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Over the top on V-loan? Sure! Congress knows what it has to start on, all

Italy will not be far away when the time comes to sign.

Good morning, boys of the Forty-ninth; we are glad to see you at home again.

Europe's map has been remade many times, but nothing seems permanent over there.

Some former boosters for the League of Nations now are calling for a referendum on it. Why the change of attitude?

about cuts it down to the size of the Potsdam palace guard in the old days. Traveling by airplane has its disadvantages.

Reducing the German army to 100,000 just

chief among them the difficulty in making a landing when something goes wrong.

German delegates at Versailles still emit snorts and grunts of protest and disapproval. As to paying indemnity, the victors will see to that.

Carter Glass reports "quickened interest" in the Victory loan, but it will take more than that to put the affair over. Come on, Nebraska!

Lincoln turns down Sunday theaters, the "Holy City" not wishing to wholly forego its distinction of being a nice quiet place in which

Chris Gruenther finally has landed on the federal pay roll, and the cause of much democratic inharmony in Nebraska may be looked upon as removed.

Ten thousand pints of whisky, intercepted by booze hounds at the state boundary, makes pints that got away?

Thirty days is allowed the Germans to get it through their heads, according to reports from Paris. They will probably understand it better in about thirty years.

One thing the Hohenzollerns may look forward to is that they are not going to have to govern themselves according to the Treaty of Versailles, as their future will be arranged for

George W. Perkins gives the Y. M. C. A. clean bill of health so far as the charges of profiteering are concerned. It may be assumed, also, that the "Y" has learned what not to do next time.

Maybe it is just as well that the United States did not seek anything at Paris. If we had had claims in proportion to some presented by other belligerents, it might have taken a century to adjust them.

Tapanese newspapers are talking about President Wilson right now very much as did the Omaha Hyphenated in the early days of 1918. The president weathered the one storm, and perhaps will survive the other.

Director General Hines ascribes the falling off in railroad revenues to decline in traffic. Naturally, but the public goes right on paying a stipulated sum to the owners, just the same. That is why government management is so popular in certain circles.

If the Prince of Wales really wants an American wife, he will find "queens" all the way from coast to coast, anyone of whom will make him a fitting mate. Most of them will require coaxing, though, to give up their American privileges for the limited rights of British monarchy.

#### Uncle Sam's Railroading

Hard-headed Canadians whose best wish is to see their country grow and prosper are not at all favorably impressed with the results of government operation of the railroads of the United States, undertaken as a war measure. The Canadian government is in the railroad business on a rather extensive scale, and there are government ownership "fans" in the Do-minion who favor going the rest of the way. Others look seriously askance at such a pro-posal, and they have been confirmed in their views by a scrutiny of what has happened under Uncle Sam's railroad adventure.

"Government control of the railways in the United States," says the Montreal Star editorially, "has proven itself to be a lamentable and terrificably expende failure. Can there be any possible reason for plunging head over heels to the same morass in Canada, now that it is

no longer a war measure?"

Charles E. Mitchell, a New York business man, told the Canadian club in Montreal the other day some things about American government railroading that made his listeners sit up and take notice. The figures he cited are as interesting to the people of this country as to Canadians. Mr. Mitchell said that the American people, as the price for poorer service than they ever experienced under private operation, paid \$865,000,000 in increased rates and then were called upon to make up a deficit f \$210,000,000. It thus appears that government operation was not so much a privilege as

penalty expressed in terms of \$1,075,000,000. The American people have no complaint to make because the railroads were taken over as a war measure. That governmental action was commanded by the emergency that was apon the country. Uncle Sam could unify and correlates transportation facilities to ways not open to the companies in their private capacity. The country does not have to have in peace, however, what it had in war, and enough has been learned about government railroad operation in the last year or two to convince most straight-thinking Americans that that kind of service by the government is something quite undesirable.—Minneapolis Tribune.

CONGRESS CALLED TO MEET.

