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When voluntary taxation is a suc voluntary military duty will be a

We notice that some street-cleaning ntractors have been fined again. The remission of the fines is generally announced a few days later.

The Germans made a grievous error in attacking a boat named Smith. If the whole family of Smiths gets its dander up, there won't be even a grease spot left where Kaiserism once held forth.

The President got one Hay out of Congress, but ten seem to have arisen in his place. First thing we know there will be a movement on foot to arm the troops with bows and arrows.

"I never heard of a 100 per cent man who favored woman suffrage," declares State Representative Stern. Perhaps not. But how many men of that standard are available to insure good government? It is the superfluity of thirty and forty per centers that is making the suffragists feel justified in wanting to enter the voting contest.

In a really handsome American edition recently issued by the London Graphic that periodical's special American representative says;

I recently visited the United States, traveling through New York, Pennsyl-vania, Maryland, Columbia, Virginia and right across the eastern States as far as Toledo, the middle State of Ohio. Possibly he was entertained there by

No richer comedy has been staged than the "getting together" of the factions of the Organization to push transit along Most of the work would now be under contract had not these selfsame conferees thrown a crank into the machinery. The only thing needed to hasten transit is for them to get out of the way and stop playing petty politics with this great community enterprise.

The Vares are not going to get the short end of a contract if the Department of City Transit can prevent it. The contractor in politics and what it means are well exemplified by the action of Director Twining in abrogating the contract for a section of the Frankford elevated. We can't help thinking that if matters had been reversed and an era of low prices had come to the assistance of the Vares, there would have been no aprogation of contract, but the city would have paid, and paid to the last penny.

When the politicians wanted appointments to the Public Service Comssion the Governor threw them around with such rapidity that he had the public dizzy. It required an expert statistician to keep up with the membership of the commission. But now that the whole transit situation in Philadelphia is tied up by a split in the commission a pair of mules can't draw an appointment out of the Governor to fill the existing vacancy. We need a new Declaration of Independence in this State, and we are likely to get it at the next election.

Latin-American action and sentinent pay to Pan-Americanism the most pressive tribute in its history. After s profusion of rumors emanating from ar southern sister republics, definition the attitudes of the leading nations now atttainable. This is the significant up: Cuba has declared war against any; Panama has declared herself to assist in all possible pro of the canal; Costa Rica has us the use of her ports; Brazil ia have broken relations with Uruguay has indorsed the of the United States and has called U-boat warfare "an insult to d our action as "just" s, Salvador and Nica nal expression of om most of them

timent must change the ole course of history in the Western

WE DARE NOT WAIT 90 DAYS

CONGRESSMEN who say they object to selective conscription are so muddled that they argue for it while they object to it. They actually propose to enforce selective conscription ninety days from now "if a campaign for volunteers falls," and in the same breath declare a

campaign for volunteers won't fail. They surrender. Then they say, "Give us time," They say "Give us ninety days to jolly the folks back home and meanwhile let the wrong men volunteer. Then we will let you put the right men in the right places and send the wrong men

nome. Of course the President has only to raise his hand to get 500,000 volunteers. When he has them, what will he do with them? He will have to select them, man by man, and put them in their right places. These timid Congressmen are proposing a daring thing. They propose o lure into kileness a couple of hundred thousand men who are making war materials or who will be able to make war materials better than they can fight. They propose to dislocate war industries and then let the President send these idle rejected thousands home to dislocate more industries.

No man can stay in this state of mind more than a few hours and keep a sound opinion, if what these Congressmen have can be called an opinion. All they need is a jog from the folks back home, and for that reason Philadelphians can help by following the suggestion made yesterday by this newspaper to send us a message, if only a card, on which is written the professions of patriotism are not always word "Yes" with the signature, to be forwarded to Washington.

What these Congressmen are afraid of is that word "conscription," for they drop off the "selective," which makes all the difference. There is all the diversity in the world between selective conscription and the old draft system.

