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Philadelphia, Monday, July 21, 1916,

man's the best cosmopolite loves his native country best. -Tennyson.

Is the Deutschland paying rent?

Rumania celebrated the second anniversary of the war by taking up an entirely new position, quaintly known as on the brink.

Another municipal employe falls by the wayside "for the good of the service." The phrase is apt, though ironic. Whose service, gentlemen?

That "shark" in the Schuylkill was only a seal. Those who watch the Grand Jury are more likely to learn the whereabouts of Philadelphia sharks than those who keep their eyes on the water.

The Grand Duke Nicholas is press-ing on beyond Ersingnan toward An-

There has been a strong impression that the Grand Duke had already captured the Turkish goat.

Great national manufacturing associations have already begun to apply for permission to hold their annual gatherings in the new convention hall, which proves that the men were right who said that the building would be one of the most valuable publicity assets of the city.

Now that a few retail coal dealers have begun to refund the 10 cents a ton tax to their customers the rest of them will find it difficult not to follow suit. The tax was levied illegally. The operators have returned it to the retailers, and fairness demands that the retailers give it up.

It may be doubted whether the State Department of Health has legal power to prevent Pennsylvania parents from taking their young children to New York city; but only those parents who partment officers while the epidemic pre-

It is doubtless true that ninetyfive per cent of the householders of the city overload the ashcans. Probably alall. That is why we have dirty streets. No municipality on earth can force the people to keep the streets in the condition in which they ought to be, unless it receives the active and hearty aid and co-operation of private citizens. It is not uncommon to see a man sit calmly in a trolley car, tear a letter into a thousand pieces and calmly throw it out of the window, either on Chestnut street or anywhere else. Such a man needs education, and the way to give it to him is to put him in jail.

There were only 10,954 registered automobiles in this State in 1906, paying fees of \$42,460. The number registered thus far this year is 201,307 and the fees collected amount to \$3,146,597. The greater part of this enormous sum is very properly turned over to the Highway Department for improving the roads. It en apportioned to Pennsylvania out of the congressional appropriation for good roads. The fatal objection to the Democratic good roads legislation is that it distributes the money in accordance with a political rather than an economic plan Its purpose is to provide petty graft for the politicians rather than to improve the national highways. Indeed, there are no en any State highways to speak of. Road-building has been committed to the for the celebration, have achieved an inlocal communities, and they have had no credible victory, literally incredible be better roads than they are willing to cause the details are not yet known, and

The appalling catastrophe in New York resulted in a surprisingly small less of life, according to present reports. Whether incendiaries were at work or not is a question which may never be deteron of an explosion of less magnitude mouths ago, but it was never times. It has been suggested that

New York catastrophe occurred at an lour when few people were about. In lifferent circumstances, it is altogether probable that the loss in life would have aralleled the loss in money. Investigations are under way, as usual, but it may be hoped that in this affair they will be more productive of constructive results than is usually the case.

GIVE US A WATCH DOG THAT CAN WATCH

BEFORE the little navy men in the House carry their fight against an nation to a finish they should give serious thought to what is and has been happening in the North Sea.

In the summer of 1914 Winston Churchill, then First Lord of the Admiralty, had mobilized the British navy in the Channel, ostensibly for practice maneuvers. Whether he had a premonition of coming trouble, or whether it was one of those lucky chances of which the historians write, does not matter. The fleet was on hand ready for action. As soon as mobilization began on the Continent Churchill ordered the fleet to take up a position off Kiel, and the ships got in sight of the German naval station before the Germans had time to move. It is believed by some experts that if it had not been for this readiness, this prompt action, Great Britain would have been invaded by a German force and the country would have been laid waste as northern France has

The British navy has saved England and has kept British soil practically inviclate. The British were unprepared on land, but they were prepared on sea, for the reason that it was by the sea alone that they anticipated invasion.

been devastated.

America is in a similar position. If we have an adequate navy we can defend our shores and destroy an enemy before he gets in sight of land. If Representative Kitchin and those who believe with him have their way the enlargement of the navy will be delayed if not prevented altogether.

