#### EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, MONDAY, APRIL 30, 1917 THE "TRY-OUT" PROVES THE OLD BOY STILL HAS THE PUNC hour. Petain himself refused the post of TIGHTENING Evening Ledger Tom Daly's Column French Generalissimo because he was de GRIP OF WAR nied control of Allied forces as well. It RILEY RECRUITS PUBLIC LEDGER COMPANY is hard for us in America to judge of the CHICAGO, April 28.-Tom Riley, of West Fifteenth street, was told at the recruit-ing station one day last week that he was too eld to fight, although he begred for an opportunity to enlist. He went away and in the interval more than twenty-five hus-kies have come in, saying they were "re-cruited" by Tom Riley. -Sunday's Ledger. CYRUS H. K. CURTIS, PRESIDENT riss H. Ludington, Vice President: John run. Secretary and Treasurer: Philip S John B. Williams, John J. Spurgeon Whaley, Directors. wisdom of his original request. This It Is Showing Itself in the much, however, is certain: the Allies seem no longer afraid to sacrifice anything-Changed Attitude of Englisheither men or pride-to achieve victory. men in the Last Six EDITORIAL BOARD: If Petain is honestly thought great Craus H. K. Cuntis, Chairman. Months mough for the task, he should, and prob-Here, Uncle Sam, see the bunch I'm pre-P. H. WHALEY ..... Editor ably will, be given the chance to prove sintin' ye-JOHN C. MARTIN. .General Business Manager himself worthy. The time for cuddling By GILBERT VIVIAN SELDES Riley Recruits! Published daily at PUBLIC LEINER Building, Independence Square, Philadelphia. Take 'em or l'ave 'em; there's nothin' reputations is past. Special Correspondence Evening Ledger Independence Square, Philadelphis. Leogan Cestrat. Broad and Chestruit Streets Atlastic Crit. Press Union Building New York. 200 Metropolitan Tower Dermoit. 402 Pert Building Fr, Louis. 409 Globe Democrat Building Birkado. 1202 Fribane Building previntin' ye LONDON, April 12. AN AMAZING VICTORY Cannin' the brutes. TT 18 exactly six months since 1 came to I'm not the wan to see beauty at all in England to report on conditions here for THE national indorsement of the selecthim. the EVENING LEDGER. In that time so NEWS BUREAUS: L tive army draft is a stunning blow at Afther the way I've bis pokin' an' maulin NOTON REBEAT. Riggs Building TORK REBEAT. The Times Building R BURAT. AG Friedrichstrusse N BURAT. Marconi House Strand BURAT. 32 Ruc Louis je Grand many changes have taken place that I look the Prussian military clique's attempt to thim; back upon the England I came to very They're my own makin' an' that's why belittle the effectiveness of a democratic much as I look back on the Philadelphia nation in a crisis. Berlin had every reason I'm callin' thim I left behind-as another country Since SUBSCRIPTION TERMS a Evening Leman is served to subscribers hindelphia and surrounding towns at the of twelve (12) cents per week, payable to believe, from a reading of American his-"Riley Recruits." the changes which have come here are tory, that we would cling to volunteerism destined to be reproduced in some degree the carrier. By mail to points outside of Philadelphia, in the United States, Canada or United States pas-salons, postage free, fifty (50) cents per onth Six (36) dollars per year, payable in for many months. The autocracy had Hark to me, now, an' I'll tell ye the reain every part of the United States, I am guessed wrong about the psychology of son for setting down the more striking of them. Riley's Recruits. all its foes, but none of its guesses was The first must be the increased severity so wild as those about America. This, as we know, is the rambunctious To all foreign countries one (\$1) dollar per of living. I do not mean that there is suf-Democracy was on trial. It had beseason for fering or privation to any notable extent. Notice-Subscribers wishing address changed ust give old as well as new address. come a byword for muddling. Ingrained Fightin' galootbut that life is considerably more rund now, Me in our nature, habit of thought and for the ormy!" set I. en' they aneer BELL, 3000 WALNUT KEYSTONE, MAIN 3000 more ordered from above and decidedly training is a deep respect for a personal of me more directed to winning the war. Sep-Ledger, Independence Square, Philadelphia, Back to the Old Men's Asplum!" they initiative that