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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 evil of his unpopular spokesmanship, which is his political affiliation with the leaders of the Organization. Mr. Nicola D'Ascenzo thus sums up the opinion of his

They are happy to read an accurate umming up of conditions in Little Italy. But they cannot understand your fore-cast that "Mr. Vare will have another Beutenant to get out the immigrant vote" after Mr. Baldi has been deposed. If this heelers and no one else, it would, we admit, be quite easy for Mr. Vare to name a lieutenant to "run things." Fortunately, however, the personnel of the Italian Reconstruction Committee is of a higher grade. There are lawyers, doctors merchants, manufacturers, presidents of three banks and men of letters. were such prominent Italians banded together in one fight. Do you no believe that the 150,000 Ralians of Phila delphia have only honor and respect for that committee? Do you not believe that the entire Italian population will observe to the very letter whatever that committee recommends? The committee purposely has no chairman because it fears that the American public might consider the chairman as the successor to Chevalier Baldi. There will be no successor to Chevaller Baldi. There will be no "lead-er" of Philadelphia Italians. Is there an Irish leader in Philadelphia, or a German leader, or an Austro-Hungarian leader Why, then, should there be an Italian leader? One word from the Italian Re-construction Committee will put a lasting "crimp" in whatever lieutenant Mr. Vare names as Chevaller Baidi's successor, and similar treatment will be accorded lieutenants named by any other political boss who parleys in the votes of the immigrant.

We cannot praise too much this high minded point of view. The committee entertains a fine faith in the power of intellect and refinement to defeat the power of political greed. Nothing could be better than its refusal to encourage a "hyphenated" Italian leadership. As

like Trainer, and German names, like a better American than many whose

It is apparent, nevertheless, that in the absence of a definite reform leadership in politics, a corrupt leadership is sure to Wards, and in all the other wards, and moral and industrial life of the district as well as into its political life. Every movement must have a leader, whether an organization of pirates or of angels is contemplated. It is the malady of Philadelphia life that our "lawyers, doctors, banks and men of letters" (to quote Mr. ship away from peanut politicians who have neither intellect nor intelligence. The crimp in whatever lieutenant Mr. Vare nent Philadelphians have neglected to take and keep leadership

When we say the immigrant vote is votes of many thousands of native Americans are controlled by bosses. Efforts to educate natives and immigrants in social, tremely successful, but all the good that results is overthrown if political leadership is allowed to pass by default to the

# THE CLINK OF A DRINK

MTHE clink of the ice in the pitcher the boy brings up the hall" prompted Eugene Field to lyric rhapsody. Had the French "pollu" ever heard that soothing tinkle it would have now prompted him to a better understanding of one of the ways of the "Sammee" boys that puzzles him most. From "An American Training Camp in France" comes word that the passion of our troops the spur of any Cabinet title whatever. for huge masses of frigid water has completely, staggered the Gaul's reasoning

queer things, according to home-grown opinion. The Germans of 1870 had a

reckoning. Tommy Atkins cries for "SING" MEETINGS Yorkshire pudding" and other weighty edibles. But puddings and clocks have at least a certain substance. Water, insists the perplexed "poilu"-well, water is just nothing at all.

For purposes of interior consumption it is indeed a last resource in France. After wine, after syrups, after soda, even after the soul-saddening bottled "limon ade," come the too commonplace contents of lakes and rivers. France has never comprehended what drinking water really is, because, for all her epicurean art, she has never known how to prepare America's national drink.

It's up to Sammee to disclose the sehaps the tersest working formula. If Western World may demand a "real drink" without being asked why he doesn't go to Vichy. Royat or Pau and take the "cure."

#### WHAT A SPECTACLE!

THE storage plants are groaning with capacity loads of food. The crops verywhere appear to promise fulfillment of our dearest expectations. Speculators continue to speculate and prices remain, n most cases, at high levels that spell actual suffering for the poor.

Yet out of the maeistrom 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, won by his efficiency the admiration of great governments, was urged to accept official position with almost every belligerent, including Germany, and added to the fame of his native country new luster throughout the world. That man is an American and very properly he has been selected by the President to Troubles." It simply said: "We are in do here what he did abroad-remove loot from the process of feeding this nation and the world, restore prices to a normal hasis, conserve supplies and assure that there will be no unnatural scarcity in food products.

