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LITTLE ITALY'S LEADERS

WE OBSERVED recently that the Italian Reconstruction Committee, while attempting to put an end to the leadership of Mr. Baldi in social affairs, would do well to strike at the root of the evil...

They are happy to read an accurate summary of conditions in Little Italy. But they cannot understand your forecast that "Mr. Vare will have another lieutenant to get out the immigrant vote" after Mr. Baldi has been deposed.

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VICE AND SERVICE

THERE is something in the contrast between two "trials" held in this city this week which should make a man think. In the Eleventh and Winter streets police station thirteen young women faced a magistrate.

Uncle Sam is indeed the doctor now. He's putting the draft numbers in capsules.

Barricaded Chestnut street and war-torn Verduin can unite in a common slogan this summer. "They shall not pass" fills the bill.

THE CLINK OF A DRINK

THE clink of the ice in the pitcher the boy brings up the hall" prompted Eugene Field to lyric rhapsody.

"SING" MEETINGS IN WARTIME

Martial Melodies Should Be the Rule for Community Assemblages

THE schoolma'am spirit—the spirit that wants the bright and swift-witted hearts of life to follow schoolma'am-made rules—is not absent from all the recent journalistic paragraphs about the war and music.

WHAT A SPECTACLE!

THE storage plants are groaning with capacity loads of food. The crops everywhere appear to promise fulfillment of our dearest expectations.

Yet out of the meliorism of war and the horrors of the Belgium invasion rose one man, hitherto unknown, who went about his task of relief, brought order out of chaos, revived hope in the minds of thousands.

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It may be asked, at this point, what all this has to do with the military spirit. The answer is simple: it has to do with the military spirit.

Whatsoever such acceptance of a drama may mean it should mean much, drama having been built on religious ceremony originally, the fact is plain that community singing, in these red days, should not be permitted to lapse into the merely tuneful and innocuous.

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When we say the immigrant vote is controlled by bosses, we say also that the votes of many thousands of native Americans are controlled by bosses.

ATTACKING KIEL

It is explained by Secretary Daniels that Kiel has not been attacked or German waters invaded by the tremendous naval power possessed by Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United States.

Tom Dalry's Column

THE BALLAD OF CASTLE-RED
Theodoric, lord of Castle-Red,
Halls and chambers of leveled story;

Yet something, whispering soft, has said:
'Thous hast chests of agate and bratted pearl'
In the splendor and flare of Castle-Red,
But hast thou the milk-limbed, Holy Girl?

Theodoric, lord of Castle-Red,
Girt with thy band of valiant bowmen;
Swift was the tread of them that fled
In a wrath of war, thy Joemen.

For not for naught the wind's cry pled:
'Thy riches hang by a shadowy curl
(Ah, great one and golden of Castle-Red!)
Of love, the dawn-eyed, the Holy Girl?'
—CHRISTOPHER.

OF all the pictures of Sir Edward Carson that we have seen in the public prints the one that pleased us most was one published last eve, in the most contempt of our eye, contempts. It gave him a lovely cauliflower ear.