scorns any suggestion of tember, 1916, a foreigner might have landed poercion, a trait, indeed, that explained jeer at me. ENTERED AT THE PHILADELPHIA POSTOFFICE AS SECOND-CLASS MAIL MATTER. here, as I did, and hardly be conscious of our war for independence and all our Gobs! in the end 'tis themselves that'll the war at all. People talked of it and free institutions. This very freedom of cheer, at me there were soldiers on the streets, but on speech and action had permitted loud-Riley Recruits. the surface life went along easily and gayly, THE AVERAGE NET PAID DAILY CIRmouthed neutrals and even pro-Germans there were few regulations, few restrictions to create the impression that the people Out in the street wid his eve full o' fire CULATION OF THE EVENING LEDGEA FOR MARCH WAS 100.671 and the ordinary man or woman, who was were not taking the world war and the incligible for war work or did not go into plight of civilization seriously. But after Riley recruits! it, ived the days without contributing post-Diveil a substitute helper hed hive note, Philadelphia, Monday, April 30, 1917. t few days of debate and discussion this tively or negatively to shortening the war Goin' cahoots. whole cloud of doubt has been swent all be himself an' his fishts that are away. That is charged. I do not know a house-The victory-for 1 is as much a vic studded wid hold today which is not compelled to do Knuckles like knobs, an' wid muscles tory as a triumph in the field or on the something. Usually it-is in the form of sea-was expected by only a narrow marred-blooded; udd denying itself something. There is a shorta day's effort the place is soon gin. The sensational ten-to-one and Half ane of sugar in some districts, largely a twenty-to-one majorities prove that Senflooded wid fault of distribution, because on the days itors and Representatives recognized a Riley Recruits! when I have to drink my coffee without great popular demand for the measure. my friends can offer me tea with nienty. The leaders of the volunteer party, in-Lookin' all over for two-fisted fightin Or it may be a question of not getting quite cluding such astute politicians as Speaker so gorging a meal at the Italian restau-It is a sail reflection on civilization Clark, who predicted the defeat of selec-Riley recruits; when gunfowder instead of flour becomes rants in Soho, since meals are limited to tion, made no attempt to conceal their An' to be sure of the wrong an' the right two or three courses. For the poor it is the staff of life. surprise. Their mistake can only be exin men. a question of getting along without poplained by the fact that it was not Con-Punches their spoots. It is possible that the great food tatoes, and since the poor of England live gressmen who decided the issue but the Put up yer mitta! If ye've got th' ould shortage is a blessing in disguise-digging an vegetables, which they call "vegges," people back of them. Mick in ye. In the garden will harden the industrious that is a privation. These things are all it come out an' whin I have done exceedingly superficial, but the thing to be citizenry for the great tasks which come lickin' na THAT "BRIDGE OF BOATS" with actual warface. emembered is that it took nearly three Mehbe the army'll be choosin' an' pickyears of war to bring them into force. Six $\mathbf{0}_{\mathrm{munitions}}^{\mathrm{UR}}$ "bridge of boats" to carry food and munitions to the Entente has passed Now that Joffre's visit here is as months ago there was not a whisper of Riley Recruits." sured, "French Verles at a Giance" and these thrugs the realm of speculation. Already the other similar aids to Gallic wpeech are Government has awarded to a shipbuild-German Invasion Still Feared Thei's have it started, an' still I'm purgiving the fictional best sellers of the no ing company on the eastern coast the suin' thim At that time the lighting of London was ment a run for their money. difficulty. Today you cannot get a bus soveniently because certain routes bave een discontinued. It is hard to travel contract to turn out an indefinite num-Riley Recruits. ber of wooden merchantmen of 3000 tons Save for mashed noses an' eyes black an' Count Tarnowski will sail for Ausblue in fhim each. It is planned to complete the "pattria on May 4. By that time the former Ambassador should have seen enough

