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Watch the west front map change.

The new moon of August was a "wet" one if you still believe in signs.

The "strong peace" is coming to Germany, all right, but not through the German sword.

It is quite a long way to Berlin by way of Vladivostok, but our boys can make it by that route if necessary. Brother Edgar Howard has sidetracked his

monetary reform, but he will never consent to a military domination in America. If Lenine had been half as bold against Ger-

many as he is against the Entente Allies, the Brest-Litovsk farce never would have been played. Wilhelm is going to send Karl some generals

who know how to lead an offensive. He might also send him some who can run, like Hell for Italy may have been crowded off the front

page, but that is no sign the Italians are out of the war. Witness D'Annunzio's propaganda raid on Vienna. Local artesian wells are following the example

of the state and are going dry. Those who depend on the Missouri for water yet have a reliable source of supply.

More than a million head increase in meat animals sent to market in July this year over last is the stockman's answer to the call for meat. America is making good.

Secretary Baker finds it very difficult to adjust himself to the thought of lowering the draft age limit to 18. He ought to inquire as to "where Grant got his army."

"The retrograde movement of the German army is being accelerated," say the esteemed "A. P." in sizing up the situation, thus preserving its traditions of accuracy and impartiality.

Western Nebraska promises a bumper crop of spuds for the coming harvest. Let us hope this is true, and that they come to market at prices that will be within a workingman's reach.

While the guessers are busy squabbling over the size of the corn crops, nature is doing her level best to repair damage, and the yield will be of quality and quantity creditable to the state.

The remarkable Russian mind sees a friend in oppressive Germany and foes in the Allies who are trying to help the unfortunates who can not do anything for themselves. Vigorous treatment must accompany kindly offices here.

Francis G. Hamer.

Francis G. Hamer was one of the builders of Nebraska, a man of the type whose industry and intellect brought this commonwealth up to its present position of eminence. His distinguishing quality was his energy in pursuit of his object. As a practicing attorney he brought to himself wide attention by reason of his persistence when once he set about establishing truth and justice. On the district bench, and later on the supreme bench, he was especially noted for the patience with which he listened to argument, and the care with which he examined each point presented. Independence of thought and action characterized him, but he did not allow that to lead him beyond reason or into extravagances of conduct. Like the late Samuel Maxwell, he believed that a vigorous dissent is of help at all times, and he could be depended upon to furnish one when his views or conclusions ran counter to those of his associates. His death leaves another gap in that dwindling band of sturdy lawyers whose work through the formative period of the state made its later development the more ubstantial.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

Again Americans are encouraged by

the changes made in the battle map in twentyfour hours. The Allies have driven back the desperately resisting Germans, foot by foot, sweeping them from point after point, turning their victory of March, April and May into defeat and almost rout. Since July 15 the Germans have lost more in men and material than during any other period of the war. Their rear guard action has brought them losses of men almost as heavy as their frontal attack, while in guns, ammunition and other equipment they have suffered more severely than can well be understood. Thousands of prisoners attest the swiftness of the Allies' stroke, while uncounted stores of war material have been abandoned to the victors. These evidences of the extent of disaster that has fallen on the kaiser's army at the moment of its greatest pride afford the most substantial proof of preparation made to extend its advance, verifying the belief that the general staff had planned to secure a decision before America could get in. The war of movement has turned disastrously against the Hun, and the sunset of his hopes is shrouded in clouds of defeat. To quote Lloyd George, "the long tunnel is nearly passed," and the decision on the western front, awaited for four years, is now being rendered in favor of human liberty.

