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Old Sol makes the corn sprout-also the candidates.

Mrs. Lillian Busch's experience is a proof of the inceasing value of American citizenship.

Austrians were promised food when they reached Italy's plains, but the army still is

These are the days when the balloonist has a decided advantage over ordinary mortals, so far as cool air is concerned.

Let us hope the weather man tries no more of his freak experiments on this region during the summer. One is enough.

Those little sparks noted in the city council chamber may be but static, due to excessive heat, but they certainly are signs of life.

Michigan and Wisconsin boys are holding a sector on German territory. This may convince the kaiser that Americans have reached the front.

The Nonpartisan league does not seem to show up specially well in the Minnesota primary. Nebraska is as much against sedition and disloyalty as is Minnesota,

At least one U-boat will not report to Berlin on the result of its trip to American waters. It encountered an American submarine, and any doubt as to the outcome was quickly dispelled.

Four democrats in the senate voted with 19 republicans in favor of open discusion of treaties. But 36 bourbons lined up against the proposal, thus keeping the party straight on its record of opposition to progress.

The epistolary exchange between the governor and the Nonpartisan league would be edifying under more favorable conditions. As it is, the public is too busy with more important matters to read either side.

Not that it cuts any figure, but curiosity might be better satisfied if Tom Tibbles, of the hyphenated World-Herald staff of editorial writers would tell what he thinks of Edgar Howard's scheme to attach legal tender qualities to the Liberty bonds .-

### Overhauling the "Middlemen."

The government seems to be on the point of breaking up the most pernicious form of profiteering that has developed in connection with the war. It is after the "middlemen," agents or brokers, who, through their pretended influence, negotiated contracts between the government and manufacturers. As most of these contracts were on the "cost-plus" basis, the matter of including the brokerage fee in the cost on which a profit was paid by the government made the transaction one of comparative facility for the producer ind of equally easy profit for the grafter. It would be out of all reason to say that all agents or brokers of merchandise or manufactures are grafters, or that they do not perform a genuine service in the huge and complex work of disributing output, but it is apparent that here is in avenue by which unscrupulous individuals save found ready access to the public treasury, and which ought to be closed against them. The 'cost-plus" plan has but one recommendation, that it admits of speed in delivery, while not the least of its unattractive features is that now seing brought to light.

#### THE KAISER DRAWS THE ISSUE.

"Either German principles of right, freedom, morality and honor must be upheld, or Anglo-Saxon principles, with their idolatry of Mammon, must be victorious," said the kaiser in his speech in celebration of his thirtieth anniversary as emperor. And he drew the issue plainly,

"German principles of right, freedom, morality and honor" burst into sudden activity in the summer of 1914. Prior to that time they had been busy under the surface. Secret treaties with the czar of Russia, the sultan of Turkey, a system of espionage that encompassed the world, were the expressions of the morality and honor of which the kaiser boasts.

In August, 1914, Belgium got a taste of what the German war lords look upon as right and freedom. Liege and Louvain were early examples, and the outrages of unspeakable character that turned the happy provinces of Liege, Luxemburg, Namur and Hainault into regions of desolation, sorrow and degradation will stand forever as proof of Germany's sense of honor, while outraged maidens, crippled children, murdered men and women provide a lasting monument to the morality of the emperor and his hosts.

Intrigue in America, acts of war against our peace and welfare, plots to destroy our government at home, carried on through official agencies, furnish Americans with ample evidence of

how far the kaiser and his kind are to be trusted. Murder on the high seas, bombs dropped on hospitals and sleeping hamlets, every form of savage cruelty practiced with cold-blooded purpose on helpless victims are forms of expression of the German sense of "right, freedom, morality and honor."