### serious preparation to convince middle Europe that we mean business.

Facing a wheat shortage as we are it might be well to consider Sweden's latest plan for utilizing a certain proportion of barley flour in bread. The American barley crop this year promises to be one of the largest on record.

Imagine the surprise of the late General Howe, who spent a winter in this city considerably more than a hundred years ago, could he return to see the profusion of British flags now tossed by Philadelphia's patriotic breezes!

Those persons in doubt about where to spend the coming summer vacations will do well to remember that there is no starve Entente Europe will have the better place than aboard a well-equipped most monumental task on record. Dattieship or U-boat chaser, where there is always an abundance of good breezes and no mosquitoes.

tern" ship within ninety days. After that it will be possible to finish a new vessel every ten days. These ships are all to e "standardized." Each one will cost \$350,000 and will have a speed of six-Englishman teen knots an hour. The plans are said

to have been fully approved by General Goethals, 'aslon' This one shipyard is only a beginning Great reliance is being placed on Pacific coast timber wealth and Oregon will doubtless launch many more commerce carriers. The work of building enough ships to make German victory through submarine efforts impossible is gigantic. but happily it is being met in a gigantic way. When the seas are dotted, as they must be, with "handy," reasonably capacious and fairly speedy American merchantmen, German U-boats seeking to

All o' them's beauts!

Here wid this fight, that's as good as e sledge, I meant Shortly to bring ye the full of a regiment-Riley Recruits. He was a black and white shepherd

dog, fat and apparently prosperous, but has been so persistently occupied with Scotvery, very tired. He stopped in the middle of the flag pavement of 1010 Chestnut was not a word of truth in the whole story. But the story is still believed; it is still circumstantially described. A German inguing of the second fleet, is supposed to have taken place. In another story the landing was at Norfolk. In another the Grand both sides of him, but didn't disturb him a bit. His forty winks took him about an urday afternoon crowd surged along on Fleet had been such. And with these a host of stories coming out of the German retirement in France.

THE SOIL OF FRANCE

TAXING MOTHER EARTH said: To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-To one reading the proposed plans to

Single Tax in War Times-Pa-

triotism and the Negro-A

Plea for Prohibition Laws

sh to express their opinions on subjects e-renal interest. It is on open forum and th entrop Ledger assumes no responsibility for science of its correspondents. Letters mul-miqued by the name and address of the iter, not necessarily for publication, but as arantee of good foith.

science in free to all readers

THE PEOPLE

THE VOICE OF

UNPATRIOTIC YOUNG MEN To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-Are we a dead nation? It almost makes me weep to see and hear the un-

liquors throughout the nation, which traffic

and is destroying soul, mind and body of

the drinker.

waste of billions of dollars yearly

American actions and sayings that I see and hear daily. I said to a bright-looking young man whom I picked for a thoroughbred Ameri-can the other day, "Young man, do you think America is worth fighting for." He said: "No. I do not owe America any-

thing. I work and pay for everything I get, and if we want to fight send the Wall street bunch and President Wilson and

What Do You Know?

Queries of general interest will be answer in this column. Ten questions, the answer which every well-informed perton should he are asked daily. The King's business demands haste. HENRY S. DULANEY. Baltimore, April 25.

## QUIZ

- 1. Is hearding of money considered a war precaution?
- 2. Where are Tuscany and Umbria, 1 recently visited by an earthquake?

3. Who was Mrs. Bisby, whose case a sentative Kubn, of California, elia an argument against the volunteer tem of raising an army?

4. Why is it expected that there may be l Plots in Germany on May Day par Incly? 5. What and where are the Catacomba? 6. What recent policy of the British Gov ment is causing protests from Lon newspapers? "No. I do not owe America any-

7. What is the meaning of the expression,

War reports mention Senegalese trease the French arms as taking part in buttles. Who are the Senegalese?

Answers to Saturday's Quin

Winnipeg, capital of the province of toba, Canada, has a population of 200,060 persons.

"Army service uniform, O. D.," mea uniform of olive-drab cloth which is by the Unifed States army.

land again that Mr. Bonar Law was com-pelled to dispel the fog by making a state-ment in the House to the effect that there asion of Scotland, apparently, under the

I do not want to suggest that the people lost their n

ing around and burning red fire when

British Stolidity

not to conceive it as a tremendous victory and not to think that the war is over.