The little navy men fought in the House for a building program that should provide for five battle cruisers and no battleships. They failed to carry their colleagues with them, for the naval bill as it was sent to the Senate called for four battle cruisers and two battleships. The Senate, with a better appreciation of the exigencies of the situation, amended the bill by authorizing the construction of four battleships instead of two along with the four cruisers to which the House had consented. Contracts for these are to be awarded this year, and arrangements were made for a continuing program of con-

struction to extend over three years.

Unless the House agrees to the Senate program the navy will be weaker in three years than it is now. To keep our sea force up to its present strength it is necessary to put in commission a new battleship every year to take the place of And there's mother at the door." the old ships which become obsolete. The navy is weaker now than it was three So God rest you, Jim-but say, "Take keer of yourse'f!" wish to endanger the health of their off. years ago because of the neglect of Conspring will resist the actions of the de- gress to authorize necessary construction. put in commission in less than two years and it is more likely to require three years, even if work could begin as soon most as many never use the trashcan at | the new ships are built the navy will be no stronger than it ought to be now. It is imperative that construction be continuous, and that enough new ships be must go to the scrap heap, as well as enough to strengthen us on the sea until we are able to meet any possible foe and beat him off.

Such a program is not dictated by hysteria, but by ordinary prudence. The nation demands it and the lower house will fail in its representative capacity unless it responds promptly and wholeheartedly to the undoubted urging of patriotic America.

The President has put himself behind the Senate program and is using all his influence in its favor. Whatever is done nearly ten times the amount which has with the Senate amendments to the army appropriation bill, it will be a grievous blunder to reduce the naval appropria-

ON ALL FRONTS

FITHE third year of the war begins with I the resurrection of the Serbian army and with it the completion of the circle en only in recent years that there have of attack on the Teuton-Turkish allies. The Russians, choosing the earlier date the mere statement of an advance at this

time on a sixty-mile front passes belief. Strange and terrible things have happened in this year of war. It is the year of Kut and Jutland and the Serbian campaign. It began with Russia stumbling backward and ends with Russia striding mined. The circumstances surrounding forward again. It marked the end of the the explosions are suspicious. It must old system of infantry attacks in the west be recollected, however, that munitions and it begins with the successes of artillery attacks. It began with the blackest of accident is great. Haltimere was the and ugitest day of the Allies and it ends with their brightest. Above all, it has been the year of Verdun and of shells. great that it was maliciously caused by | Verdun, where efficiency failed, and shells wherein democracy became efficient, are tifle ports for the shipment of ex- the high spots of the drama's second act. yes should be named by the Govern . It differs from the first in this: When the at, far off from the great cities. Brat curtain fell Germany's destiny was her such a scheme is feasible or not | still victory or peace; now her destiny is a do not know, Considering the yast between peace and destruction. She has and pempler and dynamite which | virtually announced that she cannot win. handled during the met two Her appeals are not for victory, but for the security of the German soil, aren few accidents. The du hope her at last in the very thing she desplaced—the strongth and initiative and or for of paneler made than loyelty and energy of the individual sol-I in the basiney of ther. For the more has been mut at last

Tom Daly's Column

THEM'S OUR FEELIN'S Whenever you get off a yacht Your feet give you bother a lacht They multiply so Wherever you go

Our story of the toast to the President of the United States, which incensed the host of the Bristol luncheon, prompts J. H. Carr to call our attention to this bit wrong in matters American. A catalogue adequate increase in the sea forces of the of rare books put out by Reginald Atkinson, 97 Sunderland road, London, an-

by G. T. Curtis, ports., 2 vols, 8vo, N. Y. 1870

Many of us are wonderfully versatile folks, but this announcement upon a PUBLIC LEDGER poster a few miles beyoud Metuchen (N. J.) on the way to

THE Caspar Carpenters were getting ready to desert their Germantown home for a few weeks in the country, and everybody was busy and nervous. Just then the U. G. L. man appeared at the door and presented the quarter's gas bill. Caspar, Jr., took it in, and when 9-yearold Alfred saw it he jumped up excitedly and yelled: "Run after him quick and

The Deutschland's Deck Passengers Und hier ist Deutschland mit uns some

nore yet! Then we have time for a few nomina tions we overlooked. First of all Josephus D. of Our Navee! Let him be secured in his chair with red tape. Close to him let there be room for several earnest but thick German readers who, not getting our subtle wit, imagine we are trying to commit less majests.

