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THE prestige, the reputation and the future of this nation have been thrown into the battle cauldron. We could have answered or not answered, as we pleased, the Macedonian cry from Europe.

Magnificent as has been the resistance of France and glorious her sacrifice; however inspiring has been the gathering by England of her strength and her free offering of blood and treasure on the altars of democracy, the fact remains that it is from us they both expect the vigor of success to flow.

We cannot fall them. We must make good. They have not been able to devise a method of conquering the submarine; we must devise such a method. They have not been able to build ships fast enough to balance their sea losses; we must build those ships.

The tax on our genius for industrial organization is already tremendous. No shout of shirking has been heard. The railroads are voluntarily under virtual Government control.

Even ships will do no good unless there are cargoes to put into them. The loss of what the ships contain is just as disastrous as the loss of the ships themselves. There is one supreme task to be accomplished, and that is the elimination of the submarine menace.

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KICKING AGAINST THE WAR TAXES

Congress Besieged by Business Men Who Want "the Other Fellow" to Pay the War Cost

A TAX bill is coming to the American people and it is going to sting. The poor are going to feel it directly, it will be carried in the increased cost of commodities put on by those who do pay it.

It is gradually dawning upon the rank and file, however, that there is something more in a declaration of war than the waving of flags and the passing of patriotic resolutions. All that the conscription of men for military service and the levying of taxes to support them is another matter.

Money and Men Both Requisitioned But if men are to be called out to fight, and that is settled, men and women will also be called upon to pay.

The tax bill which Congress is getting ready for the people is independent of the \$3,000,000,000 loan which has already been authorized as an aid to the Allies.

The maximum from our shipbuilders, captains and privates; the maximum from our machine-harvested lands; the maximum from our steel plants; the maximum from our railroads; the maximum from every industry that flourishes in the nation—that is the goal toward which Washington strives, and it is calling to the assistance of the Government the brains and genius of the nation.

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Tom Daly's Column

THE VILLAGE POET Whenever it's the Saturday that's first to come in May We're all supposed to be humane and give the birds their day.

TO BEGIN WITH, let's go back to the day before the Day, and the preparations therefor; because one doesn't have to be an owl to know that most things eventuating on Saturday—unless they happen to be eggs, mistakes, falls, invitations to drink, golf scores high and low, faux passes and such like. So, to continue:

Whenever it's a Sat. I do not care to shap, And yet I know our cat Had habits see must stop. And so upon a Fri. I donned my coat and hat And went abroad to try To put an end to that.

Full wide I flung the door And rushed into the street; The bell described before Fell, jangling, at my feet. 'Aha! (my very words) I'll find a use for that.' And so, to save the birds, Behold I've belted the cat!

We were talking yesterday of Strick Gillian, who is a bird in his own right, and our talk moves a reader to inquire if we can tell his story of the skinny hogs and the Georgia cracker who had lost it: Strick says he was driving through a wooded district (we're not sure that it was Georgia) when he noticed a herd of famished-looking hogs running about wildly among the trees.

IT was ten—no, eleven—years ago that we met the "homestickest" Irishman we ever knew. He came to us in March and he never seemed quite to fit in. So none of us were greatly surprised when he sailed back to Ireland one day in May.

THE SONG OF THE THRUSH Ah! the May was grand this mornin'! Sure, how could I feel forlorn in Such a land, when tree and flower tossed their kisses to the breeze? Could an Irish heart be quiet While the spring was runnin' riot An' the birds of free America were singin' in the trees?

So I mocked the feathered choir To my hungry heart's desire, An' I gloried in the comradeship that made their joy my own. Till a new note sounded, stillin' All the rest. A thrush was trillin'! Ah! the thrush I led behind me in the fields about Athlone!

The fifth of May has been fixed upon for Bird Day, because that's the birthday of John James Audubon, the first American naturalist. 'Ray for Audubon! This country is full of Audubon societies now. The first was founded by Dr. George Bird Grinnell. 'Ray for Grinnell! But Audubon is dead and our favorite naturalist and bird painter now is Louis Agassiz Puertes, who will have societies named after him some day. 'Ray for Puertes! Meanwhile, in the regrettable absence of the Dove of Peace, let the Eagle scream!



THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

The War Situation From the Advertiser's Viewpoint—Objection Made to the Study of German

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ALL ARE NOT SLACKERS To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Many of the daily newspapers are continually casting reflections on the so-called "slacker." Most of them, I am sure, are true Americans and with many circumstances and conditions are such that it would not be advisable to offer their services to their country by enlisting.

THE MANLY SPORT The study of boxing gives you excellent lessons in humility and throws a disquieting light on the decay of some of our most precious instincts. We soon perceive that in everything pertaining to the use of our members, agility, skill, muscular strength, power to resist pain, we are at the bottom of the scale among mammals.

DISLIKES STUDY OF GERMAN To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Now that we are at war with Germany, why not have the German language removed from the course of study prescribed in the curriculum of the public schools?

What Do You Know?

Queries 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 man is at the head of the Russian Government? 2. Where has the capital of Serbia been established since the Central Powers' occupation of that country? 3. What is the difference between a de facto President and a de jure President? 4. Why is it that the anniversary of Shakespeare's birth, celebrated in this country since 1879, was celebrated in England May 23?

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