But from my experience I should say that

old me what I had heard on the busses and

"They say it's good news. Not arf.

to their maps again and are planting flags

ne were not over, and many not yet

In the subway-everywhere:

here, sir.

victory comes in, they bottle themsel up pretty tightly, and the sizzing cor

meant:

This isn't all of H; hark to the pledge I

beyond the suburbs, because trains have been taken off. As an alien I was com-pelled to go to the police station and regster, in addition to the perfunctory regis-tration at landing. In a thousand little ways the war closes in about the island He is, apparently, in fear of its coming nuch closer home--another and deeper hange. Last September the "German inwas a joke, almost as good as the me about the Russians being transported brough Scotland. And the day's rumor

"Gales of unexplained laughter says the New York Times, greeted Penrose's vote for an anti-liquor amendment to the army bill in the Senate. Prominent distillers who contribute to Organization campaign funds will want a very prompt explanation, difficult as it may be to produce.

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Pan-Americanism has become more than a union. It is a fraternity, Guatemala has now joined it by severing relations with Germany. Her act not only aids the progress of civilization's victory over barbarism, but it tightens the links of American brotherhood and Western World peace that nobly help to justify our entrance into the great war.

Every year we kill thousands of

soldiers right here in Philadelphia with out turning a hair. They are not old enough to wear uniforms, and perhaps that accounts for our indifference. "Baby Week" begins today at Starr Garden Center, which sent out a great "Children's Crusade" on Saturday against pestilential flies, and the annual city clean-up week starts next week. We can win victories right here at home.

"The Delaware River is so hadly polluted that the shad fishing is ruined." Allowing for the exaggeration that usually accompanies honest indignation. this statement by Edward Hatch, Jr., chairman of the Committee on Pollution and Sewage of the Merchants' Association of New York, emphasizes a crisis in the food situation that demands immediate attention. Mr. Hatch adds that "fish is destined to become the principal food of the world's people" and that the food possibilities of the Hudson, the Passale and the Connecticut rivers are being destroyed in the same way as the Delaware's. We talk a great deal about earth's bounty and the need of preserving it. But we don't even have to cultivate rivers to make them yield a food supply. All we have to do to make these inland waters productive is to keep them clean. The most criminal form of waste is de filing our streams.

The old feeling that one mind should out on general strike on May 1. trol the grand operations on the west Forewarned by the serious strikes o ern front will not down. Rumors are the last fortnight, the Secret Service is arrent that General Philippe Petain, no doubt well prepared for trouble. There has just been made chief of staff has been too easy a tendency in Allied of the French forces, may be given countries to call every bread strike the ommand of the British, French long-heralded "German revolution." It tian armies. Haig and Nivelle would prevent disappointment and enid be thus outranked, and the grow courage earnest endeavor among us to m that the new offensive 'forget" this German revolution. The the up to expectations would h Prussian Government can spare severa Clearly the French are in undred thousand troops from the needs pect previous reputations of the front to put down revolt, and the npoverished and undernourished worka that victory was inwith none of the big strike funds of

m. would prob ck of the

they are on the verge of great events. It worries them considerably, and, since they haven't the good American method of parad-TWENTY-FOUR DAYS OF WAR

WE HAVE had twenty-four days of war. "Most Americans do not yet realize that we are in the conflict" is a phrase on many lips. Our fondness for self-criticism is salutary, but this attitude approach now than they were half a year ago: especially so in London. Travel out to St. Albans, and there, in the shadow of the gateway which was old in the fifteenth century, people are walking about serenely, afraid of nothing and no more worried about home defense than they would be if the old Roman Wall, which is still there, were barbed-wire entanglements fifty yards deep. should not blind us to the really immense amount of accomplishment on the part of the National Government, Uncle. Sam is fully aware that we are at war. and taking stock of what he has done

may stimulate that sense of realization which we accuse ourselves of lacking deep. Thus the record runs:

We have seized nearly a hundred Ger man ships.

Our navy has replaced the British and French patrols along our coasts. Our sincerity of purpose has won Cuba as an active ally.

Congress has passed a \$7,000,000,000 loan bill.

Industrial and agricultural organiza tion has been speeded through the energies of the Council of National Defense and other potent influences. The Shipping Board has already set to work on the construction of wooden merchantmen.

> Important conferences with British and French commissioners have been held.

Conscription has been indersed by both houses of Congress.

Certainly in all these things there is wide extent of achievement, even if the Mongolia's Parthian shot at a German periscope represents our sole authenti cated encounter with the foe. whether their present leaders might be making quite as bad mistakes. When all these important inaugura seeds begin fully to bear fruit, not boast The lack of enthusiasm produces the sort of "nerves" which I have mentioned, but it seems to have no effect on the slow

fulness but simple truth will proclaim the last three weeks and three days as among the most busily belligerent in American history.

