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When "it's over over there" he'll come back.

The "filibuster" saved the country several

Our Hawkeye neighbors have no occasion to complain of lack of material for gossip.

What do you know about Vermont towns voting "wet?" July 1 is a long way ahead.

The sleepy suffs will never know what they missed by not getting up at Omaha, but it is

Mayor Rolph of San Francisco called the turn at Washington, but how does that help the

Killing the civil service law for Omaha ought to strengthen the determination to have

"Careful selfishness" has saved disaster many a time, and is not a whole lot worse than 'watchful waiting." Justice Cohalan now knows whether the war

is over. The president declined to enter the same room with him.

Filipinos are again agitating for independence. Let them be patient and they will get it in good season.

We hope Mr. Wilson has recovered his equanimity by this time, but he certainly was not in the best of humor when he left home.

"Democrats organize to present solid front of opposition" in the next congress. But that is not partisan politics, you know; it is pure

Americans have always responded to the call of humanity, but that does not mean they are to abandon their own interests entirely because humanity needs assistance again.

For a nation that did not know which side was right in 1916, but is now ready to take on all the troubles and pay all the bills of the world war. Americans are showing some speed,

Already the covenant of universal peace is being amended to make the United States assume a greater share of the cost of the war. What wonder it meets criticism here. .

Mr. Burleson is going to sell us a new design of 3-cent stamp to commemorate Victory, but what most of us would like to see is the postal service back on its old basis of efficiency.

The superintendent of police again passes the buck to the police judges in the matter of auto speeding. What the public would like to see is a reasonable measure for safety, reasonably enforced, no matter by whom.

Claude E, Kitchin modestly steps aside to let Champ Clark become democratic floor leader in the next congress. It will not make a great deal of difference which is at the head, the party will continue to be behind.

The German cabinet says it will not submit to coercion from the Entente allies. Oh, very well. Maybe they had better talk the matter over with Herr Hindenburg and Herr Ludendorff before making their resolution irrevocable.

Up to the present nobody knows just where the president stands on the Irish question, unless it can be extracted from his promise that when it comes up at Paris he will use his "best judgment," and that may mean anything.

It would be very impolite for any other nation to rise up at Paris and inquire if the constitution of the League of Nations is to be more carefully observed than is the constitution of the United States of America by those who have sworn to defend it.

## All Truth Tellers

Testimony more contradictory could hardly be imagined than that which has been offered in regard to the embarkation camp at Pontanezen, near Brest. On the one hand, many soldiers who have been there tell dreadful stories about heir hardships and sufferings, while, on the other hand, several newspaper correspondents, including some who presumably would not be reluctant to report horrors if horrors existed, have made what they declare to have been careful and complete examinations and either admit or proclaim that the much-criticized camp, all things considered, is a credit to American ability o guard the health of our soldeirs and Ameri-

an determination to do it. And now we have a detailed report of an examination made at General Pershing's order by a competent subordinate of high rank, and he, too, says that the camp is well organized. the buildings weather-tight and warm, the food good and its distribution excellent, and that idequate measures have been taken to keep the men out of the mud inevitably formed in that port of France at this season of the year when

troops are gathered in close quarters. That is, of course, an investigation of the accused by themselves, and favorable reports are naturally to be expected in such circumstances, but it is incredible that Major Gen, Helmick would deliberately misrepresent facts that are known to thousands and thousands of copie, or that General Pershing would as de-

therately present falsified hospital statistics. This, however, is not to say that "somebody a lying," and still less to say the men who have o bitterly complained about their experiences at the Pontanezen camp are the ones who have seen doing it. A possible theory of the dis-repancies in the evidence is that the witnesses all tell the truth, but are referring to different times—that evils once real enough were remefled as soon as possible. Allowance must be rade, too, for the impatience and irritability of the soldier, eager to get home and detained on he coast of France-where apparently it always rains-for a period the length of which he does not understand .- New York Times.

PRESIDENT, PEACE AND THE PEOPLE.

