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THE BEE'S SERVICE FLAG
It is quite the natural thing for Turkey to gobble.

Bullets will win the war. Ballots will win the nomination.

If you do not feel like repeating the Angelus, just say: "Thy will be done."

At any rate, the Allies know the whereabouts of a considerable store of ammunition that will never be fired at them.

Captain Hupp has put Iowa high on the map. Veterans of Vicksburg may now take off their hats to the heroes of the Ourcq.

Watch your car closely, and do not buy one unless the seller can give it a clear record, and you will help defeat the auto thieves.

For a war that is to be without "indemnity or annexation," the Huns are having considerable trouble in deciding who is to have the swag.

Thirty-seven automobile owners said "good morning, Judge," and so received a lesson in observing traffic regulations. This is one way of convicting them.

Mayor Smith says he puts the city's business above politics. Good! But what about those salaried nonpartisan appointees who are putting politics ahead of city business?

The Omaha Junior Yellow is creating terrible havoc among the Germans. Since the big battle started two weeks ago, it has captured more than a million of them. If it keeps on, the crown prince will have no army left and the war will be over.

Some one wants to test the aspirants for high office by a show-down of what each has done to help win the war. That would put out of the running all whose record shows they put obstacles in the way of winning the war. Come on with the records.

The Coventry strikers are all back at work, and the British mills will keep right on turning out munitions. The upheaval did little harm, for it was over so soon, and it may have cleared up the atmosphere some. At any rate, it relieved a lot of tension, and that helps.

The good people of Shelton might with advantage read President Wilson's advice on the mob spirit. Others may well reflect on the poor judgment that finds its expression in daubing yellow paint on store fronts. The cause of freedom is not advanced by such demonstrations.

Home Problem of City Finance. Omahans do not need to go abroad in search of municipal problems in finance, for they have one at home that is worthy of their best attention. The secretary of the Board of Education reports an increase for the year in the deficiency budget of the city schools, the total now approximating half a million dollars. Moreover, the maximum levy allowed under the law will not produce sufficient revenue to carry the schools along, insuring an addition to the indebtedness. How the situation is to be met is not indicated. It was proposed a little while ago that the business matters of the schools be placed in the control of a single agent, who should manage the affairs and be responsible for expenditures. Proponents of the plan believed, and gave reasons for that belief, that such a plan would result in economies more than justifying its adoption. It is plain that the growth of the city puts an increasing burden on the schools, and that the cost of operating them will mount from year to year. But it is equally apparent that possible savings should be made, that the strictest economy should prevail, all extravagances be eliminated and a policy adopted that will keep cost somewhere in the neighborhood of the income. And this is up to the school board.

BETWEEN TURK AND HUN. Rumored friction between the Turk and the Hun over the division of spoils wrested from Russia and Roumania holds interesting possibilities. An open break and a separate peace for Turkey would be a severe blow to Germany. This, though, seems too much to expect. The diplomacy that won Turkey to support the kaiser's "Mittleuropa" dream did its work well, and is not to be undone swiftly.

While Turkey has been of tremendous service to the Central powers in the present war, it also has been splendidly rewarded in prospect. Victory for the Hun means the restoration of the Turk to control of much Christian territory, wrested from him in a long series of wars. The kaiser has pledged even to give back the Holy Land to the sultan's dominion. Armenia, Syria, the Russian Caucasian provinces and Egypt—these are to be the reward to Islam, providing elusive Berlin thimblebugging and huggermugging does not swindle or Bulgarian cupidity and persistence seize, and thus dissipate the Turk of his full share of the plunder in event of victory for the kaiser. Von Kuehlmann has side-stepped the dispute between Turkey and Bulgaria, and the Turk is reported to have declared that he will deal with a free hand in the Caucasus, which implies also the Balkan region, and thus discloses a determination to dispute with Bulgaria.

Consideration of all this, however, is merely academic. The practical point presented is that the army is under control of Germany, and while the Turkish government may rebel against dictation from Berlin, the soldiers are not likely to follow the lead of the politicians. The affair will have to develop more fully before any advantage for our cause can be seen in it. Turkey's withdrawal at this time would largely offset the collapse of Russia, but such a thing is not yet brought to pass.