MAY DAY

MAY DAY in recent years. In all Con-be the signal for revolt. In all Con-AY DAY in recent years has come to tinental capitals it sees the streets full of soldiers. Labor demonstrations on this day have more than once ended in bloodshed. The "Red Day" comes this year at the "psychological moment" for Germany. For days the German newspapers have been pleading with the workers not to go

somme were not over, and many not yet reported. I was told to look forward to a hard winter, the real winter of discon-tent, when Britain would realize her losses, and there would be trouble. There has been no trouble. The fall of the Coalition Cabinet was not a protest against the "fail-ure" of the Somme. And the full misery une" of the Somme. And the full misery of these losses has been felt. I have in-tentionally written about the superficial changes, because the deep things have not changed. They have gone in deeper, they changed. They have gone in deeper, they are less open to the inquiring eye. But in these six months the nation has learned how to suffer, more than it learned in the first two years of the war. It shocks me sometimes to hear fathers and mothers speak as if casually of the children they have "lost." It takes some time to realize that this same apparent indifference is

all.

what you hear every day from cripples and blind soldiers, who speak with their iternal jest, their inexhaustible courage. I could not bel'sve before I came here hat in a democracy where patriotism and

arcentage of the people could understand that in a democracy where patrictism and ervice to the State were not taught, as hey are taught in Germany, so large a ercentage of the people could understand that a more was about, and would be will be burdened of R. But that is

The soil of France is drenched with blood That ran from youthful, noble veins, million hearts, too brave, too good, Lie silent 'neath her hills and plains bottle themselves The forms of those we love lie there out in the shape of nervous runners. These are much more frequent and more wide-spread now than they were half a year With faces turned toward the stars Unburied in the still night air-Grant them sweet sleep, oh god of wars

> The soil of France in after years Will be revered as holy ground. The develops, like an angel's tears, Will wet the green of each rough

mound. and oh! the fairness of the blooms

To a friend of the Allies the apathy of the British public is appalling and its ten-dency to look at the worst side of things That from the sacred earth will spring! What strange rare scent! what succet perfumes irritating beyond measure. The German re-tirement seems now to have come to an end-temporarily at least. The military critics have wisely warned their readers The night and morning winds will bring

The soil of France henceforth will be

An altar, holy and divine. To it the world will look and see A mighty universal shrine.

there was no need for such a warning. Everywhere you hear the most skeptical remarks. The old man at my tobacco store Proud land of France! Your bounds in close

The earth's most precious, priceless sod. The dust of heroes' hearts-of those

around in the air. No proper victory, that Who fought and died for us-and God. VARLEY.

Dear Boss-A couple or three days age a friend of mine came down from N. Y. via auto and left friend wife at It is probably the result of the long It is probably the result of the long strain and the repeated disillusions, this feeling of suspicion. It doesn't help the average man to have half a dozen papers clamoring now for the court-martial or im-mediate hanging of the men who were in charge of the war a year ago. That is exactly what happened when the Darda-nelles report came out, and the readers who were disgusted by attacks on Lord Kitchener generally began to wonder whether their present leaders might not Coming out of <u>the the set</u> they were moving right along and a copper saw 'em. "Hey, there !" said he. "What's yer rush? Hurry-ing up to enlist?" And a voice from the back seat. "Naw, the feller drivin' left his wife in town and he ain't takin' no chances of bein' called back." "On yer way," shouts the cop, "and God

peed ye! A southern poet, whose pronunciation

may accomplish wonders of which our rougher tongue is incapable, presents these rhymes: · · And sweep thy land with fire and

determination of most people to see the thing through. The pacifists are the only real pessimists. The optimists have taken sword : He keeps not faith with men nor God. However, in the stress of wartime much

to their maps again and are painting mags with the vigor of September. 1915, when the Champagne drive took place. There is a courage prevalent now which is no longer that of other people's sufferings. may be excused. Under similar circumstances Whittier yoked "war" with here is perhaps the greatest change of Six months ago the losses of the "America."

