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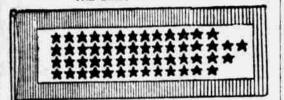
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Ready for Ak-Sar-Ben? His annual visit is almost upon us.

Hindenburg advises his soldiers to be "hard," as if they ever had been gentle.

From Berlin to Bagdad and back again the Hun is getting what is coming to him.

"Spanish flu" is far from harmless, if accounts from eastern cities are accurate. Better be careful.

Our Fort Omaha Balloon School now figures in the government's war movie films. Thanks for small favors.

King Ak-Sar-Ben is about the only royal lineage monarch still in good standing in this era of democracy.

In the meantime we may remind ourselves that the United States is officially still at peace with Turkey and Bulgaria.

The German commander of the Turkish troops in Palestine made good his escape, so the affair will register a victory in Berlin.

Of course, that whisky bottle episode must go over. Were it to be investigated now it would be dead before the campaign is well started.

Let us not get away from first principles. The police department and the fire department can no more have a dual allegiance than an trmy or a navy.

Omaha came near having John Ireland as a bishop, but always had him as a friend, and nowhere will more sincere sorrow at his demise From exultation of anticipated victory to the be felt than here.

THE GERMAN LANGUAGE QUESTION. Frank J. Taylor wrote the other day from the American front in France: "The doughboys are finding that knowledge of the German language is useful up in front. Several Americans, advancing up a communication trench, were challenged by a sentry. A doughboy who spoke German talked with the sentry, gradually edging closer. Then he jumped the boche." It has always been obvious that a knowledge of German would be

valuable "up in front." It might be the means of saving life, as in this case it was a means of overcoming an enemy. The army authorities have recognized from the first that this While people whose zeal outwould be so. ran their judgment were calling for the outlawing of the German language in schools and everywhere else, the government has been advising its soldiers to study German .- Lin coln Journal.

Everyone will admit that a knowledge of German may be valuable at the front and in the rear just as would be a knowledge of French or Italian, or Russian, or Bohemian. A knowledge of the German language to the extent of a fluent conversational familiarity with it may be as use- tion. ful to Americans as to English or French or Italians, but that is wholly different and distinct from the German language question that has been presented to us by our entrance into the

What is objectionable, and what must be stopped, is the cultivation of the German language in this country as a means of propaganda for kultur, the teaching of it in the public schools, the preaching of it in churches, the speaking of it in societics and clubs, the printing of it in newspapers and periodicals, not for the purpose of strengthening America, but for the purpose of maintaining a little Germany over here.

Speaking the German language is one thing, but thinking German, aspiring German ideals, subserving German ambitions, dividing with Germany a loyalty due wholly to America, is quite another thing. The German language must be treated in this country henceforth just the same as any other foreign language-certainly no better.

Words and Deeds Compared.

The New York World publishes a compilation of utterances ascribed to German leaders, showing how their hopes swelled to flood tide and ebbed in disappointment. On January 19 Hindenburg told a delegation of German editors: "By next April I shall be in Paris." On March 21 the kaiser said: "We are at the decisive moment of the war and one of the greatest moments in German history. The prize of victory must not and will not fail us." But the prize of victory did slip through his grasp. Day | were Omaha visitors. by day the official expressions change in tone. until on September 5 the kaiser reminded his people: "The German people understand the difficulty of the present decisive battles against | evening. an enemy filled with jealous hatred and a will to destroy, but have unanimously determined to devote all its strength to defend against the enemy's assaults upon its sacred soil and kultur." | at Macon, Ga., 63 years ago. despair of recognized defeat, the spokesmen for years ago.

THE BEE: OMAHA, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1918.



