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Clemenceau is also some note writer. War-time prohibition promises to make a lovely mess yet.

Germany will find the watch on the Rhine right on the job. According to von Brockdorff-Rantzau, Germany is just as innocent as was Topsy.

The president "passed the buck," but not to a congress that is too timid to tackle the big job ahead.

Harry Hawker and Lieutenant Commander Grieve have been given up for lost, but their exploit will live forever.

The road bond issue will soon be up to the voters. Now is the time to do your talking, and not after the vote is taken.

The flag was their ideal, says Col. "Matt" Tinley of the gallant men he led through France. And they lived up to it.

Fremont citizens who failed to help out on the Victory bond sale now know what the returned soldiers think of them.

The lone democrat in congress from Nebraska says the peace treaty will surely be ratified. This ought to end the argument.

Germany's motion for a new trial will undoubtedly be overruled. The time for talking has passed, except to tell the Huns what to do.

Nebraska doctors are warned by a professional brother to make ready against the day when they will all be on the federal pay roll. Some have.

"The German people's party," whatever that is, asseverates its loyalty to Herr Hohenzollern. In good time it may honor his memory, but not out in the open.

Kerensky now appeals for aid to Russia. As it was his order No. 1 to the army that led to Russia's complete collapse, his present attitude will get a lot of attention.

Mayor Smith made a nice talk to the home builders, and a little later on he will get an opportunity to explain to householders how to be happy without ice on a hot summer Sunday.

The director of the mint discloses the fact that 265,000,000 silver dollars were melted and shipped to India in form of bullion without loss of a single ounce. Nothing to brag of in the United States.

Chicago girls have selected gingham for gowns instead of georgette, but look up the prices asked for gingham before you delude yourself into thinking this is a serious attack on the high cost of dressing.

Uncle Sam's inquiry into the "dope" traffic in the United States is not very cheering in its facts, but it ought to answer the assertions of a self-appointed whitewashing committee as regards condition in Omaha.

Denmark now admits the kaiser made an offer for Danish aid to German arms. The only deal that went through was the sale of the islands to the United States. The Danes were wiser than they knew at the time.

Many weeks ago it was pointed out that the greatest menace to life and limb on Omaha's thoroughfares comes from truck drivers and taxicabs. Events have well substantiated this, and it is high time a curb was being put on the boys who dash so recklessly about the streets.

No damages will be awarded Dodge street property owners, if the report of the council's committee goes through, but this decision may not convince some of those affected that the proposed improvement will be of any particular service to them.

Her Soul Goes Marching On

Of all the tragic incidents of the great war, none exceeded those that surrounded the unspeakably brutal murder of Edith Cavell in Brussels. Every feature of her arrest, her summary trial and conviction and her execution represented Prussian brutality at its worst.

ARE OFFICE HOLDERS ELIGIBLE?

An opinion from the attorney general's office holds that in order to stand as a candidate for the coming convention to revise Nebraska's constitution, a member of the legislature must first resign his office.

The question involved is much more far-reaching than the mere eligibility of legislative members to become convention delegates because, if based on constitutional limitation, it must apply also to all other persons holding lucrative office under either state or federal authority.

Now that it has been definitely settled that two units of the Eighty-ninth division, composed largely of Omaha soldiers, will stop in the city for three hours on the way to Camp Funston, preparations to give the boys a royal welcome must not lag.

The German cabinet very much resembles a lawyer who is about to nonsuit himself. Having been caught on the wrong side of a very bad case, the cabinet now spurs for time, setting up in its latest quibble:

A specific recognition of the right of Germany and the German peoples to a peace of right, justice and reconciliation, instead of the paragraphed song of hate which was written at Versailles, is contained in the note of the American secretary of state, Lansing, of November 5, 1918.

This important stipulation is entirely ignored by the German cabinet in its special pleading. Secretary Lansing carefully enumerated the qualifications to which he referred, among them being reservations by the Allies as to the freedom of the seas and specific demands for the restoration as well as the evacuation of all invaded territory and indemnity for all damage done by land, sea or air.

