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If pens are still as superior to words as Bulwer's Richelieu once said they were, the best way to prove their worth just now will be in signing applications for Liberty Loans.

The reported "cordiality" of the note with which Germany replied to Spain's protest on a recent U-boat outrage was probably only equaled by the charming spirit of good-fellowship in which the act of piracy was committed.

Some of the greatest cities in the land—Chicago, Boston, San Francisco, Baltimore—have been through devastating conflagrations such as the one that has just destroyed many blocks in Atlanta.

Investigation of the tragic accident that resulted in the killing of the two Red Cross nurses on the Mongolia must be rigid and thorough. Accounts of the explosion disagree.

The movement among the House Republicans to remove Mr. Mann from a leadership in which he does not lead should inspire the Democrats to relieve Mr. Kitchin from his similarly unfortunate prominence.

Unless statesmanship and settlement of the Irish question are altogether irreconcilable, the Emerald Isle's prospect for home rule at last unfolds.

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CITY REFORM AT HOBART COLLEGE

Conference of Philadelphians and Others on Powell Evans's Plan to Educate Men for Public Office

THE fact that we are at war interfered with the plans of some of those who had announced their intention of attending the conference on city management at Hobart College, at Geneva, N. Y.

Geneva is a live little city, situated midway between Syracuse and Rochester. Hobart is one of the small American colleges, of which the nation has a large number, where traditions and scholarship, stimulating environment and devoted teachers all combine to give the student valuable equipment for life.

But we are in the midst of the rapidly changing age. Education for the use of leisure is important, but we have forever left behind us the time when higher education could be designed exclusively for preparation for a profession.

As a preliminary to the inauguration of the projected course, Doctor Powell called a conference at the college to discuss the existing needs and to get some of the best available opinions as to conducting the experiment.

The real purpose of the Hecht measure, in fact, is ultimately to finance the huge property of the P. R. T. on a 4 per cent basis, thus saving 2 per cent annually, more or less, in interest.

Mr. Taylor, having borne the burden and the heat of the day in bringing anything resembling order out of the chaos existing in transit affairs, and having forced and driven the company into a great number of vital concessions, which a careful study of the proposed lease reveals, doubtless feels that the lash has been applied with sufficient severity to the company's shoulders.

FOR every man who cannot spend his blood there is a chance to spend his money in defense of liberty. Contemptible as is the military slacker, more contemptible is the financial slacker who hesitates even to lend his money for a price to the nation.

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Tom Daly's Column

'BOUT YOU
I ain't much use for you.
This star ain't my style.
An' songs o' verse an' such are scarce—
They miss me a mile.

I ain't in love—why, bless you,
It's jee' the time o' year.
It makes the trees, the birds an' bees
An' ever'body seem dear.

I used to eat so hearty
An' feel like forty kings.
But pork an' beans don't jibe w'
queens—

I hate the smell o' things.
This sure's a lonesome party;
I feel—oh, kind o' blue.
I'm always hot or glad or mad.

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THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Patriotism of the Roosevelt Volunteers—Land Speculators Attacked—Self-Government for Ireland Urged

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NEW YORK'S PROVINCIALISM

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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 today.

1. Why is Mount Paracutus associated with poets? Where is it?
2. If subscriptions to the Liberty Loan were divided equally among the inhabitants of the United States, what would be each person's share?
3. Who is Charles Edward Russell?
4. What do the initials mean in the name "John Jones, M. P."?

5. Explain why two friends are said to be "like David and Jonathan."
6. The British war minister in France visited the old capital of the Confederacy. Where is it?
7. Correct the sentence: "The balloon ascended to an altitude of 500 feet."
8. What is a carbon?
9. Who is "Ma" Sunday?
10. The Isle of Pines is called the "Gem of the Caribbean." Where is it?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. A. T. Kerevsky is the new Russian Minister of War and Marine.
2. Ordinary table salt is sodium chloride, a chemical combination of two elements, sodium and chlorine.
3. Major General John J. Pershing, who commanded the troops pursuing Villa, will command the American forces in France.

4. Jared, grandfather of Methuselah, lived in the average of 1662 years, according to the Bible. This is seven years less than the age of Methuselah.
5. They are used in the war to sweep up mines.
6. Hypocrite trawlers are President of Argentina.
7. A minute gun is a cannon fired at intervals of a minute, usually as a signal of distress.

8. The countries at war are Germany, Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Turkey. Russia, France, Great Britain, the United States, Japan, Serbia, Belgium, Montenegro, Greece, Portugal, Rumania and Cuba, Panama, China, Brazil, Bolivia, Guatemala, Honduras, Liberia and Nicaragua have broken relations with Germany.
9. Vegetables bearing so-called fruit crops are tomatoes, peas, cucumbers, beans, pumpkins, melons, etc.

10. George Wharton Pepper is a prominent Pennsylvania lawyer and chairman of the Pennsylvania Committee on Public Safety.
Excess Profits Tax
T. R. E.—The British excess profits tax of November, 1915, prescribed a levy of 10 per cent on all profits in excess of the average of the three years preceding the war. A year ago the levy was increased to 60 per cent, and only recently was increased to 80 per cent. This tax has proved very profitable to the government. It is estimated that it will yield more than \$1,000,000,000 at the latest rate. As an example, a company that earned \$100,000 annually before the war now earns \$400,000 and must pay as a tax 80 per cent of \$300,000 (the excess profit), or \$240,000.

Army Registration
WIFE—All male residents of the specified age, whether citizens of this or of some other country, are required to register June 5 in accordance with the selective service bill and the President's proclamation.
Selective Age Limit
MRS. G. D. T.—As your husband will be thirty years old September 3 he must register June 5. Non-citizens as well as citizens must register.
Base Hospitals
H. L.—Only physical examinations are necessary for applicants for enlistment in the base hospitals being organized. Pharmacists are being accepted for service. The Pennsylvania Hospital unit has left for service and the units of the Episcopal, Presbyterian and Jefferson hospitals are filling up rapidly.

War Bill
L. K.—It is difficult to estimate the nation's "war bill." One financial writer puts it at about \$1,000,000 a day at the present time.
"Alien Army"
H. T.—A German-born resident who took out his first papers for citizenship last October is an "alien enemy." According to the Naturalization Bureau, it is necessary for two years to elapse between first and final papers unless the applicant is a member of the country's naval or military forces.
Lafayette
L. A.—Lafayette visited the United States in 1776.

