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"America first" is not a bad motto.

Michiganders stick to all or nothing on pro-

hibition. It is just as well. "Johnny" Maher is coming home, if proof that the war is over were really wanted.

Let the eagle scream again-an American army officer has won a tennis match in Lunnon!

It may be a little early to start, but the government again advises the people to "swat the

"League or war" would sound better if the public had not heard democratic promises be-

If the Victory loan does not go through with whoop, it will not be for lack of whooping

City employes who went to war ought to have the old job or a better one as soon as they show up for work.

"Jimmy" Gerard proposes that the kaiser be exiled to some nice "lonesome" town. Nominations are now in order.

France is now said to be fighting both friend and foe, but this is probably a libel on France. All the French want is security,

A correspondent wants to know why Secretary Baker should go to France again at this time. We confess inability to answer this.

When the innocent farmer brings the city siren into court to recover the money he spent on her, it is time for movie-men to change reels.

Our affairs are rapidly getting back to normal, the announcement being made that the Georgia peach crop is killed by the cold snap.

Bavarian bolsheviki plan to go the limit in their program. If they succeed, sunny southern Germany will be quite as happy and prosperous as Russia.

Ninety Omaha boys in one bunch make quite a showing, even where Yankee soldiers are as plentiful as they are in French back areas now. They will get a cordial welcome home some day.

Now that everybody has endorsed the "Argonne Drive" along the river bank as an appropriate memorial to our soldiers, what about ilding it? Omaha has enough such projects up in the air to keep all hands at work for a generation

With the railroad operating deficit increasing each day, the public may be pardoned for expressing astonishment at the announcement from the office of Walker D. Hines that another increase in wages is coming soon. This is the real beauty of having Uncle Sam foot the

Mayor Smith still clipgs to the belief that one way to bring down the cost of brick in Omaha is to make more brick, to which purpose he devotes a lot of otherwise useless and unsightly claybanks. If the high banks along some of the streets can be converted into skyscrapers by the simple process the mayor sug gests, it would seem worth trying.

The secretary of war "passed the buck" as usual on his departure for Europe, writing a letter to Senator "Jimmy" Reed, giving his excuses for failure to immediately demobilize the army. If Mr. Baker had been frank at the outset, instead of needlessly raising expectations by his statements that led folks to think that the boys would soon be home, he would not now be forced to seek refuge behind statements that the British refused to furnish us needed ships.

"Local Jobs for Local Men"

The War department has called on the commercial organizations of the country through the National Chamber of Commerce to aid in securing jobs for the returning soldiers. One feature of this new movement which is worthy of every attention is that all organizations that get in touch with a soldier out of a job are asked to notify the home organization, so that the soldier in turn may be put in touch with his old associations and, if possible, with his old employers. As the committee which has been co-operating with the National Chamber of

Commerce puts it:
"Local jobs for local men, should be the slogan used with and by the employers in order hat the returning soldiers may be impelled to redistribute themselves throughout the country in the ratio in which the man-power was with drawn for military purposes, thus bringing into immediate operation the maximum reabsorbing

capacity of the whole nation. This is all very well, but the astonishing thing is that this policy should be suggested now after the employment service of the United States Department of Labor, partly through the failure of congress to support it and partly through its own methods, has had to call in the aid of outside organizations to remedy the muddle the employment problem has got into. It is to be remembered that the leading workers in the draft boards here and elsewhere suggested that, whatever else the War department did, final demobilization should bring the soldier back to his home draft board, and thus pass him back to civil and industrial life through those who know him. This was not done, and, in certain large centers, the soldiers who were lielped to "local jobs" were men who belonged thousands of miles away from the places where they received employment. Consequently, this made confusion and distress when the local men turned up later demobilized but jobless. That the Chamber of Commerce has adopted the new slogan proves that the way in which the bureau handled matters was not the part of wisdom. The thing to do now, however, is not to cry

over split milk, but to follow out the sugges-tions of the National Chamber of Commerce

and get the men back to home and to work at

once,-Philadelphia Ledger.