Fully equal in importance to the signing of the peace treaty, because of its local application, is the assembly of congress in extraordinary session. Almost the entire program of the Sixty-fifth congress so far as the continuation of the government and any reconstruction work is concerned went by the board on March 4. The date for convening the body, May 19, allows but six weeks, scant time, for the preparation and passage of the great appropriation bills needed to keep the business of the federal government going. It does not permit the enactment of any serious remedial legislation before the end of the fiscal year.

Much will have to be done; liquidation of war contracts, now in process, must be given egislative assistance; the return of the telegraphs and telephones to their owners will call for immediate action; the future of the railroads still waits on congressional action, and the active resumption of private enterprise depends very greatly on what is done with these matters, that now can be dealt with only by congress. Until they are out of the way all business of the country will be restricted because of the unplans for extensive reclamation work, to provide farms for soldiers, the educational campaign that is part of the Americanization movement, revision of the War Risk insurance law, disposal of the government-owned ship building plants, and a long list of other similar matters that must be attended to in order that the nation may get back to a peace footing.

Mr. Wilson has allowed more than two months to pass, time that could profitably have been spent in preliminary discussion and committee consideration. His call now means that congress will have a busy time until the end of June if it accomplishes even the urgency work that is on the calendar.

Treaty Ready for Public Perusal.

A treaty of peace between great powers, containing more than 1,000 clauses expressed in upwards of 80,000 words, is no ordinary document. That it contains "many surprises in detail" may be accepted without cavil, and that it equally will prove "Greek" to the laymen in many of its provisions also will be admitted.

If it does not furnish insoluble puzzles for the wiseacres who frame and interpret such documents, the issue will be happy. Exactly what it provides, and how it will proceed to achieve its ends, may not be known until it has been studied, analyzed and dissected to its uttermost. This process will not be swift, for human experience has shown how tedious it is to pursue diplomatic phraseology to fundamentals and learn just what is the kernel wrapped up in almost endless husks of verbiage.

If the several commissions, sub-committees and sectional conferences have produced a an imposing parade, but what about the other series of conventions that will fit together in a perfect whole, without contradictions, divergence or ambiguity, they have achieved little less than a miracle. The infinitude of details sought to be expressed in the document inevitable contain the danger that not all will be disposed of with the clarity sought. Elements of discord may be found in this phase of the docu-

> Seemingly, the effort has not been so much directed to the formulation of a treaty of peace | as to the establishment of a code for the government of the world. The treaty of peace is to go with the constitution of the League of Nations, and we are thus presented with both the organic and the statute law of that body.

France has protested that its future safety is not sufficiently secured; China asks to be relieved from the award of Kiao Chau and the Shantung concessions to Japan; Portugal and other of the smaller countries have lodged objection to some of the provisions, and the document goes before the great tribunal lacking the unanimous support of nations to become signatories. This is not surprising, for none could reasonably hope to get everything asked for, and the treaty will very likely be signed now and interpreted in the years to come.

Baker's Verbal Camouflage.

Our genial, optimistic and voluble secretary of war is laying up more trouble for himself through his too active tongue. That is, it would be trouble for an ordinarily gifted person, but Mr. Baker appears to be impervious on the point of whether or not events bear out his predictions. Just now he is out with a statement that the American soldiers will be all out of France by August. Perhaps, but that does not mean they will all be at home. Read the secretary's statement a little more closely, and you will note that he distinguishes those in the army of occupation as being left in Germany. Out of France, yes, but also out of America. Moreover, he says his statement is based on an estimated troop movement of 300,000 a month, which has not yet beeen attained. What the fathers and mothers of America would appreciate is less of this sort of loose talk from Washington, and more of definite performance. It would be welcome news to know that the last of the boys will be on their way back within ninety days, but the secretary of war is not helping matters with his cheery guff.