The draft was to make unwilling men fight. Selective conscription is largely to keep a number of too willing men from the call for volunteers and Congress is fighting.

The draft was to make men shoulder a musket, when that was the only thing the Government required of citizens. Selective conscription is to put the right man in the right place, to put in the army or navy those who ought to be there, be they rich or poor, and to keep on farm and in factory those who ought to be there.

It is sheer nonsense to say that selec tive conscription is opposed to volunteering. The same Congressmen who are demanding volunteering say that the majority of Americans want to do their best to help win the war. They deny there are enough slackers to imperil our chances of victory. What, then, is the objection to selecting the right men for the right places when these right men are already willing to be selected?

The volunteer spirit is encouraged by the principle of selective conscription, not discouraged.

The people themselves, enheartened by the President's advice that many can serve best by planting gardens or increasing the efficiency of their work, are already attempting to put in force a sort of informal selective conscription. For when all are willing there is no conscriptive coercing about it. It is true that the selection proposed may take a born coward of splendid physique and put him in uniform. It can take a conscientious objector who is an inventive genius, but it home" sentiment, the word "conscription" cannot make him invent, especially if he is hard for many of the people's represenlie down and kick. But why should Congressmen who are hip-hip-hurrahing about the fine volunteer spirit, which we certainly have, worry about a few cowards and objectors? They can exempt these folk, but they dare not wait ninety days to talk it over

For we need the men right now and in the right places-we have the men, they are ready, but they don't know where they are most needed.

THE LEGISLATURE'S INSULT TO WOMEN'S WORK IN WAR

THE Legislature has not only dealt ar Loutrageous blow to discourage the loyal efforts of women who are volunteering in thousands to help win the war, but it has insulted the millions of brave women of England who are to be given the suffrage because they have slaved to make munitions that have brought victory to their husbands on the firing line.

The women of Pennsylvania will not be discouraged by a liquor Legislature which has left undone every single thing. big and little, it could do to help the nation. They will continue to work for their country, as their English sisters have done, and their country will give them the vote.

WAR OFF OUR PORTS

OUR own war has begun. The official report of a submarine attack on the destroyer Smith decisively puts an end to all comfortable thoughts that the Entente Powers will obligingly fight our battles. The period of grace has been startlingly brief.

Naval preparedness must be immediately converted into something stronger. "The readiness is all." We must clear these western seas of German U-boats and keep open the commerce lanes for the inalienable rights of which we took up

Admiral Jellicoe has just expressed his onfidence in our ability to hunt down Teuton submarine bases on the American continent. Proof that his trust was not nisplaced is now demanded of American naval energy. American naval ingenuity and American paval skill. The superhuman valor of the French is said to have been inspired by the fact that their country was directly menaced by the enemy So is our nation today. Our coast is imriled. The supreme cause of fighting n defense of the home is now ours.

The possibility that the officers of the ith may have mistaken some other obet in the water for a torpede does not alter the issue. "If it be not now, will come." It is distinctly in line with German bravado to dispatch subserines to our waters. The Teuton mind tuits in spectacular terrorism, even sough it has nothing to gain by it. This at prompted the costly Zeppelin

CONSCRIPTION FOR THE ARMY

Congress Likely to Go Slow Until It Hears From the Country-Universal Training Probable

Special Correspondence Evening Ledger WASHINGTON, April 17.

Conscription is a harsh word. It grates. It stands for force; for the power of the Government over the individual. The young American who hesitates about volunteering for the army. being "conscripted," has to go. In the opinion of the high officials in Washington, unless the quotas of the regular army, of the National Guard and of the first 500,000 new men whom the President desires to go into training are quickly filled up by volunteers, conscription will be resorted to. The truth of the matter is that while many shout for national honor and wear the flag conspicuously, few are actually enlisting. The appeals of the department, the earnest efforts of commanding officers everywhere, the more or less spectacular methods of the good men and women who organize "automobile drives" and all that, are not producing the desired result. A western Congressman who is inclined to side with the laborites voted against war. The next day he received a message from home declaring that 7000 people in his district had signed a petition demanding his resignation. Acknowledging the petition and refusing to resign, he countered by asking if he might say to the President that the 7000 signers were ready to enlist. He has not received an answer. Which illustrates that loud backed up by performance.