THE PEACE OF JUSTICE.

A lot of weak sentimentality is being hawked about to the purport that we and our allies in the war should be generous and compassionate with the late enemy in the terms imposed in the treaty of peace. According to this talk, we must not load vanquished Germany with too great a burden of reparation, and we must not set up obstacles to its unlimited future industrial expansion. We should help Germany get on its feet again as a great nation and we should open the door and offer the hand of welcome to the new Germany, to an equal place at the world's council table. . .

People who are talking in this fashion should be reminded that it is the peace of justice which was promised to Germany and that while justice should always be tempered with mercy, we are not called on to treat Germany as if it were an innocent victim and we the accidental victors. All we have to do is to picture the conditions reversed, and try to imagine what terms the kaiser would be imposing on us if he were dictating the words of the peace treaty. We have it from official spokesmen close to the imperial throne at the time Germany believed it was about to win out, that no concessions were to be made to France or Italy or Great Britain. How much territory Germany would have annexed, how great the indemnities it would have exacted, what punishment it would have meted out to those who had stood in the way of its ambition, no one can tell. We may be sure, however, that exultant, victorious Germany, would have consulted its own interests exclusively.

When the terms of the peace treaty are made public, particularly the provisions embodying the demands to be enforced upon Germany and Austria and their partners, let us then weigh them, not in rancor, not in bitterness, not in revenge nor yet in forgetfulness, but on the scale of even-handed justice that makes sure that all those lives of loved ones were not sac-

Seven-Day Service on Necessaries.

Mayor Smith's statement that the police should vigorously enforce the ordinance prohibiting the delivery of ice on Sunday is worth while noting. If his suggestion is strictly carried out, it may have the effect of securing the repeal of an ordinance against which The Bee protested at the beginning. Six days of continuous work is enough for any man, and especially for the man who delivers ice on hot summer days. One complete day's rest in seven is a wise regulation.

But Omaha is a seven-day town. Life goes on continuously, and must be provided for. In many lines seven-day service exist, with a simple adjustment of working forces on a six-day schedule. Such a rule is not impossible for the ice companies. To shut off Sunday deliveries does not materially affect the big consumers, for they easily can store a two-day supply. In the small homes this is not possible in the extremely hot weather, when the rest day is most needed by the workmen.

The situation in the small home is already bad enough because of the city ordinance that forbids the opening of grocery stores or meat markets on Sunday, thus forcing the householder to carry his own provisions, where formerly he left them in the dealer's cooler over Saturday night. Now to deprive him of ice or force him to enlarge his ice box is hitting him a double blow. Give the small home some consideration. Icemen should have their rest day, but the people also should have their ice. The problem is merely one of adjustment of working forces by the companies.

Politics in the Peace Drive.

Some assertions made in contention for the League of Nations have a strangely familiar sound. The advocates of the "swallow it whole" policy remind us that unless the league is formed, another war is right at hand. Such statements must bring to the minds similar pleas made not so many months ago.

In 1914 the pacificatory elements of the democratic party began a steady propaganda, in which they were ably seconded, if not systematically directed, by the agents of Germany. the purpose of which was to keep us out of war. In 1916 their rallying cry was "He Kept Us Out

It required no especial penetration of vision then to discover the imminence of either war or ignominy. Germany had murdered our citizens destroyed our property, invaded our rights, and sneered at our protests. War could only be avoided by completely submitting to dictation from Berlin. Democratic leaders knew this, and they also knew that if they told the truth, they would be swept from office. Therefore, they deliberately deceived the people as to the exact situation, and won continuance in office through the desire of Americans for a peace they could not have.

Another national election is coming on, and we find these same unscrupulous political tricksters tuning up to play on the same string again. Our people do not want war; they yearn for peace sincerely and with all their hearts. But they have learned that there can be conditions worse than righteous war. It remains to be determined if the sirens of the democratic party can full the public into forgetfulness of the blunders of the last three years by singing a sweet song of universal peace.

