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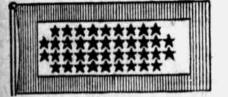
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Omaha is happy to have the editors again.

The Nebraskan is proving a "bad medicine" boat for the submarine.

Food riots have taken the place of hunger strikes in Mitteleuropa, a very natural sequence.

Do not overlook The Bee's ice and milk fund its money goes to help Omaha babies who need help.

The miser is said to be despondent, but not nearly so dejected as he will be when justice finally lays hold on him,

Ma Bryan favors prohibition, but wants it to ome gradually. Glad he has found something can take in moderation.

Minnesots let the wind out of the Monpartisan sails most effectively, and Nebraska need not worry greatly over the Townleyites.

Saving light to save fuel sounds odd in June, but it will be well to get acustomed to the thought, so it can be practiced in December.

The esteemed Chicago Tribune falls into the strictly enforced for almost four years, supplies error of elassifying the democratic senator from are exhausted. ublican. We ask a correction.

THE BEE: OMHAA, FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 1918.

The Press and the Courts Twilight Zone of Press Freedom Advanced by Judges New York Evening Post.

management of the Lincoln street railway for The question of the freedom of the press) ican case must, of course, be reserved until continues to claim the attention of the courts. On Monday the supreme court of the United States handed down its decision the United States handed down its decision which appear to have constituted a personal permission to go to a 5-cent fare instead of the six-for-a-quarter now prevailing there rein a case, pending since 1914, affecting the Toledo News-Bee. The case had to do with porations. The commission not only denies the request for an increased passenger rate based heated public controversy over a street rail- of a controversy for connection with which on war-time increases of operating expense, but way franchise in Toledo, and while a suit it has been sued for libel. For the press, as in the future, but it is not so likely to for the public generally, the latter is the more occur as in the past. goes much farther by declaring the capitalization was prevent the enforcement of a 3-cent fare or- vital issue. As the counsel for the defense, dinance by the city, of an article and a car- in a public statement, is reported to have dering the cancellation of a large part of the toon which the court held to be an embar- pointed out, all that is needed to block discommon stock and commanding the return to rassment of the administration of justice. cussion of any public question in which allethe treasury of the company of several hundred judgment has now been affirmed by the su- after, if the position of the lower court in preme court. Chief Justice White, who de-livered the opinion of the court, held that, sion of the matter must cease, under penalty This is no doubt the most radical decision act committed in the presence of the court, the interval may be before the suit is brought

it was "so near the presence of the court" as to trial. to embarrass the judge and constitute contempt. The court also overruled the plea and the censorship are continually coming that there was no evidence to show that the up for discussion, that the freedom of the judge of the lower court had, in fact, been press which the federal constitution and the influenced by the publications complained of. constitutions of all the states explicitly guar-

exception. Not only, he urged, is it con- however, there undoubtedly must be, and trary to judicial practice in this country, as such control, as a legal matter, rests with well as to the American habit of mind, for the government, acting under law and in acthe same person "to be accuser and sole cord with the principles of justice, equity judge in a matter which, if he be sensitive, and personal freedom. In this country such may involve strong personal feeling," but he control belongs to the federal government was also unable to find in the circumstances and the states. It is not a matter over of the case "anything that obstructed the ad- which a local community has any control ministration of justice in any sense." He whatever. The latter point was clearly further expressed his disbelief that such a brought out a few days ago by Justice trusted to their care? judge as presided in the lower court could Giegerich of the New York supreme court, possibly "have found, in anything that was in granting an injunction restraining the printed, even a tendency to prevent his per-forming his sworn duty." The points are enforcing an ordinance which made it a them, shutting off all the air, and significant. According to the decision of the misdemeanor to sell or circulate the Hearst the poultry was suffering terribly majority of the supreme court, the opinion publications in that community. of a judge regarding the "reasonable ten-

of a publication made "near the pres- of public tension as the present, is a sensible dency ence of the court" prevails, in an action for and impartial administration of the press contempt, over any question of fact. The laws by the government, and an equally court may have been affected by the publica- reasonable and unbiased interpretation of tion, or it may not. But if the court might have been affected, whether it actually was or not, the publication may be held to have "reasonable tendency" to bias the judicial judgment, and its authors be brought under penalty for contempt.