Conscription on Its Way

But conscription is on its way. It means that professing patriots must "put up or shut up." It means that the rich man's son must go, along with the poor man's son, except as the question of dependency and soldierly unfitness may exempt one or the other. The President has sanctioned hopeful that volunteers will appear in sufficient numbers to make conscription unnecessary. The President wants 500,000 new men now, plus about 250,000, to fill up the quota in the regular army and the National Guard. Then, after that, he wants 500,000 more to be trained; that is approximately 1,250,000 new men to begin with. The preferred age is between nineteen and twenty-five years. It will be recalled that the Civil War was fought mostly by boys. This war with Germany must also be fought by the flower of our youth, and the problem confronting the President is to swing that youth into harmony with his plans. It is volunteer if you will, but if you do not volunteer then the Government will requisition you. Touching upon the necessity for conscription, a writer to his Congressman observes: "You will have to come to it. You can no more expect enlistments for this \$15-a-month service that you can expect enlistments for

Planning for the Future

Apart from the startling loan proposals that have aroused the hopes of the Entente Allies this week, the talk of conscription has given Congress the greatest concern. Congressmen catch the home touches quicker than the department chiefs who are engrossed with the President's business And they have been hearing from their constituents. In consequence of the "backtatives to swallow. They do not ke far it will go. If it means at last the shipment of American boys into the trenches of Europe, with or without their consent it will be difficult for many of the members to approve it. But Congress is likely to do what the President insists should be done, no matter what the sacrifice. Congress is cautious, but it is likewise patriotic And as the situation now unfolds itself Congress may take the view that "conscription," harsh as it sounds to prosperous and comfortable Young America, is, after all, but the beginning of a system of military training that may make for a stronger race and a surer and more permanent peace

Sobering Effect Upon All Volunteer enlistments have not come in with expected rapidity because there has been so much uncertainty as to the causes of war and the duties and length of service. Appeals by rich men and women, moved by earnest impulses, have not been reassuring to men earning from \$2 to \$5 a day, with families to support. As many Representatives view it, some of these voluntary recruiting movements have been as ineffectual, and perhaps as unfortunate, as was the western stumping tour of certain eastern ladies in the interest of the Republican presidential candidate in the late compaign. The people who are expected to do the fighting, or to suffer for it, have been made suspicious by some of these apparently well-intended efforts. The average correspondnce of a Representative shows that pros perity, misrepresentation of facts, lack of information from authoritative sources and an aversion to fighting for other nations than the United States have all contributed to the halting of enlistments. President Wilson's "world-democracy" idea presages so wide a re-formation that the average mind has not yet seemed to grasp it.

These are among the things that have sobered the plain people who write to Washington and whose hopes and fears have naturally had their effect upon those who must assume the responsibility, along with the President, of providing the ways a means to prosecute successfully the war.

Training System Proposed

It is not yet determined, but it is a safe It is not yet determined, but it is a sate guess that, whether conscription is resorted to or not, military training in some form or other will be adopted. The big eastern cities want it; the rural communities are not so enthusiastic, but it is likely to come Several systems have been proposed and several bills have already been introduced Swiss system is generally spoken of and, anomalous as it may seem, there are many who approve some of the features of the German system. It has often been said we might ultimately have to cor the German system, for, with a few int erant exceptions, most people now concede that the German system, apart from the autocratic features of it, has been wonder-

fully efficient.