No Time for Unofficial "Peace" Conferences. The action of the British war ministry in refusing passports to Arthur Henderson and his associates, who proposed going to Geneva for an unofficial peace conference with Dutch and German socialists, must have approval of all who really appreciate what is involved. When the nations in arms against the Teutonic alliance are pledged to definite victory, the proposal of a portion of their citizens to informally debate peace terms smacks greatly of a desire to anticipate a settlement without a final triumph on the field. On this point Dr. William Benjamin Smith of Tulane university trenchantly says:

The Allies must conquer a permanent peace. They must turn a deaf ear to all talk about peace, whether formal or informal. All peace proposals, no matter whence they emanate, can nothing but "crafty traps" with which the Allies must have nothing whatever to do, which must be scouted with scorn or with silent contempt. The simple fact that they please Germany is sufficient reason why they should loathsome to us.

This applies with especial force to all socialistic and "international" endeavors, whether in Sweden or Switzerland, in Russia or Italy, in France or in England or in America, whether furthered by Sidney Webb, or by Cammille Huysmanns, by Arthur Henderson or G. B. Shaw, by the Manchester Guardian or the New Republic. Wittingly or unwittingly, all these are forms of German diplomacy and propaganda, the more disguised the more dangerous. The socialistic jar has too long been filled with the wine of German thought and feeling; it can not now lay aside the taste, the tinge and the odor, even if it would.

Peace fomented by such agencies at this time means a job half done, a postponement of the task so well under way, and all debate for the present should turn on pressing the war. Our soldiers need support of a nation united on the job, and not the discouragement emanating from pacifists or pro-Germans.

Military Training and Peace.

American pacifists-and there are many such left, some in high and responsible places-profess to see in the proposed extension of the draft law the thin edge of the wedge of universal military training entering to overturn or rive asunder our social fabric. Arguments presented are of the familiar type, chiefly revolving on the point of military interference in civil activities. To give this its full weight one must suppose Americans to be incapable of self-control, to be susceptible of domination by a clique, and of such submissive nature as to patiently abide imposition. In no other way can be supported the theory that familiarity with arms and a proper grounding in military knowledge be construed into a menace to our institutions. On the other hand, it ought to be plain to any that far more of real danger exists in the pacifist policy of nonpreparaedness. It was because of neglect in the matter of getting ready, a deliberate failure to heed unmistakable warnings, that we found ourselves in the predicament that confronted us in April, 1917, forced into a war for which we were not ready. Great Britain had been lulled into complacency by the same sort of arguments, and found a terrible awakening in 1914. Military preparation for a free people does not jeopardize their freedom, but only makes it the more secure. It may be the extension of the draft does hold the germ of universal military training, and if that be so, it is all the more reason why it should speedily be made the law.

Senator Kirby of Arkansas has joined Chairman Dent of the house committee on military affairs in opposing the 18 to 45 draft, thus giving a further evidence of the devotion of the president's party to any measure the administration deems essential to winning the war.

Chicago is planning for a great patriotic demonstration on Labor day. Why could not Omaha have something of the sort? A little cooperation between unions and other citizens would make it easily.

Carrying Troops Across Doubling Up of Sleeping and Eating, But No Overcrowding Brooklyn Eagle.

Outgoing ships carrying soldiers and sup-| hours. The statement has been made that plies for the battle front are more heavily on some ships the berths are never empty protected than those which make the return and that there are as many as three shifts of journey, because there is greater need for it. sleepers. This has probably been true only But at no time are transports left without in a few instances. But the double shift is any protection while in the submarine zone. very largely used and is a system which adds The Covington was under such protection much to the effective capacity of a vessel. when a torpedo struck her, and she simply Outside of eating and sleeping accommoillustrated the fact that the convoy system, dations there is plenty of room aboard all while excellent, is not perfect, and probably the transports for the soldiers who are carnever can be made so. So long as the war ried, and there is no overloading of the veslasts, a few ships will continue to be lost sels. There are also sufficient lifeboats and from submarine attack. But never again, in rafts to take care of every man aboard in the opinion of the most conservative naval case of disaster. The rapidity with which officers, will Germany be able to reconstruct men under strict military and naval disciher submarine warfare into a real menace. | pline can be disembarked from a sinking ship

The success of the War department, workporting such a large number of troops over- ly removed in 15 minutes. When the Titanic seas in such a short space of time has been sank it would not have been possible to save que not only to the progressive elimination all of her crew and passengers, even had of the submarine, but also due to the more there been sufficient lifeboats, because pracscientific employment of the vessels used in tically all were untrained civilians. But if carrying troops and supplies. Each ship car- she had carried soldiers or navy men there ries far more men than she was built to is little doubt that the loss of life would have carry, and this is made possible by the sol-diers sleeping and eating at different hours. which orders could have been given and each man will get his full quota of sleep.