Right in the Spotlight." Gen. George P. Harrison, who, as

commander-in-chief, is presiding over the annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans, now in session at Tulsa, is an Alabaman who has achieved success and prominence in numerous lines of endeavor. He is a native of Georgia and a direct descendant of one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Entering the service of the confederacy at the outbreak of the war he was commissioned a brigadier general before he was 22. After the war he removed to Alabama, studied law and soon

became one of the leaders of the Alabama bar. For eight years he was a member of the Alabama senate, and from 1894 to 1897 he was in congress. He has been president of the Alabama State Bar associa-

One Year Ago Today in the War. German aeroplanes made another raid on London. Argentine Chamber of Deputies declared in favor of a rupture with

Germany. Lieutenant Vosse, most celebrated German airmen, killed in battle with his 50th adversary.

In Omaha 30 Years Ago.

The Indian teams will play a game at the ball park and that for the benefit of the Florida yellow fever sufferers. Some isolated flocks of geese



have already been seen upon the Platte.

Major Stanton of the army in Chicago is in the city shaking hands with many friends. A splendid double bill comedy, "Lend me 5 Shillings" and "Turned Up," will be played at the Boyd opera house this week. Dr. L. J. Lynch, of Villisca, Ia., and Dr. Panter and wife, of Omaha, The Gate City post of G. A. R. will hold a meeting at Odd Fellows' hall next Friday evening. Music and oratory will be the order of the

The Day We Celebrate. Admiral William S. Benson, U. S. chief of naval operations, born

William M. Hughes, the Australian statesman, born in Wales 54

Sidelights on the War The Tyrol, which has figured conspicuously in the news of the presen var, has always been a battleground

An American sergeant, when he

man dugout in France, found altars,

The green, white and red flag of

Italy was adopted in imitation of

Napoleon formed the Lombard mili-

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EDWIN M. SEARLE.

For one I think the

done a great service to state and na-

crawl into their holes: it has been a

bitter pill for some of them, but they

Glory above their school building

and cut out the German language in

The war is not ended, but I do

About Saving Daylight.

Omaha, Sept. 21 .- To the Editor

members of congress made a mis-

take in compelling us to push our

clocks forward, and for one I think

the sooner that law is repealed the

Where I have found one who fa-

vors the very unnecessary change

have found more than 100 who ex-

press disapproval of this law. 1

makes most of us lose sleep when i

is the most necessary, and what we

may possibly gain in time we lose

change so far as I can see are the

players of golf, called irreverently

hammock loungers and the automo-

Most people who have work to do for a living do not like the new plan.

As I stated some months ago, th

best time for garden work is in the

cool of the morning. In this hot

work in the middle of the afternoon

is more harmful than beneficial. It

climate in the summertime garden

The only ones who gain by the

"cow pasture pool"

in lack of sleep at the right time.

better it will be for all of us

William Howard Taft in Philadelphia Ledger. chiefly because of its strategic po-The general primary has lowered the charac- sition in command of the road acros

ter of men put up as party candidates for office. the Alps. sponsibility of parties to the electorate for the led a platoon into a captured Ger fitness of candidates. The old convention had vestments, statues, many evlis which could have been corrected by paintings, a chalice and a ciborium. legislation to safeguard the method of selecting stolen from desecrated churches. delegates. It was most unwise to abolish it. Since early Anglo-Saxon times successful popular government has depended on free represen- the red, white and blue of France, tative institutions in cases in which the whole people were not in mass able to legislate, appoint or execute.

Blunders of General Primary

Noyon, an important strategic Right in the next column alongside The convention was a mere normal developpoint recently recovered by the ment of the representative principle in party allies, is situated some 67 miles a base hospital on the American government. The great body of the electorate northeast of Paris and is a town of front, in which eight of our Amerof a party could not in the nature of things great antiquity. It saw the coronation of Pippin the Short in A. D. bring to the selection of candidates the time, 752, and also the coronation of attacks. A large red cross was conthe inquiry and the deliberation needed to pick Charlemagne some years later. out men fit for office. Especially was this true It is now stated on the authority in front of the big hospital tent. in the case of candidates for offices requiring of Martin Conboy, director of the professional qualifications. draft, that the recent roundup in