Mr. Wilson also had materially modified the fourteen points by his later utterances, summed up by the secretary of state in the inclusive phrase, "the principles of settlement enunciated in his subsequent addresses."

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Our local democratic contemporary finds reason to rejoice because the stock market responded at once to the president's message. It does not state, however, that this was because the president asked congress to undo a lot of damphool things the democrats did.

Responsibility for the War

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The London Times of April 28, which has just reached us, contains an extended summary of the report of the Commission on the Responsibility of the Authors of the War and on the Enforcement of Penalties, which was presented to the plenary session of the peace conference on that date, the same session at which the revised covenant of the league of nations was presented and adopted.

The report takes up first the causes of the war and the responsibility of the authors and the commission determines that the responsibility for it lies wholly upon the powers which declared war in pursuance of a policy of aggression, the concealment of which gives to the origin of this war a character of a dark conspiracy against the peace of Europe.

The report then takes up the violations of neutrality, of international law and of the common laws of humanity. The invasion of Belgium is discussed, and it shows the hollowness of the German contention that they were compelled to violate Belgian neutrality because they had certain knowledge that the French intended to do so themselves.

The offenses fall into two categories: First, the acts which provoked the world war and accompanied its inception; and second, the violations of the laws and customs of war and the laws of humanity. The trial of all persons, however highly placed, for acts coming within the second category is recommended, but the commission does not advise that the acts which provoked the war should be charged against their authors and made the subject of proceedings before a tribunal.

Ships for Foreign Account It is announced, with a flourish characteristic of the administration's press agents, that the chairman of the shipping board has taken up with President Wilson by cable, of course—the question of permitting American shippers to load ships for foreign account.

The only question is, why have American shippers been prohibited by the government, since the armistice, from sharing in the competition for foreign orders? Ships, like wheat, or cotton, or safety razors, being commodities, there is no reason apparent why American producers should not be permitted to produce for export, at this time, if they can get the orders.

Just why the shipping board should have intervened and, with Mr. Wilson's approval, ordered that the yards be kept closed to the world demand for ships has not been explained satisfactorily. Exports of ships which are not domestic orders enough to keep them busy? It may be forecast that the tonnage of shipbuilding will come down, if the industry is to enter into competition with foreign shipbuilders.

Thirty Years Ago in Omaha. E. E. Bruce, W. A. L. Gibbon and F. P. Kirkendall have been appointed as a committee to draft plans for a merchants' carnival. Sam Small lectured at the Y. M. C. A. on prohibition. Workmen are excavating on Harney street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth for the foundation of the Kennard Glass & Paint company building.

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.

Arrival of the 326th Infantry. Very Anxious—the chief reason why The Bee has not announced the arrival of the 326th infantry is because that organization has not yet reached this side. It was part of the 82d division, which was on the sailing list for April; some units of the 325th and 328th infantry came across that month, but the 326th and 327th were delayed for some reason not given out on this side.

Pay for Drafted Man. C. E. B.—You are entitled to receive the four days' pay, and the reason that you have not is undoubtedly due to the fact that the office of the disbursing quartermaster of the Southern department, from whence your pay check would have come, if you will write to the chief disbursing officer, quartermaster general's department, Washington, D. C., setting forth the facts in your case, giving your registration number, the date of your call, and other pertinent facts, you will undoubtedly receive the pay check to which you are entitled.

Insignia of the 89th. M. B. R.—The insignia of the 89th division is a monogram "M-W." enclosed in a light-blue circle, the whole being in arms blue; the letters indicating the character of the division, standing for "Middle West," the division being made up of men from that section of the country; the men being arms blue; the letters indicating the character of the division, standing for "Middle West," the division being made up of men from that section of the country; the men being arms blue; the letters indicating the character of the division, standing for "Middle West," the division being made up of men from that section of the country.