In at least one of his assertions at New York, the president is eminently accurate. Not alone a majority of the American people, but every right-thinking individual throughout the world ardently, yea, devoutly hopes that the negotiations at Paris will produce durable peace. They know that such peace can be established only on justice, and that it will endure only so long as justice is done to all. And the world is ready to accept for trial any reasonable plan, the workings of which will produce the harmonious tranquility so poignantly desired.

But this scarcely justifies Mr. Wilson in his attitude towards the men who differ from him, who decline to accept without question or comment otherwise than favorable the dictum he presents. His career as president of the United States does not warrant such assumption on his part. Take his utterances, from the speech he made in Philadelphia, after the Lusitania affair in May, 1915, when he sought to quiet the righteous anger of the American people with the plea that generally increased indignation, "We are too proud to fight," on down to his latest words, delivered to a selected audience at the Metropolitan Opera house, and we find a continual shifting of position. He has moved from stand to stand, through all the moods of out at home. pacifism into and out of belligerency, and now demands that he be given unquestioning acquiescence in whatever he proposes. Such a review will convince the candid person that the president has put considerable of a strain on a free people accustomed to dealing directly with its own affairs.

In October, 1916, at Omaha Mr. Wilson said Americans had not gone into the war because they had not yet found which side was in the right; they could not yet tell for which cause they wanted to fight. Contrast this with the tenor of his address at New York Tuesday night, when he in effect insisted that Americans are ready and eager to take on not only the burdens of Europe, but the cares of the world as well. One may not wholly coincide with this broad and all-inclusive philanthropy, and yet be free from the accusation of being "separated from the general currents of the thought of mankind."

Mr. Wilson especially scorns those who "set up a doctrine of careful selfishness" for the protection of America, which might be contrasted against the attitude he took a few years ago, when he specifically and persistently declined to protect American citizens in Mexico because such protection might result in war with

The men who are now asking that the constitution of the League of Nations be modified n particulars essential to American interests have motives no less patriotic, philanthropic or beneficial than do those who are ready to take on not only the white man's burden, but all the other cares and troubles of a disturbed world. They observe, however, that France, Italy, Japan, and other nations, great and small, are asking for better protection than the tentative draft promises, and can see no good reason why this boon should be denied to America. Unquestioning acceptance of the president's personal views, especially when they are presented in a manner so indicative of irritation and displeasure, is not a final test of devotion to the country's welfare.

### Plight of the Railroads.

Failure of the appropriation that was to government management has its serious aspects, but it also has a side that will in some way justify the situation. Business may or may not suffer in consequence, but the railroad administration will be required to get down to business and run the roads about as the owners would be required to do. Governmental operation has thus far been relieved of the serious problem of paying expenses out of earnings, and of securing capital for extensions in the open mar-The half-billion revolving fund Mr. McAdoo thought would be ample disappeared as water poured on sand, and Mr. Hines has already disposed of the three-fourths of a billion he asked, when the appropriation failed. No question is made of the necessity of the expenditures proposed. Betterments and extensions, renewals and repairs of equipment, and all those details were matters of experience to the operative railroad men, who had to provide funds for carrying out the projects, as well as to meet the increased payroll and other advancing costs of doing business. These problems were solved by the federal administrator easily and simply. He knocked another hole into the treasury reservoir, and let the money spout. For a little while the roads will be managed as a business enterprise and not as an eleemosynary institution. This experience ought to be reflected finally in the determination of

Business, Not Politics.

tion of government ownership.

the disposition to be made of the whole ques-

The conference of governors and mayors at Washington developes that the country is generally getting impatient under the paternalistic patronage of the democratic federal administration. As the mayor of San Francisco put it, it was not necessary to call them 3,000 miles away from home to tell them the country needs good roads, and that every American should own his own home. The mayor of Omaha made it a little more specific, citing the fact that "somebody in Washington is standing on his foot," holding back a million dollars' worth of public improvements in this city. Governor Edge of New Jersey and Governor Cox of Ohio came into sharp clash over the socialistic tendency of the administration, and in other ways tacks have been distributed along the path of which the cabinet officers in charge were to roll the rubber-tired chariot of state. Up to the present writing, the conference has made clear only one point, and that is that the democrats are not gaining much through this transparent attempt to make political medicine out of national necessity.

