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"Bingo" Byng keeps right on banging.

"T. R.'s" utterance still is clear and resonant on the war issue.

The boys in blue and the boys in gray are proud of the boys in khaki.

If there is anything else Willie McAdoo wants, he should let his wishes be known.

Ak-Sar-Ben without the ball will be a novelty, but anything can be looked for in war time. Why not appoint a mediator to adjust the is-

sue between Secretary McAdoo and Chairman

Captured German letters may or may not be genuine, but most of them read as though intended for propaganda.

It's only the lull before the big drive in the political campaign which will be fully under way in four or five weeks, if not sooner.

Now that our muny water works is furnishing frozen fluid, the next innovation may be to supply it also ready-heated for the hot water

Lincoln is fronting an announcement of a good, stiff increase in electric lighting and current rates. That's something Omaha so far has fortunately

The danger is that running for governor may become as much of a habit with "Brother Charley" as did running for president with "William J."

Of the making of books in America there may he an end, until after the war, according to the War board's decision. This action may help folks to get caught up with the authors.

A fine lineup of autoists continues to say "good morning, judge," each day in Omaha. Some day these folks will get to understand the traffic laws and keep out of court. It is cheaper

The peculiar Michigan primary law would meet the requirements of some Nebraska politicians who are now compelled to go out and secure camouflage indorsements in order to run as candidates for more than one party.

One of Adam Smith's fundamental maxims of taxation is that as every tax must be paid out of revenue, it should be so levied and so collected as to interfere as little as possible with the continuance of production. Congress should be gently reminded that principle holds as good today as it did when formulated by the father of political economy.

An Incident of Warfare.

A misfortune, deplorable, but apparently unavoidable, has just overtaken a crew on board a submarine chaser. Mistaken by an armed merchantman for a submarine, the little vessel was quickly shelled and sunk, with the loss of most of them on board. The incident will emphasize the difficulties that attend navigation in war times. Submarines have operated off our home coasts sufficiently to fairly bring them within the war zones. Accordingly the vigilance of all mariners has been increased and especially after nightfall is it keen and incessant. Vessels move about without the lights that ordinarily distinguish them, because any of the usual signals is an invitation to attack from a submarine. A sense of insecurity, born of this condition, is the chiefest of German contributions to the life of sea-faring men. The ultimate victory over the Hun will again make the seas of the world safe for all who wish to use them, but until that is achieved navigation of the Atlantic must be carried on with due regard to the possible presence of a U-boat, and defensive action taken accord-

### CONSERVING COMMERCIAL CREDIT. The timely action of the Federal Reserve

Board, recommending to the regional banks a conservation of commercial credit, should have a steadying effect on business of the country. Some apprehension has been felt because of a speculative mood that has developed rapidly with the present summer. As the military situation in Europe has improved, and the general conditions at home have shown a more favorable aspect, a tendency to venture into new and uncertain fields of enterprise has taken hold of Americans, who have sought to capitalize war prosperity in anticipation of the future. That a grave danger lies in this direction is apparent, and established business has felt the unfavorable influence of the movement, which has been the more menacing because of its insidious nature. That the federal board has found it desirable to warn against any extension of commercial or industrial undertaking not directly connected with or essential to the winning of the war should be sufficient warning to business men and investors of the need for conservative action. The impending fourth Liberty loan will provide a splendid investment for any idle money, while reasonable conservation of credit will make the more certain that it will be promptly taken up. And no borrower should have preference over Uncle Sam.

### Germans Cling to Hope of Victory.

Americans should not permit themselves to be deluded by reports that the morale of the German people is breaking down. Plenty of proof is at hand that the contrary is true, and that a considerable part of the leaders there yet decline to accept anything short of victory. This feeling is not exclusive to the army, but pervades civil life in all its walks. While the newspapers of Germany generally are under control of the government, carefully keeping their utterances attuned to the official note, even those whose independence has brought them into contact with the authorities at various times, such as Vorwaerts, steadfastly contend for Teutonic supremacy. One of the latest exhibitions of this is the demand from George Gerhardt that the treaty of Brest-Litovsk be extended to include Siberia, or, as he phrases it, the "Asiatic bloc attached to Russia." That such a proposal should be seriously made in face of military reverses strikes outsiders as evidence of the fatuous nature of German thought, but it must also be accepted as evidence that the German mind clings tenaciously to the hope of victory. The kaiser's people are not yet ready to admit even the possibility of defeat, and the utmost they will concede is a compromise in which their interests shall be uppermost. Letters captured on the battle field may breathe despair, but that spirit has not sufficiently permeated the Hunnish nation to appreciably affect its determination to persist in war.

