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THE BEE'S SERVICE FLAG
"Hitchcock, Harmony and H—" didn't win at Hastings.

At any rate, we have a "promising" lot of vote chasers.

"My Dear Mullen" reads very much like an echo of "My Dear Viereck."

The Kaiser is having about as much fun ruling the Russians as did the czar.

Well, the Angelus is being observed pretty generally in Omaha these days.

More vigilance on part of auto owners may lessen the work for the vigilantes.

If Mr. McAdoo succeeds in eliminating the ambulance chaser he will have achieved one real triumph.

Can it be possible that Prince Arthur is losing his hypnotic artfulness with the democratic brethren?

The Lincoln Journal just cannot forgive "Met" for starting something on its pet university professors.

With 13 pounds of tobacco per capita on hand and a new crop coming on, we ought to be able to worry through the coming winter somehow.

The Nebraska Hyphenated has been asking what the Omaha republicans will do for an issue in the coming campaign; how about state finances?

Another German tyrant has been assassinated in Ukraine, affording further evidence of how devoted the people are to the bolshevik bargain with the kaiser.

The clean-out of the city hall continues to inspire hope of a clean-out of the democratic ring running the county affairs in the court house across the street.

In order to hit profiteers a deadly blow the Kitchen committee has decided to double the tax on amusement tickets. That is going after the plunderband with a vengeance.

Chairman Hays has been head of the republican national organization for only a few months, but he has already thoroughly demonstrated that he is the right man in the right place.

Will Harvey Hitchbranch now direct his batteries on the editor of the New York Globe and demand to know why he maliciously picks on our pure-minded democratic senator from Nebraska?

Four years ago today the kaiser started on his long delayed visit to Paris. Something happened to disarrange his schedule, however, for he is not yet registered at any hotel in the gay capital.

All complaints that the real Americans are not getting into the war may now be laid away. Sioux Indians are responding to the draft with such cheery war whoops as must quench all the "bonfires in Berlin."

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FOUR YEARS OF FIGHTING. Today marks the beginning of the fifth year of the world war. That it has continued so long is a proof of its desperate character.

This is not the only lesson taught us by the war. Americans have been given a most impressive illustration of a danger that had sprung up at home, the machinations of a foreign power, pretending friendly interest in all our doings, sharing in all our achievements, and insidiously undermining our institutions and threatening our national existence.

How soon the great tragedy will close in the utter defeat of the kaiser and the complete rout of the Potsdam pirates may not be said, but it has been made certain by the entry of America into the conflict.

Four years of fighting have taught us much, but nothing we have learned is greater than the knowledge that our liberties are only safe when we are prepared to defend them.

Side Issues Sidetracked. By the adoption of platform declarations by both political parties in Nebraska favoring ratification of the federal prohibition amendment and equal suffrage one good thing is accomplished, at least for this campaign.

Republicans and the Kaiser. "Every republican vote cast in November is a nail in the kaiser's coffin; every republican congressman elected is another stone piled on his tomb."

Help for the Russians. The exact nature of the terms on which Mr. Wilson has consented that the United States shall take part in the joint move for the help of Russia have not yet been disclosed.

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German Control of Metal Concerns
Backbone of Hun Hold On America Forever Broken
New York Herald.

German control of the metal industry in the United States was smashed for all time, it was announced by A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian, the other day when he took over the business of L. Vogelstein & Co., Inc., of No. 42 Broadway, and of Beer, Sondheimer & Co., Inc., of No. 61 Broadway.

The assets of the former company are upwards of \$9,000,000, and those of the latter are upwards of \$7,000,000. The headquarters of the alien property custodian, No. 110 West Forty-second street, that L. Vogelstein & Co. and Beer, Sondheimer & Co. not only played an important part in Germany's declaration of war, but also in the continuation of the war after Germany had gotten into it.

The two companies, as well as the enemy interests in Stallforth Co., No. 120 Broadway, dealers in silver bullion, with a capitalization of \$1,000,000, were taken over by Mr. Palmer as the result of an investigation conducted by Francis P. Garvan, director of the bureau of investigation of the alien property custodian's office.

Beer, Sondheimer & Co. and L. Vogelstein & Co. were affiliated with the German Metal Gesellschaft, which for years has dominated the entire metal market of the world. They dominated the metal market of this country in such a manner that they were enabled to sell copper, aluminum, zinc and other metals in Germany at a price much lower than the American consumer has to pay.