A case of a somewhat different sort, but one which involves the right of public discussion of matters which are before a court, but which have not yet been passed upon, has just been carried from a lower court to the supreme court of New Mexico. The facts of the case are too numerous and complicated to be recited here. Briefly, however, the case concerns the right of a newspaper,

in this instance the New Mexican, to publish a hostile criticism of the nonofficial conduct of a judge in connection with a disbarment proceeding and a libel suit, notwithstanding that the publication expressly stated that the criticism was directed against the judge in his private, and not his public, capacity. In as compensations, for nothing can compen-spite of the fact that the action for libel had sate us for the frightful cost of the war but been brought eight months previously, and the saving of the national life for which we no further action had been taken, the court, are fighting. This will be accomplished bebacked by the opinion of three amici curiae fore we sheathe the sword, but there are al-

of its own selection, held the publication to ready many by-products as reward for the ing to help win this war than the be in contempt, imposed a fine upon the dedoing of our duty fendant's counsel and sentenced the editor



Disgusted with Democrats.

Omaha. June 19 .- To the Editor of The Bee: At various times in my capacity as a voter during the last 25 years I have put aside prejudice and better judgment and cast my ballot for democratic candidates when the the publication by that paper, during a the right of a newspaper to discuss the facts republican candidate did not come up to expectations, and I may do so again

I have about come to the conclusion that a democrat is a waste of time. It makes no difference how good man he may be personally, a democratic officeholder is so surrounded by For the publication of the article and cartoon gations of personal misconduct are involved, a hungry horde of would-be ple-biters the publisher and editor of the News-Bee is for the aggrieved person to start a libel that any inclinations of his own towere adjudged guilty of contempt, and the suit against the offending newspaper. There- ward public welfare are lost in the clamor of his democratic constituency for an opportunity to get at the public treasure. And he usually yields to the call because it has always been demowhile the publication in question was not an of contempt of court, no matter how long cratic policy to first make sure of the spolls, and after that there is no time for efficient public service, even in

It is well to remember, now that the press inclined that way. As an asset to the public it is a 9 to 1 shot that the democratic officeholder will prove a liability, and it is not necessary to go outside of Douglas The "reasonable tendency" of the publica-tions, and not their actual effect, was held lication of anything, at any time, regardless States senator we have a fine sample to be sufficient to determine their character. of circumstances. Originally, no doubt, a free of how the public welfare and funds To this latter ruling Justice Holmes, who, with Justice Brandeis, dissented, took pointed license and control. Control of some sort, game of politics played 365 days out of the year.

Let's quit experimenting and elect republicans from cellar to garret. SOUTH SIDE, Carcless Loading of Poultry. Wilsonville, Neb., June 17 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Is there not a law to force the express companies to take better care of live stock which is en-

I lost twenty chickens in two boops by their being smothered and just now I noticed them loading chickens in the T. H. SHOEMAKER.

What is needed, especially in such a time

them by the courts. The only safe guide, in as being "slackers" at this time when either case, is the facts. The moment a they are needed so badly to care for court, or an administrative official, assumes our sick and wounded boys "over the existence of an injury or "embarrassment" of which no clear proof can be pro-

duced, that moment the government enters upon a course which leads inevitably to contradictory policies and decisions, and the hopeless confusion of what is and what is he would not have made a statement not legitimate freedom of public discussion. as broad as that. Just because the The essence of democracy is liberty, defined nurses are not all registering at the and safeguarded by law; but the liberty base hospital on the court house which does not comprehend all reasonable grounds certainly does not mean that freedom of speech and of the press is imperfect.

By-Products of the War

It is scarcely possible to speak of the things we are already getting out of the war in service, one having 18 nurses in class of neople more anxious and will-

"What was that ?" asked the old b r, jealously "Some of the stavy."-Pearson's We

The twins had gone in swimming without mother's permission, and they anticipated

"Well," "Well," said Tommy, philosoph "we're both in the same boat, anyhow philosophically. "Yes," returned Ray, the humorist of the family, "but I'm afraid it's a whale boat." -Boston Transcript.