### Americans Are Nationalists.

The commanding thought of Colonel Roosevelt's speech at Springfield, Ill., is that Americans are nationalists, that we have national aspirations and a national destiny. What we ask for ourselves we are willing to give others, because we are anxious to help other nations, and to live in amity with all. But we are not to be caught up and immersed in the jellyfish envelope of "internationalism." Our characteristics are too clearly marked and our national aspect too well developed to permit this. In order to preserve the things that are distinctly American, and worthy of preservation, it is not necessary to withhold ourselves from altruistic effort or ethical advance. America is not a hermit nation. Our communication with the world is full and frank, and we give and receive and grow because of our liberal interchange of thought and experience. But through it all we have maintained those peculiar ways of life, of institutions and of aims that have distinguished us as a people from the first. One of these peculiarities is a patient tolerance of visitors who come to our shores with visions or vagaries, not the least of which is the "international." We are probably destined to hear a great deal from him within the immediate future, but no fear as to an abandonment of the national quality of Americanism need be apprehended on this account. The "common sense of most" still will prevail.

Schweiger, who sunk the Lusitania, is now said to be captive to the French navy, having been taken with 75 of his pals when a big submarine was destroyed in the Adriatic. If it really be him, the courts may have a chance to determine if the wholesale murder he committed was an act of war or a gross crime against all law.

German depots back of the line are now getting much needed attention from the Allies, and the results are telling on the foe. The Hun is having a hard time to find a hole deep enough to hide in and be safe.

A New Jersey candidate for congress is said to be on the ballot for a similar position in Illinois, after trying it in Nebraska. That man is entitled to something.

Economy is the watchword now, according to Herbert Hoover. That does not sound so sweet as conservation, perhaps, but it is a good slogan. than that?

### General Pershing On the Job 'Black Jack's' Capacity for Work and Talent as a Listener Edwin C. Ranck in New York Times.

absorbed attention to what the private was very evident that this private had some im- telegraphic praise: portant information to divulge, and Pershing

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His very name is as laconic as his words past G. H. Q.

aware of the fact that the barrage of salutes said, simply and unostentatiously: had completely inclosed him, for his hand kept going up to his cap with the automatic ican people would consider it a great honor precision of an automaton. Life to General for our troops to be engaged in the present Pershing that morning was just one darned battle; I ask you for this in their name and

salute after another. Somehow the work progressed faster and His personality had left something electric come, in numbers equal to requirements. in the atmosphere that lingered there and inspired the workers to do their best. This is the American people will be proud to take a little way that Pershing has. It is entirely part in the greatest and finest battle of hisunconscious. He doesn't strive to impress tory. his personality upon anyone, and there is be. He is the big boss of the A. E. F. As regular at his work.

a speeder-up of men he has no equal in "Yon Pershing has a lean and hungry

first set foot upon French soil were indeed low the commander-in-chief with his eyes. the pick of our finest manhood. Cleanlimbed and athletic, fired with patriotic zeal replied a comrade, who didn't know Shakesto help the hard-fighting Frenchmen who had been defying the kaiser's hordes for so many years, the newest allies in the cause of world democracy were eagerly anxious to demonstrate their mettle in a bout with the Like Job's charger, they had scented

Pershing was bossing in France, and it was in round steak. his job to turn our magnificent fighting maof big import to America. We were no ingly heavier upon the people. in the position of an innocent bydefeat that was inevitably to come to "this intolerable thing" that had ruthlessly sacrificed honor, decency and self-respect in a nightmare scramble for power.