A League of Nations probably will come out of the peace negotiations, but such an issue will not free the democratic party from its record of incompetency, extravagance and mismanagement of national affairs.

Mail Service Under Burleson.

A Montgomery man a few days ago received a letter from his brother, written and mailed in New York June 20, 1914. It took both a republican and democratic administration six years to get the letter here, but Mr Burleson clearly has the best of it. The letter was not delivered while Mr. Hitchcock had it; Mr. Burleson did actually deliver the let-ter.—Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser.

The Advertiser's joke would be a good one if it were based on facts; it is an even better one because of the blunder it contains. Albert E. Burleson was appointed postmaster general in March, 1913, and has served continuously since then. Therefore this long-delayed letter was under his care and keeping from the time the writer dropped it in the mail box in New York until the carrier delivered it to the proper party in Montgomery, years later. The whole affair is typical of the democratic shiftiness,

If President Wilson is not bluffing, and the stories from Paris are substantially correct, we may hear that the Peace conference is about to cease conferring, and get down to brass tacks.

The Conference and the Peace

The Germans, as was inevitable, have agreed to the surrender of their merchant shipping and the allies have undertaken to allow them a supply of foodstuffs, and even to resume their foreign trade under certain limitations. While humanitarian considerations enter largely into the first of these concessions, both are made on grounds of self-interest for the allies. observers, like Bishop Frodsham, who writes to land to a party to improve and have us today, are not all agreed that Germany is all crops from same with the priviso near starvation as its representatives assert lege of buying it at a stated price and as the allies appear willing to believe. A when conditions of the lease are large amount of new tonnage—it is stated to be completed. The lessor agreeing to 3,500,000 tons—will become available for the give a deed, but his wife does not es, and if the blockade is to be partly raised, certain commodities, they will be obliged to de- wife, and a court of equity will devote the proceeds of this trade to paying the cree specific performance where the many must deposit £18,000,000 in gold in the know of, atthough there may be see his face, but she was sure that National Bank of Belgium within a few days. others.

London Times, March 17.

This is the more satisfactory as competent urgent business of feeding all the hungry peoand the Germans are to be permitted to export allies for the food supplied to them. But payment is secured by other means as well. The cost of the foodstuffs will be a charge upon German credits in neutral countries, and Ger-It is not anticipated that this sum will have to drawn upon, as it is expected that Germany in Nebraska? trappings of velevet about his head to earn the successive installments Answer—By this question I aswill be able to earn the successive installments of food supplied to it, or will be able to pay for them out of its credits. It is believed, accordingly, that the whole of the great gold reserve which it has heaped up, and which is said to be £100,000,000, will remain available for the was the mother of all the children reparation to be exacted from it. It is hoped of the deceased. In the event that that today the conference will finally settle the there were no children her interest naval, military and air terms of the preliminary peace. The anxiety to have it signed at an early date is so great on both sides of the Atlantic that some disappointment seems to have been felt in Paris because this group of terms was not discussed at Saturday's sitting of the council of 10. There are strong reasons why the peace should be completed for presentation to he Germans with the least possible delay, but President Wilson, we feel sure, is as alive as any European statesman can be to the expediency of this course, and, if he asked to have the debate on Saturday deferred, he had grounds for the request. The terms had been have a perfect right to refuse ac considerably altered-largely on the suggestion of Mr. Lloyd George-during his visit to America, and he desired to study them attentively before they are formally sanctioned. There are still important subjects, such as territorial adjustments and finance, to be settled after these military matters have been determined, and the democracies are getting impatient. Our Washington correspondent assures us that opinion in the United States is "absolutely content" with wanted that became vacant as the the proposed terms, so far as they are known, and that it is overwhelmingly opposed to sirable apartment has become vacant procrastination over the conclusion of the pre-

liminary peace.

