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Bring on the Eighty-ninth boys! To the weather man! Give us a new deal.

Marines in Guam are playing base ball by the light of the moon. Here's a tip for Pa Rourke.

The superpoised Omaha Hyphenated might not offend its readers were it to quote Shakespeare correctly.

Senator King has the right notion about recognizing the bolshevik mission now at New York. He proposes deportation.

"Long Tom" O'Connor, and Clerk of the Courts Smith have the floor, and the taxpayers are correspondingly edified.

If The Bee had kept still, the gambling would have continued. That is a good recommendation for The Bee, which did not keep still.

The Salvation Army proposes to run "boozers" saloons in New York. This will offset, to some extent, the saloonless booze that now runs in Nebraska.

Seventy-nine men of the Eighty-ninth division have the distinguished service cross. The outfit should have grabbed off ten more, so as to make the count balance.

The house sent the deficiency appropriation bill through in jig time, thus providing relief for the soldiers and their dependents which the democrats failed to furnish.

It is some comfort to think that operations in northern Russia soon will be at an end. This feeling is heightened by the fact that the Allies have just taken Medvedyegora.

More careful driving is the only solution in sight for the street traffic problem in Omaha. Too many attempts to maintain high speed along crowded thoroughfares bring disaster.

Unable to bullyrag or browbeat the world any longer, the Germans now turn to hypocritical whining to gain concessions they used to seize. They are not making much headway, however.

GERMANY'S PLEA REJECTED. The Peace conference at Versailles has rejected the German note, in which a special plea for mercy was made.

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Those chroniclers who were wont to see bad conditions as the worst declared that half the population of the island perished. But it must be remembered that much of the mortality of this period was occasioned by the wars between Aethelred and Swegn the Dane, the latter being forced by the famine to retire from England for a time.

Naturally, the era following the advent of William the Conqueror was one of widespread starvation and pestilence among the English peasantry. Of the last 30 years of the eleventh century nine were years of dire distress.

So great was the death in 1069 that the peasants of the north, unable longer to secure dogs and horses to appease their hunger, sold themselves into slavery in order to be fed by their masters.

There were sporadic periods of suffering during the succeeding reigns of William Rufus and Henry I in the civil wars of Stephen's times, and under Henry II. But the next death which especially quickens the sympathy was that which befell the people in the days of Richard Coeur de Lion, the Crusader.

There is a reference to the famine of this period in 'Ivanhoe.' Starvation was followed by a pestilential fever. Ceremonial burial was omitted except in the cases of the very rich.

While backward seasons were contributing factors, the responsibility for the two great famines of Henry III's reign is to be laid at the door of the government itself. In the first of these (1235) 20,000 persons are said to have died in London alone.

It was during this famine that England for the first time imported from Germany and Holland grain to alleviate the suffering of its poorer classes. The first ordinance in English history designed to curb the greed of the middleman was passed during this time of shortage in food supplies.

Few English kings have lived through greater periods of distress than Edward II, who was scarcely able to secure food for his own immediate household when the heavy rains of 1314 spoiled the harvests. Everything imaginable was eaten—dogs, horses, cats and even babies.

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Its toll has been variously estimated at from one-fourth to three-fourths of the entire population of Europe. Certainly it was not less than 2,000,000 people.

Out of the situation which resulted from the impoverishment of the labor resources of the kingdom grew the first great clash in England between capital and labor. The peasants became masters of the situation. In some cases they demanded double wages.

Historic Post-War Plagues From a Bulletin of the National Geographic Society.

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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.

Regular Army Coming Home. Thank You—The orders referred to in the clipping enclosed were announced from Washington under the date of May 19.

H. J. K.—See foregoing answer to "Thank You." Divisions not yet re-activated from Washington under the date of May 19.

No Army Reserve. M. B. M.—There are no army reserve for privates. Commissioned officers may go on the reserve list at their own request when released from service.

Many Questions Answered. E. B.—The fifth company, ordnance reserve troops detached to the 74th, is in the service of supply of the army, and not under orders for immediate return.

A Soldier's Sister—At last accounts the 51st cavalry regiment, at Camp Aignan, and not attached to any division. Its postoffice address is A. P. O. 727.

A Soldier's Sister—The present address of our company No. 722 is A. P. O. 762. This organization is at headquarters in France, and is not attached to any division. No time has been set for its sailing.