It was characteristic of General Pershng's personality that he was listening with both ears and all of his pores open to what that private was telling him, on the misty morning that I first beheld him in action. Listening is a favorite "stunt" with Pershing -if such a word as "stunt" be not too undignified to apply to the commander-in-chief. Wherever he is, or with whomever he is, it is the other man that does most of the talking. The consensus of opinion among army men is that Pershing is the most loquacious man with his ears in the world. He parts with words like a man sending a telegram. All of his conversation is telegraphically brief and straight to the point. The old adage, "Don't use two words if one will do,"

seems to be his maxim in life. was a verbal telegram.

"I hope, and I would like to say it, that of the French heroes, our American soldiers valet on his payroll at \$250 per week. Come liberty of the world." That's all there was-there wasn't any

Standing before the tomb of the great Pershing said: "Lafayette, we're here!" with the colors ofters rare inducements to Could an entire volume have said more the baldheaded man. He may salute with-

"Here we are in a big machine, and there | "I congratulate you; I envy you," he said goes the commander-in-chief of the American diffidently to a wounded doughboy in a base army, walking along in the rain, talking to a hospital-one of the first Americans to suffer for world freedom on French soil. But what looked up quickly in time to see the fulsome compliment could have pleased that tall, soldierly figure of General John J. Persh-doughboy more than to hear the big boss of ng as he passed our car, listening with such the A. E. F. say he envied him-a doughboy?

On another occasion, after having besaying that he was utterly oblivious to the stowed the Distinguished Service cross upon barrage of salutes from all sides. The pri-Sergeant Peterson, an American soldier who rate was doing all the talking, and General was mortally wounded after unusual gallan-Pershing, as usual, was-listening. It was try in action. General Pershing wrote this

"Request you express my personal symwas absorbing it as the sand absorbs the pathy to nearest living relatives of Sergeant Peterson. After being mortally wounded It was one of those "misty, moisty morn- Sergeant Peterson gave detailed instructions ngs" that one encounters so frequently in to the wounded and gave first gas test, in France, and the scene was the general head- order to save the lives of the men about him. quarters of the A. E. F., usually referred to He was a gallant soldier, and I have awarded n letters, telegrams and conversation by the him a Distinguished Service Cross.-Persh-

can front, where the big boss of the A. E. F. and there is a certain connotation in the was billeted in a romantic-looking old French sound that is military efficiency itself. And chateau within close touch of G. H. Q. In when he says what he has to say he quitsthe middle of the road, as far as the eye could which is something that many other people each, were khaki-clad American boys toiling would do well to emulate. Even when ike Italian laborers in an effort to mend this Pershing electrified America by proffering road and put it into better shape for the all of our resources on foreign soil to the never-ceasing flow of traffic that daily swept French government, there was nothing melodramatic in the way he did it. In the course These toiling doughboys would straighten of a meeting held at the front on March 29, up as General Pershing passed them, stand 1918, which was attended by General Petain, rigidly erect and salute their commander with Premier Clemenceau and M. Loucheur, Gen-military precision. He was by this time eral Pershing went up to General Foch and

"I have come to tell you that the Amer-

my own.
"Infantry, artillery, aviation, all that we more efficiently after Pershing had passed have, is yours; use it as you wish. More will

"I have come especially to tell you that

There is no man in the A. E. F. who surely no one in France who would assert works half as hard as Pershing. His capathat the American commander possesses that city for continuous, persistent effort seems quality which we define as "personal magnet- exhaustible. That is why he often appears He hasn't a bit of that. In fact, a in the capacity of a slave-driver to some of certain detached aloofness always accompan- his subordinates. Being able to accomplish ies him. I can't imagine anyone going up to so much himself, he cannot understand why "Black Jack" Pershing and slapping him on other men cannot "stand the gaff." An old the back. But, nevertheless, his personality negro "mammy" once said about Taft when is a strong force in the American army, and he was president of the United States that it is a force that encourages efficiency and "he looks like a man who is regular at his hard work. Pershing is just what he should meals." Pershing looks like a man who is

look," said a Shakespearean doughboy, look-The besky-looking young Americans who ing up from his road-mending work to fol "Yes, but he gets there just the same, peare from sciatica.