America and Ireland. John Dillon's naive suggestion that the Irish question be referred to President Wilson must be considered as a final attempt at evasion. No serious objection may finally rest against the application of the principle enunciated by Mr. Wilson, wholly subscribed to by the Entente Allies, but its operation must wait the outcome of the war.

In the meantime all Americans would be pleased if the Irish could only adjourn their disputes among themselves to the extent of contributing of their man power to the winning of the war. America, England, Scotland, Wales, France, Belgium, Portugal, Australia, Canada, the South African Union, India, Italy, Serbia—a glorious company—await the presence of Ireland on the battle line, and the Irish hold back, nursing a private grudge. When Erin's sons join the forces of freedom in the general struggle for liberty they will be putting themselves in a much better light.

"Cashing In" the Thrift Stamps. Disclosures from postoffice and banks indicate that locally a considerable resale of thrift stamps has occurred of late. What motive has inspired holders of these securities to dispose of them is not made plain. In many cases it is not the urge of want, or the necessity of business, for it has been the larger buyers who have "cashed in."

One of the big banks reports that the average card presented for redemption contains about \$22 of the stamps. From the postoffice it is given out that many of the \$1,000 "limit" purchases have been taken up. Here is something wrong. At the outset, the "limit" sales were not in accordance with the spirit of the plan, which was to encourage thrift and promote a habit of saving among that class of citizens who could not reasonably be expected to buy Liberty bonds. These were to be given an opportunity to patriotically contribute to the expense of conducting the government in war times, and at the same time to have a sound, though small, investment. Redemption was made easy, that none might suffer through possible adversity, yet the purchase implied an intention that almost amounted to a contract to allow the government the use of the money for five years. Those who are asking for their money back might almost be accused of "welshing" on Uncle Sam.

Whatever the proposed inquiry may discover, the fact that it has been made necessary is far from creditable to the state. Purchasers of thrift stamps ought to be game and go through with the bargain they have made. The crown prince has paid the Yankee boys the highest compliment in his power, that of sending his best troops, fitted out with brand new equipment, against the line held by the Americans. And our lads treated them so well that most of them remained, while the rest returned to report that the errand was a dismal failure.

How far the Germans had "penetrated" the United States is slowly being disclosed by the efforts of the alien property administrator. Our overseas enemies may not find us so complaisant in the future as we were in the past. Excuses and explanations are being fed to the homefolks by the kaiser in lieu of victory, and the joke of it is the supermen continue to swallow the fiction provided, no matter how thin.

Pooled Resources of Allies
Giant Trade Agreement Shuts Out Central Powers

Washington Letter in Brooklyn Eagle.

A trade boycott of Germany, which must inevitably continue for some time after the war, even without further action on the part of the United States and the allies, is already organized. It was put into effect not for post-bellum purposes, but for the immediate purposes of the war. It will, however, be in existence after the war, perhaps for several years, until trade conditions among the nations at war with Germany have become normal.

When Lord Robert Cecil, the British under secretary of state for foreign affairs, declared a few days ago that an economic association of 24 nations was in existence to fight Germany, the statement was interpreted in some quarters here as referring to the formal organization of a league, or partnership, of nations, such as that outlined by President Wilson in his address to congress last December.

Secretary of State department here is informed, there has been no specific organization of such a league involving 24 nations. There is no formal trade agreement, unless one exists between England, France and Italy, according to the opinion of State department officials.

The United States has not as yet entered into such a league, and is giving no consideration to the proposal at this time, for the very reason that it is not necessary. All that can be accomplished by such a league is now in actual effect. The combination, which was made for war purposes, leaves Germany entirely outside, and it will be some time after the war is over before it will be possible to admit Germany to economic partnership, even if it should be considered desirable to do so.

The resources of the allies and of the United States, it is pointed out here by State department officials, are being pooled. This applies to all raw materials, manufactured materials, food supplies, war munitions and the like. Such a pooling became necessary in order that allied demands might be properly met, so that each country should be able to obtain what it needed, so that there should be no inter-allied competition in the markets and no scrambling and bidding upon the part of one country to the detriment of another.