The movement against the convention was the New York district of more than unfortunate to the Germans residing extended to an effort to abolish parties in some 60,000 men on the mere suspicion in America, for something is turning that they were slackers yielded in up every day, so that we have lost sum total only 199 actual delin- all faith or sympathy for anything states. Parties are essential to popular government. They are indispensable to the organizaquents, who have been inducted into German. tion of the will of the people into effective ex- the army. Of these, at least \$5 were Rev. Mr. Herrmaan rightly says pression. Men yield as to minor matters to non-residents. the English churches could not suragree on main policies. They act together in Since 1870 the German general vive in country districts where the

order to put those policies into execution, and staff has always held Metz to be the Germans predominated. This was all when they become the majority they do so. principal pivot against France and in accord with a well laid plan, a Party organization should not be destroyed. The maintained there a peace garrison conspiracy to Germanize America will of the loyal members of a party should be ed by a veritable network of massive lished in the trial of the Germanallowed to have honest voice. Legislation forts, armored batteries, infantry po-American Alliance. The Germans held themselves opening to nonmembers of a party the oppor- sittons, countless shelters, and magatunity to foist upon it candidates whom its loyal zines to supply the lines and ways of aloof from the American churches members do not approve is a fraud upon them, and, therefore, upon the public which is bene-fited by honest party action. Some 700 returned soldiers have applied to the Canadian Soldiers' which they did do in a good many

fited by honest party action. Settlement board for financial as-We should return to the convention, in which sistance to enable them to engage no one but loval members of a party should have in agriculture. Nine thousand men

a voice. We should surround the selection of are required to help in the harvest delegates and their conduct with penalizing proin Manitoba, according to a message visions against corruption in their election and issued by the Canadian Food board. their action.

that it usually entails outrageous expense upon

It drives good men from candidacies; it excludes "Those actresses are quarreling openly the possibility of the office seeking the man. The very legal formalities necessary put a candidate in the attitude of chasing an office, not of

This is demoralizing to politics and deprives the public of the possibility of securing many men who would be admirable public servants.

"Yes; I wanted to get away from hear ing it."-Judge.

ties. We have now an illustration of how their

She-What do you think of Mrs. Howell's idea of getting up a dinner for F. J. Heney. Rolph was beaten by Stephens, six persons at a cost of only \$1. not run in the election as a democratic candidate because beaten in his own primary, and Star.



Why He Opposes Germany.

ing. At least return to the natural order of things by the first day of September, instead of the last day in I do not like to see darkctober. tess at 6 o'clock in the morning all the year round.

The best way of all would be to return the hours to the old form and stop passing fad laws in congress. FRANK A. AGNEW.



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A Reasonable Charge

and other states, demonstrates the inadequacy and blunders of a general primary. The question is how long the cowardice of politicians who are convinced of the utter failure of the general primary will prevent the restoration of the convention with proper safeguards aganist

abuse In California they have not only abolished conventions, but they have gone as far as they could without express legislation to abolish par-

system works. Rolph, the mayor of San Francisco, a republican, became a candidate for governor in both

He--Well, I've no doubt she could get the dinner up all right, but the trouble would be in finding six persons who would be willing to get it down .- Indianapolis Heney can't run at all. This leaves the field

the members of congress, who sit "You, there, in overalls," should the on their easy seats and pass laws of Rolph among republicans and by Rolph's cross-examining lawyer. "How much are sometimes that are not beneficial to be found in "Alice in Wonderland" to best thick

the general primary is anti-democratic, in help is estimated at 4,000 men. anyone offering himself successfully for office

merely allowing his fellow citizens to call him.

The need for informal preliminary state conventions or caucuses, recognized in New York

> Diner-These portions are absurdly mail of late, Louis! Head Walter-Well, you see, sir, we

the republican and democratic primaries. His

opponent in the former was the incumbent, Governor Stephens. His opponent in the latter was but defeated Heney. Under the law Rolph can-

open only to Stephens by reason of his defeat

about the dressing room "Strange the quarrel is open, since a dressing room contest is naturally a star chamber proceeding."-Baltimore Ameri can. Hobson-Do you think it is a good time o sell my house? Agent—Well, it may not be a ime, but I advise you to sell it.