### Swollen Food Prices

The tremendous increase in the cost of the necessities of life is corroborated by the battle afar off, and the odor of it was statistics collected by the bureau of markets pleasing in their nostrils. Their intensive of the Department of Agriculture. Every training in America had revealed much to householder knows the cost of living is much them. They knew the things that the Hun higher than it was, though few realize that knew and feared them not. A large propor- since June, 1913, food prices in the United tion of them came of American pioneer stock States have advanced 66 per cent. Yet the and their forebears had outfought the Indian figures published by the Department of Agon his own camping ground. They were riculture show that this is true, and that confident of taking every new trick that the during the year ended June 15 last there was boche had in his bag and ultimately using it an average advance of 7 per cent in 28 artiinst him.

It was this sort of men that General the greatest advance noted was 28 per cent

During the five-year period mentioned the terial into a pattling machine that would cost of milk has increased 44 per cent, butter beat back the boche with irresistible blows. 45 per cent and eggs 55 per cent. These are The big boss had not been in France a week three staples which may be classed as absobefore he was on the job—seeing things, lute necessities in every household, and the planning things, doing things. From the steady advances they have made in price intime of his arrival things began to happen dicate the burden which has grown increas-

stander, likely to be struck at any moment by that hig bully Germany No. 200 Hoover, the food administrator, proposes to by that big bully, Germany. No, we were devote more of his attention to retail prices; actively in the fight at last, and, God willing, that the abundant crops of the current year the big bully was in for a pair of black eyes having assured a plentiful food supply for from lusty American fists that would serve the United States and its allies, the food admerely as a reminder of the more smashing ministration intends to protect the American people from food profiteers. Efforts along this line will be welcomed by the public. The people are ready to assume any burdens which the war makes necessary, but they are decidedly unwilling to be the victims of unscrupulous dealers who adhere to the obsolete policy of charging all the traffic will bear. -Washington Post.

### People and Events

Believing Uncle Sam, as a railroad manager, is an easy one, the manager of a 'fence" in Jersey City worked up considerable business buying silks and other goods stolen from freight cars. A 10-year sentence with a \$5,000 fine tacked on for good measure give the profiteer ample time to think over another guess.

Puck is no more. All that was left of it reposes in New York's newspaper grave-General Pershing parts with words so yard. In the last quarter of the nineteenth grudgingly, in fact, that it is like work for century Puck shone resplendent and wieldhim to make a speech in public, when he ed considerable influence. Those were the knows that he is expected to say more than days of the colored cartoon, when the pens 10 words. When he made a speech in the of Gillam, Keppler and Bunner overflowed Picpus cemetery in Paris on the Fourth of with wit and vigor in picture and prose. July, 1917, it wasn't really a speech at all. It With these high lights gone, Puck waned. The Sunday colored supplement did the rest.

George Graham Rice, the later-day Walhere on the soil of France and in the school lingford in the toils of New York, had a may learn to battle and to vanquish for the easy, go easy. Imagine, fellow workers, the pained feelings of that valet when he goes against a lean pay envelope on a Saturday night. And nothing to drink but water!

The Plane News halts a drive at the fly-Lafayette in this same cemetery, General ing front long enough to remark that service with the colors oders rare inducements to out uncovering the bare spot.

### Twice Told Tales

"How far are the Huns from here?" "About seven miles," the sentinel

"Been like this for weegs; godda heluva gold," replied the soldier, wiping his nose.—Stars and Stripes.

Allied Base Ball The more things the draft officials do to base ball here the better it flourshes in London, according to Richard Hatteras of that thriving community. Mr. Hatteras says the game is getting a firm hold on every nationality in the British capital.

"Why, recently," quoth he, "I saw a game in which East Indians were playing. One of these approcahed the plate at a crucial moment and cried aloud:

"'Allah, give thou me strength to

nake a hit."
"He struck out.

block of the "Siege of Sebastopol" and the classic and brilliantly successful tem under government control. The the spat on the plate, made faces at the fair in a few days.

The classic and brilliantly successful tem under government control. The the spat on the plate, made faces at chance of these properties being re-

## The Bee's A

Omaha, Aug. 26 .- To the Editor of The Bee: As a citizen and heavy taxpayer of Omaha I favor better wages for the firemen and policemen and hope you will use your influence to secure same for them. I am also in favor of these men having one day a week off in which under ordinary circumstances they would not have

FRANK J. CAREY.

