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Has anybody seen Kelly?
Friday is a good day for the dotted line.

Pancho Villa is on the run, but hardly on his last legs.
But how does the "storage" amendment help in states already dry as Sahara?

How can the declaration of peace be used to hamper the League of Nations?
Every man his own bartender is likely to result in every man who wants liquor becoming his own brewer.

Mr. Wilson's name will be the first signed to the peace treaty, a fact significant of the genius of his country.

Tom Mooney knows that violence will not help his case. Now, let his misguided champions learn the same lesson.

If the women did not vote on the bonds, neither did the men, and so the blame may be shared between the sexes.

Adding the value of the ships scuttled at Scapa Flow to the bill is one way of convincing Heinie that his notions of honor are wrong.

Only trumpets and drums will be heard in the palace at Versailles when the treaty is signed. They will not play German airs, either.

Chairman Cummings of the democratic national committee is a hard man to please, but he will have plenty of time to think it over after 1920.

A woman who goes flitting around the country, carrying \$250,000 in jewelry, is inviting disaster, and need not be surprised when she is robbed.

Have you noticed that the Greeks and the Turks are doing business at the old stand again? Twenty-five centuries have not sufficed to end this dispute.

King Albert and Queen Elizabeth expect to reach the United States in September. That will be just in time for the Ak-Sar-Ben frolic, to which they are invited.

Douglas county is now off on the first leg of the good roads race. It ought to help a lot here at home, besides setting a good example for the rest of the state.

Boundaries in the Balkan region have been drawn and will be given due regard, if the strength of the allied nations avails anything. The bear pit of Europe may yet become the dovecote.

The governor of the Federal Reserve board says the Liberty bonds are to be retired within twenty-five years. Now, if he will kindly tell us how it is going to be done, he will relieve much suspense.

Stoicism of a school boy who submitted to have his finger sandpapered till it bled denoted pluck, all right, but it also shows that the imagination of his companions needs to be diverted into a more highly civilized channel.

Months ago The Bee pointed out what would happen if the mayor undertook to stop delivery of ice on Sunday. Now that he has tried it, he wants to undo the mischief. However, it is good to note that experience still can teach.

On what grounds do the city commissioners justify the invasion of homes by police detectives who are acting solely on impulse, and without the warrant the law requires? If we are to be a law-abiding community, the first to obey the law should be the officers of the law.

Women Spies

The sad death of Edith Cavell has made a strong appeal on human sympathy. It is even likely that the true story of Edith Cavell was exaggerated for reasons of military propaganda. It finds a repercussion in America in proposed legislation to exempt women spies in wartime from the death penalty. Such a proposition is absurd enough, when one realizes how many thousands of lives must be imperiled to protect a very few enemies of our country because they are women. Indeed, it was a woman spy in the port of Brest that signaled to the Germans the movement of our transports. She was detected and shot by the French, but we feel sure that if her detection and sentence had been made known to the women of America they would not have asked clemency for the woman who had betrayed their sons and husbands.

As a matter of fact, the most effective spying in the great war was done by women. Women spies have many advantages over men spies. The privacy of the sex covers them. They are not subject to the same interrogation as are men. On the other hand, it was shown, in the late war that men possessed of military information were much more free in discussing it with women than with men, and among the men from the time of Delilah there have always been a number who were willing to use their feminine charms to betray.

The spy is an insidious and dangerous enemy. The woman is the most effective spy. We must not, in the name of chivalry, make her task easy, and multiply the deaths of our soldiers.—Chicago Tribune.

THE POLICE WHITE-WASHING.
While Police Commissioner Ringer has succeeded in procuring a white-washing verdict with two dissenting votes, for his pet morals squad detectives, the popular verdict remains outstanding. The police department needs an effective clean-up. As The Bee has already said, if this last particular incident were the only police fall-down, the public would be inclined to be lenient in its judgment but as the culmination of a succession of exposures of police brutality, crookedness or connivance in law-breaking, it has opened the eyes of all who are willing to see the inefficiency and demoralization of the force.