Boy Scouts of the neighborhood are just getting up a jazz band -Life. "Ab, so my patriotic song was partly esponsible for

have to hire such old waiters now, and they can't handle heavy trays!-Detroit Free Press. A bunch of rookies coming down the street salute at Y man, who said: "Boys,

ou don't salute Y men." "That's all right, old man, we're only practicing on you," came the response .--Trench and Camp.

When "Charlie" Pool talks of supporting the commander-in-chief, does he mean the way G. M. Hitchcock followed, or that of A. C. Shallenberger, or both?

The Omaha Hyphenated is getting sadly twisted in its efforts to make a showing against Roy McKelvie, but it is not unusual for that paper to point both ways at once.

Chicago streets are more dangerous than the front line trenches. At any rate, a Canadian sergeant went through three years of war and was finally killed by an automobile in the Windy City.

If our democratic governor wants to assume responsibility for all the sins of commission and omission of the democratic party in Nebraska furing his term of office, well and good. Carrying that load will keep him round-shouldered.

"I will support the commander-in-chief," answered "Charlie" Pool to a question as to what great reform he would foster if elected to congress. The secretary of state will have to go faster than that if he expects to beat "Uncle Mose" in the big Sixth.

General Gorgas waxes enthusiastic over the medical service abroad. Why wouldn't he, considering it is made up of the best of American doctors and nurses, equipped with all that ingenuity or experience can devise and money buy, and finally under the direction of General Gorgas?

If the United States senate wants inside information of the intimate connection between the German propaganda, the German-American Alliance and the Brewers' bund it need not go outside of its own chamber. Our Senator Hitchcock is there-in fact, he would not be there except as the beneficiary of this beautiful mutual-interest combination-and he can tell all about it if he wants to.

The Yankee Tanks

The whole United States has been awaiting somewhat anxiously, but also with a large degree of expectancy, for war-front reports that tell about the actual performances of the Yankee tanks. The information given out about the American tank brigades has been meager. It is known that there are two camps where men for the tank service are in training, and it has for some time been a matter of common knowledge that several big plants are making tanks of an American design-two designs, according to the reports-a whippet one-gun, twomen tank and a larger and much more powerully armed and armored kind.

We are learning from the later reports that the American tanks were mixed up in the busi-ness of cleaning out the St. Mihiel salient. As to how many tanks participated in the drive at St. Mihiel the allied reports fail to mention. From German sources comes the estimate that there were at least 1,000 armored American cars of various sizes and models engaged in the cleanup of the German salient. The corre-spondent of the the Frankfort Zeitung attributes the great loss in prisoners of the German army to the advance doings of the American tank

Some thrill stories are now coming in from American correspondents about the doings of the Yankee tanks. The tanks are getting across -they are beginning to demonstrate. This country is the home of the tank-the land where it was born. A fleet of the air-the bomb planes! A fleet on the land-the tanks! The ins is vet to come!-Baltimore

the German cause have run the gamut. Their words as well as their deeds convict them. Instead of marching in triumph over Paris and France, they now resolve to defend German soil from invasion. And Pershing is shelling the fortifications at Metz!

Both Ends to the Middle.

The Omaha Hyphenated on Friday of last week attacked S. R. McKelvie because of his criticism of democratic tax methods and extravagance in management of the state government. To explain the great increase in appropriations under democratic days, the wobbly organ jubilantly pointed out that \$400,000 a year for six years had been set apart as a special levy for the University of Nebraska. All right, Four days later the same organ devotes a portion of its front page to abusing Mr. McKelvie because he tried in 1911 to get through the legislature an appropriation for the university. The difference was that Mr. McKelvie wanted to put the institution on land owned by the state, while the democrats finally made a deal to buy several blocks of unproductive and unattractive ground in the city of Lincoln. And McKelvie's plan had the endorsement of a commission of heads of great schools, such as the Universities of Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and Ohio, as well as the Nebraska regents, while the plan finally adopted by the democrats was enthusiastically backed by a group of interested citizens. Perhaps the Hyphenated will abandon this line of attack, but the approach shows how it is wriggling in its efforts to detract the attention of the voters from state issues.

