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A just peace can only be won now by fighting. As Hibben of Princeton put it: "I believe in peace at any price, and the price is war."

Although it's called "doing your bit" one doesn't have to make that bit such a little bit of a bit. Doing too little means that somebody else has to do too much.

Brazil's revocation of neutrality as between herself and the United States, without taking a similar step as regards the Allies, is said to have made her precise international position rather "obscure."

It is to be hoped the police will frown on future attempts of show girls to recruit volunteers in public by offering kisses. We had supposed that this vulgarism was one of the horrors of war which was to be avoided by the adoption of selective conscription.

Americans used to argue concerning the province of former Presidents, but there should be no such anxiety about ex-kings. If the various dethroned monarchs extant follow the example of Manuel of Portugal, who is now devoting himself to Red Cross work, between a luxurious Portuguese ruler, whose name helps to exploit the notoriety of a must-hall actress, and plain Mr. Braganza, nobly serving humanity, mankind can have little hesitancy in making its choice.

With the passage by the Legislature of the bill to re-establish the Pennsylvania Nautical School now assured, the final stroke to make this much-needed measure effective devolves on Philadelphia. The proposed State appropriation of \$50,000 is contingent on the setting aside of a like sum by this city.

other countries of the American continent. Here is a splendid instance of the President's wisdom in picking specialists for special work. Besides being a noted economist and an international lawyer of high repute, Doctor Rowe is an expert authority on Pan-American affairs.

A NEW CHAPTER

MAY 30, 1918, closed one chapter in our history forever. May 30, 1917, opens a new one. On Memorial Day nineteen years ago the nation honored the sons of North and South who had met again and died in battle for an ideal of freedom—but this time as comrades, not as foes.

Memorial Day will never be quite the same again. We had thought freedom was safe. We had not dreamed the old sacrifices would have to be made again. Suddenly we are forced to realize that we have not been grateful enough to the old men of the sixties. Their history, which was part of our schoolbooks, seemed a thing detached from them, although many of the men who made that history still were with us.

HERBERT C. HOOVER'S very evident intention not to be drawn into bypaths of either morals or international politics inspires redoubled confidence in his fitness for the role of food administrator. In so far as the liquor question is an ethical problem, it does not concern him. The brewers' and distillers' effect on the supply of food at reasonable prices remains to be investigated.

General Cadorna is said to have completed the "first phase" of his great campaign against Austria. There is a Napoleonic ring to such words, and indeed the whole daring military strategy of King Victor's commanders, with their conquest of Alpine difficulties, savors of the days of Bonaparte.

PERMISSION to charge admission for Sunday concerts will be granted if the Crofts bill now pending is passed by the Legislature. The question of sacrifice on the Sabbath does not now enter into the situation at all. If due observance of Sunday is marred by exorbitant symphony programs, the harm has already been done.

Having received Mr. Kitchin's interesting confession that the House war revenue bill was unscientifically drawn "because the Government had to get the money somewhere," the Senate can with a free conscience rewrite it. The horizontal increase of 10 per cent in all tariff rates fell upon the just and unjust alike.

There is a shortage of tin, for example, but in spite of the fact that canneries are unable to get the metal, the duty was ruthlessly laid on like a whip on an open sore. The Senate can proceed to amend this work in a non-partisan spirit, for both the Republican and Democratic parties are historically and on principle opposed to a tariff on raw materials.

GRAVE PERIL IN COMMISSIONS

Meaning of the Goethals-Denman Dispute—Money Needed Elsewhere Going for Special Investigations

WASHINGTON, May 28.—THERE is good reason to believe that President Wilson is having trouble with some of his numerous boards and commissions. Congress was never overzealous in the creation of numerous auxiliary branches of the Government service.

Goethals and the Shipping Board

The Shipping Board is one of the President's best creations. Congress hesitated a long while before launching it upon a career for good or ill. There were members of Congress who did not believe in a detached Shipping Board, and some of them were suspicious of the plan under which the present one was to be organized.

And we are to have more advice on the food question. The Department of Agriculture was given about \$25,000,000 last year to keep in touch with the food problem, to make demonstrations, investigations and all that sort of thing.

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THE NIGHTMARE OF CHICAGO
DRESSED in a little brief authority, most ignorant of what he's most assured, his glassy essence like an angry ape, Mayor Thompson, of Chicago, follows up his opposition to the visit of the French envoys by denying to Liberty Bond salesmen the right to solicit subscriptions in the City Hall where he is installed.

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Tom Daly's Column

THE VETERAN MARCHING ALONE
When the Post turns out tomorrow
Let them count me among the absent,
Let them reckon me ill in bed,
Yet pallid shall be my marching
And holy the ground I tread.

I have vaulted too long my valor
And the valor of other men;
But the wisdom my years denied me—
My three score years and ten—
The dream of a night has supplied me;
I never shall march again!

For this was the sleep-swept vision
That came to me in my bed;
I was dead; I had passed in battle
And my warrior soul had fled
To the field of the last great master,
The Mtuwaa of the dead.

