburbs under the guidance of ex-Mayor

Mrs. Josiah Dewey of San Francisco, Cal., and three children are visiting Mrs. W. I. Kierstead, 3100 Harney street.

State Press Comments York News-Times: Wheat is look-ng up. King Corn is not feeling

ing up. depressed. Lincoln Herald: It's a tough old world and it can stand a lot of mauling, but it's going through the worst ordeal in its history now and the man who dwells in a fool's paradise of complacency is going to learn to his sorrow how foolish he has been.

Butte Gazette: There ought to be trunk is delayed will, no doubt, write to the president about it.

Minneapolis Journal: The greatest

ome way to get at the food slacker -for there are still some of that gentry with us. If he is wilful, he should be interned; if he is ignorant, he should be locked up and made to eat what the government dictates. This is no time to tolorate anything but whole-hearted support of America and her aims.

Howells Journal: In the good old

days of the long ago when the country was new we got along very nicely without hard coal and, for that mat-

ter, many of us without soft coal. Plenty of soft coal is available now, and it is the patriotic duty of all to lay in their next winter's supply early.
York Democrat: At the meeting York Democrat: At the meeting of the democratic state central committee this week, after all preliminary business had been disposed of, a motion was made to go into executive session, and all persons not members of the committee were courted ously invited to withdraw. A man by the name of Charley Bryan was required to walk out, with no other protection than a skull cap, and with consolerance of the fact that

Peppery Points

Washington Post: Now if Grace Lusk will quietly drift into the inside pages she will oblige a world that is quite busy with other shooting affrays. Baltimore American: Now that the railroads are under government con-trol, the indignant traveler whose

Minneapolis Journal: The greatest losses in this war have not been suf-fered by Belgium or France or Serbia, or even by Armenia, but by Germany herself through her moral collapse. New York Herald: Some day such

of the German people as may lay claim to as much as an atom of sanity will grasp the full significance of the kaiser's making every opportunity to pin a new medal on the crown prince. Then they will grasp, also, the reason for the kaiser's having willed this war. New York Herald: Eleven Yale seniors cast their votes for the kaiser as the "greatest man in the world today." It s; eaks ill of Yale's succes in overcoming the influence of early environment upon persons committed

captured by assault increase the division and not the feeting that the full consciousness of the fact that other days and other times and other men have arrived on the see of decimation.

M. G. Macleod returned to the city the full consciousness of the fact that other days and other times and other lines and other men have arrived on the see of decimation.