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Who spends his time fooling may discover that when he would be earnest he knows nothing but folly.

Conscription!

THE dramatic reorganization of the British Cabinet spells one word—conscription.

Of the long battle lines in France, English troops hold but 30 miles, while the French troops hold more than 530.

Lincoln met a situation of a similar sort in this country in the only way possible, by conscription.

Wilson's Two Enviable Tasks
WOODROW WILSON is blessed with the enviable privilege of learning how to be a grandfather and how to be a President at the same time.

Talking Peace Means Thinking Peace
IT IS not expected that the International Peace Conference at Lake Mohonk will end the war.

Doing Business With South America
SOUTH AMERICA is ready to enter into closer business relations with the United States.

Passing of the Mahogany Bar
ON the same day that the Chicago Dry Federation began a campaign to abolish the 7000 saloons in the city a billiard table company, which manufactures saloon fittings as a side line, announced that it had closed down its bar furniture department and would employ its cabinetmakers on billiard and pool tables and talking machine cases.

Yet his friends will say that one with Barnes is a majority.

No use to Lexow if it's going to be a boomerang, think the "leaders."

Chairman Walsh may not know where he's going, but he is certainly on the way.

It would be a splendid thing for the early peace of Europe if the Kaiser's diplomats were put in charge of his armies.

A Delaware County Court has decided that a servant can sell his master's riding boots if he cannot get his pay in any other way.

The Riggs Bank case seems to show that personal animosities cannot be settled with any satisfaction in the courts.

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ITALY'S POPULAR KING AND QUEEN

They Are Known as Friends of the People—Family Life in the Quirinal—Royalty on the Human Level.

By EDGAR MEIS

VICTOR EMMANUEL, now 45 years old, has ruled Italy since 1900, when his father, Humbert, was assassinated at Monza by an anarchist.

Trained to succeed to a throne, Victor did his utmost to attain physical vigor. Long walks; long horseback rides; long hours of study in the fresh air of the Alps; a keen interest in science; a desire to accomplish things worthy of a monarch, made Victor Emmanuel a king figure despite his diminutive stature.

Events in Europe have demonstrated that there is no reliance to be placed on improbabilities. The things which were considered the most improbable have been the very things to become actual.

It behooves each patriot, therefore, to make the national defense a point of real importance in his political policies, to insist that the men he votes for will favor adequate preparation and will support a definite program designed to assure us a might on sea and land commensurate with the vast interests to be protected.

Adequate preparation does not mean a second-class navy. It means a first-class navy, homogeneous and complete in all its units, powerful enough to deter any enemy from desiring to attack us and mighty enough to assure the defeat of such an enemy if he should in fact venture to move against us.

When Doctor Shawke, Superintendent of Public Instruction of West Virginia, told the Schoolmasters' Club in Pittsburgh that the family as a social institution sufficient unto itself and its needs is fast becoming bankrupt he said only what a great many other thoughtful schoolmen have been thinking.

The principal of the Brookline, Mass., High School told a church club not long ago that the family had ceased to perform its functions as a religious instructor of the children.

It has surrendered this duty to the Sunday schools, and whatever teaching the children get they receive not from their mothers, but from young and inexperienced women, many of them with no children of their own.

Since those halcyon days, four daughters and a son have come to bless the House of Savoy. Italy, too, has blessed the ruler and his consort, for it is doubtful if there is a more popular royal pair in Europe than Victor Emmanuel and Elena, his Queen.

Elena lover children—not merely her own, but all children. She arises at 7 o'clock that she with her own hands may help them with their morning toilette.

Queen Elena does not interest herself in politics. When a lady asked her if she helped the King to expedite current affairs she answered:

"I content myself with putting sand on my husband's letters."

When she appears in her carriage in the Corso with the King all the fine ladies there outside her in splendor of dress. She often wears a violet dress and is seen so often in it that a lady of her court ventured to say:

"Your Majesty seems to be very fond of that dress."

"I like it because the King prefers it," the Queen answered simply. "Why should I change it?"

These then are the rulers of Italy, very human beings, with human likes and dislikes—human failings—perhaps not so "royal" in one sense of the word—as the Kings and Queens of other lands or more courtly days, but closer to the people and more humanly understandable and sympathetic than some of them.

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SELECTING A MESSENGER

Adventures of a Devoted Reader of Their Enticing Pages—Some Benefits Derived—A Question of Pronunciation.

By WALTER FRICHARD EATON

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It is the arch-foe of the coal man, the grocer, the tailor and all the army of more or less worthy and necessarily trusting tradesmen.

It happened in this way: I was walking along the street in a strange town, down in Connecticut, I think, when over a fence in a pleasant yard I saw a long border of a peculiar blue flower which looked like phlox.

Easy Enough in June
Buying seeds is a good deal like drinking rum—most of us don't know when we've had enough.

Most Faithful City
This Trieste is known in Austria—a Busy Business Town.

NOT A WAR OF NATIONS
Sir—I have read many letters in the papers from "German-Americans" endeavoring to excuse the Lusitania atrocity.

GRIEF
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ENGLAND AND CONSCRIPTION

From the New Orleans Times-Picayune. Great Britain has never needed conscription before, not even in its long and savage struggle with Napoleon.

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