America sees in the righteous stringency of those terms a strong argument for the necessity of a league of nations. They require a sanction new apartment. The party I pro-America sees in the righteous stringency of of a league of nations. They require a sanction behind them, and only such a league can provide it. A comparison of the passages in our Paris and Washington messages which treat of the present attitude of the president and American opinion towards the league and the covenant of the league reveals some remarkable differences of judgment. On the one hand our Paris correspondent asserts that Mr. Wilson's first public action since his return has been to issue a statement in which he declares that the establishment of a league of nations, according to a decision of the plenary conference of January 25, is an integral part of the peace treaty, that this decision must be regarded as final, and that there is no reason to believe apartment you occupy. It is also it will be modified. Some Americans in Paris. it will be modified. Some Americans in Paris, it is said, go farther. They assert that the president means to press for the inclusion of the actual covenant in the peace terms. other hand, our very cautious and well-informed Washington correspondent tells us that the public disbelieve a statement made by a New York newspaper that the president is opposed to the amendment of the covenant and to the postponement of further consideration upon it until after the preliminary peace. Nearly everybody, he assures us, believe that the covenant must be carefully amended, and he adds that France and Great Britain are known to desire amendment. Our Paris correspondent seems the senate committee's attempt to to take very much the same view of what is possible and expedient in the circumstances as that which we ventured to suggest the other day. He cannot bring himself to suppose that America intends to advocate the inclusion of the constitution of the league, or even the consideration of that subject, in the preliminary peace treaty. The proceedings on January 25, he shows, do not support any contention that the constitution should be so included. It was, indeed, resolved, on the motion of M. Clemenceau, that the creation of a league of nations is essential to safeguard peace, and that such creation should be an integral portion of the general treaty of peace. A commission was appointed to consider the question, and, as we all remember, at a later plenary sitting of the conference the draft covenant of the league was produced and read. But, great as was the favor with which the principles of the draft were then received, it was made clear that the document was a draft, and no more than a draft, and that it remained subject to the discussion and amendment which, in the opinion of expert diplomatists and international lawyers, is urgently required. It was clear then, and it is clearer now, that this process must take time. Our Washington correspondent, in his account of the controversy on the subject in America, says it is complained that the supporters of the covenant as it stands fail to explain it "by other than generalities."

We refrain altogether from comment upon the party discussions in the United States, but we may observe that nothing could be more dangerous than a great international instrument which should really be open to such a criticism. Such a document ought to be absolutely clear and free from ambiguities, and to insure clearness and certainty on a subject so novel and of such vast complexity, minute consideration and careful draftsmanship are indispensable. The answer to rumors, which our Paris correspondent describes as causing "alarm," seems so obvious that we are quite unable to understand why there should be alarm. We have given it already. Let the broad outlines of the league of nations be embodied by all means in the preliminary treaty, but let the detailed provisions of this most momentous and most comprehensive of all international covenants be reserved for the full consideration so great a work demands.

The Day We Celebrate.

Rev. Robert L. Wheeler, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, South Side, born 1851. Hon. Walter E. Foster, premier of New Brunswick, born at St. Martin's, N. B., 45 years

Dr. Raymond A. Pearson, president of Iowa State College of Agriculture, born at Evansville, Ind., 46 years ago. Park Trammell, junior United States senator from Florida, born in Polk county, Fla., 43

In Omaha Thirty Years Ago. Boyd's opera house has been incorporated with these incorporators: James E. Boyd, E. L. Bierhower, Charles Ogden, Thomas F. Boyd and D. W. Haynes.

The Omaha base ball team beat Kansas City, pounding them up to a score of 4 to 2. The criticism of the Albani concert ranks that artist as second only to Patti in the realms

R. S. McIntosh, assistant cashier of the New York Life Insurance company here has resigned to become agency inspector for Iowa for the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance company. Mrs. G. W. Clark went to Blair to attend the district convention of the W. C. T. U.

Our Free Legal Aid

State your case clearly but briefly and a reliable lawyer will furnish the answer or advice in this column. Your name will not be printed.