A prompt denill from Belgium that any there suffered starvation or was poisoned by spoiled wheat or any other food sent from America ought to end the miserable gossip circulated in this country. It will not, though, for the propaganda so extensive prior to the days of 1917 is reviving in all its insidious and devious danger. Americans should be on their guard constantly against efforts to thrust a wedge of jealousy or distrust between them and their allies, and should remember that Germany still is

Seniority will continue to rule in congress, according to report from Washington, but the policy of "mandarinism" can not endure forever.

Doughboys Going to School

Stars and Stripes, France.

Twenty thousand men of the Third army and 10,000 of the First army have enrolled as students in army post schools to be conducted under the auspices of the army educational commission, it was announced this week at general

The school bell is ringing in many parts of the A. E. F. In the Ninth army corps, now stationed in the vicinity of St. Mihiel, it was stated, 11,000 men are already attending classes. regions further south, including Bordeaux, where the famous University of Bordeaux is preparing to receive 1,200 American students, post schools and colleges are being got ready. The exploitation of the Dijon area is a possibil-

the near future. Under the terms of general orders 9, general headquarters, division schools, where men may take work corresponding to high school courses tary and also vocational work, are to be opened in and all divisions. Hundreds of former college and academy professors are being withdrawn from be sent from the office of the zone various branches of the A. E. F. and sent to direct an dteach these schools, and thousands are received, and the discharge papers will be returned with the of text hooks are being shipped to them, plan is to make these divisional schools continuous in operation, having them move with the divisions when they are ordered Hobokenward, breaking up only when the outfits are mustered

For the higher branches of education, courses in 14 French universities and in several of the larger English and Scottish universities will be offered, as previously announced, to duly qualified applicants-the same rules applying to officers and men-who wish to continue interrupted undergraduate studies or take up post-graduate work. But, in addition, the A. E. F. is going to have a college of its own, entirely complete in equipment barracks, class rooms, teaching staff

and text books, at Nevers. Taking a course in one of the foreign univer-sities or in the A. E. F.'s own college will not, however, mean that a man will be stuck here his unit is ordered back. The privilege will be extended, so it is planned, to all officers and men in attendance to choose whether they want to go home with their units or stay and finish their courses. In addition, all officers and men, while taking university work, will be considered as on detached service and will draw their full

The subjects being taught in such post schools as those operated in the Ninth army corps area include elementary and advanced French history, governmental institutions of the allied countries, salesmanship, drawing, architecture, civics, English reading, composition and literature, causes of the present war, use of gas engines, arithmetic, algebra and trigonometry, shorthand, and for elementary students, reading, writing and spelling,

The effort is to make all the courses as pracrical as possible. In the course of architecture, for example, which is under the charge of former lecturer at the University of California, the class visits and inspects various types of for failure of troops to reach this buildings throughout the corps area, including side. old Roman edifices.

For the divisional schools a divisional school officer has been appointed in each of those units now in France. Under him are regimental and company school officers, reporting to him and extending the program laid down. In each division, also, there will be appointed from the army personnel a man with library experience to act as divisional librarian, working in co-opera-tion with the divisional school officer to secure the needed text and reference books.

The American Library association will appoint from its own personnel for each army an army librarian to have general supervision of the divisional book distribution, and will also have its representatives at the more important centers in the S. O. S. A central library and distributing center will be established for the Third army at Coblenz.

The language difficulty in connection with work in the French universities is expected to be overcome by the offering of intensive courses have gone to the support of the railroads under | in French to prospective students for several weeks before the opening of the regular university courses. Much of the instruction, though will be in English, either through the medium of French professors who know the language or Americans assigned to lecture and translate.