Many Questions Answered. Miss M. W.—We do not know of any address at New York or elsewhere, to which letters may be addressed for delivery to returning soldiers on their landings. Troops are being landed at New York, Boston, Newport News, and occasionally at other ports. It is therefore difficult to get word to them, unless notified from aboard ship by the soldier as to his port of embarkation. The camp to which the men are assigned, and the destination is not always known in advance of their landing.

A Soldier's Sister.—The last address we had for the 19th motor supply train was A. P. O. 912. It was in the service of the 19th and some of its units are as far east as the German border. No time has been set for its return. Mrs. G. A.—We can not determine from your letter to which of the returning army units you refer. If you are in the Sixth infantry, he is now in the army of occupation. The headquarters of the Sixth infantry is at Loguoy, its address being A. P. O. 745. No time is set for its return.

Anxious Sister.—The 90th division is made up chiefly of Oklahoma and Texas troops, and is on the sailing schedule for June. The order includes all its units, and this means the field hospital and sanitary train, although these may be delayed because of incidental duties. Mrs. G. A.—The 15th infantry ambulance company at Brest and other parts of embarkation in France are among the busiest units in the medical department, it being their duty to care for convalescents who are being sent home. None of them have been designated for immediate return home. This applies to evacuation ambulance company No. 23, now at Brest.

For General Wood. New York, May 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: Various reasons have been advanced to account for the growing belief that General Wood would make a good president. Yet all have been of a "secondary" nature—"derivatives." Qualities have been ascribed, and performances dwelt upon according as they have appealed to the particular writer, yet no one has specified the primary attributes which underlie loyalty and endless patience. Every

MUCH IN LITTLE. So-called Chinese rice paper is made from the pith of a Formosan tree. More than 300 kinds of fish are known to produce noises audible to human ears. In some parts of England and in France and Italy also it is believed that a girl who buries a drop of her blood under a rose bush will have good looks. One of the oldest survivors among the noted suffrage pioneers in America is Mrs. Olympia Brown-Willis of Wisconsin, who will be 85 years old next January. An Italian railroad is experimenting with interlocking sleepers of reinforced concrete, so formed and used in conjunction with wooden blocks as to afford resiliency. A Gardiner (Me.) man went fishing and caught four brook trout in a stream. While he was fishing down a stream he saw the rabbit near him, and for fun let out his line and dropped the hook out in front of bunny, then he gave a little jerk on the line, and the hook caught the rabbit in the lower jaw. A cablegram, dated March 8, has been received from American Consul Leonard in Colombo, announcing that the Ceylon import duty on passenger automobiles has been reduced from 100 per cent to 7 1/2 per cent ad valorem, effective immediately. The rate of 100 per cent ad valorem was imposed in 1917 in order to restrict the importation of passenger automobiles, and did not apply to motor trucks.

Little Folks' Corner

DREAMLAND ADVENTURE

CHAPTER V. Rocks Fly. FOR a moment there was scarcely a ripple on the surface of the water. Then there came a wild splashing and thrashing and up bobbed Blinky, Round Robert and Slim Jim, every one of them spluttering and gasping for breath. "Woo! Woo!" threatened Johnny Bull leaping into the shallow water. "Kerplug! Splash! Gurgle-gurgle-urgle!" Down went the three tramps again. But this time when they rose to the surface they were further out and they hastily put a safe distance between them and Johnny Bull's snarling teeth. "Come out of there so that I can get a nip at you," snarled Johnny Bull, "I'm particularly like to take a nip out of that fresh young scamp who tied me up by the tail. Why doesn't he show himself?"