Dear Tom-I place in nomination Mr. G. W. Chee and brother, who, unconscious of the honor to be thrust upon them, now placifly conduct a red and white laundry at 437 North Sixtieth street, as THE CHEES

a product of milk; so there). E. V. W.

WANTED-Maid for general bousework, either with or without laundrying. Address Postoffice Hox 158, Drexel Hull. Pa.

—Ad in Upper Darby Herald.

Don't you think this is carrying the trading-stamp idea to an extreme? H. TIMS.

James Whitcomb Riley

Their sight was dim. To find the key of the human heart; That ain't common at all, that's Art. There's the dear old home once more, You kept singin' that-away, Dear old Jim, to the end of the day;

Hain't got nothin' to say tonight, Hev you. Jim? yin' there so still in the light, Peckid and slim; est as you wur before great Death Took and stopped your gentle breath.

No, you hain't got nothin' to say,

Reckon you won't till the jedgment day—

But, dear old Jim, you've said your share;

And when old Time sifts out them 'ere

Poems of yourn on birds and bees,

Morning and supphine and bills and trees Morning and sunshine and hills and trees Ditties of human hopes and fears All check full of laughter and tears— Fussy old Time! I guess he'll say, When they're layin' your dust away,
"Good by, Jim; I think you kin
Take keer of yourse'f!"
M. C. DONOVAN.

Our Etiquette Department

onversation.

striking himself violently upon the head with a hammer. My friend's curiosity being aroused, he addressed himself to a keeper nearby, inquiring the reason for such apparently peculiar action. The keeper pleaded ignorance, but suggested that my friend ask the inmate for an explanation. This my friend did, and the inmate replied: "My dear sir, I strike myself thus upon my head with this hammer because it feels so damn good when I stop. Do you think, sir, that this story was

Valley Forge Park comes in for 200 cres of land, adjoining the reservation, which would have been split up into ten or a dozen farms operated by Italian agriculturists if we had been on the job as we should have been. The property goes to the Park under the will of the late William Uhler Hensel, of Lancaster. On a June Sunday four years ago Mr. Hensel took Nicola D'Ascenzo and ourself out to Port Kennedy to see this farm. It was decided that we should go about the securing of 10 Italian families to work the truct. D'Ascenzo took the matter up with Conte Adolfo Graziani, who was interesting himself in an "away from-the-city" movement for his countrymen, but the Count went home shortly after and our scheme died of manition. The Hensel property was lost to the Italians, but strangely enough, D'Ascenzo is now in a way to achieve national fame through the stained glass windows he has been commissioned to make for the Memorial Chapel there. One, of course, had nothing to do with

You can't tell how many you've pacht.

of British indifference to the right and

Webster Daniel, (President of U. S.) Life

New York rather surprised us: PEGGY SHIPPEN'S DAIRY.

tell him not to leave any more gas."

C. B. L. sends from Atlantic City the names of five Commissioners, and "Kluck," from the same town, besides reminding us of Josephus, craves room for "that ubiquitous scribe and Klarion of Kultur, Herr J. Fr. Walsh," This will have to complete the "personae au gratin."

I also claim the honor of having discov-ered the only Chinese specimen of this delectable delicacy extant (George says he's

OST—Generous reward for return of ring, platinum mounting, set with two diamonds and two sapphires; served to guest on Sunday in ire cream glass at Chrysaits dining room, 18 S. Pennsylvania ave. Return to Miss Fisher, 18 S. Pennsylvania ave., and receive generous reward.

—Atlantic City "Press," July 24, 1916.

'POET of common things," they said, Didn't they, Jim? Why, God bless that dear old head! Things wa'n't common at all to you, But shinin' 'ith glory, thro and thro!! Common? To take the "Pipes o' Pan" And sing of this wonderful being, man;

Waterbury, Conn., July 25.