European Visits Ill-Advised. A very natural desire, springing from curiosity as well as sympathy, prompts many Americans to plan a trip to Europe as soon as restrictions on ocean travel are removed. Great steamship lines, notably the Cunard, are preparing for this, arranging accommodations for heavy travel. The desire to see the battle fields, to visit the fought-over ground, the devastated regions and destroyed cities, is the impulse thatprompts those who have the means to look forward to the journey. On the other hand, the governments of France, Belgium and Italy plainly hint that for the time they will take the absence of American tourists as a proof of friendly interest. Neither of these countries is in condition to entertain guests. It is not only the food problems, the work of reconstruction, and the adjustment of broken national life to new and not yet well defined relations, but the question of public health also is involved. About every good reason is advanced in favor of postponing European travel for another season at least. Our own government will undoubtedly assist in this by withholding pass-

Great Britain has returned to the old prewar worry, that of the unemployed. The jobless man and the manless job get too far apart, even in as small an island as England.

#### Why Zapata Fought

From the Philadelphia Ledger.

About three years ago a Mexican newspaper sent a man into the state of Morelos, where Zapata had his headquarters, to interview him. The man found him hidden in a

bowl-like valley in the mountains, access to which was through a narrow winding gorge about a mile long, guarded at both ends by armed men. "Our appearance in the little valy," writes the man, "was the signal for an istant running forward of 50 men, all with rifles at ready and perfect willingness to fire apparent in their every motion. Walking behind the leader of my guards, I advanced to-ward the hut. Entirely surrounding the little stone house were men, all dressed in black, all armed with rifles and revolvers, and all approached and barred the way into the hut, but as we talked the curtain was brushed aside and

Zapata himself stood in the doorway.
"'What do you want?'" he asked. "My guard started to reply and Zapata broke quarters, wagon companies 1 and 2,

"I am talking to the stranger, not to you; speak when I speak to you. Go to your post."
"The guard left me, though I was still still surrounded by the personal bodyguard of Zapata, who had risen from their positions around the hut and stood in semicircle back of me,

on, when coffee was brought; 'first, to free all Mexico of foreigners, especially the Spaniards and the Americans; second, to give back to the Indians their lands, taken from them by the Diaz government, the Madero government and now by the Carranza government; third, to give Mexico an honest president, a ruler who will give justice to the 14,000,000 poor people as to the 2,000,000 so-called "upper classes" and the few hundred thousand foreigners who have been allowed to drain the country of the great riches of the soil. I have fought for these things for nearly six years, and in the territory under my control every foreigner has been driven out or killed; every wealthy Mexican has been com-pelled to return his wealth to the Indians, to whom it rightfully belongs, and the land has been distributed to every peon who wanted a

'I am the man who should be president. Zapata continued. 'Diaz, de la Barra, Huerta, Carranza and Villa have tried to rule the country, along with half a dozen others, and all have

"But if you do become president, what do you plan to do?" I persisted. The first thing will be to drive all the foreigners from Mexico. All of them have done Mexico much harm, but the first ones to go will be the Americans. Then I will destroy all the railroads, so that they cannot come back Before we had railroads we had few foreigners, especially Americans, in Mexico, and we were happy. If we had no railroads now we should have no foreigners, and we should have peace and happiness again. Mexico can produce everyhing she needs; therefore we do not need any oreign trade. Outside commerce always has army; the last address given for been for the profit of the foreigners and not to them was for the Third pioneer inthe gain of us Mexicans, so why should we allow it?"

#### The High Cost of Learning

To the considerable group of eastern col-leges lately announcing higher tuition fees, Yale has now joined itself by a statement that its charge for instruction will shortly be increased to \$240 a year. This means an advance of \$40 over the sum which students in the scientific department have been accustomed to pay and of \$80 for students in the department of liberal arts. Among the increases announced by other institutions have been Dartmouth's ad- 20th engineers are already at home; vance from \$140 to \$200 per annum, and an ad- the 11th battalion of this regiment vance by the Massachusetts Institute of Tech-nology from \$250 to \$300. nology from \$250 to \$300.