At the University of Bordeaux, however, all the courses will be given in French. As a samof the accommodations to be provided by the French universities, the Bordeaux faculty has decided to admit about 500 Americans to its law school and about 200 to its medical school. To the latter only those men will be admitted who have had at least two years' study in Amer-

ican medical schools.

The scientific school will accommodate about 200 Americans, and of this number four specially qualified men will be allowed to take the course in astronomy at a nearby observatory. The re-mainder of the university's quota will be eligible for the regular general course in French litera-

As to the agricultural program embodied in the army's educational scheme, the farmers' in-stitute courses which closed recently at Bor-deaux proved highly successful. They were given at 14 different camps in Base Section No. 2 and the attendance ranged from 300 to 800

So great was the enthusiasm manifested that tural training staffs at each of the larger camp in the section, under the general charge of Maj. George J. Dowling.

At the embarkation camp of the Bordeaux region, where the men stay only a few days be-fore being shipped home, lectures on agricul-ture, accompanied by motion pictures, are to be

How Brother Met Brother.

"Halt! Who goes there? Advance and give the countersign!" This command, which rang out clearly in the night on the battlefield of France for a moment startled Sergt. John Harvey of Uniontown, Pa., although the tones seemed rather familiar. Sergeant Harvey did as ordered and for the first time in four years met his brother, Sergt. Edward Harvey. Neither of the brothers knew the other was within several thousand miles of France.

The Day We Celebrate.

Frank W. Corliss, of the Waterloo Creamery company, born 1842;
Dr. Charles W. Pollard, physician, born 1871,
Sir George Bury, late vice president of the
Canadian Pacific railway, born in Montreal, 53

Prof. Archibald C. Coolidge of Harvard, who accompained the president to the peace conferborn in Boston, 52 years ago. Herbert Kaufman, an editor and author whose writings have become familiar to readers

ton, D. C., 41 years ago. Dr. Albert Parker Fitch, former president of Andover Theological seminary, born in Boston, 42 years ago.

on both sides of the Atlantic, born in Washing-

In Omaha 30 Years Ago.

Jacob Fawcett as president and A. H. Davis as secretary are the Omaha men on the official roster of the North Nebraska Sunday School association just arranged by the Methodist

Sons of Omaha met at the residence of W. H. Koenig, 216 North Nineteenth street. The proposed consolidation of horse and cable car companies is hanging fire. The plan is to call the merger the Omaha Street Car

ompany.

Mr. R. A. Pryor of Chicago and Miss F. A. Robinson of this city were married in St. Philips Belva Lockwood, the great woman's rights advocate, passed through Omaha on her way to keep a lecture engagement at Weeping Water.

Friend of the Soldier

Replies will be given in this column to questions relating to the soldier and his probfems, in and out of the army. Names will not be printed.

Ask The Bee to Answer.

Bonus for Soldiers.

H. M.—The \$60 bonus is to be and nurses of the army on honorable separation; by discharge or other wise from the service. It will not be paid to the heirs of any deceased soldier. Soldiers yet to be discharged will receive this bonus on discharged and having received their final pay should write to the zone finance officer. Lemon building. Washington, D. C., giving military record since April 6, 1917, and inclosing discharge papers or order for discharge. Checks will papers will be returned with the check. Drafted men who had reported to post of duty on or prior to the signing of the armistice are en-titled to this bonus. The number of claims to be paid, more than a mil-lion and a quarter, will occasion some delay in getting the money

Many Questions Answered. Anxious-Can not tell you when the 118th engineers will return. E. V. F .- The \$35th field artillery was last reported at Chateauroux (Indre), A. P. O. 738. It is part of the 162d brigade, 87th division. No

orders for its early return.
V. E.—Base hospital numbers apply only to base hospitals; other units have their own serial num-

Mrs. C. B. K.—The 48th coast artillery is part of the 38th brigade, C. A. C., headquarters at Nevers (Nievre), A. P. O. 708.