"I sent that chorus girl a large bunch of orchids." "Well?" "Then she passed me at the stage en-

trance and went to dinner with a you whippersnapper."

"How could she tell you with your hat en?" inquired the other bandhead.-Louis-ville Courier-Journal.

FREEDOM'S CALL

We are coming now at Freedom's call, Ten hundred thousand more. From Mississippi's winding stream And from New England's shore. From city and from prairie,

From city and from prairie, From mountain and from plain; We come that tortured peoples may Be free and glad again. The love of Freedom's in our blood

As in the days of yore; Ve are coming now at Freedom's call. Ten hundred thousand more.

(Chorus)

We are coming, we are coming. As our fathers came before. We are coming now at Freedom's call. Ten hundred thousand more.

We leave our homes, our friends, our work Our city street or farm: Our nearest and our dearest We leave at war's alarm; We're gathering here to cross the sea To meet a foreign foe. The elogan of our country sounds. Its honor bids us go. We'll rally to our battle flag.

All steadfast to the core; Ve are coming now at Freedom's call. Ten hundred thousand more.

We'll foin those bravely fighting 'Gainst tyranny and wrong, That justice may be done on earth To weak as well as strong. We'll take our stand for freedom, For honor and for right,

For human deeds to fellow men; For human deeds to feldw men. For these we come to fight. Together we will stand or fall Till the final fight is over. We are coming now at Freedom's call. Ten hundred thousand more. —John Johnston, in N. Y. Herald.

In Defense of the Nurses. Omaha, June 20 .- To the Editor of The Bee: A few days ago an article was published referring to the nurses

of Nebraska, or rather Douglas county there." The article read as follows: One hundred and fifty nurses eligible for service; only 20 have registered." Personally I do not think this man

they are not registering at all. Threefourths of the graduate nurses are sending directly to headquarters at Washington for blanks, filling them

out and returning same directly to Washington. I know of several hospitals in this city alone that are well represented service, another 25, another 36, another 8-those are only a few of the many hospitals in Nebraska. Does that look like nurses are slackers?] should say not. There is not another



perfect music, with no previous training, on a playerpiano.



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rolls today.

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Fort Crook may in time be utilized by the War department for some adequate purpose, but not so long as it depends on either the senator or ongressman from Omaha.

If our hyphenated contemporary will only be ant, the republicans will in good season make own selection of a candidate to represent the Second district in congress.

Looking up the boys on the battle front will the the place of kissing the bables in the cama strategy of one Nebraska congressman. The move is at least an innovation.

"Adjourned" Politics in Indiana.

Indiana democrats, responding to the sweet ad tender pleadings of "Tom" Marshall, the rmless but necessary" vice president of the United States, have resolved that political exigencies, expediencies and the parlous state of he world require that Woodrow Wilson be men president for the third time, regardless of precedent. It is not to be alleged that any political maneuvering lies back of this. Politics a adjourned wherever a democrat may be found holding or seeking office. It is just patriotism, and nothing more, that has aroused this enthusiastic outburst in Indiana, where as a rule candidates for the presidency are to be found in plenty. Politics has been adjourned there, also, in favor of New Jersey.

"Precedent" referred to by the Hoosier unterrified may have reference to the declaration at Baltimore some years ago by the party's representatives that one term was enough, a declaration to which the candidate at that time gave his assent. Much water has run under the bridge since then and the democratic platform of 1912 was away down stream before that of 1916 was adopted, and most of its planking has been tossed among the flotsam and jetsam along the shore. Therefore, the third-term proposal is now tentatively put forward by the Hoosiers, that it may be contemplatively considered for at least a year before the champion it favors will be called upon to speak on the point.

form of eatables, and Germany and Austria alike admit disappointment. Food riots are reported from both Berlin and Vienna, while starvation creeps closer each day to the hungry people who are under rigid military control. Noncombatants are the last to be fed from the dwindling larders of the Central empires, that the armies may be kept fit for fighting to the last. In the devastated regions famine has prevailed for many months, and want and misery were never so general.

STATE RAILWAY COMMISSION EX-

PLODES A SHELL.

Railway commission on the application of the

sembles the explosion of a high-power shell

within the fortifications of the public utility cor-

of the company to consist chiefly of water, or-

thousand dollars already paid as dividends on the

ever rendered by any commission, and even here

the members are said to be themselves in dis-

agreement as to the scope of their authority.