REID, JAMES A., as Senator from Missouri.
Food control: 4857, 4974, 4375, 4376, 4377, 4378, 4379, 4380, 4381, 4382, 4383, 4384, 4385, 4386, 4387, 4388, 4389, 4390, 4391, 4392, 4393, 4394, 4395, 4396, 4397, 4398, 4399, 4400, 4401, 4402, 4403, 4404, 4405, 4406, 4407, 4408, 4409, 4410, 4411, 4412, 4413, 4414, 4415, 4416, 4417, 4418, 4419, 4420, 4421, 4422, 4423, 4424, 4425, 4426, 4427, 4428, 4429, 4430, 4431, 4432, 4433, 4434, 4435, 4436, 4437, 4438, 4439, 4440, 4441, 4442, 4443, 4444, 4445, 4446, 4447, 4448, 4449, 4450, 4451, 4452, 4453, 4454, 4455, 4456, 4457, 4458, 4459, 4460, 4461, 4462, 4463, 4464, 4465, 4466, 4467, 4468, 4469, 4470, 4471, 4472, 4473, 4474, 4475, 4476, 4477, 4478, 4479, 4480, 4481, 4482, 4483, 4484, 4485, 4486, 4487, 4488, 4489, 4490, 4491, 4492, 4493, 4494, 4495, 4496, 4497, 4498, 4499, 4500, 4501, 4502, 4503, 4504, 4505, 4506, 4507, 4508, 4509, 4510, 4511, 4512, 4513, 4514, 4515, 4516, 4517, 4518, 4519, 4520, 4521, 4522, 4523, 4524, 4525, 4526, 4527, 4528, 4529, 4530, 4531, 4532, 4533, 4534, 4535, 4536, 4537, 4538, 4539, 4540, 4541, 4542, 4543, 4544, 4545, 4546, 4547, 4548, 4549, 4550, 4551, 4552, 4553, 4554, 4555, 4556, 4557, 4558, 4559, 4560, 4561, 4562, 4563, 4564, 4565, 4566, 4567, 4568, 4569, 4570, 4571, 4572, 4573, 4574, 4575, 4576, 4577, 4578, 4579, 4580, 4581, 4582, 4583, 4584, 4585, 4586, 4587, 4588, 4589, 4590, 4591, 4592, 4593, 4594, 4595, 4596, 4597, 4598, 4599, 4600, 4601, 4602, 4603, 4604, 4605, 4606, 4607, 4608, 4609, 4610, 4611, 4612, 4613, 4614, 4615, 4616, 4617, 4618, 4619, 4620, 4621, 4622, 4623, 4624, 4625, 4626, 4627, 4628, 4629, 4630, 4631, 4632, 4633, 4634, 4635, 4636, 4637, 4638, 4639, 4640, 4641, 4642, 4643, 4644, 4645, 4646, 4647, 4648, 4649, 4650, 4651, 4652, 4653, 4654, 4655, 4656, 4657, 4658, 4659, 4660, 4661, 4662, 4663, 4664, 4665, 4666, 4667, 4668, 4669, 4670, 4671, 4672, 4673, 4674, 4675, 4676, 4677, 4678, 4679, 4680, 4681, 4682, 4683, 4684, 4685, 4686, 4687, 4688, 4689, 4690, 4691, 4692, 4693, 4694, 4695, 4696, 4697, 4698, 4699, 4700, 4701, 4702, 4703, 4704, 4705, 4706, 4707, 4708, 4709, 4710, 4711, 4712, 4713, 4714, 4715, 4716, 4717, 4718, 4719, 4720, 4721, 4722, 4723, 4724, 4725, 4726, 4727, 4728, 4729, 4730, 4731, 4732, 4733, 4734, 4735, 4736, 4737, 4738, 4739, 4740, 4741, 4742, 4743, 4744, 4745, 4746, 4747, 4748, 4749, 4750, 4751, 4752, 4753, 4754, 4755, 4756, 4757, 4758, 4759, 4760, 4761, 4762, 4763, 4764, 4765, 4766, 4767, 4768, 4769, 4770, 4771, 4772, 4773, 4774, 4775, 4776, 4777, 4778, 4779, 4780, 4781, 4782, 4783, 4784, 4785, 4786, 4787, 4788, 4789, 4790, 4791, 4792, 4793, 4794, 4795, 4796, 4797, 4798, 4799, 4800, 4801, 4802, 4803, 4804, 4805, 4806, 4807, 4808, 4809, 4810, 4811, 4812, 4813, 4814, 4815, 4816, 4817, 4818, 4819, 4820, 4821, 4822, 4823, 4824, 4825, 4826, 4827, 4828, 4829, 4830, 4831, 4832, 4833, 4834, 4835, 4836, 4837, 4838, 4839, 4840, 4841, 4842, 4843, 4844, 4845, 4846, 4847, 4848, 4849, 4850, 4851, 4852, 4853, 4854, 4855, 4856, 4857, 4858, 4859, 4860, 4861, 4862, 4863, 4864, 4865, 4866, 4867, 4868, 4869, 4870, 4871, 4872, 4873, 4874, 4875, 4876, 4877, 4878, 4879, 4880, 4881, 4882, 4883, 4884, 4885, 4886, 4887, 4888, 4889, 4890, 4891, 4892, 4893, 4894, 4895, 4896, 4897, 4898, 4899, 4900, 4901, 4902, 4903, 4904, 4905, 4906, 4907, 4908, 4909, 4910, 4911, 4912, 4913, 4914, 4915, 4916, 4917, 4918, 4919, 4920, 4921, 4922, 4923, 4924, 4925, 4926, 4927, 4928, 4929, 4930, 4931, 4932, 4933, 4934, 4935, 4936, 4937, 4938, 4939, 4940, 4941, 4942, 4943, 4944, 4945, 4946, 4947, 4948, 4949, 4950, 4951, 4952, 4953, 4954, 4955, 4956, 4957, 4958, 4959, 4960, 4961, 4962, 4963, 4964, 4965, 4966, 4967, 4968, 4969, 4970, 4971, 4972, 4973, 4974, 4975, 4976, 4977, 4978, 4979, 4980, 4981, 4982, 4983, 4984, 4985, 4986, 4987, 4988, 4989, 4990, 4991, 4992, 4993, 4994, 4995, 4996, 4997, 4998, 4999, 5000.

HENRY F. MICHELL thought all this cherry pie we could eat at luncheon at the Northfield Golf Club on Tuesday, whereupon we went forth and properly licked H. Michell and L. Horstmann, with some slight assistance from our partner, F. Sommer.

CHERRY PIE
Oh, cherry pie, you're just what I need!
Let me eat you up, you're just what I need!
And all the red heart dripping sweet
With luscious raspberry.

