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THE BEE'S SERVICE FLAG

The court house gang is worried, that's plain

If this weather does not insure the corn crop, nothing will.

Smash the slates! Let the voters choose their party candidates as the spirit of the primary law

The funny bolsheviki give a remarkable imitation of the kaiser, in the way of declaring war

"Big Jeff" was also some batter in his school days. Watch him hit a home run and clean the bases Tuesday.

Britishers have just subscribed \$5,000,000,000 in a new war loan, as an evidence they still believe in their government.

The strange thing is that the boasted author of the direct primary law which was to free the people from "bossism" should himself go into the hand-picked slate-making business.

Put none but good Americans on guard. Beware of candidates whose political capital heretofore has consisted chiefly of German-American alliance backing. Beisel is one of them.

"Brother Charley" Bryan asks Governor Neville some very pointed and embarrassing questions-so embarrassing, indeed, that the governor obviously will not deign to take notice of them.

In "rectifying its line" the "500" committee confesses the strategic incapacity of its leaders. Perhaps it is looking for a "previously prepared position," in order to have some place to alight.

Remember that when elected to congress Albert W. Jefferis will have no interests in any city proper amends. except Omaha to subserve and nothing to divert his attention from the needs of his own district except the always paramount welfare of the whole country.

The so-called "committee of 500" has crossed off its "slate" the name of one man accused of mistreating his wife. What about the ex-saloonkeeper? Is it true that there is another on that | future. ticket also with a court record of mistreatment of his wife whose name has no yet been ex-

Why is the Smith-Howell-Dodge "machine" so bitter against Mike Clark, who has earned a re-election by making good in his first term as sheriff if anyone ever did? Is it because he led the fight that put the kibosh on the odorous court house "gymnasium" and ousted Johnny Lynch from office?

# Another Tussle on Man Power.

It may be accepted that the bill extending the age limit of the draft law to the 18-45 standard will be passed, but it is equally plain that it is to encounter earnest opposition among the democrats in congress. Senator Kirby of Arkansas already has declared his purpose of opposing the measure when presented, while Representative Dent, chairman of the house committee on military affairs, who hails from Alabama, has such an antipathy to the measure that he will permit Representative Kahn of California, republican, to present and manage its passage in the house. This in spite of the fact that the bill has the unqualified approval of the president, the War department, the chief-of-staff and others of equal knowledge, and who are agreed that only in this way can the United States carry out its war program. Republicans universally are pledged to vigorous prosecution of the war to early victory, and so may be depended on to support the president in his efforts to win, while the democrats prefer to spend time in debate of theories and abstractions. The coming tussle over man power will be won by the president, but it will be prolonged to as great an extent as possible by the Kirbys and the Dents.

One Year Ago Today in the War.

The Day We Celebrate.

Fleet of 117 French aeroplanes car-ied out series of great bombing raids

behind the German lines.

British and French continued a vigorous offensive in Flanders, capturing several more villages and taking many

Albert V. Dresher, merchant tailor orn 1874.

born 1874.

Bradley M. Smith, clerk in the Burlington freight house, born 1881.

Maj. Gen. Richard M. Blatchford, U. S. A., now in command of the Panama canal department, born in New York 59 years ago.

Rear Admiral Seaton Schroeder, U. S. N., retired, who has been recalled to service by the war, born in Washington, D. C., 69 years ago.

1866—The president proclaimed the decree of Emperor Maximilian, closing certain Mexican ports, to be null and void as against the United States.

1914—Austrians repulsed by Serbians attempting to cross the River Save.

1915—Zeppelins again raided English east coast, killing 10 civilians.

1918—Italians repulsed Austrian infantry assault on the Carso.

DOWN THE BOSSES! SMASH THE SLATES.

The spirit of the times is against autocracy and in favor of democracy-against self-appointed dictators and in favor of individual responsibility. This applies not only to the divine-right archautocrats of Europe, but also to autocrats, big and little, in our own country.

