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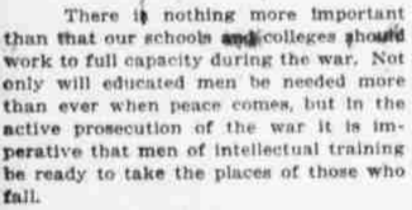
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Max Eastman calls America "Prussianized." It certainly would become so were some of our alleged "pacifists" allowed to run the country.

The kind of hatred which "Billy" Sunday seems to be preaching, in an excess of patriotism, is not going to do our enemies any harm or ourselves any good. Self-control is a mighty fine asset for any country.

The Russian army appeals to the Provisional government not to let the army become manure for foreign fields. One thing lovers of liberty in this continent discovered generations ago, and that was that men who want liberty would have to fight for it.

There is nothing more important than that our schools and colleges should work to full capacity during the war. Not only will educated men be needed more than ever when peace comes, but in the active prosecution of the war it is imperative that men of intellectual training be ready to take the places of those who fall.

It is becoming daily more evident that China's abatement from the war was in no sense based on pacifist principles. The vast Oriental Republic is contending with enough internal belligerency to excuse her for a while from taking up arms against Germany.

The authoritative and respected position which John Spargo has long held in the ranks of the Socialist party deeply accentuates the significance of his formal retirement from that organization. He has accused his old political associates of being un-American and pro-German.

Read in a publication that "a giant is always a giant, and it needs no critical yardstick to know that the days of giants are not upon us now," and the chances are ten to one that the driving force behind the utterance is an intellectual runt who is so busy patting himself on the back that he has not had time to know what real men about him are doing.

Reports from Germany show that no stone is being left unturned to make the Socialists' Stockholm peace convention the silencer of the Russian guns pounding on the Riga front. The Chancellor declares that Germany "wants no increase of territory," but he adds a suspicious proviso that "Germany wants the guarantee necessary for future defense and self-protection."

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THE WAR IN WASHINGTON

House Fights the Senate and Congress Disagrees With the President—Muddle Over Appropriations

Special Correspondence Evening Ledger
WASHINGTON, June 2.
The President's food bill came in for a lively drubbing in both Senate and House this week.

THE DRUMMING GUNS THAT HAVE NO SOUND

Russian artillery today began a vigorous bombardment of the German positions on the Riga front, ending the virtual armistice with preparations for heavy assault.—Dispatch from Petrograd.

A Come-Down in Figures

The House scrutiny of the first big food control bill in a significant revision of figures. Originally the Secretary of Agriculture had asked for \$25,000,000, in addition to existing appropriations for the employment of inspectors and other personnel.

The sweeping changes which the Senate Committee on Finance has been making in the bill threaten to prolong the session of Congress. The House Committee on Ways and Means made up its mind to pass the bill under the impression that the Senate might do the same.

AUSTRIA IN MELTING MOOD

WHERE is that infuriated Austria whose imperious thunder against little Serbia set the world aflame in 1914? "Whoever," declares the Emperor Karl, "wishes to open better and more human relations will certainly find our side ready in a conciliatory spirit."

EXCUSES THAT DON'T EXCUSE

The elimination of the much-discussed "Question No. 12" from the registration card will relieve many honest and patriotic men of a lot of unnecessary introspection and quibbling exactitude in phrasing an answer and will take the wind out of the sails of horn bladders.

BRINGING BUSINESS TO TOWN

PHILADELPHIA wool dealers have set an example of progressiveness which every business man in the city should think seriously about. It contains a suggestion which might be adopted in other lines of business.

By organizing a wool auction the wool men have opened possibilities of bringing wool business amounting to between \$60,000,000 and \$75,000,000 to Philadelphia, over and above the \$12,000,000 worth of business being done annually now.

The greater part of the remaining 100,000,000 or 125,000,000 pounds used here has been bought from Boston. The wool men realize that this big bulk of business is legitimate business for Philadelphia, and have started the wool auction to bring it to Philadelphia.

The auction here is copied after the London Colonial Auction, which has done so much for the sheep-raising industry in the British colonies, and it is sincerely hoped that it will strengthen the industry in the United States.