A fair consensus of thought about military training in the United States is that it will be beneficial physically to the young it will be beneficial physically to the young man undertaking it, and that if "universal," meaning that every fit youth without expeption for any vause shall be subjected to it, the patriotic and moral status of all americans will be more firmly established. The objection to universal military training is not so much to the service itself as it is to the fear that military autocrate may use it to set the gods of war above pur civil institutions. Tom Daly's Column

SONG OF THE ALIEN BORN rica, the flames are hot that leap beneath thy melting pot. With thee and thine we cast our lot,

whate'er the tasue be. Italian, Saxon, Slav and Jew, with undivided hearts and true We pledge our loyalty anew, America,

Across the world to thee we came with fettered hands, with hearts of

made us strong and free. Now, may the curse be on us yet if in thy

trial we forget fot or tittle of our debt, America, to

For we, no less than those who trod in bygone days thy holy sod,

Have felt the rising tides of God come steeping from the sea; and now, when all thy trumpets call, with

America, to thee!

Once we had a couple of cocktails at "American" bar in the Hotel Savoy in London and we're wondering now if J. Obed Smith, F. R. C. I., F. R. G. S., wasn't the bartender. At any rate, J. Obed has concocted for the American edition of the London Graphic something just as good.

Canada and the United States understand the principles of each other's trade, so may not the British Isles learn also the newer secrets of trade with the great Republic? Mark Twain said somewhere "we should do unto others somewhere 'we should do unto others what we think they should do unto us, only do it first," and this ought to be the attitude inspiring the commercial activities of the Anglo-Saxon race on both sides of the Atlantic today

Yielding to none of our intellectual peers in admiration for the President's English style, we nevertheless protest that the introduction to his latest proclamation might have been improved by a 60 or 70 per cent reduction of words. A similar "retrograde advance" all along the line would have strengthened the entire movement.

nissed "arresting" as one of the two ad parodies Levelace: TO LUCASTA ON GOING TO THE

LICENSE BUREAU
The call to arms has come, my dear,
So let's get married quick;
It's true I had not thought, my dear,
So soon we'd turn the trick.
But Joys of wedded life and such
I much prefer to warI could not love thee, dear, so much,
Loved I not safety mere.

perpetrated by Bert Taylor about eightcen months ago, when a certain most distinguished bridegroom temporarily deserted his bride and rushed back to Washington to pen a letter to a correspondent abroad. It concluded:

> Yet this inconstancy is such As thou, too, shalt adore. I love thee, darling, very much,

I demanded, who have a passion for such things. "What was the greatest single performance?" Mrs. Fiske gazed distractedly about her.

it is almost an exact copy, on a much re-duced scale, of a beautiful small building still standing in Athens and known as the Monument of Lysierates. It also gives its novelist to name the greatest novel and he stands (Hodor) Lusikratous). will say "Tom Jones." But." said the l

hibiting the prizes won by them on very were to ask him to name any acters in 'Tom Jones.' " of the convex roof of the little building 'Of course, it's an impossible question, l know: but I should like to know who

come to your mind when you try to Suppose," I persistedyou were asked at the point of a loaded

"'Shoot!" So I threw away the gun and surrendered."—Alexander Woollcott, in the structed. An inscription on the monument reads: May Century. when the boy choir of the phyle Acamantis

picion the fellow who claims to have read all of Dickens. We doubt if any one now living has read everything Dickens wrote, unless it be a proofreader or William Sterling Battis, who is the world's Dickens fan.

OF COURSE, it would be ridiculous to call the negative Claude Kitchin positive for performance by the choir. The various punishments inflicted on the pirates are depicted in different scenes. In one scene and Kitchener was something more than comparative, yet each, in his way, might be described as superlative.

ADMITTING our ignorance of the mechanics of music, we think we know a martial air when we hear one, and that's what we think Julia M. F. Mc-Closkey has achieved in the setting she has made for our "Flag o' My Land."

Circumstantial Evidence Would any jury hesitate to fix the nationality of the guy who set up the

news on April 16? After mentioning the "Pennsylvania D. Solis-Cohan.