One form of autocracy which differs from

kaiserism only in degree is the autocracy that would ram down a hand-picked "slate" of pet candidates for party nomination and rule out the claims of candidates equally entitled to consideration. Particularly now of all times there is no occasion or excuse for such slates and slatemaking in this community, which is no longer menaced by brewers' trust or corporation combine. With the saloon put out of business by the prohibition law, with the political activities of the railroads, telephone and telegraph companies stopped by government operation, with the city hall gang ousted and a nonpartisan reform administration in its place, the rank and file is certainly free to form unbiased judgments and pick the best men. Regardless of the past, there is now no need of a boss to tell what must be done, but every reason why each candidate should have a free field and a fair show.

The way to knock political autocracy into a cocked hat is to turn out in the coming primary and down the bosses and smash the slates.

#### Discovery of a Mare's Nest.

The London Evening News, which has not been especially friendly to the present government in Great Britain, has found a mare's nest, which discovery is likely to have some effect in this country. It is that Lord Reading, who has just returned to England, will set in motion a train of action that eventually will lead to a political alliance between the United States and the British empire.

Thoughtful persons will see at once how present circumstances support such a statement, and yet will understand how unlikely it is that any such arrangement will be brought to pass. The two great nations have much in common; peace for longer than a century, amicable adjustment of all differences arising in that time and devotion to the same lofty ideals unite the people in bonds far more effective in their potency than could be achieved by the tangible tie of a treaty offensive and defensive. We do not wish at any time to espouse England's private quarrels, nor is it any more probable that the English people will want to take up ours. In fact, we are committed to a policy that makes it distinctly to England's advanage to have freedom of action in this regard,

The Mexican situation will serve to illustrate this. When the time comes to enforce settlement of pending claims for many outrages committed during the years of disorder in Mexico, not only England, but France, Germany and other European nations will turn to the United States to secure adjustment, and under the Monroe doctrine and the practice that has grown up around it we will be expected to see that Mexico makes

This is but one of many reasons why the British are willing to let matters stand as they are No doubt a closer understanding will exist between Washington and London; more friendly relations between the men and women of the two countries will be established, and all our intercourse will be on a better basis. But this does not imply the political alliance suggested for the

# "War Profits" or "Excess Profits."

Secretary McAdoo has renewed with some vigor his suggestion to the ways and means committee of the house that the new revenue bill take for its basis war profits, rather than excess profits. To get this clear, the distinction is that "war profits" are those arising from the increased business directly traceable to the war or incidental thereto, while "excess profits" are those accruing above a normal or reasonable return.

This distinction is more or less artificial and not always easy to make. Some of the great difficulties are to determine a reasonable return on capital employed, how to impound for governmental purposes a sufficient sum of the general income without disturbing business, and what are essentially "war profits." Dr. Seligman of Columbia university has carefully discussed the matter, his conclusion being that the tax should be directed against war profits rather than excess profits. However, he points out what must be plain to any, that in the end the tax will be taken from the income, and, therefore, should be so adjusted as to rest with something like evenness on

Those who have carefully studied the existing law agree as to its inequalities, some of its imperfections amounting to downright injustice. Sound opinion holds that were the law of October, 1917, remedied in some respects and extended in others, it would produce the additional revenue sought, without the resort to the novelties that have been suggested. Splitting hairs in pursuit of profiteers will not provide the remedy sought nor the money needed.

The weather in Omaha is hot enough for most people, but hottest for war slackers.

Just 30 Years Ago Today

Fifteen thousand dollars has al-

eady been subscribed toward build-

ing the Omaha Sporting Coliseum, which it is estimated will cost \$25,000.

John Cowie, who has been manager of N. B. Falconer's dry goods store for some years, is about to leave the city

A bill of sale was filed with

county clerk conveying from C. B. Ott

company, to Walter K. Duval the stock and fixtures at 1411 Douglas

street. The consideration was \$1,913.46.

# The Army's Publicity Man General March Prompt, Precise and Lucid in Semi-Weekly Talks

Washington Letter in Brooklyn Eagle.

lacked the inclination to tell the American tee on public information. people what is going on. General March is Geenral March's policy of talking with

standing grows, the public is hearing more felt himself at liberty to give. authoritative facts about the army than ever In other branches of the military service correspondents on Wednesday and Saturday icy. The army is no longer as "tight" on belonging to the chief-of-staff.

about these meetings, but no red tape. The secrecy is giving way. correspondents wait in the corridor until

He begins briskly, usually with a state- was no holding back or concealment of the ment of the general situation, and then takes facts. up facts concerning the American army, Part Less progress, perhaps, has been made in of the time he reads from a prepared paper; the navy. The naval service is more under the navy.