How police efficiency and discipline can be built up by protecting the crooks and bunglers and attempting to cover over these glaring evils with a coat of white-wash, is beyond us. If Police Commissioner Ringer were able to see the error of his ways, he would realize that instead of strengthening the department what he has done is calculated to weaken it by letting every man on the force believe that no matter what offense he may commit he can count on his superiors to uphold him and go good for him regardless. If there was ever a time when Omaha needed a good strong dependable police force, it is right now. There is only one way to get it and it is to be hoped those responsible will see that way and follow it.

Who Held Up the Transport?

It now develops that somebody in authority is responsible for a bit of blundering that is both costly and vexatious. The transport George Washington has been held in the harbor at Brest since May 18, presumably waiting to bring the president home.

In the thirty-seven days that have elapsed, it might have made two round trips across, carrying 12,000 men who are impatiently awaiting transport home. Incidentally, it is said to cost \$10,000 a day to keep the big ship idle in the roads. Thus, in addition to the delay in France of some thousands of men who ought to be in America, the country is asked to pay a bill of \$370,000 because of official stupidity some place.

Why has this vessel been held out of service deemed so urgent that battleships were requisitioned to do part of the work? Was it that conditions in Paris were such the president might suddenly be required to flee for his life? Or was it merely that some courier at Washington thought it appropriate to keep a \$10,000-a-day vessel waiting idly for the moment when it would please the president of the United States to turn towards home again?

In either event, the people pay the bill, while soldiers look westward over the sea wall at Brest, wistfully longing for transport home and heartily "cussing" the stupidity at Washington that keeps them there while a big ships stands useless in the harbor.

Is this the sort of democracy we fought to establish throughout the world? Or is it the kind practiced by a bunch of time-serving politicians who "crook the pregnant hinges of the knee that thrift may follow fawning?"

Controlling Food Prices.

Bills introduced in the senate at Washington by Messrs. Kendrick of Wyoming and Kenyon of Iowa have for their purpose the regulation of the meat packing industry. The end is to do away with food control, both in price and distribution. In the absence of the text of these measures, consideration in principle only may be given them.

On the day the measures were brought forward hogs sold at the highest price ever recorded on the Omaha market. At the same time, the December option on corn closed several cents higher than the actual cash price for the cereal last December. This in the face of a break in corn prices ascribed to improved crop conditions.

What connection is there between these facts and the alleged control of stock yard management by the big packers?

In the end, it makes little material difference to the packer what price he pays for the raw material. The cost is made the basis for the selling price, and the consumer pays it. To uphold entirely the great fabric of the meat packing industry in the United States, where it has reached its highest and most efficient development, could have no more effect than to destroy the source through which the farmer is enabled to secure the splendid prices he is now obtaining for his products. Chaos may be established where order now prevails, but who would benefit from the process?

Statements made by Mr. Colver of the Federal Trade board were quite fully refuted by the replies of the packers before the congressional committees last spring. It has not been established that combinations of packers, either for the purchase or distribution of meats and other food supplies, affect the price adversely to the consumer. On the other hand, service that must be maintained has been traced to them.

When congress or some state legislature will grasp the nettle and take cognizance of the speculative elements in dealing in foods in this country, the remedy may be discovered and applied.

Not Patriotism, but Stupidity.

Difficulty in finding German delegates willing to sign the peace treaty gives a further illustration of the state of mind in which the people of the defeated empire exist. Instead of its being inspired by patriotism, this is merely a further exhibition of the stupidity that led them to the disaster they now lack the moral courage to realize. To sign an agreement to live in amicable relations with the rest of the world, to recant the wrong they pursued, and to make reparation for inexcusable damage wrought, should not be looked upon as humiliating in any sense. The wicked pride that sustained the hosts of Germany in their futile effort to subdue the world must give way to a loftier and nobler inspiration if the future is to bring to them anything that is worth having in either a material or spiritual way. Men who are sincerely and wholeheartedly bent to the restoration of the German people to a place in the confidence of the world can do their country no greater service than to pledge themselves honestly to carry out the requirements of the peace treaty, which is the first step to the new life for Germany. Those who stubbornly withhold their approval, clinging to the thought that the war from their side was justifiable and its horrors warranted, will only prolong the period of probation through which the nation must pass till it be wholly purged of its mistaken notions.

Bill Boards on Down Grade

From the Philadelphia Ledger.

Marked advances in the fight to eradicate the billboard nuisance are recorded by the bulletin of the American Civic association just issued.