From Fort Slocum, where he is now contributing to one of Uncle Sam's colimns, C. C. S. writes: "Changing the alarm clock for the bugle doesn't disturb the well-known sun to any extent nor change the old things under it. I had often read this thing, but last night it happened: 'Aviation may be all right.' said the young gentleman across the way. but it's me for the dear old terra cotta all the time."

"Every Cloud Has a Silver Lining." What'sa use a talkin' an' a wastin' all yer breath,

An' a buzzin' ev'ry body 'til they're nearly tired to death? If clouds was lined with lead it would be just the same to you

Put a muzzle on yer language. Make a noise like leavin' town. I'll believe they're lined with silver when

ye turn 'em upside down.

They must get that U-boat off our front eaway, and get it quick. Things in this war must go with a rush. We couldn't tand the style of the Spanish War of 1898. For months in those comparatively ame times the United States navy bagged othing but fishing smacks. We want

THE THE PROPERTY OF THE WOOD PROPERTY IS

to thee. shame;

And lo! the magic of thy name has

thee.

thee we stand, with thee we fall, To thee see bring our lives, our all,

FRANCIS LYMAN.

Here's part of it:

Our fellow craftsman Ssan, who brightens the Albany Knickerbocker Fress, but who particularly abominate, thus

THE VOICE OF

A Bit of Athens in Philadelphia.

Shakespeare and Bacon.

Patriotic Outburst in

Church

BIT OF ATHENS HERE

Sir-The structure whose photograph is

old Stock Exchange Building at Third and

in Athens on

honor the monument was

"Lysicrates was master of ceremonies

won the prize. Theon was the flute player. Lysiades of Athens trained the choir.

fix the date of erection as 335 B. C., when

pirates by Dionysos, the god of alcoholic

drinks (among other things). This legend forms the subject of the sixth Homeric

hymn, and was perhaps the theme chosen

It is remarkable how history repeats it-

self. In our own time piracy has been revived by a northern race. Some of them are captured, and now, as in the days of old, they are punished by the god of alco-

holic drink, in that they are sent (as if by the irony of fate) to Atlanta, where no

pirate this is, in very sooth, to "suffer the tortures of the damned." Moreover, to

complete the story, two of the pirates escaped (when they were at League Island) by leaping overboard. This also (as stated

above) is graphically represented on the

This little building will ever be of in-

terest to architects, in that it is the old-

est extant specimen of the Corinthian order.

To men of letters also it is of surpass

ing interest. Until the early part of the

he grounds of the control of the con

tery and, according to tradition, wrote some of his poetry in the very library. This thought is commemorated in Athens

Professor of Latin, Central High School.

by the fact that a nearby street is

ARTHUR W. HOWES.

the grounds of the French Capuchin m

such refreshments are to be had.

school of Praxiteles was in full bloom

frieze represents the punishment of

them are seen in despair leaping

The name of the archon enables

Euaenotos was archon.

into the sea.

monument

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

THE PEOPLE

LICENSE BUREAU

But one of the best of that sort was This Department is free to all readers who wish to express their opisions on subjects of current interest. It is an open forms and the Evening Ledger assumes no expansibility for the views of its correspondents. Letters must be signed by the name and address of the virter, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faits.

But I love writing more.

"Who was the greatest actor you ever

Dock streets.

It may interest your readers to learn that "I could not possibly tell."
"Of course not. We never can. What was the greatest short story? Shall we say 'A Lodging for the Night' to save the trouble of thinking it out? Ask any

ment owes its existence to the custom of the winners at the Dionysiac games of exsaid the heretic, "it might embarrass him dreadfully, poor man, if you

rises (in marble) a conventionalized acan thus plant (whose leaves compose the Co-rinthian capita)). On the acanthus plant rests a triangular slab of marble, and this in turn was the pedestal sustaining the bronze tripod, the trophy of victory in a musical contest, awarded to Lysicrates, in gun to name the greatest performance you ever saw, what would you say?" Mrs. Fiske had answered for that:

We have always viewed with sus

Atlantic City Press "Single Tax party"

Single Tax parthy," he also refers to one HUGH MERR.