But a Senator says that Mr. Honver never met him at a political convention. So the food-control bill had to be held up and the nation be humiliated by long-winded debate in Congress instead of action. If Mr. Hoover is not to be trusted, who under the high arch of tually all the affair amounted to. But its heaven is? If Mr. Hoover is not com petent to perform the task set, where on all the earth is there a man who is competent? There is no answer, but Ameri cans must blush with shame when they see this man's character traduced and his good name attacked simply because some Senators, long on talk and short on action, do not want his efficiency to get into play.

It is a pity that Uncle Sam is not au thorized to spank some of his children when they are maliciously naughty.

## VICE AND SERVICE

THERE is something in the contrast between two "trials" held in this city think. In the Eleventh and Winter police station thirteen young scorned, laughed at, fined and in almost every case allowed to leave the dirty flashily dressed degenerates obviously supported by the girls' earnings.

In the Misdemennants Branch of the clas Rink this week.) Municipal Court seventeen young women faced Judge Brown. There was no laugh- Philadelphia might mean nothing to solter and the prisoners were questioned with right. Women probation officers took fairly sensible people are found who will charge of them, saw to it that they did not fall immediately into the clutches of for "the transference of thoughts of parasites and will seek to get them honest

knowing our politics as it does, that all the power of peanut politicians has been used in the attempt to have the magistrates' system monopolize this "business"?

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

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

The navy is turning down typists with flat feet. "What about the head?" is a sigh that will probably be forthcoming from the Tired Business Man.

We need no inside information to convince us that the Crown Prince is back on the Verdun front. The brilliant new French victory there tells the story

If our weather bureaucracy is in any way responsible for one of the pleasantest summers on record, there can be no objection to its binding the seasons together with the reddest tape available.

He vehicles have been unenvied, but the new order to the Pennsylvania Railroad that its employes shall yield their seats to paying passengers may move us to call some straphangers lucky dogs, after all.

Smart as the Germans consider themselves, they'll have a tough time getting on to Sir Eric Geddes's curves. Britain's new Lord of the Admiralty, in the days of his residence in America, was a shores of other countries through hardy valued employe of the Baltimore and Ohio.

If the Denman-Goethals friction continues we may at least be spared the pain of lamenting that our merchant marine is built before our sailors are trained. That's pretty clammy comfort, but it's the best in sight in these days of the costly shipbuilding deadlock

Americans who may be inclined to wonder what Sir Edward Carson, as "Minister without Portfolio," can do are invited to consider their own Colonel E. M. House, whose varied and valuable activities for some years have not needed

Germany is said to be preparing for a winter campaign. Concentration by America and the Allies on the victo rious "good old summertime" ought to be made all the easier thereby. There is such a thing as looking too far beyond

# IN WARTIME

Martial Melodies Should Be the Rule for Community Assemblages

THE schoolma'am spirit-the spirit that I wants the bright and swift-beating hearts of life to follow schoolma'am-made rules-is not absent from all the recent journalistic paragraphs about the war and music. "Mass Singing Impossible in "Ice cold and plenty of it" is per- Army, Says Horace Oboe"--"Teach Sammees to Sing Properly, Demands Ynez the French ever succeed in mastering Viola"-these headlines are typical of a that, the time may come when from a sort of kindly meant but utterly futile Paris waiter a thirsty visitor from the emotion apt to spring up among people who are interested in the war, but in no osition to fight.

One commentator complaint that the men whistle in camps a stead of stoning words with the music. Another would turn the military machine of this ountry into a sort of traveling conservafory, forgetting that it is the spontaneity song and whistling that appeals to the gobs" and the "leathernecks" and the doughboys."

Is it not time to stop learned, perhaps fine-hearted, but patronizing "horning in on such themes? And, by the same sign is not the attempt to mold martial opinion a sort of perversion from an ob ject that is really within the acope of the

This month there was a definite exam ple-a "picture," actors would call it-o what can be done in the direction of the rocal impulse. It based itself not on the listinguish between a stretto and a fugue or an actilleryman chant something from Palestring instead of "Pack Up Your Philadelphia. We want to sing. We will And they did.