With the American Metal company, of No. 61 Broadway, the large enemy interest in which has been already taken over by the alien property custodian, Beer, Sondheimer & Co. and L. Vogelstein & Co., controlled most of the principal metal and smelting companies of this country, either by complete ownership of stock or by the ownership of enough stock to give them substantial representation of boards of directors.

Mr. Garvan's investigation disclosed that L. Vogelstein & Co. and Beer, Sondheimer & Co. have supplied necessary metals to Germany after the beginning of the war, in August, 1914, and the shipments were not discontinued until the United States declared war on Germany in 1917.

The profits of L. Vogelstein & Co. since April, 1916, were extremely large, the firm's business for the last three years approximating \$70,000,000. Between April and December of 1916 the profits of this firm amounted to upwards of \$2,500,000.

Prior to the war Beer, Sondheimer & Co. of Frankfurt, Germany, established an American branch in New York, which was managed by Benno Elkan and Otto Frohnknecht. This was in 1904. They had written agreements with the home office whereby each was to receive a salary varying in amount and each was to participate in the profits of the American business of the company.

The American branch had control of the firm's business in the United States, Canada, Mexico, South America and Central America. In 1912 Elkan and Frohnknecht made an agreement with the home office in Germany whereby each would receive a salary of \$900 a month, and, in addition, 12 1/2 per cent of the net profits of the American branch, the German firm guaranteeing to each the salary and participation in the profits should not equal less than \$18,700 a year.

The German office provided all the capital that was required in the business. At the time these agreements were made Elkan and Frohnknecht were German citizens. Although they had been in the United States for a number of years, they waited until early in 1917 before taking out naturalization papers.

In August, 1915, the New York corporation was organized with the corporate name of "Beer, Sondheimer & Co., Inc." Elkan and Frohnknecht, in their report to the alien property custodian explain the reason for the new organization by stating that at the outbreak of the European war it became difficult and finally impossible to communicate with German partners.

Being unable to communicate with the partners in Germany, and it therefore being impossible to have a final statement of their accounts as managers of the American branch, it was decided in August, 1915, to organize under the new corporation name. It is regarded as significant that the capitalization of the new company was only \$1,000,000, whereas the books show that on June 30, 1915, the assets exceeded the liabilities by \$3,200,000, so that the book value of each share of stock was more than \$300.

Five shares of stock were issued to quality directors and the balance of 9,995 shares was put into a voting trust, the voting trustees being Elkan and Frohnknecht, one Plack, a bookkeeper of the company, and a lawyer named Nelson.

In the spring of 1916, when the war clouds began to loom threatening this country, Elkan and Frohnknecht, who were president and vice president of the new company, respectively, with the same salary and percentage as was provided for them in the 1912 agreement with the German office, engaged one E. O. Jacobson to go to Europe for the alleged purpose of purchasing from the German partnership of 3,000 shares of stock owned by the home office in the American corporation. They claim that Jacobson bought this stock at \$80 a share and that they paid \$240,000 for it, paying \$151,000 in cash, transferring to the German firm \$80,000, which they had or deposited on a subscription to the German war loan. Jacobson is said to be dead. The only receipt submitted by Elkan and Frohnknecht is for \$89,000.

Mr. Garvan became convinced that the sale of the German-owned stock in the American concern was camouflaged. It appeared that all the money, with the exception of \$89,000 held by Elkan and Frohnknecht, came from the treasury of the American corporation, which in turn was owned by the German partnership. It also appeared that property, which during the year in which it was increased had yielded a profit of \$2,000,000, had been bought for the sum of \$240,000.

Mr. Garvan in his investigation found that Vogelstein & Co. had stored large quantities of copper for delivery after the war to Aaron Hirsch & Son. He also found that the latter concern had guaranteed notes for several hundred thousand dollars, given to a New York bank by L. Vogelstein & Co. Mr. Palmer has taken possession of the entire \$5,000,000 of stock and has taken control of the business.

Uncle Joe Cannon points to the fact that this is the first great war in which the United States has ever been engaged without having a peace party in the country and in congress. When we feel exasperated because of individual sedition and sporadic pro-Germanism, we can cheer ourselves with contemplation of the unity of the American people, a unity as extensive as the expanse of the country and as intensive in the south as in the north, in the west as in the east.

The United States for the first time in its history is unanimous, and dissent from such unanimity is not tolerated, no more in Milwaukee than in Philadelphia, and less so in Oklahoma than in Connecticut. Our people are one people and they purpose to stay in one peace, persuasively if possible, forcibly if required.