'Questions!"

The most effective publicity man the Uni- ters, but an infinite mass of detail, in his ted States army has had since this country mind. The questions that have suggested went to war is General Peyton C. March, themselves by his preliminary talk frequently chief-of-staff. Giving the public news about bring out additional news. When they have the army is only one of General March's been exhausted General March nods to his many duties, but it is a most important one. audience and makes a quick exit. The corre-There have been other publicity men of lesser spondents with afternoon newspapers rush to rank in all branches of the military service, their offices and begin writing for the wire. but none of them has ever possessed a free Later in the day there are official copies of hand, and many of them have, in addition, the interview, furnished through the commit-

responsible to nobody but Secretary Baker, much frankness concerning American miliand as the secretary defers to his judgment tary affairs is illustrative of a spirit which is in military matters it may be understood that steadily pervading other sources of news. the chief-of-staff can say what he pleases When the general began his meetings with about the doings of the American Expedi-newspaper men he announced that this was the American people's war and that he in-It pleases him in these days to say a great tended to give them all the information posdeal, and as his semi-weekly meetings with sible. Since then he has been supplying facts newspaper men continue and mutual under- that no official of the army has heretofore

before. General March meets newspaper there are encouraging signs of a similar polmornings at 11:30 o'clock. The meetings news as it was several months ago. Officers take place on the second floor of the State, have been learning that there are many War and Navy building in a large room at things concerning which the public has a the northwest corner, which is one of a suite right to information and which may be freely published without damage to the American There is an element of military precision or allied cause. The old blanket policy of

The same is true in varying degree 11:30, at which instant General March invari- other branches of the government. The ably appears, followed by an aide. He en- State department communicates news to the ters the room first and the newspaper men press with much less reserve than formerly. follow and take seats. The general stands. In one case of the agreement with Japan, for All about the walls are military maps. There instance, concerning aid for Russia, anis one in particular, illustrating the Rheims-nouncement was made for the benefit of the Soissons front, which General March utilizes to illustrate his remarks.

occasionally he talks extemporaneously. He the influence of tradition than the army, talks quickly and incisively, and the two sten- which has become so widely popularized by ographers present are busy young men. Hav- the great system of drafting civilians. Secng come to the end of his statement, General retary Daniels has an inclination toward let-March begins answering questions that have ting the news become known, but his aides been submitted to him in writing the day and subordinates still talk with extreme resbefore. When these are gone through with ervation, or else not at all. There is a good he lays aside his memoranda and announces: deal of navy news that never gets out, simply because it seems to be the business of no-That is the signal for verbal questions, body to tell it. If somebody in the navy and these are apt to be numerous. He never would do what General March does for the hesitates for an answer, which gives the im-pression that he carries not only large mat- about what America is doing in the war.

# Soldier's Pride of Homeland Spirit of American Soldiers Abroad Voiced By One of Them

Below is a message breathing the spirit of I wouldn't have traded my place for anything. in France. Read it over and read it again dear, that you or anybody else at home there and again—the oftener the better. It comes from J. W. Barron, Battery E, 149th field artillery. This boy's home is in La Grange, perfect country the old United States is! You Ill., and the extract below is from a letter to his mother. He says the boys over there have all waked up to what the words 'United States of America' mean." But let him

"Gosh, I sure was glad when I heard you received those first letters! You see, we've all been waiting for weeks to hear that our letters had been received.

especially tickled to hear that you got the boat letter-you liked it, didn't you? "That batch of letters, mother, made me feel so darned glad that I was over here that

# The Baldheaded Man's Day

Barbers in Reading, Mass., have under consideration a system of rebates for haircuts for baldheaded men, based on the size of the cleared area or areas. This is but one more symptom that fundamental justice is coming into its own as a result of the nice distinctions between right and wrong the

war has raised. was exacted from the fully thatched customer. Reading barbers will calculate their preferential rates by means of pasteboard circles cut to the size of the particular bald spot under consideration. There will, of course, be differentials in addition to take care of spots of irregular contour, these dif- of America' mean. ferentials being obtained by extracting the square root of the square of the hypothenuse and adding thereto an agreed bonus for any excess of the putting green over standard dimensions. There also will be preferential for the barber in cases where he is obliged to get into the rough behind bunkers or other special obstacles.