Delivery of "Muny" Ice. Omaha, Aug. 27.—To the Editor of The Bee: I was interested in your editorial suggesting that delivery of muny ice be extended so as to include the community in its benefits. I do not wish to be considered as criticising present arrangements, for conceivably they are the best that could be made in the time at the disposal of the Water board. Yet it seems to me that the men who make up that body should have had the vision to see that the benefits of the municipal ice plant will be applied within a rather narrow range under their present plan. Now it is possible only for those who live comparatively close to the small distributing depots to get any good from the service, in which all the people are interested.

I can see in the municipal ice plant possible emancipation from control of the local ice trust, but only when the service is extended to be citywide and not confined to certain small sections. Experience this summer has shown Omaha folks the danger of depending on previous sources of supply. Also a lesson has been given in the difficulty of getting ice to small consumers in the outskirts.

Let the wise men who make up our Water board give this attention. A careful survey of the city's needs and some comprehensive planning for the coming summer, with a little vigorous action, ought to bring relief.

It is not asked that the city sell ice at a loss; in fact, folks will be willing to pay as much to the city as they have paid to the ice trust, but they would like to have a thoroughly dependable source, one that cannot be interfered with at the whim of a big cold storage company or a packing house. Let us have "muny" ice for OLD FOGY.

Needed Change in Primary Law. Deshler, Neb., Aug. 26.—To the Ed-itor of The Bee: I have just read the results of the soldiers' primary vote and it emphasizes the necessity of a change in our primary law. Six hundred seventy-seven votes were cast for candidates on the republican ticket. Of this number George W. Norris received only 200, or less than one-third, and yet he becomes the nominee of the party. Such a result calls for an amendment of the primary law so that no man who has been repudiated by the party can be foisted on the party as its nominee by a minority vote.

GEORGE WALSH.

### SUNNY GEMS.

"Two soups, waiter-one tomate and one bean."
"He filled that order literally," said the other diner a little later on.
"How so?"

"I got just one bean."-Louisville Cour-

Settlement Worker-Does your husband have steady work?

Poor Woman—I think so, mum; at least he's never out of the workhouse more than a week at a time.—Buffalo Express.

that girl to take you. She doesn't know the road." "Well, do you know, I had an idea I was being miss-guided."—Baltimore American.

"And when I marry your daughter will "I'd like to."
"You'd like to?"

"Yes, I'd really like to settle the phono-

graph and the girl's mother on you, my boy!"—Yonkers Statesman. Suitor (after proposing)—If you are al-ready engaged why didn't you tell me so? She (indignantly)-I'm not the sort of a

girl that boasts of her conquests.-Boston Cholly-And was my present a surprise your sister?
Willie—You bet! Sis said she never

thought you'd send her anything so cheap -Pearson's Weekly. Manager (of Hickville Academy of Music)

-How many girls with your company? Advance Agent (evasively)—We adver-

Manager—'Taint no use advertisin' un-less you got 'em. The poppylation of this liere burg will be at the depot to check

em up .- Buffalo Express.

### Come out and walk. The last few drops of light Drain silently out of the cloudy blue: The trees are full of the dark-stooping

The fields are wet with dew. All's quiet in the wood, but far away.

Down the hillside and out across the plain. Moves, with long train of white that marks its way, The softly panting train. Come through the clearing. Hardly now we see The flowers, save dark or light against

the grass, r glimmering silver on a scented tree That trembles as we pass.

TWILIGHT ECHOES.

Hark now! So far, so far that distant song Move not the rustling grasses with your feet. The dusk is full of sounds, that all along The muttering boughs repeat.

So far, so faint, we left our heads in doubt.
Wind, or the blood that beats within our ears, Has feigned a dubious and elusive note, Such as a dreamer hears.

Again . . . again! The faint sounds rise and fall So far the enchanted tree, the song so low, drowsy thrush? A waking nightingale! Silence. We do not know.
—EDWARD SHANKS.

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One Year Ago Today in the War. Heavy rains halted action on western front.
Austrian civilians were ordered to leave Trieste.

President Wilson's rejection of Pope

Benedict's peace plea was made pub-The Day We Celebrate. Charles S. Elgutter, attorney-at-law, born 1861. Frank B. Johnson, head of the

Omaha Printing company, born 1860. John W. Towle, civil engineer and contractor, born 1872. Charles S. Whitman, who aspires to

a third term as governor of New York, born at Norwich, Conn., 50 years ago.

