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"Folled again!" hiss the German villain when the Russian warrior refuses to turn molycodde pacifist. You can't run a war with merely a debating society, Senator Foster.

Can Congress really be getting on to itself at last? Champagne must certainly be a strong beverage, considering the fact that 5,000,000 bottles of this beverage remain still intact in the cellars of bomb-wrecked Rheims.

When the Senate met in secret session what was said was more fully reported than usual. Senators now want no more private meetings. There is nothing interesting about the keyhole of an open door.

Baseball magnates are reported to be "worrying" over the fact that interest in the war is causing the abandonment of bush league schedules. Lack of interest in the war would be something more worth worrying about.

A senatorial protest concerning the fitness of Mr. Hoover to control the food situation refers especially to the fact that this expert was only recently "in obscurity." We had thought that George Dewey exploded such nonsense as this one May morning in Manila Bay.

It is a peculiar satisfaction to Philadelphia who have for years been pressing for the completion of the thirty-five-foot channel in the Delaware River to learn that Secretary Baker has urged it as a necessary preparatory measure.

It is good news that the Philadelphia Orchestra is within sight of a million-dollar endowment fund. To secure the payment of the annual deficit for a period of five years by a munificent unknown benefactor the raising of \$500,000 only was necessary.

The spring drive on Philadelphia's pigeries is becoming a success. With ruthlessness that could be called Prussian, were it not for the worthiness of the cause, squads of policemen and laborers are wading up conditions that for years disgraced the southern section of the city.

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experience in modern warfare as real. But in the circumstances, Mr. Roosevelt must give proof not only that he can quickly get men, but that most of them are between thirty-one and thirty-five, so that neither the selective draft will be interfered with nor the middle-aged be allowed to get in the way of really "hard men." British army officers and physicians have made it clear that men over thirty-five cannot always stand the nervous strain caused by drum-fire.

NO NEED FOR HYSTERICAL TAXATION

A REVENUE bill to raise \$1,500,000,000 was being framed. The business world accepted the fact, and in a patriotic spirit prepared to adjust itself not only to paying the new taxes, but also to raising the loans which the Government will require. Then Mr. Kitchen rushed into the House with the news that Mr. McAdoo wanted \$425,000,000 more than he had thought would be necessary.

POLITICS WINS

THE net result of Philadelphia's fight for clean streets is a disrupted department and the resignation of Chief Connell, the one man in whom any hope of relief rested and whose efficiency was so great as to mark him for slaughter.

A BAD WEEK FOR BERLIN

NO DEADLOCK is unbreakable, although the news of one day taken at random usually will give the casual reader the impression that nothing decisive can happen even in such a tremendous battle as that now raging on the west front. If the news were held back for a week and then printed all on one day there would be a different impression.

THE NATION LIKES IT

So it goes. And the country seems hugely pleased. The war in going well. And when it begins to look either a little silly, then a Minister is blamed and everything is well again.

QUERY?

THE Secretary of War is known to be of pacifist tendencies. The Secretary of the Navy is known to be a pacifist in principle.

HARD ON IRELAND'S FRIENDS

THE strain of sympathizing with Ireland grows daily more intense. A self-governing Erin appeals to the American imagination. The grievances of the Emerald Isle are unquestionably justified and they are centuries old.

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WAR'S EFFECT ON CONGRESS

Europe, Confronted by Great Parliamentary Changes, Is Wondering What Will Happen Here

By GILBERT VIVIAN SELDES Special Correspondence Evening Ledger LONDON, May 8

"WHAT is going to happen to Congress in the war?" The man who asked me the question was "fiddling" me a little; he knew that I could not answer, but he wondered what an average American thought of the chances Congress had to make good. He asked me because I had asked him, before, to tell me something about the House of Commons.

PARLIAMENTARY REVOLUTION

By his system of secretaries Mr. Lloyd George has been able to bring about a re-organization of the different departments of the general Cabinet. That re-organization is usually achieved through meeting together, and is usually based on the idea that when the Cabinet takes responsibility for what one Minister does it must stand or fall by the outcome in the House of Commons.

INTERMITTENT FERVOR

At mention of her name He stammered and grew red— Emotion shook his frame, "You love her, then?" I said.

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Tom Daly's Column

McAroni Ballads LXXXI TO THE ATHEIST

Say! you got to hal' heech your talk! I gotta da trouble my own. You please me by taka da walk—I wanta for act here alone. Ely! Wat, Yes, I s'pose I am dumb, An' as you no make me wise.

What Kings Do

"We have not fought for a king," declares H. G. Wells, "but we will gladly go on with our task under a king unless he hampers us in our task."

The police have been asked to be on the lookout, so a Tuesday eve, contemporary assured us, "for a seventeen-year-old girl weighing eleven pounds."

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Designers of Costumes Worn in the Masque—A Democratic Peace—Spirit of Liberty

This Department is free to all readers who wish to express their opinions on the current events of the day. It is only just to correct the errors, and occasionally for what one Minister does it must stand or fall by the outcome in the House of Commons.

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NOBODY HOME

business and ambitions, and if necessary shed our blood to further liberty and justice, it does not seem fair to American men to allow unaturalized foreigners of military age to reap a harvest in factories while our men are being slaughtered on the battlefield.

What Do You Know?

- 1. What are some arms in military language? 2. Name the American naval officer commanding the United States torpedo boat destroyer flotilla in European waters. 3. The Rajah of Sarawak, an Englishman, is in the United States. What is his name? 4. Who is "Home Run" Baker?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. Major General J. Franklin Bell, former commander of the Department of the West, is commanding the Department of the West, succeeding Major General Leonard Wood. 2. Macadam is named after John L. MacAdam, a Scottish engineer.

PARIS WANTS ROOSEVELT

France Disappointed at the Failure of Congress to Send Him By HENRI BAZIN

President Wilson is deeply honored in France. His speeches have been printed upon city wall and incorporated in schoolbooks of the land. He is considered one of the greatest men in all history.

Registration for Draft

B. W. C.—Apparently cripples must register for selective draft if their ages fall within the age limits of the selective draft bill.

Flags

L. S.—The flag of the Khedive of Egypt is similar to that of Turkey, because Egypt was a tributary State of Turkey.

Evasion of Military Duty

T. S.—According to the selective draft bill, a man drafted for military service must serve unless he is a United States State, county or city official, or is employed by the United States in designated occupations.

Lloyd George's Religion

E. M.—Premier David Lloyd George is a Baptist.

San Francisco Earthquake

D. P.—The San Francisco earthquake occurred on Monday, April 18, 1906.