It is going to require a campaign of education to make the system a success. The barbers realize that if the rebate for June, for instance, is larger than that for the previous January, the fact will disclose to the customer that larger pasteboard circles are being used; in other words, that the bald spot has taken on additional terrain. The prob-lem is to devise a means by which the saving in the bill shall compensate the injured feelings of the man trimmed. Here is where the educational propaganda is to play a part. A baldheaded man must be laught that he is as good as any other kind of man, the burlesque girls to the contrary notwithstanding. The general public, including the burlesque girls, must be brought to think of a bald spot as a badge of honor, indicating an excess of gray matter beneath, or, possibly, the presence of a great soul—great because it has suffered much and long in silence.

home front.

"And let me tell you right here, mother doesn't know what real patriotism, real love perfect country the old United States is! You can't realize what it stands for and means to the human race until you get over here and get a good prospective.

"Mother, I love her with my whole soul and body. When I am standing retreat at night and hear "The Star-Spangled Banner" played the first thing that comes to my mind is the Statue of Liberty; then I think of our wonderful cities—New York, Chicago, San "There never was a better mail since I've Francisco; then Washington and President been in the service, and I don't think I ever Wilson and the wonderful cause that all our felt so good before over anything. I was millions of Americans are willing to give up millions of Americans are willing to everything for. Oh, mother, we're all lucky merely to have been born Americans.

"Talk about waves up your spine and swelling to the eyes! Just get over here in Europe and look back over the miles of water

at the most wonderful, biggest type of nation based on liberty and justice that can be conceived! Why, mother, that Statue of Liberty and the American flag must have been designed by God himself, they stand for everything that is worth while in life. "Since I've gotten over here I feel more

pity than anything else for the birds that are still over there sporting silk shirts and ties. I'd rather be hanged for murder than be in Heretofore baldheaded men have been their shoes. I figure that I'm the luckiest doubly deserving of compassion. First, be- fellow in the world to be able to stand up as cause they were bald, and, second, because a soldier here in France and be a part of the they had to pay the barber the same toll that greatest country engaged in the most honorable thing a country ever undertook.

"At that you cannot realize my feelings of love and respect for the old U. S. A.

"And you never hear any fellow sneering at such stuff any more, either. We have all waked up to what the words United States "End of speech for tonight! "Lots of love!"

# Ask Wilson---Ask Pershing

Nothing is more characteristic of the American sense of humor than the fact that our soldiers when questioned about military matters answer laconically and with more than Spartan wit. "Ask Wilson; likewise Pershing." As we know, this is not an automatic reply of men who know nothing or are afraid to say anything, but it is the verbal thrust that, jestingly, evades the issue raised by the captors. Naturally, the Germans don't like it and they don't understand it. Their dumb-driven cattle in the ranks would never think of such a reply nor make it if they thought of it. It would be "streng verboten" (strongly forbidden).

So the sang-froid of the American soldiers is horribly irritating, of which sangfroid, however, they will hear more later. But what admirable advice our soldiers are giving the kaiser's hirelings! Could anything the better? By all means, let them all, from the kaiser and Hindenburg on down, Anyhow, the Reading barbers are teaching us that the new day of the world is some day—for the baldheaded man.—Minneapolis Tribune.

"ask Wilson" and "ask Pershing." They will then learn what the American military plans mean at first hand.—Philadelphia Ledger.

# Twice Told Tales

During his recent visit to Los Angeles Bishop Lawrence of Massachusetts had occasion to comment on the

"What number does the Honorable Son of the Moon and Stars desire?"

sumes: "Will the honorable person graclously forgive the inadequacy of the insignificant service and permit this humble slave of the wire to inform him that the never-to-be-sufficiently

Peace. "Germany," said Representative Mudd of Maryland, "thinks she'll get the peace she desires by some means—

"Germany is very much like the young lady who presented a check at the bank. The teller, after examining

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for all the chickens disappeared.
an infinitsimal fraction of the voters we have our dumb police and he of Douglas county to dictate to the 10,000 other voters, how and for whom to vote at the coming primary, I, as a republican citizen and voter, deem the 500" an insult to the intelligence of every citizen of Douglas county.

purpose of the present primary law was and is to avoid the influences incident to the old party convention system. The men who head that committee were the loudest in their protest against convention-made slates, and yet they have the mendacious audacity and the brazen effrontery, in direct violation of the letter and spirit of the primary law, to present to the public a state which voters are asked to accept blindly.