Bellamy Storer, former United States ambassador to Austria-Hungary, born at Cincinnati 71 years ago.

This Day in History. 1774—Elizabeth Ann Seton, foun-dress and first superior of the Sisters of Charity in the United States, born in New York. Died at Emmittsburg, fd. January 4, 1821. 1831—Lucy Webb Hayes, wife of

the nineteenth president, born at Chillicothe, O. Died at Fremont, O., June 25, 1889.

1914—Five German warships sunk by the British off Heligoland.

1215—Ambasador von Bernstorff promized full satisfaction for sinking of Arabic.

burlesque companies, i making arrangement. duction of piece, at the The Union Pacific will run trains of 20 coaches block of the "Siege of Set the fair in a few days. The Florence election of Arabic.

Just 30 Years Ago Today Articles of incorporation have been filed with the county clerk of the Congregational synagogue. The officers are: President, M. Hornick; vice president, A. Monsky; secretary, J. Demartsky; trustees, J. Bernstein, T. Talmud and M. Talmud.

A delegation of Omaha Odd Fellows

left for Los Angeles to attend the

grand encampment of that order to

pe neld at that place. Ted D. Marks, business manager of the Rice's Corsair and Evangeline burlesque companies, is in the city making arrangement. for the duction of pieces at the Grand. The Union Pacific will commence to run trains of 20 coaches to within one

Sidelights on the War The annual value of war pensions granted in New Zealand is £1,364,143. It is expected to exceed £2,000,000 by the end of the year.

"The steel bath exerts its effects on everyone and splashes over the home of the proletariat as well as over the playroom in the family of the count' concludes the Berlin publication. School children in Munich recently

that the leaves might be converted into a substitute for hay, of which there is almost a total lack. A richly illuminated address, signed nearly 600 professors of law France, England, Belgium, Italy, Ser-bia, Roumania, Portugal, Japan and Russia has been handed to the Amer-

ican ambassador in Paris for trans-

were employed stripping the trees and

bushes in the public parks in order

mission to President Wilson. In view of the cost of travel there, little chance of profitably patronizing cut-rate barbers on the fighting front. Plane News, published by American aviators in France, quotes shaves at 10 cents; hair cuts, '5 cents; hair tonics, 20 cents; facial massage, 50 Tips positively forbidden.

At a critical moment in the recent great battle along the Marne General Petain saved the situation by patching every available aeroplane on pos of the great steel merger is being his front to attack and disperse a great hostile concentration which was preparing behind the German lines. The Florence election for mayor usefulness for the aeroplane—that of stored to their owners after the war is a purely offensive weapon.

Right to the Point Minneapolis Tribune: "Down on your knees," says Maximilian Harden to the German people. General Foch will be saying the same thing in a few months.

Baltimore American: They

paying \$300 for suits in Vienna and shoes, with the winter coming on. That ultimatum to Serbia is coming very high. Philadelphia Ledger: If the kaiser thinks that he can use the Free Masons of Germany to promote a peace

drive among their brethren in the al-

iled nations he is reckoning without

his host. Washington Post: Some of the ivilian boches in the hinterland of Hungerland have heard of the threat of forcible feeding of suffs in Washington and are wondering how they can swim to this happy land.

American soldiers in camp as in keeping with the most honorable traditions of warfare. New York Herald: "How can you unscramble an egg?" The question asked by the late J. P. Morgan aprorecalled with some uneasiness apropos of the proposal to merge all the telephone companies with the Bell sys-

### Seven Miles Away.

An American colonel, newly arrived in France, on his first tour of inspection, approached a sentinel squatting behind a hedge and started to question him. The Yankee shot back a reply in a husky whisper. Immediately the colonel flattened out on the ground with more haste than dignity. After exchanging a few breathless whispers with the sentinel, the colonel whispered:

"Then why the pering?" the officer stormed.

New York World: German opinion which objects to the use of shotguns as violating the rules of war will no doubt indorse the attempts to drug

"The next man up was an Irishman.

home run."-New York Tribune.