DAYLIGHT SAVING To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-The United States has not adopted the daylight-saving plan. The daylight-sav-ing plan will save light, and that will be a benefit to the country. Is that not what President Wilson calls for in his recent

proclamation-to be as economical Unless ye git to flyin' like the turkey buzcan? Furthermore, now that spring is here and soon summer, look what it means to a working man-an hour more of sunlight Philadelphia, April 17. READER

called Byron street.

Philadelphia, April 11.

REMARKABLE DEMONSTRATION To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

took place on last Sunday evening that I have ever witnessed in a Christian church. The pastor, the Rev. Elmer Ellsworth Helms, M. D., of the Calvary Methodist Church, Forty-eighth street and Baltimore avenue, took as his theme, "What Will Happen to the United States if Germany is Victorious?"

standing against the wall, and three times the congregation expressed its approval by vigorously applauding the pastor, and at the close of his address a gentleman, not a ember of the church, arose and said:

"VELL, HERE I ISS!"

"We have listened to the ablest, the fairest, the most instructive and the most convincing address upon the question of this world-wide war that has been delivered in this city from pulpit or forum, and I suggest that this church cause to be printed in pamphlet form the address of the pastor in such number as the officers of the church may deem advisable." A spontaneous burst of applause greeted

JOHN W. FRAZIER. Philadelphia, April 16,

the suggestion, seemingly to give hearty and unanimous approval to the suggestion.

A SHAKESPEARE "PROTOCOL" To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-I was interested in the report by reproduced in the pictorial section of the Evening Lengen tonight is the "lantern" or architectural ornament on the roof of the 'M'liss" of the Shakespeare-Bacon debate in Witherspoon Hall. It reminds me of a discussion which took place a dozen years ago between my friend, the late Dr. Isaac

Hall Platt, of Wallingford, Pa., and Apple ton Morgan, Esq., the New York lawyer and Shakespeare scholar. The trouble with the Baconians is they insist upon too much. They not only say that Bacon wrote the Shakespeare plays but that he also wrote the works attrib uted to Montaigne, Burton's Anatomy, Mar lowe, Greene, Ben Jonson, and also had a controlling hand in the Kir of the Bible. Not satisfied with that, they deluge us with cryptograms and cipher which stagger our credulity and invite ou ridicule. There is enough in the mystery of the Stratfordian authorship to keep the dis

cussion within reasonable bounds. The Platt-Morgan debate ended in 'protocol," and it is worth printing in full as it is about as far as any of us will ever

vere produced in London as William Shakespeare's between 1584 and 1616, and were repeatedly printed as his, in quarto, without cavil or demurrer from anybody except Richard Greene and, perhaps, a few ther rival playwrights.

Second. As they stand in the first folio, he Shakespeare plays are the product of either the growth or the augmentation by their author or authors of the quarto ver-sions, and contain thousands of eloquent lines and twelve out of sixteen entire plays, which, so far as any record can be discovered, never saw the light in Shakespeare's lifetime, or until seven years after

Third. There are so many thousands of identities of thought, opinion, circumstances, error and simultaneous correction of error in the literatures we call, respectively, "Shakespeare" and "Bacon," and so many coincidences between Bacon's known circumstances, doings and studies, and the maerial of certain Shakespeare plays, that it s a well-nigh successful demonstration that Bacon had more or less to do with the issuing of the first folio edition of the Shakespeare plays.
Fourth. The Baconian theory, so called.

as arrived at a point where it can no onger be safely indersed.

Fifth. The spirit of the whole series of plays is dominated by one man—though" this man might have had, and probably did nave, helpers and coadjutors.