The supreme court of the United States has very recently held that "a city, exercising the police power, may prohibit the erection of billboards in residence districts, in the interest of the safety, morality, health and decency of the community." In addition, the federal government established a standard by prohibiting billboards in the Louisville cantonment.

The inherent evils of billboards are shown by quotations from a number of decisions of supreme courts, which point out that billboards are constant menaces to the public welfare and safety of cities; they endanger the public health; they obstruct the light, sunshine and air; they enable the spread of fires; they promote immorality, and they constitute hiding places and retreats for criminals and all classes of miscreants. An inspector reported of a sign in New York City that "at the base of the sign are tin cans, stones, dirt, a dead dog, and paper and rubbish. In the rear evidences exist that the place is being used for a public toilet. The odor is sickening."

A definite advance has been scored in Massachusetts, where in November of 1918 the following amendment to the state constitution was adopted: "Advertising on public ways, in public places and on private property, within public view may be regulated by law."

The American Civic association, of which J. Horace McFarland is president, makes this definite recommendation in this Billboard Bulletin, written by the field secretary, Andrew Wright Crawford:

"We recommend that states adopt constitutional amendments authorizing the legislature to pass acts of assembly under the police power in the interest of the public health, safety, morality, and the rule of reason, now applicable to legislation under the police power for the protection of the ear and nose to be likewise applicable to acts for the protection of the eye."

"Apparently the American Civic association is the first to make this suggestion. It is plain common sense. Put esthetics under the public power in your state by a constitutional amendment. There are a number of states where it will not be difficult to let them lead the way. Others will fall into line. By the time several states have done so an amendment to the United States constitution could be put through."

The report proceeds: "If we can get rid of John Barleycorn by a constitutional amendment, we can similarly get rid of Billy Billboard. Indeed, John used to be one of Billy's best customers—it's a pity that they don't go together."

The bulletin urges not only action by legislation, but also action by individuals. The report says:

"But you do not have to wait for the legislature or the courts. You can reach billboards in other ways. One is to bring home to the owners of land how much billboards tend to reduce the value of the properties fronting toward the billboards with a boomerang effect on the properties themselves on which the billboards are erected."

"It is plain common sense that if you are going to build a house you won't want to buy a lot that has a billboard facing it. That billboard may stay there for years. When one owner of a vacant corner lets a billboard be erected on it he prevents a ready sale of the other three corners, whether they are built upon or unbuild upon."

"Value in a real-estate sense consists of two elements, possibility of sale and possibility of quickness of that sale. The contiguous billboard has both of these elements, especially the latter. So long as the billboard stands so long will it deter buyers; it will postpone sales, which means monetary loss from holding the property a long time, paying taxes and losing interest. This is the first loss the billboard causes. When a sale is finally consummated, it will be to some one who will get it at less than its peak value, for the peak is covered by the wet blanket of the billboard. This is the second loss. But it is not only his neighbors' land that the lessor to the billboard company depreciates. It is his own. If land in the neighborhood won't sell, neither will his."

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.

With the Mine Sweepers.

A Sailor's Aunt—You ask: "Can you tell me where the ship named 'The Graham' is? It is a British navy mine sweeper, taken for the use of the United States navy. I have a nephew on this ship, who writes they would leave England for the Orkney Islands May 15, to sweep mines from the Baltic sea. We have not heard from him since." That you have not yet had word from this boy is not surprising. The ship has no record of the movement of the vessel, but it is reported on May 15 for the Orkneys, and from thence to the Baltic, sufficient time to get a letter off and have it sent to American scarcely has elapsed. If you will write to the Navy Department, Washington, D. C., you may get information as to the whereabouts of the Graham.

Many Questions Answered.

Mrs. G. W. D.—Companies B. C. and D. 86th pioneer infantry, are due in New York June 29, on the Aetolus.

A Father—The last address we have for the 414th telephone battalion is A. P. O. 797. This unit is in the service of supply, with headquarters at Orleans.

A Soldier's Mother—No orders have been issued yet for the immediate return of the 18th company, transportation corps, now at St. Nazaire. However, its departure will not be long delayed.

