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THE WAR, THE LOAN AND THE SLACKERS

There are men who blind themselves with piteous fictions in this prodigious epoch when humanity struggles for a new birth, fighting to break the shackles of the past and leap into a new and prophesied era.

Not the least of Colonel Roosevelt's triumphs was his stirring victory over the calm of a Philadelphia Sunday. A sure way to avoid becoming a bondsman under German tyranny is to be a bond man under American freedom.

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Arthur J. Balfour has long been celebrated as a master of subtle irony, as a polished exponent of disillusionment, but his declaration that he was more kindly treated in America than any man ever was before rings clear with all the straightforward enthusiasm of a school-boy.

The Bureau of Fisheries' recommendation of whale steak as a war diet ought to awaken some lively gastronomical memories among the old-timers of New Bedford.

Why, then, do little men whine and fret and question the righteousness of our being in the war? Why do some of them hold back, not only their lives, but their money, and permit themselves to be guided by trivial fault-finders in the face of the most mighty upheaval of human beings a recorded era or generation has ever known?

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thinking and brazen ignorance which contaminate certain types of people. The nation is asking no favors. It has for sale negotiable instruments worth dollar for dollar what is paid for them. The returns are dedicated to a holy purpose. Every cent goes for the defense of American homes, even though the battles in such defense be fought on the red fields of Flanders or in the sullen waters of the North Sea.

THIS first loan is going to be overabundant. Men and women who take part in it will hand the record down with conscious pride, from generation unto generation, a ribbon of honor and a badge of recognition.

Wilson's message to Russia gives those poets who still wonder "why we went to war" but one rating: They are pro-Germans.

The dust of German masonry on the Ypres salient leaves little doubt of the "concrete results" of Haig's terrific mining operation.

The happy absence of U-boats in the Pacific Ocean justifies its name in a way unforeseen by Balboa when he christened that vast body of water.

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The decision of the Ulster Unionist Council to send delegates to the forthcoming Irish convention is encouraging news. When men from Cork and men from Belfast meet to settle the fate of their "most distressed country" historical precedents will certainly be shattered; but it is just such destruction of political obstacles that will free the Emerald Isle.

Another Cabinet shake-up in Spain exemplifies the uneasy condition in a land whose neutrality is constantly rewarded by submarine outrages. The mild Prieto ministry, which has now resigned, came into power when the sharp protests against U-boat piracy uttered by the Romanones Government almost threatened war.

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FEATS OF OUR SEA-SOLDIERS

Marines Have Seen More Real Fighting Than Men in Any Other Service

IF THERE can be any such thing as an aristocracy in this smothering country, it is the marines corps. For the only aristocracy in America that doesn't seem to get itself laughed at is made up of the men who do things and keep on doing them. And the American marines have kept on doing so many things as well as they can be done that to be a marine is to belong to an order of chivalry.

Chivalry suggests horses, and horses in connection with service at sea recalls that ancient jibe about "horse marines." But it is a fact that the modern marine does have to handle horses at times, since he is trained for field artillery service, as well as all the other equipment of a sailor, sharpshooter, engineer, mine-layer, range-finder, scout, artilleryman and telegrapher all rolled into one.

His Exceptional "Good Luck" Yet his career is really a typical marine's career. What has happened to him a score of times happens to every marine once or twice. Only in his case, as the marines say, there has been exceptional "good luck." In no other service, American or foreign, could a man have piled up such a record as this one of Butler's.

In April, 1895, he got the document which placed him in the roll of the marine corps as a junior commissioned officer. A few months later he was among the 600 marines, led by McCalla, who landed at Guantanamo, Cuba, where for three days he received his baptism of fire.

Butler crawled over to his comrade. With their belts and strips of cloth they tied their wounded legs together, so that the united left and right formed a crutch for both of them. Thus, hobbling along on their sound legs, they made their way to the nearest field hospital.

Served as Spy in Mexico This, it would seem, would have been enough good luck even for an American marine. But Butler's career had only begun. In Nicaragua he led a column of marines through rebel forces which had been besieging the American College for Girls near Managua, where scores of young women, natives of the United States, were quartered.