Upon only one condition could this rising of collegiate instruction be greatly regretted. If the rise were left unaccompanied by an equal compensating increase in the size and extent of the scholarship support offered to students of little means, the colleges had better go out of business than advance their charges. Fortunately, however, no such alternative is posed. In nearly all cases the annative is posed. In nearly all cases the annative is posed. nouncement of higher charges has gone hand in hand with an announcement of larger and more accessible scholarships for the boys who deserve and require them. With this much taken care of, the higher tuition charges need cause little concern. They result from the in-creased expenses which colleges, in company with all other institutions and undertakings have been forced to bear in the general readjustment of prive levels which has lately occurred. If the exaction of a somewhat higher charge from the students who can afford to pay more for their tuition leads to a corresponding increase in the salaries of college professors, and at the same time does not fall as a burden upon the students who cannot afford to pay more, it will be rather a blessing than an injury.-Boston Transcript.

## Courtesy Government

In Kentucky we have "courtesy laws," which give married women the best of it in matters of property. Nobody, so far as the record shows, objects to them. In the United States we have courtesy government which, through the courts, gives women married or unmarried, old or young, the best of treatment in court when they are in court as plaintiffs in civil actions or as defendants in criminal trials. If it is not true that nobody objects it is true at least that nobody objects effectively.

In St. Louis a girl, described as being a tele-phone operator 13 years old, shot and killed her stepfather. She says he attacked her. Two years and a half ago, when she was between 10 and 11 years of age, if her present age is stated correctly, the girl shot and killed her father. She said her father was mistreating her mother.

The coroner's jury accepted the explanation as sufficient. She was exonerated. Should a boy 13 years old kill a second man the general view would be that it would hardly do to encourage him by letting him run longer at large, but a boy never has a really first-rate excuse for more than one killing. After the first killing the excellence of his intentions is doubted. His word is suspected of not being as good as a Liberty bond. In the case of a girl it is quite the other way. Once a heroine always a heroine.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Day We Celebrate.

Alonzo B. Hunt, superintendent of the Omaha water works, born 1853. Edward William Nelson, chief of the United

States Biological Survey, born at Manchester, N. H., 64 years ago. Prof. James R. Angell, who has been offered the presidency of the University of Michigan,

born at Burlington, Vt., 50 years ago. Marie Wainwright, long a prominent actress of the American stage, born in Philadelphia, 66

years ago. Francis Ouimet, former American amateur golf champion, born at Brookline, Mass., 26

Thirty Years Ago in Omaha. The Omaha ball team left for Denver yes-

terday morning. Permit was secured for the construction of the new M. E. church at the corner of Daven-port and Twentieth streets to cost \$75,000. The four oval parks on Capitol avenue between Eighteenth and Twentieth streets, have been curbed and filled and the first grass is

making its appearance on the surface.

The water for the various watering troughs and fountains in the city was turned on yester-

## Friend of the Soldier

Replies will be given in this column to questions relating to the soldier and his problems, in and out of the army. Names will not be printed. Ask The Bee to Answer.

Twenty-Third Engineers. A .- We reprint for your benefit the answer given to another inquirer about the 23d engineers, and which was published Bee on Saturday, April 26: The 23d engineers is in the highway service and widely scattered. Headquarters, sanitary detachment, company K and transportation company No. 9 are at A. P. O. 914-A; companies and M, and wagon companies, 2, 3, 5 and 10 are at A. P. O. 774; companies B and C, transportation headand transportation company No. 1 are at A. P. O. 747; companies D and F and transportation company 7 are addressed via A. P. O. 714; company E. A. P. O. 904; company G. A. P. O. 784; company H and wagon company 4, via A. P. O. 907; company I, A. P. O. 783; company

This regiment has been in active service continually. Not being a combat unit, it took no actual part in the fighting, but its services in construction and maintenance of highways has been invaluable as a factor in winning the war.