I was one of the countless millions,
The heroes of many lands;
Pale spirits who stood in silence
Awaiting the Lord's commands,
The unquished like to the victors
With drooping palms in their hands.

Then a great voice swept above us,
And it unvoiced us like a wind,
Crying, "Ye who have suffered in battle
And given to help your kind,
Ye shall find the greater before ye
And the lesser giveth behind!"

Then I looked behind and about me
And rejoiced that my rank was good;
Far back as my gaze could fathom
Was a knightly brotherhood,
Then I turned to the ranks before me,
Where the greatest of givers stood.

And lo! where the clouds of glory
Encompassed the God of War,
There were numberless legions of women
All standing His throne before,
And each in her own arms lifted
A living child up to!

When the Post turns out tomorrow
To honor our martial dead,
Let them count me among the absent,
Let them reckon me ill in bed;
Yet gallant shall be my marching
And holy the ground I tread.

Why should we not, for a change,
twine a memorial bouquet or two for the heroines and let the fifes and drums march up and down the adjoining columns, with only the echoes of their martial noise filtering in here?

AMERICA'S RESPONSIBILITY
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THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

America's Responsibility—Censorship—Pictures of Marines

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INSULT TO NEWSPAPER MEN
To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir—Interviewed by James M. Bennett, of the Evening Ledger, today, George Creel, of the Government public information bureau, said:

PICTURES OF MARINES
To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir—The pictures of United States Marines used in the Pictorial Section of the Evening Ledger of May 19, captioned "First Exclusive Photographs Taken Inside Navy Yard Since Beginning of War," the picture of "Happy Crowd at the Navy Yard Snapped Just After Dismissal From Drill," appearing on another page of the same edition, and the picture of marines appearing in the upper right-hand corner of the Pictorial Section of your edition of May 18 have just come to my attention.

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What Do You Know?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. What system of naming the ships of the destroyer fleet is employed by the United States?
2. What is bougainvillea and after whom is it named?
3. Many believe that the excessive wordiness of legal documents is due to the entire desire to prevent any possible misinterpretation of meaning. This is not actually the case. What is the real reason for such verbosity?

- 4. What is an obit?
5. What is a savor?
6. Which one of the two famous William Pitts was known as "the friend of America"?
7. Where did the poet Walt Whitman live during the last years of his life?
8. The expression "reveals that the word 'france' spelled in cooling drink means 'france.' What is its true significance?"
9. What American general was known as "Little Mac"?
10. Frederick the Great considered Germany a place of his native one did he prefer to live?

- 1. William Denman is chairman of the United States Shipping Board.
2. The Cherokee Strip was a large section of land extending along the entire northern border of Indian Territory and was the site of the Indian land cessions of 1892. Later the Cherokee Strip was sold to the United States and the land was incorporated in the new State of Oklahoma.
3. A philatelist is one who makes a hobby of collecting postage stamps. The word is of Greek origin.
4. Using is capital of the Italian province of Trentino. It was the site of the battle of 1847, fought near the Moravian town where Napoleon defeated the Austrians and Russians. The phrase is now used metaphorically to describe the readiness of a victor.

- 5. "The sun of Austria" shone on the great battle of 1866, fought near the Moravian town where Napoleon defeated the Austrians and Russians. The phrase is now used metaphorically to describe the readiness of a victor.
6. Anatole France is the pen name of a distinguished writer of contemporary France. His works are chiefly in the vein of delicate irony. His real name is Anatole Louis.
7. The port of Colon, Panama, is named after Christopher Columbus.
8. Andrew Jackson received the highest number of electoral votes for President in 1829, but failed to win a majority. He was defeated by John Quincy Adams, who was elected President. He served a second term and was a powerful political influence in the early years of the Republic.
9. Rio Janeiro is Portuguese for "January River," the early explorers of Brazil named the city after the month of their discovery. It is the present capital of the State of Rio de Janeiro.
10. Liallach, an objective of the Italian advance, is a town in the Austrian province of Carinthia and lies north of Udine. It is said that the capture of Liallach would open the way to Vienna.

John G. Johnson
J. M.—The late John G. Johnson studied law in the office of Benjamin and Murray Rush and Power, Wallace & Judson, Philadelphia.

"MOVE OVER"
"Move over! Ye hard-hittin' sons of King George.
Move over! You heroes of France,
Make room for the legions of old Uncle Sam.
We've been waitin' two years for the chance.

"In spirit we've been by your side right along.
'Cause we never were keen for the Hun,
Now we've joined, we'll keep scrappin' with you to the end.
And back up your pify with a gun.

"Hey! Little ole Belgium we'll take the right flank!
We'll get back your homeland for you.
For the Star Spangled Banner in glory shall wave,
Backed by a million or two.

"Put it there, brother Serb, you're a hard fightin' kid.
Will we muss up the Bulgars a bit?
Come on, brother Russian; let's jam the line hard.
And show Kaiser Bill he ain't IT.