

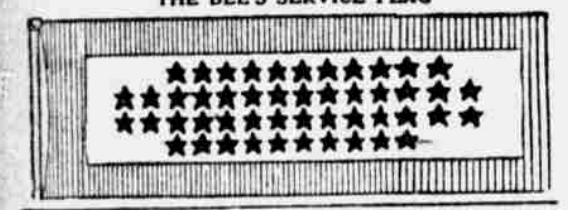
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Keep your eye on Big Jeff.

Now we can begin to see what Foch was waiting for two months ago.

No primary election contest ever came out to suit everybody exactly.

May we not express the hope that the weather man has relented at last?

No one is talking "business as usual" any more because it is not as usual.

It would seem that the so-called "committee of 500" lost a cipher or two somewhere.

The demand for a new deal in the control of the county board continues to be urgent.

Haig is certainly redeeming any losses the British suffered when Heinie made his mad rush in April.

But what can the hyphenated World-Herald say against Norris that is not equally applicable to Hitchcock?

Our municipal ice plant is said to be ready to begin manufacturing ice—which must mean that the heated season is over.

Hope is held out for the early resurrection of the sugar bowl. When it does come back, though, rest assured it will not look so fat and generous as it used to.

Lincoln Highway tourists cannot complain of the beautiful signboards put up by the Omaha Auto club, but they cannot drive autos on signboards in place of a roadway.

A lot of new war establishments—special training schools, reconstruction and convalescent hospitals—are being located by the government in different cities. Where does Omaha come in?

The kaiser's complaint about the bombing of Frankfurt sounds a little strained to people who have noted the persistent attacks on field and base hospitals, ambulance trains, hospital ships and the like.

Secretary Daniels has honored some of the deserving heroes of the navy, but his list is still far from complete. When the lid is taken off and the story is finally told in full, Americans will be more than ever proud of the boys who have gone to sea.

Mr. McAdoo expresses surprise that his high rates have not reduced travel appreciably. Well, if that is what he is looking for he might push the price a little higher, or turn the job over to Hoover, who knows how to decrease consumption by getting the people to save.

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THE NOMINATION OF NORRIS.

While the returns of the primary election are still incomplete, it is plain that George W. Norris has received the republican nomination for United States senator in spite of his discreditable war record.

People must not be permitted to gain the impression, however, from the mere fact of Senator Norris' renomination that the republicans of Nebraska have voted an endorsement of his declaration that by the entrance of the United States into the war for humanity we put the dollar mark upon the American flag.

The nomination of Norris is a minority nomination, a nomination by about 35 per cent of the number of votes cast; a nomination secured only through a division of the opposition between several candidates; a nomination due wholly to the limitations of the primary. On the face of the figures Norris would have been ignominiously defeated had he had one competitor instead of four; had the nomination been made by convention in which the patriotic win-the-war delegates could have had an opportunity to unite, or even had it been by a primary which permitted a second choice expression, for he would have been first choice of scarcely a third and second choice of none.

The nomination of Norris, in our opinion most unfortunate, leaves the republicans confronted with a condition rather than a theory which they will have to meet as best they may. The fact that he has a place upon an otherwise exceptionally good ticket promises complications whose seriousness will depend upon the alternatives that may be presented.

Commander-in-Chief Adams.

For the third time Omaha has been honored by the Grand Army of the Republic selecting one of its citizens to be commander-in-chief. This distinction is appreciated will not be doubted. Nebraska has largely been built up by soldiers who marched under Old Glory from '61 to '65, and many who took service since then have found here homes in which they have done well as the years passed by.

Most of the soldiers who came to the state in its infancy were the young and vigorous, the alert and enterprising, whose characters had been developed under the disciplinary schooling of hard service in the army. These have provided a solid nucleus for the citizenship of the state, and from them we have drawn governors, senators, congressmen and other public servants, while their influence in their own great organization has always been felt.

Captain C. E. Adams, now commander-in-chief of the Grand Army, is one of these men. His loyalty and devotion to his country was established when he enlisted at the age of 17, and his education under "Pap" Thomas, from Chickamauga to Savannah, was thorough and complete. He won his commission as captain on the field, and the honors that have come to him in his after life have been deserved.

The Bee congratulates the Grand Army on its choice, and for the members in Nebraska ventures to express their great gratification that a well-loved comrade should be so signally honored by the national body.

Who Will Lead in Russia?