Mr. Cannon, who was a district attorney in Illinois during the civil war, prosecuted many seditionists in that time, and he describes the extent of the opposition to Lincoln. He knows many good citizens whose fathers were copperheads. But the fact is generally forgotten, for, as Mr. Cannon remarks, in America we do not punish the children for the sins of the parents.

It is evidence of the singular justice and charity of the American disposition that we do not persecute any man because of his religion or his politics, and we would afford everyone opportunity to readjust his mind to the revelations of the times.

Just the same we do not purpose to cherish vipers in our bosom, and to permit movements for the subversion of the American state and society. We have had enough of Germanism here and are prepared to handle it roughly, wherever it shows its ugly head.

The Bee's Letter Box

Kick from Judge Bryant. Hartington, Neb., July 29.—To the Editor of The Bee: I wish the American people, like Tillman Joy, could put by their politics till the war is over. President Wilson has shown his good faith in advising the democrats of Minnesota not to oppose Nelson, and the democrats of Iowa not to oppose Kenyon; and in the important trusts he has confided to Taft and Hughes. The republican politicians who are howling themselves hoarse about the ability of that party above all others, to save the country on the home stretch because of its long experience, brings to mind a homely illustration:

Suppose the Methodist church, by some fortuitous happening, should get physical possession of hell, do you think the devil would not approach them with the reminder that he had run that institution for 6,000 years, and for that reason, they had best turn it over to him? The republican politicians who are kicking up this dust are expecting the pro-German vote. You know it. Any party who is banking on that vote deserves defeat and will receive it. John L. Kennedy opened his mouth the other day—and spoke, Mr. Kennedy is, by common consent, the best commercial lawyer in this state. He was engaged by the suffragettes to draw up the proposed woman suffrage amendment to the constitution. If the amendment had been adopted 10 per cent of the women of Nebraska would have been left out in the cold—would not have been enfranchised. It does not require a lawyer to see this. Any intelligent child, passed the eighth grade, reading section 1 of article VII, of our state constitution, and glancing at the proposed amendment, could see it. This, I presume, is a sample of constructional statesmanship, to which Mr. Kennedy alludes with so much emphasis. WILBUR F. BRYANT.

In the Matter of Prayer. Omaha, July 29.—To the Editor of The Bee: I see that Rev. Mr. Savage promises not to say the Angelus because he says it is a Catholic prayer and that he does not pray to the Virgin Mary. Of course, nobody knows better than Mr. Savage himself that nobody has asked him to say the Angelus. The Angelus is a Catholic prayer and the Virgin in the words of the Angel Gabriel and Saint Elizabeth, and ask her to pray for them. Do we defy the Blessed Virgin when we ask her to pray for us? Let's see. Did "Billy" Sunday defy the people of Omaha when he asked them to pray for the success of his revival? Did he defy Cardinal Gibbons when he asked him to pray for the success of his Baltimore revival? Well, "Savage" says he did, so that settles it. A "WICKED HOBBO."

LAUGHING GAS. "You know, John has to be in Washington, and I'm to live with him, and our rent is twice what John's salary is." "Congratulations! You must be a wonderful manager to get off as easy as that!"—Life.

Farmer (after the patriot has milked his first cow)—Well, friend, you've learned something you never knew before, hey? City Chap—Verily, brother! I've just learned that the person who says a cow gives milk is a liar!—Buffalo Express.

"It must be great to be married to a man who is earning \$10,000 a year." "There's always a drawback, girlie. A man in that grade seldom hands his wife his pay envelope."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"I think I had better get a job before we marry." "Don't be so unromantic, Fordy; I won't need any new clothes for a long time." "True; but you may want to eat almost immediately."—Boston Transcript.

Mrs. Nages—I understand your husband is unable to meet his creditors. Mrs. Wages—Don't you believe it! He can and does meet them much oftener than he cares to.—Pearson's Weekly.

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THE CALL OF THE KIND.

There is a strange unrest That hovers in the air; Sometimes a yearning call That whistles everywhere.

The captive wild bird hears That call on autumn wind; The migratory call; The summons of his kind.

The house-dog by the fire's Unsettled in the light; Disturbed by far wailing cry, To dog-kind in the night.

When war breaks custom down And Right and Truth's defiled; Then Manhood hears kind-call Like summons of the Wild.

On farm and village street, On boulevard and car, They feel that strange unrest; That summons from afar.