Be Square With Uncle Sam.

A wholesome sermon may be extracted from the experience of the Los Angeles family, whose men folks sought to evade the draft, and whose women folks sought to aid them in so doing. Brought back from Venezuela as prisoners, after a series of adventures with the law and otherwise that makes a movie plot seem insipid, these recalcitrant and unworthy citizens find themselves now confronted by the government they undertook to defraud. Whatever the outcome of the case, they have only their trouble for their pains. Uncle Sam asked the services of the three sons in return for all the advantages your side?' they and their relatives had enjoyed as citizens of the United States. Instead of settling the claim, as did millions of others, this outfit tried to dodge it, and disaster has now overtaken them. Worse, it is accompanied by dishonor. The plain moral is that it pays to be on the square with the government.

Savings in Railroad Operation.

Regional Director Smith has made a report to Director McAdoo, showing a saving of \$18,-000,000 in the expense of operating railroads in the Eastern region. This is, of course, very gratifying, but is not to be at all marveled at, and perhaps will be duplicated in each of the other regional divisions of the railroad service. It would be occasion for wonder were it not true. This may be said with no reflection on private management. The government has been able to do many things that were expressly forbidden to the companies, and most of all to effect consolidations and arrangements for routing of and operation of trains that could not have been achieved without violating the law or some of the orders of the Interstate Commerce commission. One of the greatest lessons we are learning from the government control of the view halloo. The hunt of the beast is in full swing. The war is

Rev. James I. Vance of Nashville, moderator of the Southern Presbyterian general assembly, born at Arcadia, Tenn., 56 years ago. Victoria Claffin Woodhull Martin, candidate of the equal rights party for president of the United States in 1872, born at Homer, O.,

80 years ago. Oliver Booth Dickinson, judge of the United States court for the eastern district of Pennsylvania, born at Dayton, O., 61 years ago.

This Day in History. 1775-Ethan Allen and 38 men, captured in the American attack on

Montreal, were sent to England as prisoners. 1850-Railroad connected Petro-

grad and Moscow, built by American engineers, opened for traffic. 1862-General Buell, with federal troops, arrived at Louisville, in advance of the confederate forces. 1893-Two bandits killed and four captured in an attempted train robbery near St. Joseph, Mo. 1914-First contingent of British, Indian troops landed at Marseilles, France.

Timely Jottings and Reminders.

1.517th day of the great war. The Minnesota conference of the Methodist Episcopal church meets in annual session at St. Paul today. with Bishop Wilson presiding.

Michigan democrats are to meet convention at Detroit today, to name candidate for minor state offices and adopt a platform for the coming campaign. The welfare and upbuilding of the

Indian race will be considered at the annual national meeting of the Society of American Indians, which will open a three-day session today at Pierre, S. D.

Storyette of the Day.

The young lawyer was defending a man accused of burglary, and the woman whose house had been entered was under examination. 'Madame," asked he, "what time of night was it when you saw the prisoner in your room?' 'Close to 2 o'clock in the morn-

"Was there a light in the room?" "No.

The lawyer frowned impressively and shot a side glance at the jury he fairly thundered: "Then please, madame, explain how it was you could see the prisoner and yet not see your husband?"

wer, "was at the club."-Baltimore American.

Center Shots

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The Americans sang the "Marseillaise" as they advanced, doubtless remembering that it was composed in Strassburg, which must be redeemed. Washington Post: "The Germans have no America," says Mr. Lloyd George, "and as a result of their despair they are turning to Austria." Austria is turning, too-to see how much farther Italy will chase her.

telephone management is trying to ularize itself by charging \$10 for a change of name in the telephone book without new installment of a telephone. Feems as if it ought to succeed.

Louisville Courier-Journal: There now appears upon the war map in path of the advancing troops of the allies the frontier of Germany The troops of the allies are giving

be found in "Alice in Wonderland" to beat this? ness, "or you'd be in overalls, too."--Bos-Oh, Lord, how long? ton Transcript.

