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Gold braid ambition runs neck and neck with red tape. The recent Masque of American Drama has whetted a mad desire to see some drama itself without the mask.

Any antipathy to militant suffragism felt by the German Crown Prince must have been unconsciously increased yesterday, when his troops were violently repulsed at Chemin des Dames.

And now Germany has been scratched from Nicaragua's calling list. The Latin republic is the fourth of Central American nations to sever diplomatic relations with the Teutons.

Thirty Philadelphia boys can have the best sort of a vacation and at the same time feel they are doing a public service. The offer of free scholarships in the Junior naval reserve at Camp Dewey,

New Jersey has acquired the habit of electing wide-awake Governors and is reaping the reward of her wisdom. The State realized that the country was at war on April 6 and got busy on that day.

The call for experienced railroad men for work in France has a pertinent application to Pennsylvania, served by some of the greatest trunk lines in the United States.

war and of Indian, Filipino and Mexican campaigns. Virtually all of his division has seen hard service. Strenuous "police" duties in some of the unseemly "wards" republics that are Uncle Sam's "wards" have kept the marines at a lean pitch of efficiency.

THE RIGHT MAN FOR THE RIGHT JOB

PRESIDENT WILSON'S definition of the powers the food administrator ought to have is so convincing and his courageous naming of Herbert Hoover for the post, before the new regime is formally provided for by legislation, is so popular and so clearly sanctioned by expert opinion, that there can be little doubt that Congress will assent to this wisely conceived program.

In the present tragic crisis in the world war our success in continuing to feed the Allies as well as ourselves will mean the saving of thousands of American lives.

It is an extraordinary emergency that can only be met by an extraordinary man. Mr. Hoover has virtually made the position which he declares he will accept only with the understanding that he is to receive no pay.

The British Government recognized Mr. Hoover's ability, insulating it to continue to administer the feeding of Belgium and adding the extreme statement that if this work were left to other hands it might have to be abandoned.

The large powers that Mr. Wilson has asked are, of course, not to be used in respect to the great majority of producers, distributors and consumers. Mr. Hoover makes it plain that he is assured beforehand of their cooperation.

AN ARMY OF THE ELECT

EVERY young man today in the country between twenty-one and thirty-one plays a role of honor. There are no slackers in his age group. There can be none.

"Youth of the land," says Uncle Sam, "I have chosen you to represent my virility, my energy, my brains, my manhood. Some of you will wear the uniform on the firing line. Some will help on farms and some in the realms of science and industry."

No date in the calendar of American history carries quite the thrill that this coming registration day of June 5 will embody. The Republic will then honor the most efficient factor of its available manhood by summoning them to defend democracy.

Somewhat ill advisedly we have called the plan of invoking the nation's strength "conscription." However we describe the method, the young men who are involved should not forget that by the selective system the United States is paying a superb tribute to those who form the best weapon we possess against the sinister forces of oppression.

ADJUTANT MADON, HERO OF THE AIR

How a French Youth Brought Down a Boche Airship and Escaped With His Life

By HENRI BAZIN

Recipient of the Croix de Guerre, member of the Societe de Ours des Lettres and staff correspondent, L'Espresso, Paris.

THIS story is written around a button, a circular brass button with the two wings of the French aviation corps in low relief. It was performing its duty upon the horizon blue jacket of Adjutant Madon when that twenty-three-year-old son of France recently brought down his eighth Boche plane not far from rebarbarded Rheims.

Here is the tale it will always tell me: Adjutant Madon drives a fighting aeroplane. He is an "ace," which aviators receive after downing their fifth enemy plane.

Madon was then at nearly 3000 meters elevation in the late afternoon, looking for game. He was over the German lines upon the hills of Eperon, from which point they still bombard Rheims, but well above harm from enemy aeroplane guns.

Madon was then at nearly 3000 meters elevation, and although the unexpectedly short flight had carried him toward his own lines, he could not tell if he had reached spars over there or not. As he was descending to pick up the tortured towers of Rheims as a lighthouse, his motor suddenly stopped and he realized that he must land once in a series of glides on to earth like his downfallen enemy.

Was it a Boche or a pole of France? he asked himself as he gave the motor a twist, to which it responded with a roar. In twinkling he was in his seat and at the steering gear. If he was within his own lines it would be easy to come down again.

At that second he heard a cry in Boche and saw the instant appearance of seven men armed with rifles. He had dropped almost full on a German outpost. Shots rang about his ears and some were directed at his plane.

And the communique of the day following tersely told us that Adjutant Madon, the American University. Doctor Tibby knew Shakespeare intimately—Boulder Camera.

CHINA STIRS IN HER SLEEP

From time to time the news from China suggests that to be Chinese is not necessarily to be Chinese. It is not necessarily peaceable, but some of the Chinese, when they want to, fight very hard.

NATURAL DYES ENJOY BIG RUN

HUTCH calls us on that international anthem stuff we pulled last week. He submits: L'INTERNATIONALE Arise, ye prisoners of starvation! Arise, ye wretches of the earth!

A CONFESSION

I wish I were a boy again. This grown-up life's a cheat; I want to paddle through the rain—I want to go "bare feet!" I want to feel the funny grass. Come tickle my toes; I hate this front of bluff and brass—I hate these "Sunday" clothes!

Tom Daly's Column

We had a look at our lads at Fort Niagara on Thursday last and we're proud of them. But, if we weren't afraid of giving comfort to the enemy, there are things we might say of our sinful unpreparedness.

More War News

Dear Tom—"Our own war news" was enjoyed more at Fort Slocum, I believe, than in Philadelphia. My copy of the Evening Ledger was worn out in fifteen minutes.

Not Unleavened Bread

BLOUNT reports that Pfeiffer, the baker on Allegheny avenue at Seventh street, explains it this way on his sign: ON ACCOUNT OF THE ADVANCE ALL OUR GOODS ARE RAISED

THE NEW ORDER

Electric youth in khaki stalks the rails And lonely bridges where the menace lies. Through midnight watches shot with ten-stoned halls While searchlights stare the gloom with blazing eyes.

WANTS CONSCRIPTION TO BE PERMANENT

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—While the selective conscription law is undoubtedly the best plan to meet the immediate need of the nation, it does not provide permanently for universal military training.

GOLF REVEALS CHARACTER

Man's attitude toward life is generally much the same as his attitude toward golf. The contentions, argumentative individual who is always invoking the aid of his lawyer in business is the man who insists on the strict reading of the letter of the law in golf.

THE REAL AMERICA

I remember as if it were yesterday our first Cambridge. It was the rumormongering of the new academic year Professor Norton's family had invited some scores of friends to greet the new professors; it had been heralded to us as the chief festival event of the Cambridge season.

ALL SOCIALISTS NOT PACIFISTS

Sir—Would you be kind enough to give space to the following paragraphs from Spargo's minority resolution as it was presented at the Socialist National Convention? I believe these statements will be of value to your readers in clearing away some prejudice and misinformation concerning Socialism.

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LET 'EM SQUEAL



THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

An Appeal for Permanent Universal Service—All Socialists Not Pacifists

This Declaration is free in all readers who wish to improve their opinion on subjects of current interest. It is an open forum and the Evening Ledger assumes no responsibility for the views of its correspondents.

MUNICIPAL RESTAURANTS

Sir—One of the qualifications of a legislator is to have an elastic conscience, which can be stretched to suit the owner's point of view and, sometimes to suit the people's view.

ARGENTINE COMMERCE

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