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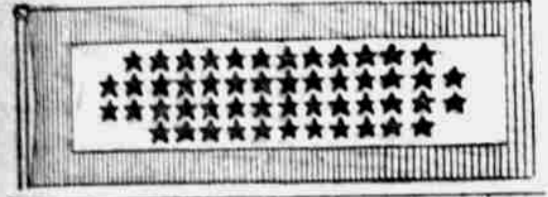
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Come on now, Mr. Weatherman, with your Indian summer!

Bohemia has won by persistency against a powerful array of opponents, and deserves its triumph.

Chief Eberstein may not have had experience in handling a police force, but he is about to acquire some.

The Kaiser is said to be a changed man. However he may look, he must feel like small change—say about 30 cents.

"Freedom shrieked when Kosciusko fell," but may now shout with joy in the rise of Masaryk and the Czech-Slovak republic.

The Canal du Nord might serve the retreating Huns well if it only had a top on it. But they cannot stand fighting in the open.

Omaha's readiness to support every worthy charity is proved again by the Visiting Nurse association going "over the top" with more than \$9,000 receipts from its tag day.

If the convicted I. W. W. leaders ever commanded any sympathy, a few bomb explosions killing and maiming innocent victims, traced to their associates, will forfeit it to them.

The hyphenated World-Herald refers to the defeat of Cole Blease in South Carolina and of Senator Vardaman in Mississippi as "deserved" on their war records. There are others!

Wonder what the Kaiser and his war lords are handing the deluded German people in explanation of how the Americans got across the Atlantic in spite of the U-boats that were to stop ocean traffic completely.

It was worthy of the Hun pirates to set sailors and fishermen afloat far at sea without food and drink, to take chances of death by starvation and exposure. The day of reckoning for these heartless brutes is at hand.

Draft boards that excluded bankers from consideration for industrial exemption are instructed from higher up that they made a mistake. The popular delusion that a banker does no work, then, has no official standing.

No politics in the president's proposed tour of the country in the interest of the next Liberty loan. Of course not. But our democratic national committee and our democratic United States senator are prompt to urge him to include Nebraska in the itinerary to save the situation for their democratic ticket which they otherwise despair of.

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JUGGLING THE POLICE PENSION FUND.

Though we believe Chief of Police Dempsey should have a square deal in recognition of his long and faithful service, culminating in his merit promotion to the headship of the police force, we protest that it is dangerous to juggle the police pension fund in disregard of the plain provisions of the law.

It is only whipping the devil around the stump to propose giving a leave of absence to make a fictitious year's service in the top rank and worse than that it is an evasion of the law. If this can be done for one member of the department, it can be repeated at will for others.

It is just as bad a precedent as restoring an officer far beyond the age limit after being for years off the force in order to let him qualify for a pension to which he has no moral claim, as has also been attempted over the vigorous protest of The Bee.

The way to do justice to Chief Dempsey, if it was the intention to let him earn a chief's pension, would be to let him have the remainder of his year to make good in the new job; for only if he made good after a fair trial would he be rightfully entitled to a pension.

When Buying Water Power. A sharp difference of opinion between the president and the house has arisen over terms of the pending water power bill, an administrative measure. It concerns the method of procedure in regard to purchase or "recapture" at the termination of the leasing period.

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Limit to Civilian Building. As another evidence that we are at war, the War Industries board has announced its intention to restrict civilian building. Any construction of a non-war character is to be at permission of this board, and this means it must be of an uncommonly useful sort if it is permitted.

Over There and Here. Schrecklichkeit is going home to root. Germany is about the only section of the world where meatless days are the real thing.

Right to the Point. Minneapolis Journal: The morale of the German army will look like its morale if it gets any lower.

Twice Told Tales. A Silencer That Failed. A hard, little never-say-die Tommy who had been captured by the Boches refused to work, and tormented his captors by continually shouting:

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The Lichnowsky Memorandum By Professor Munroe Smith of Columbia University

Critical interpretation and discussion of this most important war document by one of the world's foremost authorities on historical jurisprudence and the study of comparative international law.

Lichnowsky's memorandum was written in the summer of 1916. According to German statements which have reached neutral and allied countries, and which, in spite of minor variations, are in the main accordant, a copy of the memorandum was lent by Privy Counselor Wittig, a brother-in-law of Maximilian Harden, to Captain von Beerfelde, who was employed in the political section of the general staff.

As far as the German people are concerned, this view seems to be generally accepted. Upon some intelligent German readers the memorandum has undoubtedly made a strong impression; but most of these were already fully aware that the official explanations of the causes of the war were false.

Among the peoples of the allied countries and among neutrals the importance of the memorandum was promptly appreciated. Its revelations did not surprise them nor change their views, for they had long known the truth. Nearly all intelligent Americans had understood the events of July, 1914, before the end of that year, as soon, indeed, as the evidence then accessible was laid before them.

France a Great Empire A Statistical Fiction and Map Illusion Disposed Of New York Independent.

France is not a small country. It is one of the largest in the world. It is not, as is commonly said, "smaller than Texas." It is larger than the United States. This is not a statistical fiction, an illusion of the map. It is a vital factor in the war.

Farm Loans and War Bonds The investment of savings in war bonds has in a marked degree reduced the volume of new farm loans. Not only this, but it seems probable that a considerable part of the proceeds of maturing loans this year will be withdrawn for investment in bonds.

People and Events One Long Island farmer drew a check for \$1,400 for his crop of spuds raised on 10 acres. Nebraska potato kings do not comprise the whole royal spud family.

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Some Inside Political History. Omaha, Sept. 3.—To the Editor of The Bee: Having been absent from the city when your "Views, Reviews and Interviews" of August 26 appeared, I did not see the reference to congressional campaigns.

You do not quote me correctly. What I said was, "I am not a candidate for state senator or county attorney, or the appointment of a judge to succeed Judge Sutton. I am a candidate for congress and nothing else."

You are mistaken, also, in saying that Jefferson "finally kept out" and "Sutton was triumphant." Jefferson did not file for almost two weeks after these "conferences." He did then file. You supported him. Sutton kept out.

Early in the campaign you stated to me that Cornish was your first choice, Baldrige your second choice and Jefferson your third choice. I told you I had offered to stand aside for Mr. Cornish if he would become a candidate.

This is the second whirl Mr. Jefferson has had at congress. He is competent, popular and has your support again, as he had it in 1908, for both the nomination and the election. Charles O. Lobeck has beaten four of us, one after another, but Jefferson ought to win, and I hope he will win.

German Vote for Norris. Dorsey, Neb., Sept. 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: In regard to the Germans I would like to say a few words. It seems funny to me that the State Council of Defense would do more, but it seems that it does not seem to report to the public.

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