Declaration of war on the United States by the bolsheviks lacks some of the impressiveness it might have held a few weeks ago. Events have so moved in that realm of disorder that no longer does the Lenin-Trotsky element, by whatever of its several names it may be presented, carry any real weight. Even the Germans have discarded the soviet, the workman's council, the general assembly and similar groups as agencies for carrying out the kaiser's will, and are acting for themselves. This fact was made plain to the Allies, and with the additional need of some definite center for directing the activities of the forces of order, the landings at Vladivostok and on the Murman coast was made. Resistance is offered by the "Red Guard," a body of mercenaries in bolshevik pay, who have serged to terrorize Russians rather than to secure their freedom. That is the situation today.

Before the undertaking of the relief expeditions can be made effective leadership must be established among the Russians themselves. It is certain that none who were at the head of the revolution can meet this; Miliukoff and his associates, Kerensky and his comrades, and Lenin and Trotsky and their crew have been self-eliminated. The individuals or group around whose personality the new Russia is to be built have not yet appeared.

Somewhere among the "intelligentsia" are men of learning, experience, sound judgment and patriotism, to whom the people can turn in confidence, and on whom the Allies can rely. These will be heard from when it becomes known that the "terror" has passed and that Russia's fight for very existence is to be supported from without by the great democracies of the world. Treachery cannot always prevail, and the man who will revive life in Russia will soon appear.

Omaha friends of Major General Grote Hutcheson know that a mighty good officer and gentleman has won promotion.

It is Up to America to Win!
'The Sooner We Do It the Fewer of Us Will Die'

Philadelphia Public Ledger.

There can never be any dispute as to which of the allies won the war. They will each and all have won it. There is not one of the actively belligerent allies who could have been spared without at least risking the direst disaster. When it comes to the principal powers on the allied side, the omission of any one of them would have precipitated certain and lasting disaster.

Least of all can the United States—the last of the great allied powers to enter the arena—lay claim to any monopoly in winning. France, Britain, Russia and Italy—to say nothing of the smaller nations—stopped the gap for virtually three years before we were minded and ready to strike a serious blow. Now that we have a clear vision of the situation and perceive the appalling menace that hung over us, unrealized, from the moment that the bandit chiefs of Berlin decided that the time was ripe to set upon their long-planned slave raid across the civilized world, we cannot find language to express our gratitude to the nations that held the pass while we were slowly awakening to the danger and arming for the defense. Had France faltered or Italy hesitated, Mitteleuropa would have been "Europa" by this time, and we should have lived and traded and prospered only as the kaiser permitted.

We turn aside to say these things now, because we do not dare risk being misunderstood, as we heartily indorse the dictum of General March when he told the senate committee: "It is up to us to win the war, and we can win it." He was faced toward the future when he said that—not toward the past. Even then he does not mean that we can win the war alone. All the efforts of all our allies will be needed to enable us to deliver that blow to the jaw which will bring the giant down. But what he does mean is that America is the only fresh fighting nation in the field—that it is the only nation with plenty of unexploited resources and a vast reservoir of man-power—that, therefore, America must furnish the force, military, financial and economic, which is to give the allies that last reserve which wins all battles and all wars. It should also be remembered that we are absolutely the last of the reserves. The first were the British, the second the Italians, then ourselves. If we fail—

It is just as well for our people to get this truth in their minds sooner instead of later. It is no question of our doing just enough to win the war. We must do all we can and as soon as we can. America is the "Blucher" of the world. Despotism and freedom are locked in a deadly conflict on a doubtful field, the advantage swaying now this way and now that. But the American forces are marching in on the flank of tyranny's line of battle. Foch has already said to his men: "Up, Guards, and at 'em!" but not until Pershing's guns were plowing gaps in the enemy ranks.

Thrills of Artillery Fliers
Unsung Heroes Who Direct Big Guns to the Right Spot

E. T. Brondson in Popular Mechanics.

Every war story has its air ace or ace, every reader knows the names and achievements of his heroes, and can tell tales of their accomplishments that make the jousts of Arthur's knights pale in comparison. There is no wish in any quarter to detract from the glory of the ace. May some greater Mallory or Tennyson chronicle their exploits in full world color! The regrettable part connected with giving the ace their full due is that their spectacular splendor obscures our judgment in respect to other branches of the service—branches in which death is even less easily balked, though there is nothing whatever of grandstand nature in the work. Who, for instance, knows the name of one

Introducing General Liggett

Relatively few Americans ever heard of General Hunter Liggett, or remembered ever hearing of him, until his name suddenly loomed big in the news a few days ago as the commander of our first army corps organized in France—a force of six divisions, or about 220,000 men. The army knows General Liggett, if the public does not, and with its great respect for him it has the phrase, "Liggett luck" not to belittle his achievements, but to indicate faith that he will always be there in the future as in the past. When he was Major Liggett he was in command of a battalion that a leaky old transport carried, or tried to carry, to the Philippines. When the ship was all but sinking help reached it and saved those on board.