A friend, one Mr. P., did call me up on the telephone some few nights ago and did invite Mrs. H. and me to play auction bridge with him and Mrs. P., saying, not that the ladies care for auction, but just to make

So we repaired to the house of the P's and proceeded with the game. Ere long did Mrs. P. say unto me: "You do not mind, I trust, if I talk nearly constantly during the

To this I replied: "Madame, you remind

Do you think, sir, that the circum propos and in good form under the circum H. H. H. stances? Ans. Is it the lady's practice when talking "nearly constantly" to swing the hammer ditto? If so, yes.

the other; just a coincidence, that's all.

ONE YEAR, HE DAYS OF WAR A year to be or not to be.

YES, WE CAN GUARANTEE HE MAKES A HIT



and sisters, ought to lift you far above the stars, where corruption is a thing unknown. It is because you have no such faith as

you profess that we, too, have been forced

to strive for education; and now no longer do your dummy gods intimidate us.

We don't care about the other world. We want to live in this world. If there is no faith then we want the things that

you have, or we want a faith that in-fluences you as well as us. Can you give it to us? Can you accept it? That is to be the test of the new, the vital, faith. It is

stories, and see whether there is anything

Is the new faith to be found in the

these ages, are-peanut sermons and unbe-

is there hope. Man must live. It is the burden of life that causes his unbelief. Re-lieve him of those burdens and there shall again shine the faith that shoots life

through and through with joy, love and faith. We cannot solve the mystery of the other world. Let us rather solve the

A STRANGER IN TOWN

Sir-I have always held the view that

After being served with some refresh

ARTHUR THOMAS DYSON.

THE BRIDE IN AUGUST

She took such pride
Was late for tea
It seems he thinks
Of baseball some.
She thought his thoughts
Were sil of hume,
And sad is she.

Cheer up, fair brids!
The bast of men
Do think of baseball
Now and then;
They're all the same.
But you your fate
Need not deplore.
The chances are
its loves you more
Than any game.
Kunnes City Jeurnal.

Consider now
The fair June bride.
The man in whom

should pardon a wicked soul.

Philadelphia, July 27.

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Socialism Prescribed as a Cure for the Vices of Society on the Ground That It Will Make People Less Mercenary-Mayor Smith's Responsibility—Other Current Matters

This department is free to all readers who wish to express their opinions on subjects of current interest. It is an open forum, and the Evening Ledger assumes no responsibility for the views of its correspondents.

NOT QUITE SO SIMPLE AS THIS To the Editor of Evening Ledger: .

Sir-"The root of all evil is the want of Take away the incentive to gain and you do away with evil. The owners of the Tenderloin properties receive large sums for these houses of ill fame. The reason they rent them to these women and men of vice is because they receive larger rents than they would from respectable people. The reason these men and women are keepers of these dens of infamy is because of the money there is in it. The reason the girl of the street plies her trade is because she wants money. The cure for all this vice is through economic science, or socialism. When this world accepts socialism then want will be banished, and the incentive to gain through evil will be abolonlan Is the new faith to be given us in the per theory of evolution? Go over that theory, it you who are trying to adjust it to the old ished simply because every man and woman will be able to receive not less than \$10 per day for not more than six hours labor. theory nor a dream. The world is ready for it, and not until it is adopted will we be able to accept Christianity and civilization. Vice is not a necessity, but a condi-tion. As has been said, Babylon had it and Philadelphia has it. Babylon had pov-

erty and Philadelphia has it. It is to the everlasting shame of human-ity that after 2000 years of churchianity we have not improved, but rather we excuswe have not improved, but rather we excuse our immorality and greed by saying "it always has been and always will be." We have no right to call ourselves Christians unless we are fighting to eradicate this vice and poverty through the only way that it can be abolished—by Socialism. All Socialists are not Christians, but, nevertheless, they are fighting for civilization and Christens. they are fighting for civilization and Chris The world will not be prepared to tianity. The world will not be prepared to receive Christianity until it receives Socialism. "Every one according to his deeds" and "Do unto others as you would be done by" are synonymous. When you pray pray to God to show you the way to Christianity and don't insuit Christ by praying to him until you are ready to receive him by working to receive the way to relieve the working. Ing to prepare the way to relieve the world of vice and immorality. Let us be honest and be men. Socialism is material Christi-anity, and over its foundation stones you the other world. Let us rather solve the mystery of our ambitions. In ourselves are the seeds of the new faith. And he who giveth to man the opportunity to find himself is greater than he who taketh a city or sitteth astride a calf of gold. Here's, then, to Henry Ford!

