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THE BEE'S SERVICE FLAG
Mr. Wilson loves to ride down precedent.



How that "sting of ingratitude" does rankle!
At least one prominent German family has no gold stars on its service flag.

Now the wireless can be run without poles, showing what progress is being made.

"Pro-German propaganda is renewed" warns Washington. When was it discontinued?

"Here's your hat, Mr. Hohenzollern," says Holland to a visitor, "but do not rush away too fast."

Iron crosses are offered in Berlin at a penny apiece, which is still much above the market quotation on scrap iron.

The United States is big enough and strong enough to survive a short application of "Tom" Marshall in the executive chair.

Congress has taken its final kick at old John Barleycorn, but the end of the war does not look so far away now as it did last summer.

The blessed bolsheviks did not make much headway in Berlin, but may have made a deeper impression that is now apparent. Time will settle this point.

Herr Solf still fusses about the possible effect of the presence of alien troops on the banks of the Rhine. He will get used to it long before their "watch" is removed.

Yankee soldiers are finding back of the line many evidences that the Huns believed they were going to hold all they seized. The supermen made a lot of blunders in their calculations.

Distilleries may be selling at 5 cents on the dollar, but bootleg booze commands a much higher price. However, that stuff does not depend on a distillery, either, for production or distribution.

Paris is having a series of jubiliations, or rather one continuous uproar, as one event after another emphasizes the victory. And it is no place for a Yankee soldier who does not care about being kissed.

The Belt Line tracks come to the surface again as the war wave recedes. What the citizens want is that the tracks be elevated above the surface high enough to make them safe. This is imperative.

Secretary Daniels started the war modestly enough, but he was getting into the regular democratic class, as his estimate of \$3,000,000,000 for naval needs for 1920 shows. And this is the same Daniels who could not see the good of a battleship three years ago.

The proposed visit of the president to France recalls the advice given by a sober-minded Hoosier to an Omaha friend a few years ago. They were talking of "Tom" Marshall, and the Hoosier adjured his hearer to pray each night that Woodrow Wilson be permitted to live his term of office through.

"Vic" Berger, congressman-elect from Milwaukee and under several indictments for sedition, told an audience of 10,000 socialists in Chicago that the "international flag," whatever that is, is above Old Glory in his estimation. Berger will keep on until he secures his martyrdom and a nice prison cell at the same time.

Congress is now arranging to leave the revenue bill unfinished until the December session. In December last year it was faced with the admitted necessity of amendment the existing law to cure its manifold imperfections, but postponed the job in deference to politics. Now, with the election passed and the war at a close, the democrats waver further time. Yet the leaders wonder why the people have no patience with them.

Germany's "Peaceful Development."

Dr. Solf's persistent appeal for a modification of terms of the armistice discloses finally something of its foundation. Underlying his statement that the "peaceful development" of Germany is involved, may be discovered something of the extent to which the kaiser and his crew were concerned in holding on to Alsace-Lorraine and the mines of Belgium and northern France.

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WITH THE PRESIDENT ABROAD.

Mr. Wilson, as was all along expected, has decided to attend the peace council in person. While this decision may start considerable discussion, serious question as to its propriety will hardly be raised.

For these reasons it is almost imperative that he attend the solemn conclave that will formulate the conditions on which the peace and tranquility of the world are to be secured.

That the visit of the president of the United States to France, England, and perhaps Italy, will be construed as an act of peculiar grace at this time can scarcely be doubted.

What's the Trouble With the Police Force? If Police Superintendent Ringer is quoted correctly, that he cannot "fire" a bad policeman, then he indicts not the police, but himself and his associates on the city commission.

At present Mr. Ringer has a chief of police selected by himself. It would be unfair to say Chief Eberstein was "hand-picked" when he was given the job because Superintendent Ringer wanted him.

One Year Ago Today in the War. British opened one of the greatest offensives of the year on west front.

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TODAY

Right in the Spotlight. Friedrich Ebert, who became the nominal head of the German provisional government after the fall of the empire, has been vice president of the Reichstag.

In Omaha 30 Years Ago Today. Captain O'Donahue has sold his interest in the "Fire Reporter" to Delos Beard, formerly of Engine Company No. 1.

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Marshal Foch

Floyd Gibbons in Chicago Tribune. Belgium won the war by delaying the German hordes on her borders.

In this atmosphere of battle France produced the boy who was destined to save civilization in 1918.

During that fateful year of 1871, Foch entered the Ecole Polytechnique, where from the start he manifested a particular inclination toward the precise studies.

Foch as a teacher and theorist formulated his own theory of war. According to students who knew him as a teacher, Foch would first of all estimate any material factors in war was a mistake.

That stroke won the first battle of the Marne. The enemy's terrific offensive upon which was based the German hope to conclude the war in six weeks failed signally.

It was in this year on March 29 that Foch was placed in command of all the armies of the allies. This creation of the unified command came eight days after the launching of the terrific German offensive in Picardy where the enemy had succeeded in putting one entire British army to rout.

On May 27 the Germans struck again, this time on the Chemin des Dames, and with a frightful expenditure of their reserves succeeded in advancing their lines thirty miles from the valley of the Aisne to the valley of the Marne.

On July 18 Foch was ready to strike with the long delayed allied counter-offensive. He struck in the Villers-Coteret forest. The blow was directed at the right flank of the German salient.

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Alsace-Lorraine

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Over There and Here

The German cruiser Wiesbaden, reported sunk by the revolutionaries for refusing to hoist the red flag, takes its name from the "badhau" resort on the Rhine.

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