Why Veterinarians Are Held. Soldier's Friend-Veterinary units are being held in France for the reason that there still is plenty of work for them there. elements of the army to be returned naturally are the combat units and the casuals no longer needed for replacement. Service units must remain until the others are started home, and then proceed in order, leaning up as they go, until the ob is over. Just as a group of quartermaster corps units were first to land, so they will be the last to eave. Company E, 421st telegraphic battalion, was last stationed at Newport News, Va., and that is its present address

Many Questions Answered. Just a Soldier's Friend—Ice plant company 301 still is in the service of supply of the army at Gievres, A. P. O. 713. No orders have been issued for its return to the United States, and because of the nature of its employment it is likely to be held

indefinitely.
A Soldier's Friend—The Third pioneer infantry and the 604th engineers were both part of the Fifth army corps, attached to the First fantry, via A. P. O. 914, and for the 604th engineers, A. P. O. 914; this army postoffice is at Heippes; the First army has been broken up and most of its units ordered home, and the early return of the organizations you ask for may be expected, although they have not yet been assigned a sailing date.

Grateful-The 168th infantry now at Camp Merritt, waiting to be sent to Camp Dodge for demobilization. It is thought it will reach Des Moines yet this week. Watch The Bee for announcement.

Anxious Relative-Parts of the April 18. This regiment has been est care is being taken to render the in service of supply with the French proceedings of the commissions into in service of supply with the French forces ,engaged in forestry work. No time has been set for the return of its other units.

A Mother—The 502d engineers is

company B. A. P. O. 909, which is at Beaune; all these towns are in the district of Cote d'Or. No orders have been issued for its early sailing. A Soldier's Sister-The 24th engi-

neers is in the shop and supply service of the Third army; address, A P. O. 784, which is at Toul; as the Third is in the army of occupation, the time for return home of its different units is very uncertain. A. T.—The 36th division is part of the army of occupation; no orders have been issued for the early return of any of its units. The present address of the 132d machine gun battalion is A. P. O. 796; division

headquarters is at Tronchey.

A Soldier's Sister—The 18th balloon company landed at Newport News on May 3; the 19th balloon company reached this country on April 19. Most of these organizations are being sent to Langley field for demobilization; it is not likely any will be sent to Fort Omaha for that purpose, although they may; soldiers are sent home from demobilization camps and not necessarly to

place of enlistment.

Juanita—The 89th division has been ordered to prepare for early embarkation on its homeward trip; it is on the sailing schedule for June; to date has been fixed for the sailing of the 88th division, but it will probbly be assigned very shortly; the sailing schedule now made out in-cludes plans up to the end of June All units of these divisions are included in the orders.

A Soldier's Sweetheart-The 11th balloon company reached Newport News on May 3; can not tell you how to reach a soldier in that company, as we do not know to which camp it was assigned; the 13th baloon company has not yet sailed.

Mrs. F. J. H.—The 38th sanitary squad is attached to the 89th division, which is on the sailing schedule for June; these orders in-clude all units of the division.

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rectly to her.
"Hurry, Princess Peggy, and save

our eggs and bables," boomed Thun-der-pump Bittern in a deep voice, almost tying himself into knots get-ting the words out of him.

"A dog is prowling among our nests and destroying them," rattled Sandhill Crane, in a voice like a

Peggy didn't like to venture into

the boggy marshes, but they were a part of Birdland, and a call had

come to her as princess—she must

ed promptly.

"Nay, fair Princess, this is a job for King Bird if he would prove his royal right to rule," interrupted the Mysterious Knight.

"That's right. Dogs are my meat. Lead me to this scamp, and I'll tear the fur off his side," shrieked King Bird, jumping up and down in his excitement and making the orange

tuft on his head stand up like a war-

Thunder-pump Bittern looked King Bird over, then gave a queer

gasp of dismay.
"Thump! Thump! I'd rather have

you do it, Princess Peggy," he boomed in his queer voice. "Clankety-clank, we want Princess Peggy," insisted Sandhill Crane.

"I'll have that dog out of there in hurry. You watch!" and away flew

King Bird over the marsh. He felt

sure that with his quick, sharp lab-

bing way of fighting, striking swiftly,

match for any dog. He wasn't going

to give Peggy or the Mysterious Knight a chance to beat him in this

'We had better go along," cried

then darting away, he would be a

rior's plume.