> City hotels may have elevators, writes Yost, but they ain't got no proprietoresse like in Pinckneyville, Ill.:

THE HOFFMANN HOUSE UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT CLAYTON & WALKUP, PROPRIETORES

PLAZA BARBER SHOP Strictly sanitary : John improved : shav-ng inside and outside. Fifth street south -(Adv.) —Florida Contemp.

CHICAGO, April 28. Chicago is ready for Roosevelt—and "the speech of his life" that he will de-liver at the stock-yards amphitheatre tonight. —News dispatch.

The time, the place and-make your own eze about it.

BUT the Colonel can't be pushed off the front page, though the passage of the elected service bill may make him shorten his lines." He's as tough as fon Mindenburg. And why not? Each a Schung for dear lith- one militeral and

thing in sight and to solve the food problem

by vacant-lot and back-yard gardening a feeling of sadness must come over him if he has ever given any thought to economic problems.

The proposed plans, however, have a value. That value is the demonstration that will be made to thousands, perhaps millions, of persons that all their food, clothing and shelter come out of the earth and that a very small portion of this "mother earth" can be made to produce a very large amount of food.

The Good Book teaches us that it i wrong to steal, and in none of its many verses do I find that communities or governnents are exempt from the prohibitic fact, governments are especially enjoined to take only what is theirs. Justice, moral ity, scientific truth and even common sens lectare that every man has an equal share in the natural gifts of land, water, air and sunshine and that every child born into the world has an "unalienable right to life, lib erty and the pursuit of happiness

Given a government founded on the equal right of all its citizens to use these natural gifts, does any one suppose that, with mil lions of acres of land untouched by the hand of man, we would be even seriously considering a proposition to cultivate vacant lots and back-yard plots?

Why do not our governments and "lead ing citizens" try to act in a same and rea-sonable manner when considering what may become a very serious problem? I am sure den't know. OLIVER MCKNIGHT

WHY THE NEGRO SHOULD FIGHT To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-Some time ago I read an article a your paper headed "The Negro in Peace and in War," written by a "genuine negro." This article told us that in the time of

peace the negro is forgotten, but in time of war he is called upon to defend the Stars and Stripes. The writer also states that on all sides he hears the remark, "The negro has no country." Indirectly he asks, "What has the negro to fight for?" This is the question that thousands and thousands of negroes in this country

asking themserves I am a youth of nineteen summers and Southerner by birth. My home is Rich-mond, Va. I realize that I haven't the same opportunity that the white boy ha I realize that my rights are cramped and that the negroes' political status is crushed, but regardless of this I contend that we have something to fight for. What have we to fight for? For the sons and daugh-ters of those who sacrificed their lives that we might have liberty, to those brave "Feds who now are lying in their last resting

The better class of white people in this ountry has proved that it loves the negr and even the lower class is realizing more each day the true worth of his black brother. Now that our country (for breather there a man with soul so dead who never to himself hath said. "This is my own, my native land"?) has been forced into a war that has superseded all other chronicles that has superscued all other chronicled wars, it is our duty as loyal Americans to sacrifice our life's blood, if necessary to hold up the colors that have never trailed the dust. ROBERT H. SMITH. Coatesville, Pa., April 18.

#### WANTS WAR PROHIBITION o the Editor of the Evening Ledger;

Sir-As a lover of your country, it without saying that you realize the im portance at this time of the conservation of the spiritual, mental, physical and ma terial resources of our country. I therefore write to ask that you assist to the move im

ongress. They did not ask me. This 8. Of what country is Berne the capital 9. Who was Charles Martel and why is be sof Christigniom'?

their war, not mine." This is invariably the answer I have een given by young men whom I picked out in the crowds as good, stanch Ameri cans. Men are enlisting, to be sure not as we would like them to e Where there is one there ought to be 500 In 1861 the recruiting offices were crowded, thousands were turned away, but we do not see this today.

