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Government is a trust, and the officers of the Government are the trustees.—Henry Clay.

Hughes joins in song with old grads—headline. Not a swan song.

"I have lost a true friend."—The Kaiser. Another unhappy allusion to the Deity?

American youths seeking adventure may now find it nearer at home than in the trenches in Europe.

Fire-eaters have to be food-eaters first, a fact which is just beginning to be realized in Germany.

They evidently expect more of Mr. McCormick as a manager than he was able to show as a candidate.

Duluth, Proctor Knott's famous "zenith city of the unaltered seas" has gone dry, but not because it has the unaltered seas to drink.

A "vision" of his mother made a youthful burglar drop his loot. And yet there are those who question the moral benefit of the "movies."

Mexico has bought only two and a half million dollars' worth of munitions in the United States since July of last year, but the bandits looted up before that.

Just because a gentleman with whiskers is likely to be the next President of the United States is no reason why Mr. Carranza should get the big head.

Amateur strategists are now deserting the European field and are confidently explaining how two United States warships can shoot across the entire Mexican situation.

Exports to Europe have exceeded imports by \$3,000,000,000 since the war began, and the Democracy is claiming the credit. There is no longer any doubt as to what caused the war. The Wilson Administration did it in the interest of American prosperity.

Mr. Wilson's acid test has shown pure gold in several cases, at least in Philadelphia. Men will be given full pay while serving with the Guard and reinstatement is promised when they return. Evidently this patriotic "hysteria" has had some lasting effect.

There are no weasel words in this last note to Carranza, although, as one might say, it was delayed in transmission. That cesspool down there must be cleaned out, and the only lightning and thorough cleanser in this part of the world happens to be the United States of America.

There will be no railway strike if war comes, according to those who ought to know. "The men will forget their personal grievances and turn in for the good of the nation," says Mr. Enochs, secretary of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen on the Pennsylvania lines east of Pittsburgh. This is not a mass-meeting; it is a nation.

The country can rejoice that Senator Tillman happens to have a big say in the kind of navy we should build. The utterly inadequate building program approved by the House is subject to the action of the Senate, where Senators Tillman and Lodge intend to see to it that some dreadnoughts are provided for. Little men and little navy men are synonymous terms, it appears.

The announcement of a unanimous agreement among the Allies for the protection and nourishment of their trade after the war ends, including a plan to prevent "dumping," and providing for subsidies and advances to certain industries as well as protective tariffs, merely emphasizes the necessity of industrial and economic preparedness in this country. A new era in the history of trade is upon us, and the conservation of our prosperity depends on the intelligence of national legislation, which must be inspired by devotion to the economic theory of protection of the sort that protects a sort of which the Democrats know nothing and for which they care less.

The humanizing of law which goes so far as to make the District Attorney interested in the defendants in criminal suits may appear dangerous, but when the defendants are children and no other power protects them the danger may well be risked for the benefit to society. Mr. Rotin in his "human interest" document, the District Attorney's annual report, deals particularly with the Juvenile Court and the Domestic Relations division. In both the human element must be preserved.

inate over the letter of the law. It is good news that the successful prosecution of cases is leading to a helpful understanding between the law and offenders against it.

WHY WE MUST GO IN

THERE is still a chance that the army of the United States will not cross the Rio Grande and that the small forces now in northern Mexico will be withdrawn. The hope still persists that war will not be forced upon two peoples of which the one is reluctant, the other irresponsible.

When that mission is understood the people will be able to judge more intelligently the history of the past five years. There has been in all that time a tremendous force working for immediate and complete intervention in Mexico. The State Department has implied the existence of a conspiracy which subordinated the interests of the United States to certain interests in Mexico.

The most heinous crime of Mexico is not that bandits have murdered citizens of this country or of any other country, but that organized government has bolted the doors of its granaries while its people starved, has closed the mines and broken up the ranches without a thought of the world which depends upon it.

The great concessions which European and American exploiters enjoyed in Mexico took nothing from the Mexicans which they themselves could use. The peon scratched his plot of earth and gained a meagre harvest. The exploiter dug under the peon's hut and gave the world a fortune. The revolution in Mexico seeks to restore the peon to his acre. It is actually robbing the world of its acres of diamonds.

The claim is made that the United States must not intervene in the affairs of Mexico because the United States is a democracy. The fact is that the United States could not intervene if it were not a democracy. The brigandage and militarism which call itself a government in Mexico denies the fundamental equality of democracy because it insists upon the rights of the least worthy.