Let The Bee Advise You

Contract For Sale of Real Estate. S .E. B .- Is a contract legal where husband signs a lease to a tract of

sign the contract or lease? Answer-A contract for the sale or lease of land does not have to signed by the lessor or vendor's contract was otherwise valid. What states do not require signa-

tures of wife to land owned by hus-

What is the legal share of a wife

sume that you mean what share she broad velvet saddle cloth. It was would inherit upon the death of her a sprightly beast, too, and charged would be one-half and from a fourth to a third, depending on how many

Contract.

L. L .- I ordered a piece of furnipenter and it was to cost me \$12.00 wanted it and asks more money for

it now. Can he collect the price he wants for it and can he make me take it, which I have refused to do? Answer-On the facts stated you ceptance of the piece of furniture if it is not what you ordered or if the price is more than you agreed to

Owner's Liability.

M. Y .- I live in an apartmen house. When I rented the apart ment it was with the understanding that I should have the first one one I took was undesirable. A deand the agent informed me that I could have it in the presence of witnesses and asked me to find a sub stitute tenant for the apartment cured to take the apartment occupy saw the vacant apartment in the meantime and rented it of the agent before I had time to return the signed contract, and the agent refuses to let me have the apartother one. I went to some expense and trouble in my arrangement to take the apartment he promised me.

Have i no recourse? Answer-From your statement of ment would be clearly liable for any expense and trouble you went to to procure for him a tenant for the performance would lie to compel him to execute the contract for the new apartment, assuming the facts are such that the contract

RIGHT TO THE POINT.

Kansas City Star: Mr. Debs eviby not doing what he did under the guise of a conscientious objector. Washington Post: Speaking endless jobs, what do you think of hear everybody who has a sure cure

for bolshevism St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The American soldiers in the army of occupation may not be "clamering" to the correspondents for return home, but their letters indicate that they do not enjoy their present job Brooklyn Eagle: "I would eat e little dirt rather than have another war," says Vice President Marshall, defending the league of nations. It was he who announced the senate adjourned "sine Deo," instead of sine die. He is always epigrammatic, but his way of advocating a given cause makes him an ally of very

doubtful value. New York World: Oldtime labor unions used to order strikes to win ditions. Bolshevist usurpers of union power order strikes as an end in themselves, in the interest of revolu-They rather prefer losing. It promises more trouble

New York World: The American Electric Railway association holds that there is need of a "cost of service system" of regulating fares. No reasonable man will dispute it. The first item of cost is service, because it is basic, is honest capitalization ted to actual investment.

MOMENTS OF MIRTH.

ers wasted nothing of a pig except the Gillis-I understand now that they are even canning the squeal and putting it on the market in the form of grand opera honograph records.—Life.

It was a deathbed scene, but the di-ector was not satisfied with the hero's "Come on!" he cried. "Put more life

"How late shall you remain at your immer cottage this year?"
"Ask the cook."—Boston Transcript.

Fond Mamma—You are an authority on clants, Mr. Smith. Is it true there are ome creepers about a house that are ery annoying in their habits? Crusty Bacheler-Yes, madam; bables. Chicago Post.

DAILY CARTOONETTE

HERE SPORT COME 'ERE!



Little Folks' Corner

DREAMLAND **ADVENTURE** By DADDY

"THE MYSTERIOUS KNIGHT

(Jack Sparrow leads a revolt in Bird-land. His followers capture Peggy, but she is rescued by a mysterious knight.)

CHAPTER III

P EGGY couldn't believe her eyes. In Pursuit of the Mob. knight and she didn't know that one existed outside of story books, yet ers, but before they had fairly clearhere this champion had come unexpectedly to her rescue. And he was such a splendid knight too—all cov.