CECIL MONTAGUE.

Philadelphia, July 25. can see Christ walking with outstretched arms to receive you. Babylon and Phila-delphia. Ye gods! and you prate of civi-lization and Christianity. You mock Christ

and jeer at your Creator. ROBERT B. NIXON, Jr. Philadelphia, July 29.

PUTS IT UP TO THE MAYOR

To the Editor of Evening Ledger: Bir-As to "Anonymous Citizens." Those who were arrested and who are now suing the city are not anonymous. You talk about cander. And yet you print a letter from the man who is responsible for the whole rotten mess and who ought to be made to account for it. JOHN J. FLEMING.

Philadelphia, July 29.

LEADING UP TO HENRY FORD To the Editor of Evening Ledger: Sir-Man is getting educated. He longer fears the elements; he masters the God and the angels and the devils are all being subjected to a critical analysis. also a somewhat destructive analysis.

With the disappearance of faith in ortho With the disappearance of faith in ortho-dox religion there have been opened again the old questions: Where do we come from? Where do we go? Why do we live? Once upon a time the savages, the peas-ants and the medicine men had an answer to all those questions. But the stories told in the long-ago centuries do not solve the problems today satisfactorily.

Now we are cynics. We need a new faith that will be as a Gibraitar of inspiration. Until then those of us who wish a new faith will be forced to hattle with those who fight simply to retain the old faith so that they may profit in wars, prestitutions, sex gropings, cant and hypocrisics.

And those of us who want a new faith to triumph are still a little undecided. We don't know whether even a new faith would be worth while, where there is any new faith that can be worth while. All we are sure of is that the old faith is no good. We view the centuries past, with their millions of bodies that have gone to their graves before us and into the future we see the millions of bodies that are to go to their graves after us. Like them, we, too, shall be, is this worth while?

Is it worth while to master the elements whom only a grave is to be our final reward? Who can prove that it isn't to be?

"The hely scriptures," some of you answer, the wise ones "who have faith that will remove mountains." But how can you demonstrate it to us who haven't the faith? We are so longer trumful. We do not be

What Do You Know?

Outries of general interest will be answered in this column. Ten questions, the answers to which every well-informed person should know, are asked daily.

1. What, where or who is Hilo? 2. What is the Lactare Medal? 3. What is a Joist?

* Who is Captain Fryatt?

5. What is the medical name for infantile paralysis? 6. Where are the Leeward Islands?

elders claim to have the faith, but they leep a vigilant eye on the cashier and the bookkeeper. Your communicants claim to have the faith, but they lie, steal, gossip 7. What connection has the city of Sarajevo with the great war? 8. Congress is planning to adjourn on September 9. Has there ever been a longer continuous session? about the neighbors and count their coins as if they were resary beads. Such a faith as you profess, brethren 9. How many States have constitutional pro-hibition of the liquor traffic?

10. How far is it from Philadelphia to Balti-

Answers to Saturday's Quiz Russia is engaged in offensives ugainst the Germans, the Austrians and the Turks. 2. James Robinson, Superintendent of Police.
3. Scene of greatest Turkish persecutions of Christians. Armenia.

4. In England vehicles keep to the left.
5. Robert Browning wrote "The Ring and the

6. A plebiselte is a vote by the people; usually the term is applied to referendums as to what form of government they desire or what ruler. 9. A leading question: one so phrased by the questioner as to clicit a desired answer.

doubt, that we can sing its glories and fear 10. To hug the wind; to keep a ship close hauled.

Is the new faith to be found in politica? Standing of Colleges oses do not grow in sewers of flith.

Is the new faith to be found in literaire? Something more than sex love is Editor of "What Do You Know"—Can you tell me the official standing of the follow colleges: Colby, Delaware State, Lafayette, Colgate? Can you tell me where I could get a bulletin giving the standing of colleges in the United States? needed to inspire men and women to "fear God and take their own part."