The United States goes in, by force or by the compelling power of its position in the world, to restore human rights of life and of property in the country which despises those rights. The case against intervention has been a case against arrangement for private gain. It has been necessary to withhold the hand of the police lest South America mistake it for the hand of the pickpocket. That is no longer necessary.

We have to do in Mexico what we have done with honor in Cuba. As that country was freed from a foreign despotism this one must be freed from internal anarchy. As that country was left to its own devices, this country will be left when its devices are beyond suspicion. There is a law higher than the law of small nationalities and a destiny which fulfills itself in many ways. It is the law that those who can shall be free to do, and the destiny is the inexorable future of civilization. Today the United States is the instrument.

THE ARMY AND THE GUARD

CONGRESS reconsidered its purpose yesterday to pass a resolution putting into effect at once the section of the army reorganization law authorizing the President to draft the National Guard into the military service of the United States for fear that its action would be misunderstood. The section provides that when Congress shall have authorized the use of armed land forces in excess of those in the regular army, the President may draft into the military service of the United States, to serve therein for the period of the war unless sooner discharged, any or all members of the National Guard, and that from the date of the draft all persons drafted shall stand discharged from the militia.

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Tom Daly's Column

Marching Song
Prexy's made us richer than we ever were before,
And he kept us out of war!

Fierce Fighting Ahead
SIR—This morning as I came down in the elevator the next most important man in our building said to me, "Are you going to war?"

Honorable Mention
HATS off, please, for the conductor of the 10:16 train for Bethlehem on the Reading Terminal last night!

Gossipy Giuseppe
PLEASSA, Signor, eef I laugh eet is notta for you. Yesterday I laugh so mooch I am seek een da side. Earla een da mornin' ees com' een in my chair bigga fatta man for a shave. Yesterday mornin' I feel vera happy baycease for da fina weather, and so I talk, talk, talk.

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"STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!"



THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Henry A. Bomberger Insists that the Progressive Party is Still Alive and Actively Opposed to the Republicans—Unaccommodating Motemen—Other Matters

Henry A. Bomberger is free to all readers who wish to express their opinions, and the Evening Ledger assumes no responsibility for the views of its correspondents.

UNACCOMMODATING TROLLEY-MEN

Sir—I was reading in your bright and up-to-date paper about the great annoyance a gentleman, signed W. H. Fisher, experienced, and which to say is certainly no small matter to him.

DISCOURTESY TO MEXICO?

Sir—The publication of the Wilson note to the de facto Government of Mexico before it was received by that Government is not only a glaring impertinence, but a most execrable breach of diplomatic etiquette.

O'BRIEN—OBREGON

Ninety-five years ago an Irishman was sent by King of Spain to rule as viceroy over Mexico. His name was John O'Donoghue, or Juan O'Donouli in Spanish. His closest friend and constant bodyguard was one Mickey O'Brien, named by a poet as "the loyal friend of the King."

'FAILURES' WHO SUCCEEDED IN WAR

Biographers of famous men usually make a great mistake. They show how great their heroes were in military career, and think it necessary to preface this with a flowery account of the promise of greatness that these heroes gave as boys and young men.

It is interesting to recall that Henry V as wild Prince Hal, was courageous and genial, but it is more interesting to note that he was a common drunkard and a petty thief before becoming the greatest military leader of his time.

Funston's Failure

Funston was a failure as a newspaperman. He had the notion that a reporter's life was the most romantic and exciting life in the world—a notion that is entertained by every one who is not a reporter.

What Do You Know?

- Quizzes of general interest will be answered in this column. For questions, the answers to which are asked daily.
1. Where is Mount Grizabel?
2. What is meant by "vix-wazins"?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. The Dick law, approved 1902, was an act to promote the efficiency of the militia.
2. Polk was President during the Mexican War.
3. A brigade is composed of two or more regiments. In the United States Army there are six brigades.

Mamelukes

The Mamelukes were the slaves of the boys in Egypt; they were brought from the Caucasus and formed into a standing army. In 1250 these military slaves raised one of their body to the supreme power, and Nour-ed-din Ali, the founder of the Baharite dynasty, was Sultan of the country.

"On the Side of the Angels"

Editor of "What Do You Know?"—Can you tell me the origin of the saying "On the side of the angels?"

SAFE AT LAST

The radical Democratic movement in American politics has, for the time being, spent its organizational force.