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Tom Daly's Column

THE VILLAGE POET
(For Miss Betty Koth.)
Whenever it's a Saturday, the first in leafy June,
The little birds have news of it and sing a special tune.

The little breezes twirl the leaves and whippers in the grass,
And hide behind the lilac bush and wait to see her pass.

The tiny brook that hurries so at other times, today
An eager but unhidden guest is lingering on its way.

To glimpse the pleasant pageantry so shortly to occur
Because, because of her.

And now the sun, the summer sun, whose gift is best of all,
Has laid his golden fingertips upon the garden wall;

Has lifted up his gentle face, with eager-ness aflame
To kiss the lass he loves so well, so soon to change her name,

So soon to take the hand of Him whose heart-strings proudly stir
Because, because of Her.

Whenever it's a Saturday, the first in leafy June,
In after years still may the birds strike up a merry tune;

Still may the brook and breezes sing with joy to see them pass,
Still may the sun deal kindly with this loving lad and lass;

And Age be kind, but long, oh, long, your dividends defer,
Because of Him and Her.

HORSE SHOW WEEK gets by with much less attention than it was wont to win in old days, but the old days were peace days, and besides we were younger.

When all sources of natural wealth are publicly owned and administered by a government which is absolutely and quickly responsible to the voters (male and female) we shall have something very like socialism.

ELLIOTT BREWER took his four-year-old daughter to Atlantic City for the first time the other day, and the minute she set foot upon the Boardwalk she exclaimed: "Why are all the papas and mammas in the baby coaches?"

H. B. R. reports that a gentleman of dark complexion spotted strangely with white called at his home in Trenton recently and left this card:

B. H. RHOADES
ROOF PAINTING
Mill Whitening Counsel Mining
Water Painting

And Hazel Nut discovered this running loose in an evening contemporary:
COLLIE DOG, 8 months old, thoroughbred, for sale. Home evenings.

THE LAST PLACE that one would pick as the repository for a bit of information exciting enough for mention in these perilous times is N. W. Ayer & Son's Newspaper Annual and Directory; and yet there, among the periodicals published at Norfolk, Virginia, we find:

Man of Warman—A. Cruz Editor.
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THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Poverty in Spite of the Need of Labor—Socialism and Religion

This Department is free to all readers who wish to express their opinions on subjects of current interest. It is an open forum and the Evening Ledger assumes no responsibility for the views of its correspondents. Letters must be signed by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

SOCIALISM AS A RELIGION

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir—In your editorial entitled "The Prussian Acid in Socialism" the intimation is conveyed that there are enough Socialists in America to make trouble should they fall under the influence of bad examples set by Europe.

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What Do You Know?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. Nicotene is named after Jean Nicot, French diplomat who introduced tobacco into France. His dates are 1530-1600.

- 2. "Fay Romano" is Latin for "Roman Peace" and refers specifically to the 200 years of the Christian era, during which period the civilized world, from the Roman dominion, was without great wars.

- 3. James Elliker, who is commemorated in the Mexican city of Queretaro, was a street fighter between Sixth and Seventh Streets at the site of the old Church of St. Peter's. He was a celebrated boxer and his "Gómez" and "Tyne" were his masterpieces of their unique kind.

- 4. Hilo is the second city in the United States in population. It is situated on the harbor on the large island of Hawaii. The population of Hilo in 1910 was 22,000.

- 5. Herman Melville, in his old age, furnished the inspiration for Oliver Wendell Holmes' poem, "The Last Leaf," which was published in the Boston Herald in 1905. Melville was a writer in whose work fiction and fact were blended.

- 6. George Canning was the British statesman who was the first to introduce the Monroe Doctrine at the time of the Louisiana Purchase.

- 7. The word "Argentine" means "silver" and is associated with the Plata River, which flows into the Atlantic Ocean. The name of the great South American country is derived from the land which is called the Plata Basin.

- 8. The full name of Grover Cleveland was Grover Cleveland Tolson. He was the Stephen early in his public career.

- 9. The Emperor Maximilian was executed by the Mexicans in 1867. He was the son of Maximilian I, King of Mexico.

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