Allied purchases in the United States are carefully regulated and controlled by foreign representative officials, working in conjunction with American officials. There is complete harmony of operation. In the matter of food, for instance, the needs of the United States and all other countries at war with Germany are reviewed, together with the prospective food supply, and then there is an apportioning of the resources. So much wheat will be reserved for the United States, so much will be sent to England, so much to France, etc., and all will buy at the same price. Not only does this arrangement include countries actually at war with Germany, but the needs of South American countries are also taken into consideration.

This system not only applies to food products, but to all other necessities of life. The allied and American supply of wool and cotton is rationed by agreement and distributed according to the needs of each country or the amount that is available. Steel and metal products are regulated in the same manner. Possessing complete control over exports and imports, as well as of ships and railroads, the allied countries are in a position to carry into effect a harmonious plan that takes into consideration the necessities of each individual nation.

All these things are already being done. In the United States the system is worked out in careful detail, so that there is co-operation not only between the foreign representatives here, but between the war industries board, the food administration, the fuel administration, the war trade board, the railroad administration, the shipping board and other distinctively war branches of the government. Supplies of all kinds for American use and for the use of the allies are allotted in certain proportions of the available cargo space in ships. The railroads of the country carry so much for America and so much for the allies, the proportions being fixed according to car capacity and relative needs. The whole aim of this great system is to prevent confusion and to see that each country at war with Germany gets a square deal. It is a gigantic piece of teamwork, put into effect with the idea of making the winning of the war a certainty.

This war rationing plan, which has been in effect for many months and is being further perfected all the time, of necessity brings the allied countries and the United States into extremely close trade relations. At the end of the war the agreement will continue in effect so long as it may be necessary. It cannot be ended abruptly, because economic conditions in all the countries concerned must be allowed a period of readjustment, until normal conditions can be restored. It is entirely probable that for several years after the war it will be necessary for the allied countries to keep the present system in operation and that in the interchange of resources they will require for themselves all available supplies, without leaving anything for nations on the outside.

Out of this war agreement will undoubtedly grow a broader and more perfect trade compact, after the war, perhaps covering a definite period of years, to which there will be formal agreement by all the countries concerned. No country will be permitted to enter into this compact without the consent of the United States and of other allied nations. As to whether Germany will ultimately be admitted depends upon the kind of peace that comes, the kind of government that may then exist in Germany and the kind of trade policy that Germany intends to pursue. In the formation of any formal league of nations for international trade purposes the United States will exercise a potent power.

The Bee's Letter Box

The Omaha Rotary Angelus. Omaha, July 29.—To the Editor of The Bee: The following facts with reference to the Angelus, recently endorsed by the Rotary club, will doubtless interest many.

The word "Angelus" does not refer to an occasion, but to a prayer, by those of the Roman Catholic faith. On July 6 a resolution was offered in the United States senate in which the word "Angelus" appears, calling on the people of the United States to unite in prayer at noon each day, the resolution having been interpreted as meaning that the above prayer was to be used. July 6 fell on Saturday, and there was not a full attendance in the senate chamber at that time. The resolution was passed, but has not advanced further, and it seems that the senators were not well informed as to the purport of the same.

The objections made and the exceptions taken by legislators and others have not been introduced because of any opposition to prayer to God for guidance and aid in this war, but because this is a Christian country, wherein state religion is not recognized and where each individual prays according to his own convictions. People are willing to pray, and do pray. Even though it might be said that the Angelus implies that each shall pray as he sees fit, yet the fact remains that the word "Angelus" identifies the devotion with a particular faith. It would be manifestly wrong to have the word believe now or hereafter that in times of stress this country has been invited by its government, or by any nonsectarian, nonpartisan organization, to pray a prayer adopted solely by those of a particular faith. The Constitution of the United States does not provide for state or religious prayers any more than for state religious teaching.

It is not the purpose of this letter to reflect on any religious teaching. Those who pray the Angelus have a perfect right to their view of it, and the law respects their right. It seems proper for the Rotary club to recognize the principle of religious freedom and see that it is not made a party to anything which could be construed as a basis for sectarian differences at this time especially. "Without knowledge" has led into many pitfalls. The world stands aghast today in viewing the effects of the German government's policy of limiting the thought of its people to certain well-defined channels approved by an autocratic minority, thus holding these people to where they could be handled for other purposes. The world has also seen despair and failure fall upon every people upon whom convulsions have urged particular religious faith. In freeing the world from autocracy let us not be led into another snare to be subsequently freed from at a price too often paid by blood.