Omaha.

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Trade Competition 'Adjourned'

In the nature of things the United States and England must be, and ought to be, com-petitors, after the war, for the trade of South America and of the orient. Their rivalry will For the toilers of the city. In their narrow grooves confined— America and of the orient. Their rivalry will for the chiers of the chier of the ch arrangement Washington has entered into with England to adjourn such competition while hos-tilities are going on, though it may be unwel-For the loneliness come to some interests, is so manifestly fair Is that found amidst the throng that it will have almost universal approval. Then I left the busy city,

England has lent its ships to carry our troops England has lent its ships to carry our troops and provisions and munitions for those troops To the distant shady hillside. to France. It has hampered its own foreign Where the woods and river meet. trade to do this. Now that the immediate stress is over, that the tide seems to be turning in Every tree gave blessed shelter favor of the allies, its own exporters are com-In the shadow that it cast: plaining fiercely that ships should be restored to the uses of commerce. But any movement While the soft and fragrant grasses of that sort would be equally injurious to Eng-Offered me a kindly bed. land, to France, to the United States and to the nd the birds called joyous welcome allies' cause. "Welcome Home!" on every hand. The assurance that we will not seek to profit

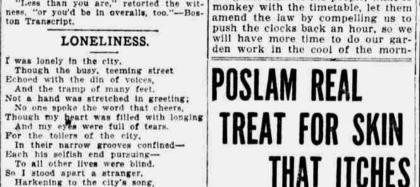
by England's magnanimity will smooth things over for the British government, will silence many protests, will make all protests easy to ignore. But in the long years that are to come England will have to reckon in the South American and in the oriental markets with a new America, unhampered as in the past by lack of shipping, realizing as it has never before realized the need of banking facilities, able to protect its merchants and its concessionaires everywhere, and inviting a battle without bitterness for the trade of the world .- Brooklyn Eagle.

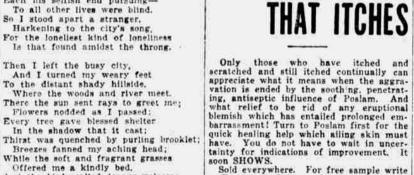
A Modern Munchausen

To thank God that others are worse off than we are is a form of gratitude to which the war has given new aspects. A German named Voss has been trying to cheer his countrymen by telling them, in the Kieler Zeitung, that their sufferings are nothing to those of the English. He found this out in "traveling all over England" after escaping from the Isle of Man, where he had been interned. Some of the things which he reports are credible enough, but they serve only as an introduction to his tall talk. Thus he observed that Waterloo bridge had been so shattered by German bombs that "hardly eny-thing was left." He also saw groups of Gurkhas, under black officers, patrolling the streets of London in order to intimidate the starving people. "These bordes," he added, "have attacked whole villages in Lincolnshire and utterly wiped them out. I have seen these places with my own eyes." Whether these stories lighten the spirits of Germans or not, they will unquestionably add to the gayety of the English. These veracious tales by Herr Voss ought to be included in the "comic weekly" which the Germans are printing in English and dropping over the American lines .- New York Post.

Seed Grain Loan

The seed-grain loans to farmers in the drouth-stricken areas of the United States are likely to fail utterly in their purpose because of overregulation-an evil that has brought disaster to much well-considered legislation in the past. The Departments of the Treasury and Agriculture, which have joint jurisdiction over the loans, have just issued several pages of rules under which they will be granted. Anybody but a lawyer would be appalled at the restrictions imposed. The maximum loan that will be made is \$300, and it is safe to say that much of that sum will be exhausted in attorneys' fees for drawing up the application and other necessary documents. The most heartbreaking of the rules provides that "no loan will be made to any farmer who has unencumbered real or personal property sufficient to secure a loan of \$300." It is safe to say that a man reduced to that extremity is not going to stay on the farm to await the results of a new crop. He will move to the nearest city and endeavor to get employment that will bring him an immediate income. That is precisely what was sought to be avoided by the federal purchase of seed-to keep the





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