One bunk will provide a sleeping place for obeyed. two men, occupying it at different times, and

was illustrated in the case of the cruiser San ing in co-operation with the navy, in trans- Diego, from which over 1,100 men were safe-

Altogether, the submarine and transport situation is quite gratifying to army and One seat at mess will take care of two sol- navy officers, who look for still further imdiers, who will eat their meals at different provement.

John D's Picnic Stunt How Rocky, Old Boy, Blew Himself on His Neighbors

self had only driven over from his place in to find that there were nearly as many movie the village of Pocantico Hills to the seventh men and other photographers as there were annual John D. Rockefeller Picnic and Outing of the Home Town Folks, which was more to tell about the fete.

But, even though the host of the J. D. R. annual show did not appear, it was quite a show, anyhow, and, what with 151 men, women and children out of the 250-odd inhabitants of the village present, it must have set Mr. Rockefeller back as much as \$70 or \$75, not to mention the consumption of gasoline and the wear and tear of the five motor trucks which carried his guests across Westchester county and back.

"Bring your own lunch and bathing suit," was the word that had been passed out with Mr. Rockefeller's invitation to his fellow townsmen, and nearly everybody did. There was a rumor that the oil king usesand would display—a dark garnet hued beach costume, but since he did not go along no one can say for sure just what tint he actually does prefer for surf wear.

The four flivver trucks and one regular

Hitchcock and Viereck In the recent unmasking of George Syl-

vester Viereck and his share in the German intrigues in America, a letter was brought to light which involves Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska.

Through his subsidized pro-Grman weekly. Fatherland, Viereck was one of the prime movers in the feverish German effort (before we entered the war) to bring about an American embargo on the shipment of munitions to the Allies.

Germany, having been blockaded, could uy nothing here, and so wanted to shut off supplies from her enemies also. This, it was speciously contended, would end the war quickly—a humanitarian and desirable result. stockings while bathing. Every feminine Of course, it was plain that, if we fell for representative of Pocantico Hills were the Greman plot, it would perhaps produce peace-but a German peace.

Senator Hitchcock was among those who supported this movement, and he urged congress to forbid Americans to sell arms to the Allies. It was in this connection that he wrote the "My dear Viereck" letter, which has now proved such interesting reading in Nebraska and elsewhere.

Since those days the senator has succeeded the late Senator Stone as chairman of the foreign relation committee-a sufficient commentary on the absurdity of the senate's custom of seniority promotions. Senator Hitchcock executed a rapid and

complete about-face when the United States entered the war. He became over night a in the senate. He has been unfailingly sturdy in his Americanism ever since. There may be no reason to doubt his sin

cerity now. But what was the cause of his before-the-war flirtations with pro-Germanism? Beyond question, it was the desire to attach the German vote in Nebraska to his personal and political fortunes. There was never much of any secret about that. The direct primary law had in Nebraska

as in Minnesota and elsewhere, completely undermined party organizations. Politics had degenerated into a struggle of personal and selfish ambitions, with party principles lost sight of. The most successful politician was the one who could appeal to the passions and prejudices of the voters.

Senator Hitchcock saw in the embargo agitation an opportunity to make himself solid with a strong foreign-born element in Nebraska, and he did not scruple to seize the opportunity. If there had been a real democratic party organization in that state would it have stood for such a procedure? If there had been a real republican organization, would it not have prevented such misrepresentation of the state in the senate?