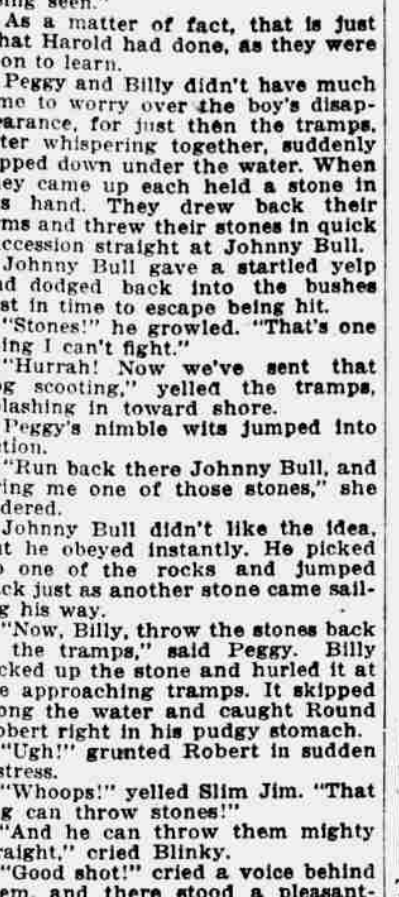


Billy picked up the stone and hurled it at the approaching tramps.

The Bee's Letter Box

Giving the Taxpayers a Show. Omaha, May 19.—To the Editor of The Bee: The World Herald of the sixteenth in an editorial declares "there is no royal road to good government." Any newspaper that honestly reflects public opinion instead of attempting to mould public opinion can help wonderfully in marking the guide posts on the "road to good government" and if those newspapers will be as careful in selecting the material (men) whose administration of the government tends to increase good government or the reverse as they are to cover up the errors of the pet officials and make excuses for the maladministration of public officials, the "road to good government" would be less congested and smoother every "royal road" is the product of autoocracy and in order that good government shall have a "royal road" the W-H insists that the present office be "given a show." There was never a more autocratic government than that now being administered by "our imperial government" at the city hall. They are spending the people's money on drunken road agents, and give no excuses for extravagance and will listen to no voice except the voice of the "creator" of their pet city. It is to be hoped, their last opportunity to hoodwink and exploit the taxpayers. Who invented the idea of locating the new \$1,000,000 commercial high school in the old ravine at Thirty-second and Burt streets? Who invented the idea of buying that strip of land on Center street to make a parkway to N. P. Dodge's cemetery? Did John Flack know in advance that the Ak-Sar-Ben Inter-State fair was going to be located on West Center when he bought the old Ruser park property and platted it into building lots? Did F. D. Wood know that the present commission would appoint a planning board that would listen to the Realtors association and the water board when buying property for the city? Did C. F. Harrison support the present administration because he knew that they would buy every property that he recommended? That about being "given a show," this administration has given everybody "a show" except the taxpayer. Why don't the W-H help The Bee give the taxpayers "a show"? EXPECTANT.

DAILY DOT PUZZLE



Trace the lines to fifty-one. See a Cashmere for fun. Draw from one to two and so on to the end.

him. I am now Harold, the boy detective, about to recover his father's money. "Woo! Woo! Get busy!" barked Johnny Bull suddenly. "Here come the tramps." They turned to the river to see that the three tramps had separated. Slim Jim, going up-stream, Round Robert down and Blinky remaining in the center. They had gathered rocks in their hands and now were making a rush toward the shore at the three points. They planned to take Johnny Bull by surprise.

act or course which has won approval has been palpable the offspring of these qualities. Loyalty to duty, to country, to associates and patience to comprehend, and thereby produce good result. That which alone makes efficiency, in soldier, executive, or servant of the people in any capacity is this trait of loyalty; but to accomplish it must be backed up by patience. We instinctively recognize underlying traits and approve men upon them. Is not this then the reason why General Wood is looked on with confidence and respect? He may not be nominated in 1920. Whether he be, or be not, no one will doubt but that he will continue to be that which he has been. As we know a feeling of certainty as to the general relations of life and business arises when there is knowledge that a chief executive is possessed of the qualities of loyalty and patience. If, therefore, it comes to pass that General Wood be nominated, we may assume that a justifiable feeling of certainty and security will spread abroad.

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Advertisement for Omaha Real Estate featuring 'MONEY LOANED ON OMAHA REAL ESTATE' and 'ATTRACTIVE RATE 6% INTEREST NO COMMISSION'.

Advertisement for Bailey the Dentist featuring 'Careful Extraction of Teeth' and 'Bailey the Dentist Dr. R. W. Bailey, President'.