Let us give to the Roman Catholics the credit for not wanting the prayers which are sacred to them to become the basis of argument and criticism which can result in nothing good. Let us permit each one to pray according to his own inclinations. Let us unitedly support our Christian government in what it has undertaken to do for humanity.

Answer to a ROTARIAN. Omaha, July 29.—To the Editor of The Bee: I notice Rev. Mr. Savidge again endeavors to bring himself into public notice. I see he refuses to join in with others in praying the Angelus, as it is a Catholic prayer. The Catholics are not at the back of this prayer, Mr. Savidge, so why bring them in? Have you ever seen a Catholic refuse to do his bit toward helping to win this war? Then why refuse to say this simple little prayer? It seems Mr. Savidge has to have something to kick about, so let him take us. He states he does not pray to the Virgin Mary, as she is not a Christian, but the Lord, but prays to God through Jesus Christ. Why, reverend brother, Jesus Christ, as He is Mary's son? Why not pray to your God alone? It seems from the way Rev. Mr. Savidge conducts his morning services here in his church his God must be awfully deaf, as we poor neighbors here have an awful time trying to save our hearing, if such is his belief in prayer, nuff said.

In our reciting the Angelus the Catholics are not asking it. It is a world-wide prayer. Mr. Savidge does not believe in sinners praying, but he sure does like to get them down here in his church and pray with them and help them back to the straight and narrow path. He seems very busy here every morning, from 8:30 until 10:30, with his religious assistants, chasing devils out of some poor unfortunate sinner. Mr. Savidge had better read his Bible again, as he misstates his own statements, as I have heard him say several times, "Come to me, all ye who are heavy laden and I shall give ye rest." So if the bootlegger and all the rest of his so-called sinners can't ask God for forgiveness, what is to become of the world, and why keep to the churches, as the good don't need prayer, and surely these poor sinners do.

So, Mr. Savidge, put your prejudice in your pocket and join the rest of the world, and if you don't approve of the Angelus, say another one, but please stop hanging crepe on good causes.

ONE WHO KNOWS YOU.

CHEERY CHAFF. "Can you tell me, my boy, said the prin teacher, 'why the race is not always it the swift'?" "Yes," said the little boy promptly: "It's because sometimes their tires bust."—Boston Transcript.

Member of the Draft Board—Madam, you say you want your son inducted into the army although you admit he is the main support of the family. Complainant—No, sir, I do not admit that. I said he was the main sport of the family.—Judge.

SONG OF THE CAMP. "Give us a song!" the soldiers cried. "The outer trenches guarding. When the heated guns of the camps allied. Grow weary of bombardment. The dark Redan, in silent scoff. Lay grim and threatening under. And the tawny mound of the Malakoff. No longer belted its thunder.

There was a pause. A guardman said: "We storm the forts tomorrow." Sing while we may, another day Will bring another sorrow.

They lay along the battery's side. Below the smoking cannon. Brave hearts from Severn and Clyde. And from the banks of Shannon. They sang of love, and not of fame. Forged was Britain's glory. Each heart recalled a different name. But all sang "Annie Laurie."

Voice after voice caught up the song. Until its tender passion. Rose like an anthem, rich and strong— Their battle-ave confession. Dear girl, her name he dared not speak. But, as the song grew louder. Something upon the soldier's cheek Washed off the stains of powder.

Beyond the darkening ocean burned The bloody sunset's embers. While the Crimean valley learned How English love remembers. And once again a fire of hell Rained on the Russian quarters. With scream of shot and burst of shell And following of the mortar!

And Irish Nora's eyes are dim. For a sinner dumb and gory. And English Mary mourns for him Who sang of Annie Laurie. Sleep, soldiers! Still in honored rest Your truth and valor wearing. The bravest are the tenderest— The loving are the dauntless.

—BAYARD TAYLOR.