The young woman across the aisle from us was telling her companion about a patriotic luncheon she was going to give on the morrow. "My dear, it may seem in one way extravagant, in these trying times, to spend so much for a social club luncheon, and Lucy, who is always saying things just to be mean and not to really help—you know her kind—thought we ought to take the money and give it to the Red Cross instead; but since the luncheon was to be at my house this time I had the say, so I fixed it by promising that all the decorations and everything would be extra patriotic. Don't you think that was a splendid idea? Yes, and I'm going to make lemon snow tonight, and I do hope it won't be like the last time, because the red ants got into it."

That wasn't all of it, but it was enough to make us go up into the smoking car, where we composed this little personal: If Young Lady who fears visit of red ants to her lemon snow will be so kind to paint every second ant white and every third one blue she will achieve a more patriotic object, and as the ants will get rid of two-thirds of her snow.

Tom Daly's Column

THE MARINE In assorted shades of green You have painted The Marine, And a deal of yarns about him you've been spinning;

"Back of Freedom's earliest glimmer, When the night was never dimmer, And before the light of hope upon the mountain top was shed, There were men whose steel flashed splendid."

When the ships of Jones and Barry Rallied only forth to harry And to take the proudest vanquishers of the British navy's might, When that most belov'd commander To the foe's demand "Surrender!" Made his lion-hearted answer, "We have just begun to fight!"

Out of iron ships were followed, In the leaping years that followed, And they've changed the style of fighting, But they haven't changed the men; Shall we, first of Yankee yeomen To repel those ancient foemen, Let an ocean stay our vengeance, if it falls in their path?

THE OLDEST and the finest specimen of Styx japonica in this neck of the woods is in full bloom at this moment in the old Germantown garden where it was planted by the late Dr. Daniel H. Briggs.

THE CAUSE OF PRISON RIOTS "Father of the Honor System" Describes Some Jail Experiences

By EDWARD MORRELL Mr. Morrell is the father of the "Honor System" in prison work. He is the "original" of Jack London's "War, Peace and Liberty" and "The Man" and was at one time a member of a band of California train robbers.

I HAVE been asked by many serious-minded persons here in Philadelphia who are interested in the prison movement, and no doubt anxious workers for better conditions in our correctional institutions, especially along the line of the new idea for State prison farms and the introduction of the honor system, to explain or give some opinion upon the causes underlying the trouble, riots and prison mutinies at the Joliet Penitentiary in Illinois.

The Mess Hall "For some time there have been reports of lax discipline at the prison, and conditions were the subject of a recent investigation by a legislative committee." Note this point: "At 7 o'clock, breakfast time today, dishes were buried at the guards, tables overturned and the convicts surged into the grounds shouting and making threats. They grabbed what missiles and weapons they could, and at 10 o'clock they set fire to the prison buildings."

THE STRAIT-JACKET DUNGEONS were full of capacity. Stabbings and killings were common symptoms of the internal troubles at that vast institution. Humans and public-spirited citizens protested, and complaints were even registered with the Governor of the State.



THE FINGER OF SCORN

What Do You Know? QUIZ 1. What great literary genius was born on this day? 2. When was the nearest approach to a "movie" made? By whom? 3. What year of the Japanese era is this? 4. What was the approximate cost of the Panama Canal? 5. Who edited and what was the first issue of "The Atlantic Monthly"? 6. Where did the phrase "Almighty Dollar" originate? 7. Who was the "red shirt hero"? 8. What race killed its male children? 9. What is the derivation of "Amen"? 10. What is "a mensa et thoro"?

ANSWERS TO SATURDAY'S QUIZ

1. On December 24, 1809, a cliff on the shore of the city of Amalfi in the Kingdom of Naples, Italy, slid into the sea, carrying an ancient cathedral, monastery and other buildings with it. 2. Amalfi was the only or alloy of any metal called "silver" or amalgam filling is one in which silver and mercury are combined. 3. The Amazon drainage basin has an area of 2,300,000 square miles.

AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY

Austria and Hungary (or, as in international relations they are officially called, the Austro-Hungarian monarchy) are two States, the Austrian Empire and the Hungarian Kingdom. The relation between the two States in its present form was fully regulated by the so-called compromise of 1867. According to this agreement, the two States are perfectly independent of each other, possessing each its own constitution, its legislative power and its executive departments for most branches of State affairs.

While we are buying islands why not purchase La Gobernadora in the Pacific Ocean, 100 miles from the Panama Canal and five miles long, well watered, and for sale. It is not claimed by the jurisdiction of any Government and is a very fine island. Write to the Parisian Lady, Los Angeles, California.