When did the people have a voice in this selection? Was this ticket selected in the open light of the day, or was it not selected in some private office, or in a secluded spot in some sectarian church? Verily, verily, I say to you, Mr. Wead, you have not yet been selected by the republican party of this congresional district as the spokesman of the republican party, nor have you been foreordained by a divine providence to select the most pure and holy from the many honest and honorable citizens who have filed for the various offices to be voted on

My prediction is that overwhelming defeat awaits this slate, and I regret into the trap, for the insult offered to the intelligence of the voters is going to be resented. ED F. MOREARTY.

#### Jerry Still on the Job.

Omaha, Aug. 16 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Good or bad government comes from good or bad citizenship. believe that the rank and file of my fellow citizens possess all the qualifi-cations of good citizens; their only drawback is that they lack stamina to protest against the dictation of the political thimble-riggers.

Fellow citizens, beware of the intrigues and schemes of these scullions on Tuesday.

This is an important election and it behooves you to do your duty at the polls as intelligent men and patriots. Can I arouse the stagnant blood in your veins? You can be as brave with your ballots as the boys in France are with their bullets.

JERRY HOWARD.

A Suggestion.

Omaha, Aug. 12.-To the Editor of The Bee: "It is always with the utmost hesitation that I venture to express an opinion about the candidates for election, because I feel that it is not from any point of view my privflege to suggest to the voters of a state what their action shall he" The above is from a letter of President Wilson concerning the senatorial contest in Mississippi. "It is always," etc., would indicate a continuous performance. With utmost hesitation he proceeds to tell the people of Mississippi how to vote to please him. It was only a few days before this that he hesitated to do the same thing in the election in Alagama, then just a few days before this he hesitated in the same way in Texas. This morning's paper quotes him as hesitating again in the same way in the senatorial contest in Georgia. Now, it is really too bad and unfair to the president to keep him hesitating in this manner. Congress should pass an act allowing him to select a congress and senate with the least instead of the "utmost hesitatioh." If objection should be found to this on constitutional grounds, or because "it is not from any point of view the president's privilege to suggest to voters of a state what their action shall be," then suggest the creation by congress of a committee on utmost hesitation. This would get around the constitutional objection and supply the much needed cog in our governmetal ma-chinery. FROM A. SUGGESTER.

# Good Words for the Dog.

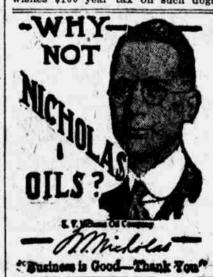
Omaha, Aug. 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: I read the article signed "The Auto Owner," and I wish to thank him for the kind way he speaks of our dumb friend, "The Dog." What better protection can we have

for our homes, auto or chickens than the dog? I am speaking of my neighbor's dog, as I am not the owner of a dog, but I sure am his friend. I am only glad to give him what bits of bone and scraps of food that would only go to the garbage can.

I am not so sure we must go to
Germany to find the kaiser, as there

are species in America. People that think they own the earth and must dictate to neighbors as to what to do. One instance:

This dog I refer to sleeps under my sleeping porch and has never annoved me for one minute, but a neighbor living over one block away complains of the barking of this dog and wishes \$100 year tax on such dogs.



# Now, no living person in this free America wishes to annoy neighbors, but we cannot see why the few that not befriend the dog should have

all the say.

The dog is the most faithful friend that man can have, and I am sure this particular dog is great protection this particular dog is great protection. Beto the immediate neighborhood. fore he came to watch our chickens at night the roosts were raided and we have our dumb police and he only barks when strange footsteps appear. It certainly will be only under heavy fire that he gives up his post. THE DOGS' FRIEND.