Today, the boy stood still, The corn was shoulder high; Through rustic silence fell That call from summer sky.

Tonight, he said: "My father, God's Army must advance, I heard a voice today; They're calling me in France."

The father bowed his head And spoke as though in prayer: "In sixty-one I heard That summons from the air."

I followed it to Vicksburg, With Sherman to the sea; 'Well done,' it said, when Grant Returned the sword of Lee.

Obeys that mystic voice 'Tis human-kind that calls The best into the battle 'Till despotism falls.

Charge on, nor stop, nor falter, Break through the western line, Till from the Kaiser's Castle, Old Glory's Stars shall shine." A. J. DUNLAP.

Lincoln, Neb.



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TODAY

One Year Ago Today in the War. Major General Pershing visited American training camp in France. British launched great offensive against Germans on Flanders front. In proclamation to the German people the kaiser expressed confidence in victory.

The Day We Celebrate. Fred A. Cressney, shoe dealer, born 1855. Ralph W. Moody, sales manager for the Cudahy Packing company, born 1874. Frank J. Fitzgerald, investment broker, born 1861.

Robert T. Lincoln, only surviving son of President Abraham Lincoln, born at Springfield, Ill., 75 years ago. Rear Admiral William S. Cowles, United States navy, retired, born at Farmington, Conn., 73 years ago.

This Day in History. 1861—Federals under General Burnside met Confederates under General Stuart near Brandy Station, Va., compelling them to retreat until reinforced when Buford fell back.

1870—King of Prussia left Berlin to join the army in the war against France.

1914—Germany formally declared war on Russia and ordered troops mobilized.

1915—German submarine merchantman Deutschland left Baltimore on its return voyage to Germany.



The man skinning a beef in the shortest time. It will be decided in public on the ball.

T. K. Subborough, chief clerk in Mayor Bechtel's office Pacific Express, left for Idaho and the Pacific coast on a month's journey, combining business with pleasure.

A. B. Davenport, hotel clerk at the Millard, left to take a position with the Centropolis hotel people at Kansas City.

James H. Vandusen has severed his connection with the South Omaha Times after several months of editorial management.

Round About the State

The Kewasaw Sunbeam once more shined with usual fervor. It was by fire, though a temporary annoyance, served to brighten the subsequent number.

Ep in Holt county the Frontier reports that corn and all kinds of crops were never better. The grain harvest is about over. Wheat is somewhat shy in quantity, "but the quality is very fine."

Merely to keep history straight the Argold Sentinel pipes the present whereabouts of the farmer who used to take in summer boarders to save the farm. Listen and get wise: "Several of 'em known to us are now riding in automobiles, while the others walk and brush off the dust."

Speaking from observation, possibly from experience, the Arnold Sentinel suggests that "keeping a goat not merely provides some very good milk, but it introduces an element of philosophical and whiskered dignity into your backyard." Woe to the envious contemporary who swipes that goat!

The printed phis of "John H. Morehead, former governor," enlivens columns of a large number of state papers. It is conspicuous by its loneliness. Nary a rival face appears to distract attention from the massive brow or disturb the serene smile which drew admiring crowds to the east end of the state capital some moons ago. But one picture does not make a show. Howard, Reed, Metcalfe, Price and Duncanson come into in, else the beauty prize may go by default.

Center Shots

Kansas City Times: Hasn't father forgotten to congratulate the crown prince on his promotion to commander of the armies under your command?"

Detroit Free Press: Next October you will have a real chance to celebrate what the Yanks have done at Chateau Thierry by buying more Liberty bonds.

Minneapolis Journal: England reports an unusually large goat population to reduce the expenses of living. This was what the Germans were aiming at securing.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: When General Crowder read the German war bulletin complaint about the soldiers, he promptly ordered the mobilization of 50,000 more American negroes.

Minneapolis Tribune: Some of the American fighters were on the job 30 hours without a break. You couldn't hold them down to an 8-hour day with Gatling guns when they see Fritz in the offing.

Brooklyn Eagle: We sympathize with "Bismarck, N. B. Her name should be changed to Bismarck, the Iron Chancellor is a lot better than his pewter successors, who illustrate only the irony of fate.

New Orleans Times-Picayune: Senator Nelson of Minnesota, rose in the house of elders the other day to suggest that the way to help Russia is to let the Germans on the western front. That may be a good way, but it is not a very good way, for our best-advertised volunteers

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