C. L. W.—See answer to A Soldier's Mother.

The units are very busy getting the rest of the army out of France, and will not be released for return until their service can be dispensed with.

Mrs. F. B.—American troops are soon to be withdrawn from Siberia; they are employed in guarding property, principally military stores, and are not engaged in the warfare now going on in western Siberia.

If you will write to the adjutant general of the army, Washington, D. C., you can obtain full information as to the soldier for whom you inquire. The government will give the relatives of the dead of any soldier. Those who have died from accident or disease since the signing of the armistice are well known and no mystery surrounds their taking off. If you have not had the official notification of the death of the soldier, it is quite likely he is alive. However, it will do no harm to ask the adjutant general for the facts. Be sure to give his name, and the official number of his company and regiment. The last address we have for the Second Battalion company is A. P. O. 914.

M. R. B.—The 310th supply company has not yet been assigned a date for sailing. It is attached to the quartermaster's company and is not part of a division.

MUCH IN LITTLE.

The total number of people that the world can maintain is estimated at 6,000,000,000, or about four times the present population. At the present rate of increase, this figure will be reached in some 200 years.

The general scheme, planned before the war, was to connect the ground all the wires acquired from the National Telephone company in 1912, has according to the London Times, been put in hand, starting with the official notification of the death of the soldier, it is quite likely he is alive. However, it will do no harm to ask the adjutant general for the facts. Be sure to give his name, and the official number of his company and regiment. The last address we have for the Second Battalion company is A. P. O. 914.

Wisdom Will Not Die With Us

Maj. Gen. Sir Frederick Maurice, unlike not a few other foreigners who have come over here and, after returning home, have told what they saw and what they think of it, seems to have been an observer always kindly and usually accurate. At any rate, the pictures he paints of Americans and things can be easily recognizable, which more than can be said for the work of some other artists, done after as much or more preparatory study of the same subjects.

Sir Frederick, however, has not always avoided the danger of reasoning from the specific to the general, which, though an excellent—perhaps the best—way to reason, gets into trouble those who base their conclusions on insufficiently numerous data. Thus it was that he was led to declare the discovery of a new difference between Americans and Britons.

We, he declares, when we hear that somebody is going to talk about something of which we are uninformed, are interested and go to hear him. In England, the response to a like announcement, he says, is exactly the reverse: "This is something I don't know about; it doesn't interest me."

Unfortunately, there are in this country, too, people of the second sort—people who not only are content with their present stock of information, but resent efforts to increase it. Whether we have as many of them as England has—that is a question which no census reports help to answer.—New York Times.

O'Briens on the Army Rolls.

A soldier named John J. O'Brien, writing to the war risk bureau about his insurance, failed to give his serial number or policy number, but said his papers would be easy to identify as his wife's name was Mary A. O'Brien. A search through the human files disclosed the name of 175 John J. O'Briens and each of an even 50 of them had a wife named Mary A. O'Brien.

TODAY

The Day We Celebrate.

John W. Redick, secretary and treasurer Merriam Commission company, born 1884.

Howard Baldrige, lawyer, born 1864.

Sir Robert L. Borden, premier of the Dominion of Canada, born at Grand Pre, N. S., 65 years ago.

Frieda Hempel, celebrated operatic soprano, born at Leipzig, Germany, 34 years ago.

Brig. Gen. Frank D. Baldwin, U. S. A., retired, born at Manchester, Mich., 77 years ago.

Aaron S. Kreider, representative in congress of the Eighteenth Pennsylvania district, born in Lebanon county, Pa., 56 years ago.

Thirty Years Ago in Omaha.

Seven hundred and fifty invitations have been issued for a musical by Miss Marian Chase, niece of Dr. Mercer, at a benefit for the Woman's home on Burr street.

A jolly party of young folks in Jim Stephenson's tally-ho, drawn by six horses, went to a lawn fete at Fort Omaha, upon invitation of Miss Alice Andreason.

The young people's society of Southwestern Lutheran church gave a lemon squeezer at the residence of Mr. D. W. Shull, Poppleton avenue and Twenty-fifth street.

Eugene C. Noon, Michael P. O'Conner and Dr. J. C. Kinsler talked on medical topics at the eleventh annual commencement of Creighton college.