#### LAUGHING GAS.

"Pop, what are these salients the papers "Why, they are these new guns they fire by calculation, son. I am glad to see you trying to keep yourself well informed."—

"What shall I do with this appendix "Cut it out."
"And this story about the man langed himself."
"Cut it down."—Baltimore American.

"Madam, I see you advertise table board." "I do."
"But why specify table board? What other kind of board is there?"
"Stable board. You ain't the first jackase that has been along."—Louisville Courier

#### GIRL OF MINE.

Do you remember the summer's day When daddy kissed you and went away— Kissed you and left you busy at play. Girl of mine? You told me then to "Come home pitty think you expected me back at noon Have you watched for me since, gos-soon-Girl of mine?

It's a very long time that you have to wait, From babyhood on through to girlhood's Do you still think that "Daddy is awful

Girl of mine? I'm hungry for you, and your handsome And many a day when the sunlight dies, I look for you there in the western skies, Girl of mine.

But though there are faces of angels there, There's none with my baby can compare, My babe of the eyes and the curly hair, Girl of mine. And so I can only stay and wait, Till I come to the road with the Peaceful Gate. It's the road that will lead me back to you

Girl of mine. -London Matt.

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ers in toilet goods. Trial of each, free, Dept 1-S, Resinol, Balamore Md.

# Now appears the first woman clown, Lillian Vaughn, playing Somewhere in Whale meat is now in great demand

and swordfish steaks are sold in Fan-euil hall market stalls, Boston. ready for service in France as nurses of the White Cross, the unit having been recruited by Mme, Ignace Pad-An American chemist's examination of the great wall of China has re-vealed that the bricks are so wet that

Here and There

Oysters are extremely sensitive both to cold and heat.

Pennsylvania has a force of secre

The manufacture of paper from wood pulp involves 28 different opera-

Italian newspapers to foll spies, ne

onger print "personal" liner adver

police numbering 8,000.

New York.

they can be crumbled with the fingers, and that the structure is in danger of disintegration. Government experts have estimated that the Pribolof islands contain the

that the Pribolof islands contain the greatest deposit of bones in the world, and that the fertilizing properties of the bones have been remarkably preserved by the atmosphere.

In America the highest altitude by an airplane in 1917 was made by Caleb Bragg on September 19. He reached an altitude of 22,000 feet, about four miles. In Furence no bet Henry Cassidy, assistant general freight agent of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad, has returned from his trip to St. Paul.

reached an attitude of 22,000 feet, about four miles. In Europe no better record has been made than that of Guidi, an Italian, who fiew to 25,180 feet in 1915.

# Center Shots

Washington Post: Government wnership of individual ust around the corner. Brooklyn Eagle: "Only one pound of candy to one buyer" is the latest edict. It surely has the advantage of

economy for the young fellow who used to buy two for fear his best girl might think him a "tightwad." New York World: The British gov nment's determination to seize 150,-000 rifles said to be in the hands of Ulsterites will constitute an important capture of enemy munitions on the

Minneapolis Tribune: A darkey soldier has named the crown prince of Germany "Mistah Rat Face." You'll have to admit, if you ever saw a picture of him, that that darkey genius for accuracy in description. Baltimore American: Germans are reported to be very gloomy over the war and its outcome. They are diswonder why they must have them Louisville Courier-Journal:

Quartermaster's department has or-dered 99,000,000 pounds of breakfast bacon for the overseas army. Put that up as the stake and an army of consumers equipped with empty pop bottles would wade into the German army and try to lick it in one battle.

No Change. "Small portions are the rule these daya."

"I dunno. When my wife gives me a piece of her mind I don't notice any change."—Boston Transcript.

# Model 'Phone Politeness

politeness of the hotel employes here, adding that he supposed it was because they were so used to catering to tourists. He particularly com-mended our telephone service, but added that when it came to real politeness the telephone system in Japan ad the world beat. According to the bishop, a Japanese 'phone conversa-tion runs something' like this:

"One, two, three." Silence. Then the

come high, and the next step will be censured line is busy?"—Los Angeles

by any means-by victories or by dilomacy, or by bluff.

it, said:
"'We can't pay this over the counter, miss."
"Then,' she said, Til come behind