Parties do not always stick to their prindirect primary system candidates and officeholders are continually making the personal appeal, are playing to prejudice, as Senator expect the U-boats to take such risks as long Hitchcock did in the days of his alliance as there are brilliantly illuminated and unwith the Viereck conspiracy.-Minneapolis armed hospital ships to sink.-New York

Of course, if John D. Rockefeller him-| sized truck arrived at the beach at 10 o'clock picnickers. Some of them had camouflaged themselves against the rocks which dot Rye held at Oakland Beach, on the sound, a few men and had their cameras concealed in miles outside of Rye, N. Y., there might be wicker creels. Photos of Mr. Rockefeller at his aquatic sports were to be presented to the entire world. But there was nothing do-

> It was an "efficient" picnic-one can say that. It was run on truly business-like principles. For instance, in order that no outsiders might crash in upon the exclusive group of Rockefeller guests, 15 "lieutenants" were appointed. Each of these had charge of ten persons. Each lieutenant also had charge of a certain, definite bankroll which he might spend upon his 10. Just how big this bankroll was it is impossible to say, but it certainly was no less than \$5 per lieutenant, according to the spending that went on.

> If anybody wanted a hot dog, bang went a nickel. Or a bag of popcorn, smash went eight cents. And, of course, the bathing accommodations, at 25 cents per throw, were all paid for by the lieutenants. From time to time these individuals could be seen writing down something in little books. Whether they kept an exact tally or not was a matter of conjecture.

> This is the first year that the host has not appeared in person. His reasons for not showing up were two. In the first place, the newspapers gave the thing too much publicty, and in the second place, the day was cloudy and chill. Mr. Rockefeller played two games of golf, it developed, and spent the remainder of his time in his library.

> The picknickers bathed, played about the beach, tossed balls, strolled about the neighboring woods and ate much popcorn and many hot dogs. None of them ventured a step in the direction of Rye Beach, halt a mile up the sound, where wicked alcohol is sold and none of the ladies dispensed with representative of Pocantico Hills wore stockings and there was not a beach frock among the lot that would have caused Mr. Rockefeller a moment of annoyance.

At 4:45 to the moment (this was part of the day's efficiency plan) the 151 lined up in front of the hot dog emporium of the park, were properly counted, and were loaded into the trucks and driven westward. They arrived back, without casualties well before sundown, with the dreary prospect of waiting for another year to roll around before they might have another such gala day.

German Logic

German logic never soars to such heights super-loyalist. He had to-or lose his seat as when it is engaged in explaining to the German people why things are not quite what they ought to be. In his statement of reasons why the U-boats have failed to get at the American transports, the chief of the German admiralty staff at once takes his place among the metaphysical humorists of the fatherland. In the first place, the Americans have a large number of ports of debarkation all the way from northern Scotland to the Mediterranean; therefore it is inexpedient for the U-boats to lurk off any one of these ports, on the well-recognized principle that the larger the target the more uncertain the aim. In the second place, the American convoys do not arrive on schedule time, but move irregularly; the idea being that Secretary Daniels is violating an ele mentary rule of international law in not giving due notice of our troop ships. Frequently the American transports slip into port at night and under cover of fog, cloud haze, thus violating the German monopoly in darkness, fog, cloud, haze and other modes of darkness patented by Berlin, Finally there is the pathetic touch:

'Must we put our boats to lurk off these ciples They are sometimes opportunistic. harbors on the chance of getting shot at by But they do have principles, while under the the strongly guarded convoys of fast American transports?"

No, Admiral Holtsendorff, no one would expect the U-boats to take such risks as long

Twice Told Tales

Two Good Methods. "There's nobody," said a Washington lobbyist, "who can get rid of an importunate caller so quickly and at the same time so smoothly as the

up the long line of guests waiting to shake the president's hand while he recounted at great length some tedious yarn or other.
"The president stood about four minutes of this. Then he gave a start.