An eyewitness tells how the soldiers, "waist deep in the water of the hold, were pumping and bailing for dear life, and right in the midst of them, giving firm, determined aid as well as direction, stood a tall, powerful man with the jaw of a snapping turtle and the obvious disposition of one who would not unduly hurry if he was about to catch the last train for heaven." That officer was Major Liggett, and he won promotion for his work in the next two years among the Moros. Then he played the game of war at the war college in Washington, and became the president of that institution—working behind the scenes, but doing a work that counts much now. In 1913 the country had a glimpse of him while he had charge of the camp of the veterans of north and south at Gettysburg—a notable glimpse.

A little later he took charge of things on the Texas border, when Admiral Fletcher went to Vera Cruz, and from there to San Francisco, at the head of the Western department. He was a brigadier general when the call to France came, the call that has now made him rank next to General Pershing there. General Liggett is a Pennsylvanian, a West Pointer, in the class of '79, and is 61 years old. He is described by an army associate as a soldier of the type found in the fiction of knight-hood days, gentle and conquer, and yet, at the same time, the toughest propositions in the field that the country has ever known.—Boston Herald.

The Bee's Letter Box

How to Honor Heroes.

Chillicothe, O., Aug. 17.—To be the Editor of The Bee: I have been thinking today how Omaha could fitly honor our boys who are giving their all "to make whole damn world democratic party."

Or, rather, would it not be best for Douglas county to undertake this scheme? My idea is this: Let the county select some one of the highways leading from the city, say Center, Dodge or Military avenue. Change its name to "Avenue of the Allies" or "Allied Boulevard," or some such fitting name.

Then for every boy who has entered the active service for Uncle Sam let an elm or some other thrifty, long-lived tree be planted on either side of the avenue. A tablet with his name upon it could be placed either on the tree or near to it. If he falls in the service there should be a special tablet to commemorate that fact.

By that means Douglas county would not only be doing a splendid thing to the memory of our splendid fellows, but it would stimulate the patriotic sentiment. In addition to this, we would be building an embowered highway, whose arching branches would eventually meet overhead in token of the embrace of human brotherhood, which America today so well typifies. L. J. QUINBY.

At the Grand Army Gathering.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 19.—To the Editor of The Bee: This is the first national encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, that I have attended. There is a large number of the old veterans here, almost every state being represented.

I am surprised to find so many who are up on their pins, as the saying goes, physically, while mentally they are as bright as a dollar and up to the minute on all of the great questions of the hour. Many of them are wearing service pins, with one, two or three stars. The good people of Portland have opened their homes and are giving the veterans a right royal welcome. The officers here on Nebraska delegation did not arrive till 6 o'clock Monday evening, being 24 hours late owing to a wreck on the road.

I met Col. John Keith, who came in with the California delegates. He is an old resident of Omaha, but at present is residing at Hollywood, near Los Angeles. Captain Adams of Omaha is a candidate for national commandary. Looks like he will be elected by acclamation. Let us save our boys alive—save the nation from slow years of war-disorganization—save France from further torture and all our allies from bleeding to death—by putting our whole power into a winning "punch" at the earliest possible moment.

Weakness in Primary Law.

Elba, Neb., Aug. 22.—To the Editor of The Bee: The recent primary election illustrates the necessity for an amendment of the primary law, and the next legislature should give it attention.

Upon the issue of the selection of a United States senator by the republican party one issue was paramount. That issue was whether or not the record of George W. Norris should be endorsed. His record was condemned by more than two-thirds of the republican party, but owing to the unfortunate division of votes he was nominated as a hopeless minority candidate. In this community every pro-German vote was cast for him. Many democrats left their party evidently to vote for Norris. The votes in such counties as Hall and Merrick show that this was quite general. With this solid vote he secured an endorsement of less than one-third of the party.

The law should be amended so that no person could become the nominee unless he received a majority of the votes cast on that office. In case of a failure so to do, another primary should be held with the minority candidates eliminated. In this manner a condition such as confronts us now would not exist. A man whose record has been condemned by more than two-thirds of his party would not be selected as the candidate of the party. JAMES WOLFE.

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