As to Anglo-Saxon principles, were they of the same quality as the German, the victory of the Hunnish horde would have been complete many months ago, and the world would now be controlled and directed from Berlin. The fact that we are in the war at all is the best possible answer to the sneer of the kaiser, whose effrontery increases as his doom becomes more immi-

#### Planning River Improvements.

Hearings are now being had in Washington concerning improvements to be made along the upper Mississippi and Missouri rivers, that their waters may be more generally used as commerce highways. At the outset one of the really grave questions is pressed to the front. It has to do with rates; whether the government will guarantee rates sufficient to make the venture profitable to private investors, or if it will permit railroad competition to throttle river traffic as it did once before. This point may not be settled at the present hearings, which are apt to be consumed by consideration of other details, but it must have careful consideration later on. Generally, the thought has been made to make water transportation supplemental to rail, rather than competitive, so that in combination the utmost of service from the two. Promoters of river improvements who are inclined to look on the steamboat as a rival to the locomotive, rather than an ally, may be required to revise their viewpoint before the use of the inland waterways is made general. Co-operation may be possible, but competition would be fatal to one or the other, and the shipper would eventually

### Back of the Austrian Drive.

The renewal of the Austrian drive against Italy, at a cost of so much more than the emperor can afford in way of men and munitions, has back of it much the same reason that set the squide the earliest footsteps of the lambs of when Mr. Baker functions as a camoufleur German army into motion in France last March. It is the desire to present something material and definite in the way of military accomplishment to a people whose unrest has become a decided menace to the government. Emperor Karl's case is even more desperate than that of Emperor Wilhelm, Even should the Austrian army be able to win a victory over the Italians, the spirit of revolt within his provinces would not be quieted by such means. Under the weight of German oppression, and with the disappearance of Russia as a bugbear, the slight ties of mutual dependence between Austrian and Magyar have broken down, while the Czech, the Jugo-Slav and the Latins have increased their determination to be free. This situation cannot be altered by military diversion, no matter how brilliant the spectacle, and victory in Italy will bring but added domestic difficulty for the weak young emperor, while defeat means disaster for

### Where Omaha Loses Out.

As reported by the New York Times, the government has spent \$25,173,417 during the last six months on additional army hospital establishments. A 500-bed addition to the hospital at Camp Dodge, over at Des Moines, has taken \$500,000 of this money. Improvements costing \$1,720,000 are going up at Denver and others at posts in the south and east, but in this, as in other army activities, Omaha remains a stepchild despite the exceptional facilities at Fort Crook easily convertible to hospital purposes. Our senator and congressmen at Washington, must be easy when representatives of states like Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, Colorado and Iowa play all around them.

### Rebuilding the Broken Soldier What Italy Is Doing to Brighten Life for War's Cripples

Prof. Riccardo Galeazzi in London Chronicle.

tute for the After-Care of the Disabled Sol- fects become manifest, diers. He is famous for his successful inthe artificial limbs that are adjoined.)

What are we doing in Italy for those them free of cost, as long as the soldier lives. brave fellows who have been crippled or disof society. Though he receives sufficient hand's turn in his daily life. kindness now, he must remember that a day

the broken soldier. When we bring him credit for it. from the battlefield and find that a limb, or having given him his limbs and his reeducatously whatever implements of machinery trade. Not until then do we put him on his new road of life.

The organization for the different stages each army corps has its special province or district. And each of those geographical sec- mains he is put through a thorough course to 10 miles per hour or can stop any tions has a complete organization for the of training. care of the disabled. There is the surgical During to

trade he may be capable of following. iently healed in the surgical hospital we give temporary limb for use during that time. individual care; and during the first weeks of its use the soldier is under the constant supervision of the doctors, so that they can be of or the war. supervision of the doctors, so that they can bofore the war,

#### At the Wrong End of Life.

It is one of the disadvantages of the posi-

with its dark decline. he publication of some statistics connected per year. A "very good parish," this respectable religious flock has always been Boston Transcript. called; but it has, in a half-century of existence, been able to bring fewer than three children a year to its altar. There have been more in the parish, without a doubt; it must be merely that they have not been brought for baptism, for the same minister has during the pastorate officiated at 315 marriages. But when it comes to funerals, the parish is strong. The venerable clerygyman has officiated at 629, which is at the rate of one funeral for every month of his half-century and 29 more worked in at intervals along the way. For him, the pastorate has been just one burial after another. No matter what cheerful tendencies his theology have felt the shadow of the tomb descending