A Soldier's Mother—Nothing has yet been said about dismantling the hospital for convalescents at Mentone. This is one of the most famous and attractive spots in the French Riviera. It is located exactly at the Italian line on the Mediterranean.

Anxious Wife—The last word had of evacuation hospital No. 37 was that the 2nd army had been broken up. It is quite probable that some of its men may have been transferred to the service of supply and attached to the 130th sanitary squad.

A Soldier's Friend—The 35th balloon company arrived at Newport News in April, and was sent to Camp Lee for demobilization. The 37th balloon company's last address was Arcadia, Calif.

A Soldier's Friend—The 11th aero squadron was part of the American expeditionary force in Italy; its last address was A. P. O. 901, which is at Milano. These forces were all ordered home some time ago, and most of them have already reached the United States, but we have no record of the arrival of the 11th aero squadron.

IN THE BEST OF HUMOR. "Money isn't everything." "Money isn't everything." It's the only thing I can think of that I really need.

DAILY CARTOONETTE. THAT DOG HAS STOLEN SOMEONE'S MEAT! I'LL MAKE HIM DROP IT!

TODAY The Day We Celebrate. Sir Arthur Wing Pinero, one of the most successful of modern English dramatists, born in London 64 years ago.

Little Folks' Corner DREAMLAND ADVENTURE By DADDY.

The Genie Appears. LACK! Alack! Oh, woe is me this day! Alack! Alack!

Alack! Alack! Alack! Alack! Alack! Alack! Alack! Alack! Alack! Alack!

There Before Them Stood an Astonishing Creature. (In tomorrow's chapter the Genie finds out how he got into the farm of Widow Clancey.)

The Bee's Letter Box Thanks Omaha Police. Fremont, Neb., May 21. To the Editor of The Bee: Kindly let me express, through the columns of this paper, a hearty thanks to the Omaha police department for the assistance rendered and the courteous shown us all through their tireless search for the merchandise stolen at our store on Saturday night or Sunday morning of this week.

Against the Daylight Law. Farnam, Neb., May 20.—To the Editor of The Bee: Poor Old Ben Franklin! It seems to me it is taking unfair advantage of Benjamin Franklin to try to cast reflections on his memory and bring him into the limelight as the original advocate and I presume hold him responsible for the daylight saving law.

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Robert P. Leavens, Minister. First Unitarian Church, 3121 and Harvard Sts. Sunday Morning at 10:30

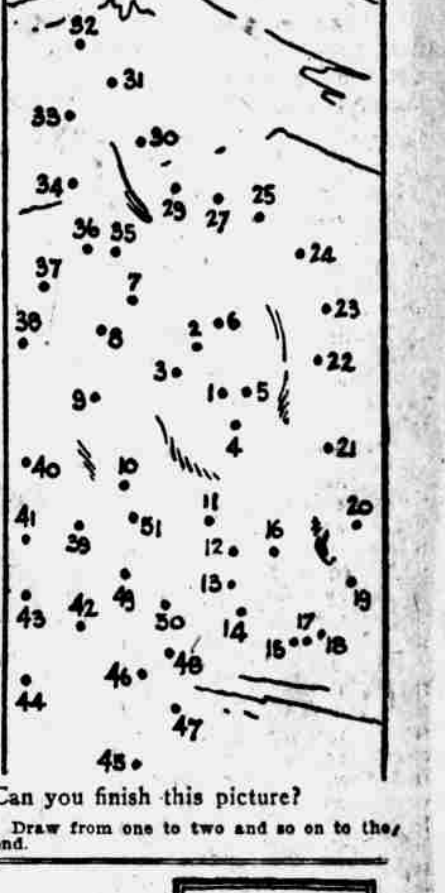
Likes Lodge's Views. Omaha, May 21. To the Editor of The Bee: The declaration of Senator Lodge, quoted in The Bee's Washington dispatch of the 20th instant, encourages me quite a bit. I frankly admit that for a considerable while back I had almost abandoned hope that Uncle Sam could ever become disentangled from the bewildering and bloody meshes of European politics and policies that have for a time taxed his energy.

Senator Lodge says, in discussing the proposed league of nations and peace pact, that it is acceptable, and will not be accepted; that the new league covenant, as included in the peace treaty, is distinctly worse than the old and more dangerous to American rights and interests. The language of the senator abounds with implications of dishonesty and sharp practice on the part of those who framed and issued these documents.

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