Following and it comes to us through the courtesy of W. U. is the title page of a book of 353 pages printed by one B. Franklin in 1748:

THE American Instructor: Or, Young Man's Best Companion. Containing Spelling, Reading, Writing and Arithmetick, in a familiar Way than any yet published; and how to qualify a young Tradesman and Apprentice, without the Help of a Master. Instructions to write Variety of Hands, with Copies both in Prose and Verse. How to write Letters, or Letters how to Pickle and Preserve; to make divers Sorts of Wine; and many excellent Picklers, and Medicines, necessary in all Families. And also Prayers, or Prayers for Travellers, and Dealers. The whole better adapted to these American Colonies, than any other Book of the like Kind. By George Fisher, Accomplish'd in the Ninth Edition, Revised and Corrected. Philadelphia: Printed by B. Franklin and D. Hall, at the New-Printing-Office, in Market-Street, 1748.

But What Could They Exchange?
Possibly we're on the wrong track here, but it has always seemed to us that there are enough of these fellows in the world to form the club referred to in this paragraph from an eve, contempt.

DIGGING OUT THE BOCHES

Hindenburg Line Built Like Ancient Fortress, Whose Defenders Fought Like Trapped Rats

By HENRI BAZIN

IF YOU have not read an ancient book, the "History of the Boche" by Voltaire-Duc entitled "The History of a Fortress," buy it. I pray you, in its English translation, or better still, if you can so read, in its original French. It's a clear, interesting and well-balanced little story telling the siege tale upon a Middle Ages castle.

That famous Hindenburg line is broken. But behind it the Boche has constructed a second defense line, and the one he has compared to the first barricade within the castle walls of Vollette-Duc. Like it, it is semicircular in form, but instead of being built along a crest of hills, it is built in an area as sure to fall as a barbed wire fence, for it is as hastily constructed and as ill prepared to stand the battering ram of Anglo-French artillery as its ancient predecessor was to stand the battering ram manipulated by human strength.

Where Will the Dungeon Be?
Where will that dungeon be? In Belgium or in Boheland? Wherever it is, it is coming, the day when the Boche, the Hun, the Barbarian makes his last stand before the armies of right. And I am not at all sure in France who fervently wishes to see the Stars and Stripes at the finish.

It was the wall I am about to describe, constructed with painstaking care before trees were murdered and villages razed; that was the most difficult to demolish, to break through with battering rams of modern gun fire and the armor of France and England. It is pierced fair in several places. I saw two; I have examined their needs, demerol, comparing distance between the logical result of constant hammer of lead and steel upon the line of Siegfried until it crumbled. I can only speak of that portion which I have seen. But I do not doubt it is constructed in the same way all along the line.

What the Trenches Are Like
First, a series of trenches marvelously constructed, which is saying something, for the Boche has trench building down to a science, quite in order since he is par excellence a scientist. A series of trenches in the angular form of a saw's teeth, and...

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Conscription and Volunteers, Complaint About a Dangerous Street Crossing

TO the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir—Knowing that the EVENING LEDGER foremost in Philadelphia for taking an interest in the welfare of the common public, I ask you to give me a column in the last few months I have stood on the corner of Tenth and Arch streets without having a chance to get across over me. But it seems to be that way all the time.

WELCOMING FRANKLIN HOME

MANY of us entertain the notion that great men were not properly appreciated during their lifetime and that they were left to a later generation—say one hundred years hence—to "discover" them. Benjamin Franklin, our great philosopher, statesman and inventor, was a case in point.

CHRISTIANITY AND SOCIALISM

Sir—I would suggest to your correspondent on the subject of Socialism and the Socialist before again rushing into print. Many nasty untruths have been written about the Socialist, but it must be said that the Socialist is a man of faith.

THE BARBARA FRIETCHIE MYTH

Modern Skeptics Inclined to Doubt the Tale as Whittier Told It

By HENRI BAZIN

UP rose old Barbara Frieche, then, bowed with her four-score years and so, the look up the flag the men hurried down.

Research proves that one Barbara Frieche, daughter of a German immigrant to Pennsylvania, was born in Lancaster, Pa., in 1776, and later moved, with her family, to York, Pa., where she died in 1844.

Barbara Frieche, not having any children of her own, reared her brother-in-law's children. Her husband, after making a prosperous shoemaker, died on November 10, 1844, when she was twenty-six years of age and her son was four years old. She survived him thirty-four years, dying on December 18, 1878, aged ninety-three.

What Do You Know?

- 1. What is the first name of General Grant?
2. In what year did the American Revolution break out?
3. How many states were in the original thirteen?
4. What is the name of the largest city in the United States?
5. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?
6. Across what river have the Russians just produced the electric light?
7. Alexander Hamilton was not born in the United States. Where was he born?
8. Who was the first President of the United States?
9. Name the eight planets visible to the naked eye.

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. William Deussen is chairman of the United States Shipbuilding Commission.
2. The name of the largest city in the United States is New York City.
3. The American Revolution broke out in 1776.
4. There were thirteen states in the original thirteen.
5. The Declaration of Independence was written by Thomas Jefferson.
6. The electric light was produced across the River Dnieper.
7. Alexander Hamilton was born in the British Isles.
8. George Washington was the first President of the United States.
9. The eight planets visible to the naked eye are Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.

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