Is the new faith to be found in morality? The conventions of society create hypo-

READER. There has never been an official classifichurches? Men have had churches ever since they were men, and all that the churches have been able to give, after all cation of American individual colleges. The Bureau of Education, however, a few years ago issued a list of colleges which met a certain standard. Lafayette and Colgate were included in it. A letter addressed to the Bureau of Education, Washington, D. Is the new faith to be found in man? Why in man? Why not, shouts the old school, rather in skunks? Yet in man alone C., would put you in the way of getting the

Aviation Schools Editor of "What Do You Know"-Will you kindly tell me where there is a freschool of aviation?

MAX DOBKIN.

We know of no free school of aviation.

How Far a Ship Sinks Editor of "What Do You Know"-Taking the case of the Titanic as an example, would you kindly explain to what depth a ship goes when sunk in water of a great or It sinks to the bottom of the sea.

Words of Multitude

Edtor of "What Do You Know"—Why do we speak of a lot of quail as a covey? Does the word mean anything, or is it just made to fit the case? POCONO.

Philadelphians are provincial right to their hearts' core. And this belief has a solid foundation, for it represents an experience of years and years' dealings with your Covey comes from the French verb "couver," to hatch, and it has been brought over into English. So a covey of quail is properly a mother and her brood. The word is one of a large number of terms used to indicate numbers, of which brood is also an example. We speak of a batch of bread, a bench of bishops, a boyy of roses or ladies. a board of directors, a catch or a take of the wheet describing the number agent. townspeople.

It was not more than 20 hours after I had arrived in your city when three little items were furnished for my special benefit. And the most sincere readers may take these happenings at face value. fish, when describing the number caught, or a school of fish or whales when they are in the water; a clump of trees, a cluster of grapes, a collection of pictures, a crew of sailors and a crowd of people, a fell of hair, a fleet of ships, a flight, a swarm or a hive of bees; a galaxy of beauties. ments I handed the proprietor a dollar bill. She informed me that was too large a sum for her to change. I next gave her a quar-ter. What do you suppose the fair one did? The dear soul went outside to get change, leaving me virtually in charge of her place. In a casual way I asked a conductor to hair, a fleet of ships, a flight, a swarm or a hive of bees; a galaxy of beauties, a gang of slaves or thieves, a herd of cattle, a host of men, a litter of pigs or pupples, a mob of rough fellows, a muster of pea-cocks, a mute of hounds, a nest of rabbits or ants or tables, a nursery of trees, a panel of jurymen, a pride of lions, a reckery of seals, a shoal of mackerel, a shock of corn, a sheaf of wheat, a skein of ducks, a skulk of foxes, a string of horses, a stud of mares, a suit of clothes and a suite of rooms, a team of oxen and a tribe of goals direct me. About a half hour later this kind fellow reminded me of the street I de-What use taking space for the third indictment? Perhaps some of your readers may not care for this sort of attack on the cherished customs of Philadelphia. Such rooms, a team of oxen and a tribe of goats.

Meaning of Nowadays

Meaning of Nowadays

Editor of "What Do You Know"—A
friend told me that "nowadays" was not an
idiomatic phrase combined by use into a
single word, but was a corruption of something else. Is he right. "Nowadays" is a
corruption of "in our days," which was
spoken as if it were "!" nour days." Then
the first part of it was dropped and it became "nour days." The transition to nowadays then became simple.

Poets Laureate
Editor of "What Do You Know"—Are all
the British poets laureate buried in Westminster Abbert JOHN KEATS, JR.
No. Robert Bridges, the present laureate,
is still alive and he is not huried saywhere. Five of the 18 dead laureates are
buried in the Abber. They are Ben Jenson,
for William Davennit, John Dryden,
Nichelas Rowe and Alfred Teneyson.

WHAT WE READ TWO YEARS AGO

And Some of the Strange Things We Said and Thought and Did When War Broke . Out

WHAT were the important events of the last week in July two years ago? We know now. But two years ago, with the temperature up in the nineties and vacations on, we read lazily and thought lazily, and the greatest catastrophe of our time was on our heads before we

The important events as disclosed in the newspapers were the failure of the Ulster conference and the death of four rioters in Dublin, the preliminary matches for the Davis Cup in tennis and the trial of Mme. Caillaux in Paris. For a week these events had been brewing. To be sure, on the very day when President Wilson was compelled to withdraw the name of Thomas D. Jones for the Federal Reserve Board and Colonel Roosevelt was sued by William Barnes there were two items of foreign news which attracted a little attention. One was the ultimatum sent to the diplomatic corps at Durazzo by the Moslem Albanians and the other was the ultimatum sent by Austria to Serbia. Neither on that day nor the next was there any indication that these two events were not equally important.