Perhaps this is the secret of our Puritanism-that we have always associated our religion too little with the sweet smiles and the counters and hummed a lay of opulence, the innocent babblings of infancy and too ingled in the pockets when fondled, and lent much with cold and crabbed age. If the faith considerable "heft" to the consciousness of of our Puritan fathers ever really is "re- the owner. Now they are rolling homeward formed," perhaps it may be desirable so to to the melting pot of the treasury, easing the re-balance it that it will pick up the thread atrain on suspenders and conserving the of life at the cradle instead of confining its fragments of rubber camouflaged therein. ministrations so closely to the lengthening War economies work in strange way their shadows of later years .- Boston Transcript. | wonders to perform.

(Prof. Gafeazzi'is head of the Milan Insti-) after the artificial limbs according as any de-

I may also say, for it is an important point, that the limbs made for the common ventions and experiments in furnishing his soldier are the same as those made for the patients with special types of contrivance colonel, and the one gets them gratis just as States has ever shown a friendly in which enable the natural muscles to work the other does. Not only that, but we have terest in matters pertaining to the wela national institute whose duty is to take care of these limbs, renew them and alter

What are the limbs like? Well, for inabled in the war? Let me say, first of all, stance, even where a man has lost both that our fundamental principle, which lies at hands we have fitted artificial ones which the root of our organization and of all our enable him to write with pen or pencil, to laws that have been recently made for the use knife and fork, to button his clothes and tion in our laudable efforts, therefore care of disabled men, is that no disabled sol- to shave with a safety razor. Thus we get dier must be thrown upon the charity of the rid of the constant depression from which a public for the rest of his life and allowed to soldier would otherwise suffer were he to feel that he has ceased to be a useful member feel dependnt upon some friend for every hereby express our thanks to the vari-

One of the great sources of success in apwill come when the glory of his sactifice will plying these limbs is the special Italian syshave lost its pristine appeal, and when the tem, the theory of which was laid down by broken soldier will have to depend upon him- Vanghetti, of making the amputation so that self. His pension must be looked upon not the muscles from the living part of the arm as his means of sustenance, but as something can be attached in such a way to the artificial given him for the sufferings he has gone limb as to get an organic muscular connection. Thus the natural muscles of the living Our idea, therefore, is that the future arm actually can be got to work the artificial prospects of a disabled soldier must not be fingers or leg, as the case may be. I have built upon his assurance of obtaining a pen- made several of these connections with full going to protect the unorganized labor sion, but upon the rebuilding of him physi- success. And the system is now becoming cally, and the retraining of him technically, almost the rule all over the country. It is going to give a substantial raise. I to take up a self-supporting position in life. a special Italian invention, though some of Therefore there must be no scrapping of the German professors want to claim the

The most important feature, however, of limbs, have to be amputated, the soldier thus one Italian system is the insistence on re- missis of the people as well as the wounded is placed in a special category, and training. If the soldier's disablement does company and the only reason is bewe can not discharge him from the army until not a whim to follow his ordinary calling cause they are too weak to hold an every care has been taken to rebuild him in life and if he be not of independent means, organization now. What is their physically, morally and professionally. Then, he is absolutely bound to spend at least a month or six weeks in the training school. tion gratuitously, we also give him gratui- There he is asked to choose a trade or calling in keeping with his physical ability. We to go over the track and see if it is may be necessary for him to practice his new keep him for at least about six weeks, and safe, and they have show him the whole system in working or- troops and the president of this glorider. Of course, if he cannot be persuaded ous country and all the public in their we must allow him to go home, for, after hands, and are the only of this treatment is interesting. In Italy all, we are a free country. But when he re- road employes that everything is left all, we are a free country. But when he re-finer technique of vine culture, wine-making, of trains, they can reduce the speed

During these first weeks in the school the hospital, the orthopedic institute and the new limbs are fitted, for the school works in their superiors, and they have thouschool for retaining the soldier in whatever connection with the orthopedic institute. de he may be capable of following.