That snatch drew General Swallow such a splendid knight too-all covered with armour and with a hel-met on his head. The visor of the were guarding him and landed him Answer-Texas is the only state I helmet was down and she couldn't

he was handsome and brave. The knight's gallant steed had rich vigorously among the revolutionists while the knight lay about him lustily with a long sword. In quicker time than it takes to tell the revolters were put to flight.

"Hi yi! You are safe, fair prinshouted the knight. "But my brave defenders, where are they?" cried Peggy, looking anxjously around. Not a sign could she see of General Swallow, Judge Owl Blue Jay and Reddy Woodpecker. They had been carried off by the retreating Sparrows and Cow Birds.

knight. "Ki yi! Hi yi! To Birdland, my gallant steed!" Away went the gallant steed at such a pace that he soon began to overtake Jack Sparrow's mob. This wouldn't have been so easy if the greedy revolutionists hadn't stopped

will save them,"



Down into another poultry-yard

settled the mob. several times to swoop down or poultry yards and steal the food of startled chickens. Once, even, they swept over a field where a farmer was planting his seed, and right be-fore his eyes they grabbed up the seed he had sowed and sped away with taunting cries. "The rascals! They will make the

FROM NEAR AND FAR.

Natives of the Sudan are raising oney for the erection of a medical ollege at Khartoum as a memorial to Lord Kitchener. Chinese merchants in Tahiti have

subscribed a fund for establishing

an orphan asylum for the children whose parents were influenza vic-One of the encouraging signs of the times in Mexico today is the interest in physical education, as mani-

fested in the promotion of foot ball, base ball and tennis clubs throughout the country. San Jose, principal city of Costa Rica, possesses one of the finest opera houses in the western world, a structure which cost \$1,500,000 to build and equip. The exterior is of white marble, while the interior is

furnished in Italan marble and ma-

with a grand stairway

hogany.

nodeled after that of the Paris opera house. During the middle ages the Venetians controlled the sugar trade, bringing the product from Egypt. the industry considered that when in 1420 a Venetian invented a new process of refining sugar he was presented by the government with a sum of money representing an enormous fortune in those days.

farmers think all the birds have turned thieves!" exclaimed the turned thieves!" exclaimed the knight "Fair Princess, we must drive these scamps into exile." "But first we must rescue General

Swallow, Judge Owl, Blue Jay and Reddy Woodpecker," insisted Peggy. "From the unknown have I come to do your bidding, fair Princess." answered the knight, "It shall be as Down into another poultry yard settled the mob, but before the birds

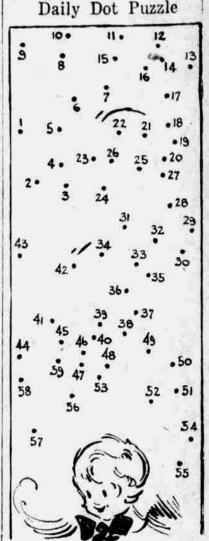
could gulp down the food they found there, the gallant steed had leaped over the low fence and landed among them. Slam, bang, clickity-clack went Never before had she seen a the sword of the knight, raising haven't she and she didn't know that one oc in the nob. Away flew the revolted the ground Peggy leaned over

"Don't let them get away," shrilled General Swallow. "They intend to wall Judge Owl, Blue Jay and Reddy Woodpecker up in a hollow tree and let them starve.

"Hi yi! After them fast!" shouted the knight. The gallant steed responded, but swiftly as he galloped the mob flew faster and this time it didn't stop to steal or eat. It flew straight for Birdland and disappeared into the depths of the forest Poor Judge Owl! Poor Blue Jay!

Poor Reddy Woodpecker! cried Peg-gy, fearing that she had seen the last of her loyal friends. 'Do not despair, fair Princess' said the knight. "I have come to help you right the wrongs of Birdland.

For a moment we are balked, but shouted the even now I have a plan to overcome our foes and restore your friends to you. Go, General Swallow, birds of Birdland. Woe to those who Bending over, he gallantly raised her fingers through his visor



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(Tomorrow will be told how the revo- Draw from one to two and so on to end



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