It seems silly now, but quite frankly, what did we Americans know or care about Serbia? Were there any Serbians in America? Then they were "hunkles," nothing more. Vaguely we recalled something about the Balkan wars, but the ast thing most of us remembered about Serbia was that her King had been assassinated years ago. Had Austria sent an ultimatum? Well, the Serbians had an army of a sort, but they wouldn't dare to fight the Dual Monarchy.

Localizing the Trouble

Presently it seemed that Serbia had rejected the ultimatum. Just how or why was not clear, In fact, it was not known that in the ultimatum Austria ad demanded a share in Serbia's internal jurisdiction. So we went on, watching the extraordinary spurt of the Boston Braves, and suddenly a menacing word appeared in the public prints. It was "localization." It seemed that without any of those preliminary declarations dear to our romantic hearts Austria and Serbla were at war and there was a danger. If Germany and France and Russia were trying to localize the conflict, to keep it down along the Danube, then there was a chance—but no real danger. London and Berlin and Paris were bringing pressure to bear, Russia was asking for time, Jusserand said it would not spread. But of course they had to be prepared (the word didn't have the same significance then) for everything, so France and Russia were mobilizing quietly.

Mobilization meant little in our young lives then. We couldn't see why Germany kicked up such a fuss about it, while she was doing it herself. We trusted Sir Edward Grey, with a passionate faith in good Anglo-Saxon honesty. when he invited all the Powers to quiet down and come to a council as of friends. Poincare had just seen the Czar and report had it that he was met at Stockholm by the Kaiser. Little by little we got round to Wilhelm. We remembered that 7. Mother Carey's chickens; stormy petrels, he had been called the War Lord. We saw pictures of him with the continue saw pictures of him with the captions elling us that he could unleash the dog of war. And there were little "boxes" with statistics proving that the war would cost \$54,125,000 a day. Yet he was sending his relatives to talk to the Czar and warning Russia not to interfere, and having the most amicable relations with England. It is certain that on the 30th of July, 1914, when the world had hardly, got used to the idea of an "Austro-Serbian" war, not one man in ten thousand foresaw a world in arms. But two years ago today things had happened.

London Hoped for the Worst

It was a Friday morning and you sat down to your paper with a little thrill. The whole first page was about war. Battles had been fought in Serbia, but worse yet, and more thrilling, Germany, was threatening Russia, England was beginning to be nervous. Two German lieutenants had been defeated by Anthony Wilding and Norman Brookes in the internationals. What has happened to the Germans we do not know, but Wilding has died since, a soldier. no more than he, were disturbed that day. Then from London came a new word: Armageddon. We hadn't heard it since the campaign, and there were many who wanted to know what connection there was between the Progressive party and a world war. London was confident of the worst, but Paris was hopeful. Russia was still only partly mobilized; Germany was dark, but not openly threatening. The war was still between Austria and Serbia.

That is where we were two years ago today, in that attitude of mind. We wonder now that it could be so, that we could have been so simple-minded and so careless. We think of the two terrible years, in which we, also, have had a share, and we are aghast at our own stupidity. But it is not altogether stupidity, not altogether our isolation, which left us so blind. What made us careless and unafraid was not ignorance, but faith. Two years ago we were as children; we had not lost our hopes for the world nor our trust in human nature. We believed, and clung flercely to the belief, that men were true and honest, and, if dull, at least dependable. We funcled that we were civilized and that wars were left for the backward nations of the globe. It is easy now to say that we were fools. I hard to realize that, misled, baffle cruelly played false by events, our heart were better then. Two years of wa have taught us much, but their chief lesson has not been the value of preparedness. It has been that mankind is not to be trusted. That faith is vain. That hope is a mockery. And that force persists. It has taught us that Napolson vas a true prophet when he said that God was on the side of the largest battalions. But, thank Heaven, it has luft us the hope that the right may, sometimes, have those battalions ready

take sides with God.