In the school we teach the illiterate peasants confidence enough in them to look
When the amputation wound is suffito read and write. We teach all sorts of after its interests—that if a fire burns In the school we teach the illiterate peasants care each year and the company has designing and drawing, all commercial subthe soldier a month's leave, fitting him with jects, all the artisan trades and also technical posed to look after the company's in farming. Generally we give preference to terest and also if stock is killed they When the month is out, that is before he had these trades that can be practiced at home, are expected to see that the company time to get into lazy habits at home or suffer and we do not encourage largely such trades is protected. They go out at night from the effects of misdirected sympathy, he as would call for work in large factories. In after storms and see if everything i must enter the school for the reeducation of the case of farmers, or farm laborers, who safe, and all of the officers take the the disabled. To this school is also attached are too seriously injured to undertake the judgment of the conditions if safe to the orthopedic institution. Here he has his heavy work in the fields, we teach them the run their trains at 50 miles or five definite set of limbs fitted. A plaster cast is fine technique of vine culture, wine-making miles an hour, and they don't even taken and each limb is made with particular cheese-making, etc. And it generally hap- question his judgment, and he is the

### "Pitiful Publicity"

The other day our pacifist secretary of The other day our pacifist secretary of bought for \$2; shirts, \$1.25, used to tion of the New England Protestant minister that his work, in the long run, tends to of the number of American troops in France, is \$2.90, and not as good; sugar, 12 1/2 degenerate into a sort of mortuary function. lest such a discussion supply valuable infor-His success in the parish really seems to be mation to the enemy. Yesterday, however, in his cantata to the "Blue Devils' of France, managed to bury. The gateway at which he at the foot of the Washington monument, he pelled to seek other employment bestands is distinctly marked "Exit." in the first proclaimed the fact that our army in France cause we are the lowest paid employes place, there are generally more deaths than today totals more than 700,000 men, and his in any branch of business today. births in his parish, and in the second, the figures put him on the front page again. It There is nothing in the shape of work early days of even such children as are born was artful advertising, but it was not altoamong his people do not in any way involve gether accurate information, for the reason cans and loyal to our country and our his ministrations, as they do those of his that it was not the whole truth. Of the flag, and we would like to have Mr. Roman Catholic brother, who is always the number named by Mr. Baker less than half McAdoo remember us with at least chief figure at the inevitable and required are fighting troops. This is something every enough to live on. He asks us to buy christening, who may be said to guard and German knows, but not every American, and his flock, and whose later functions at the he never misleads the enemy, but he is very confirmation of the young Christian are an apt to muddle the mind of his own people. event in the life not only of the new com- He played the same trick several weeks ago municant, but of his entire family. It is a defect of the New England and Evangelical over by Mr. Hughes, he secured publicity system which, as we have said, tends to refor his speech by incorporating in it a drasummer and pay rent and the increase move the minister from the beginning of life matic announcement that he "seemed to see" and associate him only in a marked manner American troops soon in Italy. Again he of us are going to see mighty hard put himself on the front page as sponsor for This thought is brought to the mind by the announcement of an expedition to Italy.

It is one thing for the newspapers of the with the ministry of a certain venerable man of God in one of our smaller New England to refrain from too detailed a discussion of cities. This gentleman, who is now in his certain military matters in connection with not see it work on that way, at least 85th year, has occupied one pulpit for 50 the conduct of the war. It is a different thing in the present wage scale and the deyears. In that honorable half-century he has for our pacifist secretary of war to take ad lay of getting what little raise there baptized 123 children, which is at the rate of vantage of their patriotic self-restraint by a little less than two and one-half baptisms using the same information a few days later

### People and Events

Hun subs shrewdly keep at a safe distance from Coney Island and Atlantic City, realizing that the 1918 style of bathing suits are

Now and then, somewhere, mere man turns the table on alimony scouts. Out in San Francisco a judge granted a divorce to Mrs. Esther Kehoe because Kehoe was batty on bugology. Still as Kehoe looked after domestic affairs while the Mrs. Kehoe pulled down a salary of \$200 a month, Kehoe was may have had at the start, he must at last awarded \$425 alimony. Isn't that perfectly herce?