Mrs. C. L.—The 96th aero squadon is part of the Third army, with headquarters at Bar-le-Duc (Meuse), A. P. O. 907. It is not scheduled for early return. C. A. J.—The 16th engineers are

assigned for early convoy.

——, Doniphan, Neb.—There is no 258th company or 129th battalion of military police; company num-bers cease at 251 and battalion numbers at 124. We therefore can not give you the information you ask for ll we know better what you want. L. N. J., Cozad—The 37th division

is scheduled to sail in March; this should include the unit you ask for. Mrs. R. E. C .- Headquarters of the 41st division was at St. Algnan. This division was under orders to sail for home in February, and this should include the unit you inquire Shipping delays may account

part of the 34th division yet remainng in France; headquarters -sur-Loire (Nievre), A. P.

sent home.

Soldier's Wife—The 28th engineers is scattered in the First and Second armies; Company F is with the 28th division, A. P. O. 744. This division is scheduled to sail for home in May. The 338th machine gun battalion is with the 88th division:

E. H.—The 89th division is sched-uled to sail for home in June. Na-tional Guard divisions, so-called, are made up from National Guard units taken over by the army; national army divisions are made up from drafted men; the 89th is a national army division.

assigned for early convey home.

Mrs. H. B.—The 134th infantry is those days of food profiteering.

at A. P. O. 912; can not tell when Mrs. G. R.—Write to the adjutant general of the army for the soldier; the 30th balloon company is at La Courtine (Creuse), A. P. O. 722, in the service of supply; the 58th balloon company is at La Valdahon (Boubs), A. P. O. 704, also in the service of supply. The 89th division is scheduled to sail in June.

A Soldier's Sister—The 89th aero squadron is scheduled for early convey home.

voy home.

A. M. P.—No one can tell how long troops will be kept in the army of occupation after the peace treaty is signed.

Mrs. J. S.—The address of the 59th infantry is A. P. O. 746; the regiment is in the Eighth brigade of the Fourth distribution. the Fourth division, army of occu-pation; headquarters of division,

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A Soldier's Friend—A. P. O. 705 is at Bordeaux; "F. R. S." stands for field remount squadron; unit No. 343 of this service is at Carbon-Blanc, via A. P. O. 705.

A Soldier's Sister—The 335th ambulance company is in the 84th division, A. P. O. 305. Part of this division has been returned to the United States; can not tell when the United States; can not tell when the units remaining in France will be

sent home.

Mrs. F. W. W.—The present address of the 130th machine gun batdralion is A. P. O. 743; it is part of the 35th division and is under schedule to return home in April.

CENTER SHOTS

Washington Post: If the allies are so much afraid of idleness, why don't they start the work of reconstruction?

New York Herald: Japan expresses surprise that China should want Tsing-tao. Probably wouldn't be able to understand the desire of the Dutch to keep Holland.

Brooklyn Eagle: Chicago labor unions have arranged to have a gen-eral strike on April 1, for one day, eral strike on April 1, for one day, which is election day. Milk, ice, groceries and meats will not be delivered. As an All Fools' day celebration nothing has beaten this since the world began.

DAILY CARTOONETTE

BILL-TUE GOT TO BORROW SOME MONEY FROM THE BANK-ANII I WANT YOU TO ENDORSE MY NOTE





# Little Folks' Corner

## DREAMLAND **ADVENTURE** By DADDY

CHAPTER IV. The Joke that Hit Back.

BILLY and Peggy raced to protect Mammy Chice against the sprites, but they were too The mean sprites had thrown the banana peel in Mammy's path and she, singing happily as she balanced the basket of mundry on her

head, never saw it.

