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still would welcome Mr. Wilson's aid in securing a negotiated peace for Germany. And that was precisely what the President's address to the Senate seemed to many to promise for Germany.

THE BREAK HAS COME

THE President, in breaking off diplomatic relations with Germany, has expressed the will of the people of the United States. In the three days that have elapsed since the publication of the German Government's insulting repudiation of its pledge to respect the lives and property of American citizens on the high seas the American people have expressed themselves with virtual unanimity that further conversation with the German Government would be an ignominious surrender of the national sovereignty and an ineffaceable blot upon the national honor.

OUR NEIGHBORLY WINTER BIRDS

Robins, Blue Jays, Flickers and Other Feathered Friends Flit About the Bare Trees

Soon now he'll be up-bobbin', To cry, "I see a robin." THUS did Tom Daly furnish poetic cheer to spring on one of the gloomy days of late. Like most poets, he is a bit of a nature-faker. It is certain "Colonel" of verse, the mind were still interested in nature he might write a valuable piece on "The Poets (including Tom Daly) as Naturalists."

IN TONE WITH WINTER'S HUES

The coats of winter birds are of reasonable thickness and tend to lightness of color, in tone with the prevalent white and grays of the landscape. So it needs sharp eyes to follow them. Birds, which are even in summer examples of perpetual motion, in winter move, if possible, with even more twinkling rapidity, their motion accelerated by the tonic fingers of the healthy appetite.

OUR AFFAIR, NOT THE ALLIES

THE cause of America is not the cause of the Allies. Even in the event that this nation is forced into war, it will not be forced into "the war." We will not be concerned to restore Alsace-Lorraine to France or to drive the Turk from Europe, and never will be. The entangling alliances which Washington warned against are not to be entered into. Even in war this nation would fight only for American principles.

REAL AMERICANISM

TO the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Thank God and give praise that there has at last one Philadelphia popular press editor in a department come with some real American thoughts. It is a strange reflection on our national vision that only after some thirty months have our papers gradually awakened to the fact that this great war is a curse of God on mankind for their purification and perfection.

A SHORT SERMON

TO the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Can there be a short sermon? I would like to see the President do in the present crisis, not what he should do. I would like to see the President of the United States recommend that Congress reply to the proposal of Germany announcing the new rights to be granted to the Jews.

WHERE PROHIBITION IS NOT

California produced 2,600,000 gallons of wine in 1915. The purpose of all new laws is to protect the public health and safety.

THE OTHER NEUTRALS

POPULAR opinion in the other neutral nations seems to be awaiting the guidance of the United States. Word comes from Holland, Spain and Argentina that this country is expected to take the lead in the defense of neutral rights on the sea. This expectation has been met.

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

American Press Not Subsidized by Allies—A Short Sermon. Plan to Stop War

THE REPRESENTATIVE PRESS TO the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—The assertion made by Charles C. Rhodes, Jr., that the American press is subsidized in the interests of the Allies is so ridiculous that it does not seem to be made in good faith. A moment of reflection should convince him that a man does not read newspapers that constantly go against his own interests.

THE CLAMOROUS CROW

THE crow hardly needs description; it is a time of year his plumage is a blinding. He and the blue jay are ornithological counterparts, and it is a question of which can out-crow the other.

POISON GAS OF THE SEAS

GERMANY proposes "the full employment of all the weapons at its disposal," but it will do nothing of the sort unless it now intends to engage the British fleet in final action in the North Sea. A splendid navy, second only to Britain's, lies in the German ports and has lain there for thirty months, unused except for tentative sorties planned with no intent to stake all upon final decisive action.

A MELODIC JOURNEY

Mr. Stokowski Gives Audience a Musical Globe-Trot TO the Editor of the Evening Ledger: It is not on public record whether Mr. Stokowski is a lover of Latin lands. His conception of Mendelssohn's "Italian" symphony, played by the orchestra yesterday, makes one think so. It was extremely well done. At points it was even inspired, if so lavish a term may be used in connection with a work of light texture and superficial thought.

ALL POINTS OF THE COMPASS

Rubaiyat of a Commuter XLVII A Man downtown once asked me if I could sit in a Little Gem. I said I would. I scorned to tell my wife a Simple Lie, But then, I told her Something Just as Good.

CASUALS OF THE DAY'S WORK

IN THE passing of Philip Boileau those in art—whether in painting or music—have lost a certain definitely defined friend. It is more than probable that his pictures had a wider vogue than those of any other illustrator of these days. There have been more widely celebrated, but with the vast distribution of the reproductions of his pictures there has been no man whose sheer art has carried into far places so great a feeling of gentleness and sweetness.

SAM LOYD'S PUZZLE

MY son is five times as old as my daughter, and my wife is five times as old as the son, and I am twice as old as my wife, and my daughter, who is as old as all of us put together, is celebrating her eighty-first birthday. How old is the son?

TODAY



THE HARBINGER

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WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

1. What is "old"? 2. Who is the new Austro-Hungarian Ambassador to this country, and where is he at present?

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S QUIZ

1. Wake Island is in the Pacific, 1000 miles from Hawaii and 2000 miles from Honolulu. 2. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg was the leader of the American Church in America.

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

1. The word "year" is the war-made English abbreviation for "conscientious objector" to war and military service. 2. Thomas Nelson Page, of Virginia, is Ambassador to the United States of New York.

Tom Daly's Column

THE VILLAGE POET Whenever it's a Saturday that's full of folk o' war I'd rather sit among the crowd in Perkins's General Store.

I mind when I was young and brash, 'way back in '98 I sneered at all the Solons who were wont to congregate About the stove in Perkins's store that every now an' then Would steal with tobacco juice from half a score o' me.

This Ball, alone of all the crowd that gathered in the store, It seems, had had a personal experience of war: An' so we boys whose blood was stirred to battle an' to slay, We rather looked for somethin' big when he should have his say.

Somebody then went up to him an' talked to him direct An' asked him if he wouldn't tell what he could recollect Of all the grand an' glorious things our soldiers came to know When they arose to Lincoln's call so many years ago.

CANNED OPENERS

Predigested Preludes Prepared for Post-prandial Prattlers This department of first aid for speakers suddenly called upon to address strange dinners, having handled the Irish question without gloves, is prepared to stop at nothing.

GETTING HOME AGAIN

day, occasionally we commuters on the walk from the station brighten the grayness and warm the frostiness of the circumference with many a merry jest. "Well," said we, only last evening, speaking of something or other, "it's like the street car conductor who collected fare twice from the Italian and tried to work the Irishman next to him in the same way."

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