1. The amount of the first American loss Great Britain was \$200,000.000. An Administration bill in Congress proposed or supported by the Preside his subcritinates who make up the five branch of the Government. Why? Who is responsible for this sham ful condition? I think the young man's home life is to blame, and also these copperheads, or pacifists,

3. Trawlers are deep-sea fishing which large nets or trawls are British utilize them as patrol sweepers, etc. This nation is full today of cowards, who, if they had their just dues, would be strung up by the thumbs. "war chest" is an accumul money by a Government for the tion of war. It exists in sever without actually belag in a ches 4. A To my mind, a pacifist is more of a vipe

To my mind, a pacifist is more of a viper than a German submarine. Young men of America, may I ask, where would you be today if the men of '61 had talked peace at any price? Would you be enjoying the freedom you have today? Would this nation be the mighty patton the is if our workers had some nation she is if our mothers had sung in those days, "I Didn't Raise My Boy to Be a Soldier"? BOY OF '61. 7. Alluviat soil is made up of sand and deposited by river currents.

Philadelphia, April 26,

# denosited by river currents. 8. The New York National League has team is called the Glants. At one most of the players were exceptionary of the players were exceptionary of the players were exception of the states, and "Stonewall' Jac Confederate general, were noted Ame military men. BIRTH MONTHS AND THE PRESIDENCY

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: 10. Benjamin Franklin's autoblography in most widely read autoblography in by an American. Sir-I wonder if the birth months of man have anything to do with his chances of reaching the presidency? Here is the birth record by months of our Presidents: Press Censorship January, two—Fillmore, McKinley, February, three—Washington, Lincoln V. H. Harrison.

ship such as is in force in European ligerent countries will not be adopte this country, according to the annou policy of the "censorship" committee March, four-Madison, Jackson, Tyler, li veland April, four-Jefferson, Monroe, Buchanan,

Grant. May, none. June, none. July, one-John Quincy Adams. August, one-Benjamin Harrison.

September, one—Taft. October, four—John Adams, Hayes, Ar-

hur, Roosevelt. November, four-Taylor, Polk, Pierce, Jarfield

December, three-Van Buren, Johnson Wilson. Reading, April 9.

THE HAND THAT ROCKED THE PRESIDENT

Helen R. Martin, the author of an ineresting series of novels about the Mennonites, lived in Lancaster, Pa., when she was a girl. Her mother lived in Chilicothe, O., when President Wilson's mother was a resident of that town. The two women were intimate friends. One day, when Mrs. Martin was a girl of seventeen, Woodrow Wilson, then an obscure pro fessor at Princeton, went to Lancaster to give a course of lectures. Mrs. Martin and her sister returned home from the first

lecture full of enthusiasm over the bril- [ llancy, wit and charm of the unknown leeturer.

"Why," said their mother, on learning his name, "he must be the son of my old school chum, Jane Woodrow! Don't com school chum. Jane Woodrow! Don't come home from the next lecture without asking him whether his mother's name was Jane." So after the next lecture Mrs. Martin's sister went up timidiy to the lecturer and aid: "My mother told me I was not to come home without asking you whether your mother's name was Jane." Mr. Wilson laughed and said it was. "Then," continued the girl, "my mother said that I should tell you that she often rected you to sizes when you ware a

the Moslem what the cross is to th G. R.-The object of the officers' training camps to be established May S for three

camps to be established May's for months' training is to furnish officera for the army to be raised. Fourteen such camp will be established. Pennsylvanlans ar directed to enroll for one of two camp one at Fort Niagara. N. Y., the other a Madison Barracks, N. Y. Philadelphian should enroll for Fort Niagara.

U. S. Navy

D. G.-It is impossible to give exact ures for the navy's enlisted strength cause of the constantly increasing for The Navy Department announced Aber that the enlined strength was \$1,287

pointed by President Wilson. The of the board—the Committee on Pu Information—indicates that its function be that of publicity more than of sorship, although it is empowered to mulate regulations for the restriction publication of facts that might have valu for the enemy. (b) George Creel, chair man of the committee, is a newspaper man

and a magazine writer on political an sociological subjects. He is ex-director of the Public Safety Department of Depart

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and in the 1916 presidential campaign was a publicity agent for the Democratic na-tional committee. Scoretary of State Lan-sing, Secretary of War Baker and Secre-tary of the Navy Danicis, members of the

committee, may appoint subordinates to act in their stead.

Moslem Crescent

S. J.—The crescent originally was not the emblem of Mohammedanism. Mohammed did not live to see it used as such. It was the ancient device of the Christian city of Constantinople, founded by the Roman Em-peror Constantine. When the Mohammeda Turks captured the city they adopted the crescent as their symbol. The crescent

Christian.

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