DAILY CARTOONETTE

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Little Folks' Corner

DANCE, THE BIRD ORCHESTRA FURNISHING THE jazz kind of jazz music. In his grip Peggy felt herself. She looked vainly for aid, finding none. Cinderella's guests had fled. Even Sleeping Beauty's prince, who had been so anxious to cut off Red Beard's head, had gone without striking a blow.

"You shall be queen of my harem," grunted Red Beard triumphantly. "I shall give you pretty frocks and all the strawberry ice cream you can eat. You shall reign alone in my heart—until I find some one that I like better."

"One last dance—then away to my harem," grunted Red Beard. Around and around he whirled Peggy until she was dizzy. But as she whirled she saw Billy Belgium come from behind a pillar where he had been hiding. In his hands he had a piece of board. He swung this like a bat's tail, and as Red Beard in his elephant disguise, whirled his back around, when Billy whacked him with all his strength.

"Wow! A bomb!" yelled Red Beard, letting Peggy go. Wham! The board hit him again. "Wow!" yelled Red Beard a second time, but now he saw Billy with the board, and went at him in a towering rage. Billy dropped the board and ran for dear life, but he made sure that he ran in the opposite direction from Peggy, so that she could escape.

Peggy was almost at the door when she met Optimistic Ostrich rushing in. "Climb on my back," whistled Optimistic Ostrich, sitting down to make it easy for her. Peggy threw herself among his feathers and clasped her arms around his long neck as he rose again to his feet. "Save Billy!" she cried.

Red Beard was hot after Billy, chasing him around and around the ball room. He could run very fast in spite of the fact that he was fat and lazy, and he drew closer and closer to Billy with every stride. Billy looked wildly for a weapon, but none was to be seen. In desperation Billy pulled his whistle from his pocket. It had brought him aid before; perhaps it would now. The whistle did bring aid, but in an unexpected way. At the first blast Red Beard stopped short. At the second blast he began to dance. Then as Billy, noticing the effect of the whistle, blew harder and harder, the Turk danced faster and faster, his elephant feet doing a lively jig. Billy blew and blew, playing a regular tune on the whistle, and Red Beard made his feet fairly fly.

"It must be magic," cried Peggy, who makes him dance," cried Peggy to Optimistic Ostrich. "But, look! Billy is blowing so hard he is all out of breath."

This is just what had happened.

DREAMLAND ADVENTURE

By DADDY.

"CINDERELLA'S BALL."

(Peggy and Billy go to Cinderella's ball, where Peggy dances with a graceful elephant. To her horrified surprise she finds that the elephant is Red Beard in disguise.)

The Magic Whistle.

Peggy was shocked to learn that the dancing elephant was Red Beard. She had thought it queer that the beast had come to Cinderella's ball, but until she saw his fiery whiskers she had no idea it was the Turk in disguise.

And here she was in his clutches. Peggy wanted to shriek, but she quickly thought that if she did so Red Beard might seize her so tight she couldn't escape, whereas if she waited until the end of the dance he might think she didn't recognize him and let her go.

Long before the dance ended, however, Cinderella had spread the alarm.

"The elephant is Red Beard in disguise," ran a whisper through the ball room, and the other dancers slipped away, couple by couple.

When the bird orchestra sounded the last note of the frolicsome dance Peggy glanced around to find herself alone with the Turk.

"Ah, ha, ha! I have discovered my plot," grunted Red Beard. "But I have you, proud Princess Peggy, and I shall not leave this ball without a fair bride. Come, we will have our wedding dance." Seizing her again, he whirled her into another mad whirl.

Red Beard Stopped His Dancing and Rushed Full Tilt at Billy.

THE BEE'S LETTER BOX

Protect America.

Kansas City, June 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: The people desire some covenant between nations to prevent war that does not say in so many words the Monroe Doctrine shall forever, or in the life of the covenant at least, remain understood as it is today understood by America. If there is one thought, one clause, one word that leaves any doubt that America shall conduct its own affairs as it conducts them today, the benefit of the doubt must be against the document that contains that doubt. Our signature when placed upon a document will mean we shall stand by it, and we shall stand by it to the death. Hence at any cost that document must protect America for America first and for the world's benefit second, for any document that changes America's position within itself or with respect to the world as it stands today weakens America's possibility for good without. 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