Have you noticed the growing rarity of silver dollars in money changing nowadays? Time was when the "cartwheels" rolled on

"Idiosyncrasy." "What?" "Idiosyncrasy."

"I guess I'll stay in barracks for his evening," said Tommy.—Chicago

Private Jenkins, home from France, was seated in the village inn

"Well," answered the Tommy. "nothing to speak of much, but I re-member one night I felt like a drink so I goes down to the estamint. I'd just got me 'and on the door-knob, when just then old Fritz sent one of is big ones over right on the house and, believe me, it knocked the 'ole



Lincoln, Neb., June 15 .- To the Edfor of The Bee: At the state conven-May 30, 1918, the following resolutions of appreciation were adopted:

"Whereas, The press of the Unite ! fare of the National Association of Letter Carriers in general, and the Nebraska papers in particula, have at all times espoused our cause for the good of the organization and the betterment of the service, and, Whereas. We appreciate to the fullest extent their hearty co-opera-

Resolved, That we, the members of the Nebraska Association of Letter

Carriers, in convention assembled, do WALTER D. SHEAR, Secretary, 1449 Peach, Lincoln, Neb.

#### On the Section Hand's Side.

Bassett, Neb., June 15 .- To the E& or of The Bee: I see there is a good deal of a discussion about the increase of railroad wages and in one of your even the section men are included. see where Mr. McAdoo said he was -the section men-and that he was see where he gives them a 214-cent raise. They now are drawing 25 cents per hour.

It seems to me that the section men are the goat and also a joke in the work? They have to work when the mercury stands at 110 in the shade. and in the winter, no matter how low it stands-even 36 below-they have train and hold it till they are satisfied it is safe, without any orders from sands of Jollars of material in their up the whole country they are sup-

Overalls, \$2.25, and light to have. weight that could have been bought for 75 cents two or three years ago; \$5 for shoes that could have been cents now, against 6 cents; meat fron War Savings stamp, and Liberty bonds, and we have done so, some of us beyond our means. Part of us only can work about seven months and then are laid off for the winter, and if we live through we have to sure in price of everything we use. times this coming winter if we get only a 21/2-cent raise. While the trainmen get practically a good raise, they only get this becaus. of their strength. This country boasts that it is the

is. Freight and passenger rates are raised from 25 to 33 1-3 per cent. looks as though the consumer has to pay the bill, and the section men are all consumers, so it will cost them even more to live and they will not be able to lay up anything for their support for the coming winter, and most of them have families of at least four or five to keep in clothes and feed, and if any one of them gets sick the doctor's bill, whic... has advanced from 50 to 33 1-3 per cent. If you just open a doctor's door and ask a question it costs from \$1.50 to \$2, and if he prescribes for you the druggist gives it a boost, and a \$5 bill looks like nothing. Took you about 15 minutes to hand it over and it took you 20 hours to get it in the sun at 104 in the shade.

#### SMILING LINES.

A BEE READER.

"No," said the positive girl, "I will never tie myself down to one man."
"Perhaps," he replied sarcastically. "if I organize a sydicate you will consider our offer."—Boston Transcript.

Little Miss, three years old, very observ-ing, called on her grandaunt the other day. "Come again," said grandaunt in Father next morning said: "Goodbye

"Goodbye. Come again," she replied in polite tenes -- Detroit Free Press

"Flubdub's wife doesn't show him much "Probably she doesn't feel that she owen

"How's that?"
"Seems her mother picked out her husband for ber."—Louisville Courier-Journal

"Why are you opposed to pray wown -

"Because, judging from her houseclean-ing orgies, she will go in for too many sweeping reforms."—San Francisco Chron-



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17. 1741.

1866—The Saxon army, king and fovernment, joined the Austrians against the Prussians.

1567—Henry Dodge, first United States senator from Wisconsin, died at Burlington, Ia. Born at Vincennes, Ind., October 12, 1782.

Due Year Ago Today in the War.

Russian war mission, headed linister Bakhmetieff, arrived Washington.