Doctor Platt, who had the Bacon end of

it, has been dead for a number of years, but Mr. Morgan is still alive. He has shifted his position more than once, and I am informed that he now does not believe that the actor was the real auther. He probably believes in the "great unknown." It is much easier to raise doubts about the Stratfordian authorship than to prove who the real author was. The recent books by Sir George Greenwood, M. P., lawyer and scholar, are the only ones that discuss the question sanely and fairly. He does not attempt to prove who was the author, but that the Stratford man was not the author he appears to prove beyond peradventure. shifted his position more than once he appears to prove beyond peradven Germantown, April 15.

T. B. HARNED.

OUR NATION'S PRAYER God of all nations, righteous God,

On bended knee we come, our hand upon the latch of war Oh, give us faith in Thee, Thy firmness in the right. With cons ence clear and courage strong to

above the prattle of the drum, the shrilling The bugie's blast; oh, may we hear Thy

Flame colored though the heavens be.
And iron-gated lies the sea; though earth
should tremble
As a palsied man, and death's white temples

What Do You Know?

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

QUIZ

Where is Vassar College? Name the capital of Florida, 3. Is it possible for an allen living in the United States to commit treason?

4. Who was Anne Boleyn and how is the na

n addition to being a strong German posi-tion, why is the capture of Lens re-garded as important?

6. Who is Rene Viviani?
7. What is the principal religion in R.
8. What is Graham flour and why is named?

9. What is a Russian muzhik and how is the 10. Name the Secretary of Commerce.

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz I. The Government's war bonds will total

2. Dr. Alexis Carrel, of the Rockefeller Institute, New York, is one of America's formost physicians.

3. The French General Sarrall commands the allied army in Greece, with a base at Saloulea. 4. Russia is said to have more than twest races, each speaking a different language 5. Baton Rouge is the capital of Louisiana

6. Coucy-le-Chateau was a massive feedal castle built in the early part of the thirteenth century in northern France. leys propelled by three banks of our operated by slaves or prisoners of war.

3. Trout-colored means white with black or brown. 9. Truffles are edible fungi growing below the surface of the earth.

Cost of Coughing G. S.—Your question is answered by an article in the Medical Critic and Guide, which says: "A German statistician has calculated that a patient who coughs once every quarter of an hour for ten hours every quarter of an hour for ten hours expends energy equivalent to 250 units of heat, which may be translated as equivalent neat, which may be translated as equivale o the nourishment contained in three eggs or two glasses of milk. In pormal respira-tion the air is expelled from the chest of he rate of four feet per second, whereas in violent coughing it may attain a velocity of 300 feet. This waste of energy is especially important, because it occurs for the most part, in persons whose assimi-lative functions are working under diffculties; consequently, the indigestion of the corresponding quantity of nourishment by no means compensates for the exertion. It follows that persistent cough is per secause of emaciation, though there are may other factors which tend in the same directions. tion; hence the desirability of restrain cough within safe limits, especially when it is due to irritative reflexes, such as are cough within safe limits, especially

Pensions

P. ST. C.—Matters relating to pensions should be taken up directly with the Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.

SEVERAL READERS-For informs

excited by laryngitis and pharyngitis."

about schools, address the educational bu eau, Ledger Central, Broad and Che streets, Philadelphia, inclosing a stamp for

Louis XIV V. A.—By "policy of Louis XIV" tributed to him: "L'etat c'est moi" (I the State). His ambitions were extens of French power abroad by conquest annexation, and centralization of power

General Goethals

J. J. McA.—General Goethals's name pronounced "goh-thalz," with the accent the first syllable.

Economic Botany

L. W. F.—Economic botany is the so of plants which are used or can be used ie purpose in human economy. It co be referred to as "practical" botany.

MR. WILSON'S FAME

Things will turn one face to posterio Jermany loses, and a very different is Jermany wins. Can the United States cermany wins. Can the United States as soon enough to turn out ships that can it England long enough for her seamen reduce the submarine danger to us portance? Then the next age will exals Wilson. If we have entered the war too and too unready the next age will dhis greatness and call his patience by other name. The one thing it will au not do him is justice. The great war be too near for that.—The New Republic

WHY NOT "THE LAST"?