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TODAY
One Year Ago Today in the War. Germany agreed to assume war expenses of Turkey and Bulgaria in coming year. American tank steamer Montana torpedoed by German submarine and 23 lives lost. British and French made notable gains in new offensive against the Germans in Flanders. The Day We Celebrate. Jules A. Althaus, loan agent, born 1870. Matthew A. Hall, attorney-at-law, born 1862. Maj. Gen. William A. Mann, United States army, born in Pennsylvania, 64 years ago. Edward H. Hurley, chairman of the federal shipping board, born at Galesburg, Ill., 54 years ago.

Just 30 Years Ago Today
A. V. Miller took the medal at the South Omaha Club shoot. The Pacific Telegraph company has introduced a wire into the chamber of the Board of Trade and will open an office for the transaction of business at the Western Union will open one at the same time. The waterworks company are working away laying their main from Florence to this city. A thirty-six inch main is being put down and the work is now going on along Twenty-fourth street. On next Sunday the new Congregational church on the corner of Davenport and Nineteenth streets will be open for public worship. Henry Fuhrman of Fremont, is in the city on business connected with the Wyoming and Central Oil and Pipe Line company, of which he is president.

State Press Comment
Arnold Sentinel: If it is required that all newspapers be printed in English, what will become of the fellows that write sporting page slang? Hastings Tribune: When you hear some wild story about the army camps and the war work, ask the one who told it how his dachshund is getting along. Alliance Weekly: A woman appeared before the county food administrator with the question: "If the freight rate has advanced only 22 cents a hundred, why should the flour go up a dollar?" After figuring for the greater part of three days the judge arises to inquire: "How old is Ann?" Aurora Sun: A resident of northeastern Nebraska whose middle name is Will and whose surname is Kiser, has asked the courts to legally amputate the latter end of the name and substitute "Williams." This citizen has been called "Bill Kiser" by his acquaintances so long that he has determined to escape by way of the legal route, after which all friends will take warning. "Now be a strong man and do our best in the job of whipping our enemies," said a mother in parting with her son as he left for the war "today morning. This feeling of pride and desire is powerful stimulant in the present task. And the usual attitude of courage or the part of the American mother is manifested in the pluck and daring and skill of the American boy on the battle front.

Right to the Point
Indianapolis News: The Americans by simply following the Huns can get where they want to go without Baedeker's. Minneapolis Journal: The curbstone strategists are doing their best, but great trust is still felt in General Foch's plans. St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Some republicans are sympathetic toward Colonel Roosevelt by Cuba. Philadelphia North-American: According to T. R. the most magnificent luxury accorded to spies in this country is the last "in" in intern. Minneapolis Tribune: The most thrilling "community sing" we know about is the kind that takes place when the American soldiers in France start after Berlin. Cleveland Plain Dealer: Before this drive is over the Germans will not only be accepting American troop figures, but will probably be inclined to exaggerate them. Springfield Republican: It may be true that the Huns will not be so barbarous as to take wounded Germans to Red Cross hospitals, where they might fall victims to German bombs. Kansas City Star: Berlin is said to trust that the Huns will not be so barbarous as to take wounded Germans to Red Cross hospitals, where they might fall victims to German bombs. Whole Truth: Heil him the who will insist on being "shown."

Nebraska Politics
Holbrook Observer (dem.): The quicker that Arthur Best and Bernard McNeely are disposed of in the democratic party, the better off the party will be. Gering Courier: If it should so happen that two certain candidates for the United States senate are named, there is a strong possibility that a coalition of 100 per cent American republicans and democrats will propose an independent candidate, of Wymore Wymorean. If you want public office, get it this year. Two years from now—and henceforth for the next generation—all the public offices will be filled by the soldiers of the big war. Even if the war should not stop before then, there will be enough cripples home in every Nebraska county to hold down every job that's going. Kearney Hub: Once on a time Dave Mercer was one of the big men of Nebraska. The "blacksmith's son" from Nemaha county was a deservedly popular figure in the early days of his political career. But politics spoiled him. Since his disappearance from congress he has had all kinds of jobs, sometimes lobbyist (as the story goes), not long ago a "supper" for the State Council of Defense, and latterly provided for at Washington by Omaha business interests. And now comes David Mercer at the last minute and files as a candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator. Has he perpetrated this joke entirely of his own volition? Whose trick is it and what is there behind it? There are a lot of Missourians in Nebraska who will insist on being "shown."



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