Once, at a reception, a man held

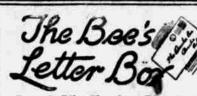
"But my dear sir, I am monopolizing you!' he said. lobbyist added: "Colonel Roosevelt can get rid of

bore in short order, too, but his methods are brusquer. "I once saw him, after two minutes of a bore, rush up to the man with all his teeth glittering and say: tells the German people. And he "'Here's your hat, what's your might have added that still more seri- hurry?" "Detroit Free Press.

Liked the Eclipse.

Eugene Kelley, former deputy city clerk of Muncle, was highly interested in the justly celebrated eclipse of the sun recently. After gazing at it a considerable time through a friend's moked glass and returning the glass, he asked to gaze again on the phe-

"You seem greatly interested in the eclipse," the friend suggested. "Sure I am," was the reply. the first thing I've seen since began that hasn't cost me anything." Indianapolis News.



Omaha, Aug. 8 .- To the Editor of citizen to enter protest against this continual nocturnal interference with the rest of the public at the midnight and I will be awfully glad to hear hour by the cacephony of leather-lunged newsboys engaged in the gain-MRS CORDELIA J ful occupation of selling fake ex-

The writer loves newsboys and newspapers, but confesses to more than passing disgust with newspa-pers which inflict a "wuxtry" on the itizenry at midnight which contains no more real news than the same pa-per published in its edition of 3 ty: The investigation made by the clock the previous afternoon. Stop it, for the love of decency and honest is far from being correct. If Mr. journalism. When the crown prince Dewey will take time to come to journalism. When the crown prince actually fights, or Hindenburg chokes Thurston county I will be glad to go on a dill pickle, or when you get some over the 1917 and 1918 assessment real news, let us have the "extra. but cut out this fake nonsense and let reliable figures can be obtained, which safe for democracy unless we get a modicum of rest.

FRANK G. ODELL.

Question for the Voters.

the primary law is again in evidence. The democratic and republican par-ties are a unit in agreement that America was right when she declared war and that we shall not hesitate or lay down our arms till the damnable Huns are crushed to their knees and cry for mercy for murdering our citizens and for their devilish deeds in France and Belgium. Both parties hold in loathsome contempt these people that celebrate the drowning of women and children and whose committed atrocities gives them the world's record as human devils. Both parties are unstinted in their denunciation of German propaganda and enemies.

Notwithstanding the above facts our primary law makes both parties stand sponsor for men whose past records are in complete harmony with wish of the German-American Alliance. Their names are on the ballot because they had the price and will be presented to the people on primary day without debate as both parties are forced to carry the load; i. e., men who opposed the war, who would have starved our allies by embargoing food, and would have compelled their surrender by refusing arms. These men were proved by their acts pro-German or ignorant addle-headed statesman; and in either case they are not safe to be trusted in the senate

Think of a man using his senatorial power to prevent arming our ships for against the murderous Huns and then under the primary law being recorded as a leader of the republican party. Remember that this is the same man who, when the Huns were plotting their devilish schemes against our government and distributing their slush fund they had stolen from the Red Cross, stood up in Lincoln, Holdrege and McCook and warmed the cockles of the German heart by proclaiming that we had no more cause to war with Germany said the millions of Wall street were crat. trying to write a declaration of war with the blood of our sons; and then after posing for applause stated the astounding fact that he could not distinguish any perceptible difference between a ship being torpedoed by a submarine and sending all on board to the bottom and a ship meeting destruction by running against a mine.

Think of such a man being allowed under the primary law to rape the republican ballot for re-election. Our boys are fighting and giving their lives to protect our national honor and to crush those brutes, who, according to Ross Hammond's statement, are 10 times worse than the wildest savage that ever roamed this What would be the feelings of our boys should they come home and find that we had elected a man to the senate who had said this was Wall street's war and when we made the declaration we were putting the dollar mark on the flag? No wonder Viereck thought this man worthy to have his picture on the front page of the Fatherland along with our great democratic senator who also was elected by the German-American Alliance. It is not strange now why he should camouflage when filing by giving out a statement that no disloyal or pro-German votes were desired.