The case is bound to go into the courts for

stubbornly contested litigation, for obviously it

would affect as a precedent public utility prop-

erties all over the country by whom the prin-

ciple is not apt to be accepted until passed on by

aspects, the commission's smashing drive .t pub-

lic utility capital inflation seems to us to re-

inforce The Bee's position for home rule regula-

tion by local rather than state authoritics. We

know the men interested in these municipal serv-

ices believe they get away from local prejudice

and secure more impartial consideration when

they go to state commissions, but in this instance

that argument loses all its weight. The people of

Lincoln, or the people of Omaha, through their

constituted officers, would surely deal as fairly

with the utility corporations on which, they

depend as a state commission of nonresidents

coln street railway case will swing the pendulum

back to home rule and regulation by the munici-

pality in which the public utility is operating,

subject, of course, to review in the courts, as it

Hunger Abroad in Europe.

The part that wheat will play in the war is

emphasized, if possible, by accounts of condi-

tions now prevailing in Europe. Likewise, the

recoil of the submarine warfare is being felt in

quarters where it was not looked for. Instead

of starving England and France, Germany's ef-

forts to blockade all ocean traffic has brought

In Denmark food is scarce, and women parade

the streets of Copenhagen, demanding more

bread and butter. Switzerland, Holland, Spain,

Sweden and Norway have been compelled to put

their people on closely-guarded rations, while back

of the lines, where food control has been so

Russia did not produce the expected loot in

want to the neutral nations of the continent.

always is.

A few bombs like the one set off in the Lin-

personally unfamiliar with what is involved.

Without going into the complicated legal

the very highest tribunal in the land.

holdings now to be annihilated.

The finding and order of the Nebraska State

Europe, belligerent, netural and victim alike, is hungry, and the only way by which we can reach the starving people is through the kaiser's ring of steel, which must be pierced and broken before generosity will be able to relieve the distress of that unhappy continent.

Cutting Down Sugar Consumption.

Americans are asked to voluntarily restrict themselves in the use of sugar. For many years we have been the second greatest consumers of sugar, only the British exceeding us in this. Now the food administrator asks us to put ourselves on an allowance of two pounds per month, or just one-fourth what we have been accustomed to. This is for personal use, however, and will be found to be a fairly liberal allowance. Most of the sugar used in America has gone into foods of various sorts-confections, pastry, preserves, fancy drinks and the like. Thirty-two ounces of sugar a month will allow each individual a little more than an ounce a day. This is quite enough for the ordinary mortal, and those whose fondness for sweets leads them to extravagance in the use of sugar will have to make whatever of sacrifice is entailed in curbing their appetites. The person most to be affected is the one who wastes by dumping into his cup of coffee or glass of tea twice or three times the amount needed. leaving it undissolved at the bottom. Sugar must be saved, just as we are saving meat and flour and other edibles. For the time the effort will be voluntary; it may become compulsory.

"Tom" Marshall will keep it up until he attracts the colonel's attention, and then he may hear something drop.

to imprisonment. Judgment on the merits of the New Mex-

Keep Your Liberty Bonds New York Financial World.

After the second Liberty loan campaign was finished those who had been Liberty bond buyers in many sections of the country received offers from all sorts of concernsbrokers, promoters, corporations and what not-suggesting that the bondholder who considered 4 per cent a small return for his investment might improve his or her position by exchanging Liberty bonds for stocks or bonds of corporations that paid all the way from 7 to 10 per cent and agreeing to take the Liberty bonds at par, although they sold at a discount. In various artful ways it was sought to impress upon holders the foolishness of accepting a mere 4 per cent return when there were so many other securities "just as good" on which the return was from 50 to 125 per cent better. We are sorry to say that this lure was effective and many unsuspecting people parted with their Liberty bonds for all sorts of trash. Some, of course, were fortunate to get good securities, but in the main they plunged from the best invest-ment in the world to speculative investments,