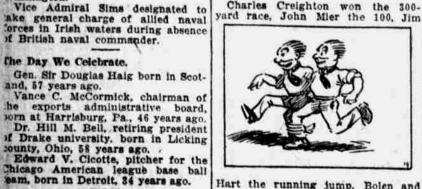
forces in Irish waters during absence of British naval commander.

the Day We Celebrate.

This Day in History.

The prohibitionists held a meeting at Dr. F. D. Wilson's office. There was a full attendance and measures were taken to make an aggressive campaign.

Charles Creighton won the 300place among the "aces" on the west-



Hart the running jump, Bolen and Connors the three-legged race and John Ennis and Miss Nellie Kiley the 1811—Samuel Chase, a Maryland signer of the Declaration of Independ-nce, died. Born in Maryland, April waltz prize at the picnic of the Du rant Hose company at Fremont.

J. B. Brewer, grand patron of the grand chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, left for Lincoln to preside over the 13th annual conclave which opens there.

Charles F. Taylor, president of the

Just 30 Years Ago Today Over There and Over Here

John Purroy Mitchell, former mayor of New York, lost no time in demonstrating that he is a 100 per cent American in fact as well as in politics. Jack is now a graduate aviator and will soon make a try for a

State control of railroads in England resulted in an advance of 10 and 20 per cent in passenger rates, the lower figure applying to purely local business. There, as here, the object was to check travel and turn the saved power to essential war work. Experience in 1917 showed opposite results. An official report states that travel increased on short and long distances and indications point to a pro-

portionate advance this year. Similar results are unlikely in this country because of restricted train service. To some fighting Americans over there full performance of duty causes discomfort and warm words, Trenches before taking the measure of Amerca's giants. As a consequence Q. M. Sergt. Pat Grealy has worry to burn. Stars and Stripes, the A. E. F. organ, pictures Pat as the biggest man in the marine corps. Trenches are too narrow for him and dugout door and ceiling impose undue strain on his spine. Though he unbends from ne-

#### Whittled to a Point Minneapolis Journal: Cotton looks like a big crop. Will the price there-fore be reduced? It will not-if the

south's grip on congress holds. Washington Post: The trouble with a plea to the Hun to spare a sacred edifice is that he doesn't understand human speech unless it is accented

Brooklyn Eagle: It is a fine notion to put 40,000 negro conscripts to-gether, for camping and for fighting. Race pride has increased men's valor since wars began, and whoever thinks the negroes have none of this is gravely mistaken. Minneapolis -Tribune: The \$5,000 rold cup given by the kaiser to an

\$40 pewier imitation. Well, that's about the way everything that has come from the kaiser during the war New York Herald: "Mother and father told me to get them, and I did," said a New York marine wounded at Bouresches-Veuilly. The "them" he Bouresches-Veuilly. The "them" he rot were bockes, and a-plenty. The moral of the story is found in the fact that the father and mother to whom he refers were born in Ger-

American winner of a yacht race thirteen years ago turns out to be a

New York World: "Senator La Folto end, is an earnest exhortation to his hearers to maintain and defend at all 1893—Rt. Rev. Maurice F. Burke, given a reception at the residence of rat Catholic bishop of Cheyenne, was cansferred to the see of St. Joseph, and electrotypers' union No. 32.

Louisville, Ry., pressment the fundights in the open and the whitewash! The Wisconsin states gives him a chance to straighten out and exert the reserve force of his push

### Twice Told Tales

Too Much For Him. Captain Bruce Bairnsfather of "Old Bill" fame tells an amusing story of a soldier who thought he would take advantage of his chum's being on sentry duty at the barracks gate, to slip out after tatoo in order to visit his best girl.

"That's all right," said his chum, "but I may be relieved before you return, so I had better give you the password to enable you to get back into the barracks in any case." "Right-o!" said Tommy. "What's

Post. Battle Souvenir.

of admirers. "I suppose," said old Farmer Wurzel, "ye had some narrow escapes ou yonder."

Louisville, Ky., pressmen's union, was cessity. Pat will not be real happy costs our constitution and our many given a reception at the residence of until the Hun fights in the open and tutions," says his counsel. Bring on the whitewash! The Wisconsin states standing there, silly like, with the man stands ready to look like a padon Tit-Bits.