Will the republican and democratic parties prove that they are able to weather the primary and nominate men whose war records will not demand continual apology? If they can do that it will matter little which party succeeds, and both parties have the timber if they only will use it. A. C. RANKIN.

Candy and Sugar Conservation. Halbur, Ia., Aug. 8 .- The Editor of Noticing in your issue of today our sugar supply is cut down to three and one-third pounds per person for August under instructions from W. T. McElroy, chief of the sugar division of the national food administration, thereby handicapping, to some extent, the canning and preserving of fruits, raises the question in my mind of why sugar is not conserved in the making of candles in the candy kitchens and other places of like respect. I may be under the

wrong impression, but I cannot fa thom out where candy is an absolute necessity for any one, but still requires a vast amount of sugar which could be, under proper regulations, conserved and used for the purpose of canning and preserving what fruit we will have on hand and no doubt next winter will be of a greater necessity than all the candles that can Permit a sleep-loving be made from now until after this war is over.

If consistent, kindly give this space MRS. CORDELIA JONES.

Thurston County Assessment.

Pender, Neb., Aug. 8 .- To the Editor of The Bee: In regard to the tem under the heading of "Douglas County Carries Burden Taxes." will say as for Thurston coun-Douglas county clerk, Frank Dewey Dewey will take time to books with him, where correct and We can't make the world is the only proper source for such investigation. Our books are open to any official of the state. Our books are wide

In regard "shortage in acreage," as given by Mr. Dewey. His statement shows 14 counties in the state with a Oxford, Neb., Aug. 5.—To the Edi. shortage of 346,499 acres. In this tor of The Bee: The humbuggery of shortage list I find Thurston county recorded with 4,435 acres, which is wrong, and should read 5,456 acres more than the 1917 abstract shows Our 1918 abstract has increased \$543 .-352 over 1917 abstract of the assessed

value in Thurston county.

Thurston county will be able to bear some of Douglas county's burden of state taxes when it becomes as much of a railroad center, packing plants, telephone, telegraph, insurance, manufacturing and many other large in-dustries as Omaha or Douglas county has in her boundary lines. ment made by Frank Dewey in regard to Thurston county is wrong. and I think it should be corrected. GEORGE B. NICHOLSON,

Thurston County Assessor

BREEZY TRIFLES. "Here's the book for you." declared the

"What's the name of it?"
"Bread Making in a Nutshell."
"How absurd," said the young wife. "As
if anyone could make bread in a nutshell." -Louisville Courier-Journal.

Jinks-The old saying about woives in heep's clothing comes back to a man. Blinks—When?

Jinks-When he orders spring lamb in a cheap restaurant.-Brooklyn Eagle. Grace—I hear that the daintlest muslins are made from the fibers of the banana

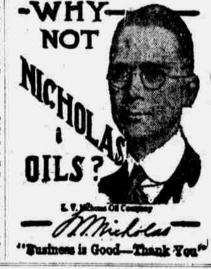
Lulu-Then they ought to be easy to slip on.-Chicago Post.

"Am I the first girl you have ever loved? "Oh, no. You are about the tenth, and my taste has improved right along."—Kan-

"Why did you put up your city hall to look like an ancient castle?"
"Well, the movie people pay a good bit of taxes here and they said it would be a great help in filming mediaeval scenea." Baltimore American,

"My teacher gave me an awful call down ecause I used inter for intern. Was that because I used inter for such a bad mistake, pop more cause to war with Germany well, my son, I would call it a grave than with France and England. He sort of mistake. St. Louis Globe-Demo-







Have you any idea what goes on in the telephone "Central" office during those few seconds from the time you lift the receiver until the voice of your friend or business acquaintance answers?

The knowledge you can gain from a visit to the central office about our methods of operation should make the telephone more valuable to you.

Our latch-string is always out. Make arrangements at the business office to be shown through the telephone 'plant.' We welcome an opportunity to show you how your calls are handled.