Her foot stepped on the peal, For a moment nothing happened. Then as she swung the other foot forward, the foot on the peel slipped up and sailed into the air. Down sat Mammy on the hard sidewalk, a most astonished colored lady. Away flew the basket of clothes straight for a back and forth and finally held it big mud puddle,
"Oh, our week's washing—it will

What Might Be Done. York, Neb., March 3.—To the Edifashed into his mind a way to tor of The Bee: I want to file my work his plan against the mean York, Neb., March 3 .- To the Edifor of The Bee: I want to the my protest against deporting those poor I. W. W's without showing them a good suit each and \$400 at them a good suit each and \$400 at them a good suit each and \$400 at the banana-peel jokers."

The breath was knocked out of rendered. We might have given them a good suit each and \$400 at least, if not to make them full citizens without any string to them, to show any yellow streaks. What say you. FRANKLIN POPE. Mammy by her bump, but her sharp to the top of the Banyan tree eyes had seen Billy rescue her basket and she knew he was a friend. The — reaches easily.

Keep Alive the Brotherhood. sailors, and in my opinion it would be my so still. Mammy just gave a of great value in perpetuating that gasp as if were her last one. "She great brotherhood of men which the is dead!" cried Peggy. great brotherhood of men which the is dead!" cried Peggy.
war has created, and in fostering the Billy whispered a message to chuckle: "Run and get Policeman spirit of tolerance which was instill- Chuckle: fellowship of camp life cannot realiza they heard Peggy's cry.
how much prejudice and false pride sprites quit laughing was broken down in the barracks They thought they had killed Mamreligious: the northerner and south-erner, all met on an equal footing, discussed their views and learned "Where? Oh where can we Anxious-No word as to when to be more sympathetic and charit-evacuation hospital No. 37 will be able toward thost who differed with panic. them. The great majority of the men will return with a greater appreciation of their rights and a broader understanding of their duties as citizens and they will be "I know a place! Follow me!" shouted Billy. "Quick! Show us quick!" yelled broader understanding of their duties as citizens and they will be "Ellly ran toward the tar heater

received any time.

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safe and secure. "Ho, ho! what a joke!" roared the

Billy was busy while the

Mammy hit the sidewalk and while the basket was still in the air there

The breath was knocked out of ket and she knew he was a friend. So she gave Billy a wise wink, and

Recp Alive the Brotherhood.

Omaha, March 3.—To the Editor of The Ree: One of the writers in this column has advocated an organization of discharged soldiers and Peggy, alarmed when she saw Mam-

ed in all of us by meeting and living Sense." Away scooted Chuckle at with men of every type and station top speed. in life. Those who were not privileg-ed to spend a few months in the close faces of the agreeable sprites when

shouted Billy.
"Quick! Show us quick!" yelled

the greatest leavener that has ever and all the mean sprites ran after entered the political life of this him, with Joker, Mocker and Wit so country, exercising the balance of eager to hide they almost pushed power between the ultra reform ele-ment on the one hand and the ex-of their wits and never stopped to

It took but a minute Howard tar heater. Billy lifted n over by the army; national New York Herald: Howard tar heater. Billy lifted off the y divisions are made up from Chandler Christy, the artist, declares that Venus de Milo is "too massive." Waiving the artistic question involuced. C.—The 165th engineers is ved, it must be admitted that she is



Down Sat Mammy on the Hard

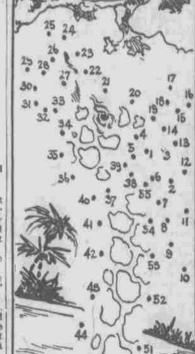
be ruined in the mud!" shrieked Peggy.
Billy leaped forward just in time to catch the basket. Its weight car-Shame on you!"

"Then Mammy's hard work would have gone for nothing and she would have lost the \$3 she will get for it. That's a mean idea of a loke." sprites were laughing. The instant

or. Salpping delays may account was broken down in the barracks or failure of troops to reach this and mess halls of the great canton my with the mean joke and were the farmer, the badly scared.

Grateful—The 109th engineers is art of the 34th division yet remain—and the poor; the religious and ir—some policeman sand the policeman sand the poor; the religious and ir—some policeman sand the policeman sand th

think that Billy might be tricking them to pay them back for their treatment of him and Peggy.



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