or worse. Now the same thing is being repeated. There are many reasons why investors will listen to the seductive story and turn over their bonds in exchange for other securities without so much as preliminary investigation, believing implicitly what is told them. Now, aside wom the doubtful patriotism displayed in getting rid of a Liberty bond as soon as it is offered, the whole system of making exchanges of this sort should come under the ban of the proper authorities, and we trust the secretary of the treasury will caution in-

vestors to keep their Liberty bonds, just as he did several months ago when an unscrupulous crowd of promoters sought to induce holders to surrender their bonds for speculative stuff of the rankest kind. Every Liberty bondholder should realize that he or she is unconsciously aiding in depressing the price of Liberty bonds by making such exchanges, for the reason that the promoters

sel like Liberty bonds on the stock exchange York City Caudidate Hylan jumped into as soon as they get their hands on them. If court with libel suits against the World holders of Liberty bonds are forced, through newspaper calling for \$500,000 damages. sheer necessity, to exchange their bonds for When the case was called the other day other securities they should not do so unless Mayor Hylah withdrew the suits, alleging and until they have made, or had made for he was too busy to prosecute. Having won them, a thorough analysis of the security the job, uncovering old sores might become that is offered that is offered.

raduate nurse, whether she be in the Red Cross, army or navy corps.

All have read how the camp and the field are drawing men of the so-called American Do you ever stop to think that a nurse may have very important busi-ness to attend to before being able to "classes" more closely together. Now, just as the British war in South Africa created a go into service, or perhaps aged parcommunity between earl's son and cook's son, so our war is making the son of the hodcarrier and the son of the millionaire understand and respect each other.

Then, too, the magnificent fashion which workingmen have responded not only to the Liberty loan call, but to all calls for money in support of the war, has revised at many points and very largely, the opinion hitherto held of the socalled "working

classes" by many of the more well-to-do, Then again dividing lines that have hitherto meant so much are being wiped out when we see men and women, black and white, Jew and Gentile, Catholic and Protestant, marching side by side in support of a common cause.

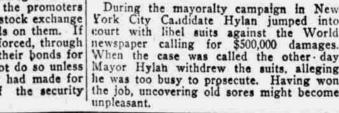
We have learned that the old lines on which we used to divide the good citizen from the bad citizen will not serve us now, but that there is only one standard: That man who is for America first, last, and all the time, is my friend and comrade; everything else is held for nothing and void. Minneapolis Journal.

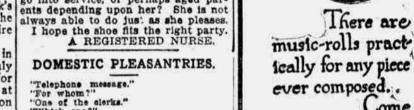
People and Events

The Rotary club of Champaign, Ill. serves notice on Mayor Thompson of Chi cago that his presence in town would be an insult to the people. Evidently the Rotar-ians know Bill.

Chicago has sent out a tugboat mission to rescue and bring home to Jackson park the caravel Santa Maria, stranded for three years near the mouth of the St. Lawrance river. Attempts were made to navigate the relic of the World's fair to San Francisco's show, but the trip ended below Quebec.

Dry legislation lures fortune to unexpected pockets. Winding up distilleries made whisky hoarders millionaires in eight months. The syndicate which picked up a stock of brass foot rests which decorated bars picked up a 300 per cent dividend from munition factories.





"Which one?" "Some dame wants to speak to Lovey. "Who answers to that name?"-Louis-ville Courier-Journal.

"Tou'll have to work or fight, Rastus." "Dey can't touch me, sah. I'se de man-ager ob a laundry." "What's the name of the laundry?" "Martha."-Boston Transcript. "Although I was late," said the new boarder, "I found the landlady had saved for me the tenderest part of the chicken."



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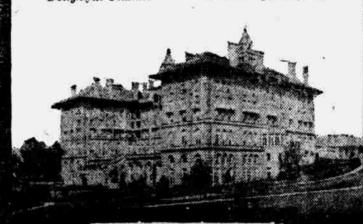
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he Tyrol to great proportions.

insurgents under Father John urphy at Vinegar Hill.
1521-North Carolina state capitol, intahing the statue of Washington r Canova, destroyed by fire.
1525-The Western Unitarian asso-clion was organized at Chicago.
1516 - Lieutenant Immelmann, ted German airman, shot down on front by Lieutenant McCub-got Some work

One Year Ago Today in the War. Italians extended their offensive in goods headquarters, with W. H. S. Hughes in the chair. Judge Barnes of Ponca was elected president, B. F. Locke secretary and W. E. Nason Federal grand jury in New York adloted Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman for opposing the treasurer.