NERRASKA TELEPHONE COMPANY

One Years Ago Today in the War. French aviators dropped bombs or Frankfort-on-Main.
Food administration announced plans to license mills and elevators. Twenty-three persons killed and 50 gured in German air raid on south-

rn coast of England. The Day We Celebrate. Edith M. Thomas, noted poet, born

Medita M. Thomas, noted poet, born in Medina county, O., 64 years ago.
Mary Roberts Rinehart, novelist, born in Pittsburgh, 42 years ago.
James W. Wadsworth jr., United States senator from New York, born at Geneseo, N. Y., 41 years ago.
Abbott Henderson Thayer ,noted artist, born in Boston, 69 years ago.
Christy Mathewson manager of the Chacinnati Nationals, born at Factor-

This Day in History.

Ille, Pa. 38 years ago.

Islands was transferred to the Unitdands was transferred to the Unit-Biates.

1914—Great Britain made a declar-Leavenworth street near Phil Sheriation of war against Austro-Hungary. dan avenue,

Just 30 Years Ago Today The board of public works held a

short session and granted to Hugh Murphy the contract for paving Pacific street from Sixth to Tenth with The republicans of the Sixth ward



had a celebration in honor of the 100 1812—John Lovett, representative and Thirty-seventh. Messrs. Connell, Gurley and other leading republicans were present and contributed short specths.

1812—John Lovett, representative and Thirty-seventh. Messrs. Connell, Gurley and other leading republicans were present and contributed short specthes. foot pole they have raised. It stands

Was made major general in the United states army, stationed at Fort Omaha, and the Omaha guards at the Omaha the Omaha guards at the Omaha the Omaha stationed at Fort Omaha, and the Omaha guards at the Omaha stationed at the Omah

Nebraska Politics

Hildreth Telescope: The two state conventions last week accomplished some good. They furnished opportunities for the uncorking of hot air by the politicians which just had to escape in some manner or there would have been some explosions.

Blair Enterprise: Dave Mercer is a republican candidate for United States senator. Blair is indebted to Dave for its federal building and that fact ought to get him some votes. Time was when Dave could get more votes in Blair for United States senator, or any other office, than any man living. Compared with Ross Ham-mond or Dick Metcalfe, Dave would rank high in the United States senate.

Kearney Hub: Mr. Hitchcock's paner finds fault with the republican platform because it does not denounce 'the foul beast of Berlin." But why the necessity; does he not stand unitroubling the W.-H. so suddenly? It is generally observed and freely commented upon that Mr. Hitchcock's paper is so considerate of the feelings of been carefully excluded from its columns. By accident, no doubt, the word was used the other day in a telegraphic headline, but this offense can probably be explained by the chairman of the committee on foreign relations to Herr Viereck so that it will not alienate the friendship of the kaiser's partisans in Nebraska.

Peppery Points St. Louis Globe-Democrat: When

they cannot do anything else the Ger-mans can always fall back on shelling the cathedral quarter of Rheims Washington Post: Kalser Bill is using a special brand of soft soap in trying to cheer up his disheartened people. No use! There's no substitute for food. Washington Post: If the Hun

tricksters in the United States don't get in trouble in ay other way, they inally run up against Mitch Palmer, and then good night! Louisville Courier-Journal: Maybe he crown prince's legions are hurrying back to try that road to Persi which the Huns not long ago an-

nounced they had opened up.

ous years of war lie ahead of them if they continue to do his will. St. Louis Globe-Democrat: senators who are complaining of freight delays in the delivery of sausages and bookcases may be trying to inform us that they are not abusing their congressional frank privileges.

New York World: "Serious years

of war lie behind you," the kaiser

Brooklyn Eagle: One of the hum-ors of the news is the tale that Austria is organizing a gendarmerie to sup-press brigands in Austrian Poland Brigands in that country must be of the razor-back sort. They don't fatten on universal poverty and starvation. Possibly they will be mighty glad to be arrested,