'Show me the way," she answer-

### DREAMLAND **ADVENTURE**

By DADDY.

(King Bird who desires to rule Bird-land, is put to three tests by the Myster-lous Knight. He fails in two but gets his third chance when a call for help comes from the marshes.) CHAPTER V.

CRAMBLING out of the marshes o came Thunder-pump Bittern and Sandhill Crane, two odd-looking birds that were almost strangers



Forward shot the gloved hands of the knight, grasping the dog by the collar.



U. S. Navy Recruiting Station, Omaha, May 5. To the Editor of The Bee: This office wishes to thank you for the valuable sistance you are giving this station in printing news in connection with the naval service.

CHARLES E. MAAS. Commanding.

Wilson, as a Linguist.
Nebraska City, Neb., May 3.—To
the Editor of The Bee: I have noticed in the dispatches from Europe speech in the chamber of deputies at Paris, and that the interpreter stood beside him and translated his speech as he went along. I would like to know whether our president is a linguist, and if so what language he speaks. Does he under-stand French so as to be able to read and write it if not to under stand it when spoken? In what language are the negotiations con-ducted and in what language are the discussions conducted?

Answer-It is our understanding that Mr. Wilson has a conversational use of the French language, as well as ability to read and write it with facility; whether he would undertake to make an important speech in that tongue may be doubted. The treaty is being prepared in both English and French, and it has been intimated the official copy will be in English, although the French that it be in French, because that has for two centuries or longer been the language of diplomacy. Each which it is intended.

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the Mysterious Knight. But before he and Peggy could reach the edge of the marsh, King Bird came fly-ing back in a frenzy of excitement. "Fly! Mad dog! Mad dog!" he shrieked. "Did you drive him away?" boom-Thunder-pump Bittern. "What do you think I am? wouldn't tackle a mad dog for thi whole world," shricked King Bird, darting up to the top of a tall tree. "Our nests are doomed," chattered

Sandhill Crane, "and I have such a lovely pair of children."
"He is coming this way," shricket King Bird. "Run, Princess Peggy!

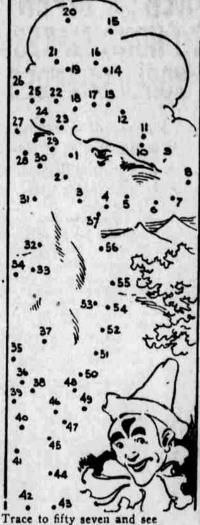
Peggy turned, only to gasp with dismay at what she saw—on the ground were scores of little birds, just out of their nests and as yet un able to fly. What would happen if she deserted them? Forgetting her own safety, Peggy, armed with her stick turned to face any danger that might appear. There was a shaking of the tall

marsh grasses and out from among them ran a fierce-looking dog. No wild. His eyes were glaring horribly and froth was on his lips. From his muzzles stuck out dozen of great bristles. "Mad dog!' 'shrieked the birds, and they flew in all directions. The dog was headed for Peggy

and she braced herself to meet his attack. Then of a sudden she was seized by the arm and thrust back-ward. The Mysterious Knight jumped in from of her. As he did so his sword caught in a bush and fell from his hand. The knight didn't wait to pick it up. The dog was too near The knight met him with only his hands as weapons.

On lunged the dog, his face snarl-ed in agony. Forward shot the

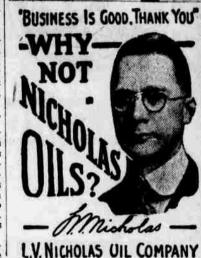
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What is in this space with me. Draw from one to two and so on to the

gloved hands of the knight, grasping he dog by the collar and lifting him nto the a r. seeking to choke him. Peggy, seeking to aid the knight snatched up the sword and aimed the sharp pont at the body of the "No, no!" gasped the Mysterious Knight. "The poor beast is suffering. We must save it."

(In the next chapter Peggy learns who





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