Just 30 Years Ago Today



This Day in History. 1774—Daniel D. Tompkins, vice president of the United States, born at Scarsdale, N. Y. Died at Staten Island, N. Y., June 11, 1825. 1781—The British under Cornwallis eracuated Richmond, Va. A new dry goods house, William Barr & Co. of St. Louis, has leased the ground floor of the stock room of the store of the stock room of the ground floor of the stock room of the store of the store store of the store

Y. M. C. A. building, Sixteenth and

Asking Too Much.

Bix-What did your wife say to you when you got home at 4 o'clock this morning? Dix (wearly)—Say, old man, I've night present a very beautiful spec-got some work to do today.—Boston tacle. They are intended to hit the

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Twenty-nine Canadians have won Nebraska State Sportsmen association he Victoria Cross in the present war. was held at John J. Hardin's sporting The service flag of Columbia uniersity carries \$2 gold stars, emblematic of sons who made the supreme sacrifice. A wounded soldier. asked what had surprised him most in the battle zone,

Sidelights on the War

told of finding a robin's nest in an

empty shell case. The first war fleet ever possessed by a British overseas dominion consisted of four thinly armored boats purchased and equipped by the New Zealand government more than half a century ago. A little yellow Irish terrier named Norah, a pet of the British soldiers on the western front, has achieved a rec-ord of killing 100,000 rats in the trenches during the nearly three years

she has been in war service. . The idea of a smoke screen as an aid o naval operations is said to have been conceived by Sir Francis Drake as far back as 1589, whose plan it was "to spoil the aim of the gunners at Fort St. Julian by letting four smoke ships drift down upon the fort," while he slipped past with his main fleet and forced a landing at Lisbon. One of the most curious of all anti-

aircraft devices is that used by the Germans which is known by the alled airmen as "green balls' or "flaming onions." This consists of long chains of 40 or 50 brilliant green flaming balls, which are fired from the

Shoe and Leather Reporter: Far be it from us to criticise Hoover, but there are persons who would be better citizens if they were to eat more and complain less. New York World: The railways

Editorial Shrapnel

New York World: The railways are having trouble in hauling coal enough. Soon they will have trouble enough in hauling a 931,000,000-bushel wheat crop. That kind of trouble we can endure.

Louisville Courier-Journal: "It time for kings to stick together, wrote Charles of Austria-Hungary to Ferdinand of Roumania. The bolsheviki who believed in fraternizing with Germans have had their rude awakening. That of the kings who fraternize with the Hohenzollerns wi ome in due time. Brooklyn Eigle: A German writer,

deprecating the English occupation of Jerusalem, says, "The English flag flutters over Jerusalem and fear and ourning fill the hearts of those who are worrying over the defaming of ly objects and vandalism." And this from the nation that took wanton delight in shattering the famed cahedrals of Europe, and in bombing

ospitals! New York Herald: From Washington comes bad news for Bloody Wil-Records of the quartermasliam. ter's department of the army show

"Once I was a clerk in a grocery store at \$10 a week." said the younger

less companions and was induced to gamble_ "I sea! I see!" interjected the elder-

not belong to you." "Oh, no," was the cheerful rejoinder

-Philadelphia Telegraph.

drafted.

pick on me," said Lemuel sulkily. th ain't lost nothin' oveh in France body, and Uncle Sam kain't make me

Jim pondered over this statement

A Rare Specimen.

when he became engaged in conversation with a younger man in the seat beside him. Eventually the talk led

man, speaking of his earlier life, "but, like many others, I fell in with care-

ly one, with a sigh. "You gambled and was tempted to take money that did

of the younger man. "I won enough in a month to buy the grocery store."

Two San Francisco negroes were discussing the possibilities of being

"Tain't gwine do 'em any good to ertainly ain't gwine do any fightin'. Ah ain't got any quarrel with a-n-y

that not only has the Américan sol-dier increased in size but his foot is at length. "Uncle Sam kain't make

to personal experiences.

What Uncle Sam Can Do.

Twice Told Tales