The pulse of the machine in this case was Albert N. Hoxie. He announced, in the newspapers, that he was going to give a community "sing" in McPherson Square He sent out ten thousand invitations to a gambler, and some other politician this charmingly simple "stunt," freed of cant. Those who came lifted up their voices in songs of personal feeling that best of all, in tunes wrought out of the furnace of country-love. That was vir very simplicity was an earnest of its suc cess. There weren't any long-winder speeches. The "we-have-with-us-tonight" atmosphere was notably and delightfully

> Now every one who was there, and who pumped fresh air into his lungs and fresh inspiration into his brain, is won dering when Philadelphia will have its next open-air "sing."

It may be asked, at this point, what all this has to do with the military spirit True, it hasn't any tangible link with the tunes that come to the lips of American soldiers as they stroll down the Boulevard des Italiens, or the whistled cheer of American ambulance drivers threading Balkan fastnesses in their automobiles this week which should make a man It apparently is a sort of grand parochial endeavor to keep busy in playtime, in a quaint, and eternally likable, and vulwomen faced a magistrate. They were gar way, (Most great music is vulgar, in the original sense of the word, in spite of what carping contrapuntalists say. By and ill-smelling room in the company of the way, Beethoven's Fifth Symphony was the hit of the bill when the New York Civic Orchestra played it at the St. Nich

Virtually, a community "sing" in diers across the ocean. peace." perhaps a tiny plea might made for a parallel in music. Such psychic activities are frowned on by the scientist, laughed at by the intellectual bumpkin. But a fine dramatist once wrote a play in which a man's self-directed willpower swayed the fates of several per sons. Thousands of real persons went to

that play, didn't smile at it; accepted it. Whatever such acceptance of a drama may mean ut should mean much, drama having been built on religious ceremony originally), the fact is plain that com munity singing, in these red days, should not be permitted to lapse into the merely tuneful and innocuous. It ought to take on some of the color of overseas bravery. Blood there should be in it, and muscle and the flexibility of the athletic.

Ten thousand persons chanting "Way Down Upon the Suwanee River" and "Sweet Alice, Ben Bolt" may provide a pictorial and pretty sight. But a mere five thousand, at fortissimo pitch of spirit and voice, singing martial ditties. would give to their smaller performance the gesture of the times, and raise the occasion from one of detached pleasure seeking to the plane of homogeneity with our brothers abroad.

We need not ask in our songs that "God punish Germany." But we can put the spirit of the American war slogan a spirit that has been crystallized into three crisp bits of invective-into them Who knows by what impalpable ways the sound of that cry at home may thread and penetrate the barriers between us and the trenches? It requires no veiled mystic to see that the spiritual flavor of our withdrawn and unmenaced existence may communicate itself past sea and sentiment, tightened and atrengthened by the first means of man's expression-

Let us have war songs at the next

# ATTACKING KIEL

It is explained by Secretary Daniels that Kiei has not been attacked or German waters invaded by the tremendous naval power possessed by Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United States, be-cause to do so would be to undertake a difficult and dangerous job. Secretary Daniels's laconic statement. "Ships can do little or nothing against coast fortifications equipped with fourteen-inch guns," tells the story of the impregnability of our own coasts. This does not signify that all navies coasts. This does not signify that all navies of the seas in combination could not attack the German coast. Even if an entire navy were lost in the efforts, the mere quantity of the attacking force would probably put it over "by main strength and awkwardness." This is a chapter that seems bound to come in case the submarine memore assumes desperate proportions—Capper's Weekly.

### Tom Daly's Column

THE BALLAD OF CASTLE-RED heoderic, lord of Castle-Red, Halls and chambers of jeweled story, Many a head has bent and bled To give thy name its glory.

Pinnace splendor and flambeau flare Wave to thee honor and light thy paces, No kings of the West before thee dare Unveil their faces.

Yet something, whispering soft, has said: "Thou hast chests of agate and braided pearl

the splendor and flare of Castle-Red. But hast thou the milk-limbed, Holy GtrD"

Theoderic, lard of Castle-Red. Girt with thy hand of valiant boumen wift was the tread of them that fled In a wrath of war, thy formen.

nd now in the rufous and hardy walls Of thy vast, inviolate, haughty palace, Thy laughter plitters, thy great wine falls In thy titan chalice,

But a ghost of a dream that hither sped To dance on the carpets thy slaves unfurl. Through the wine and laughter of

Castle-Red, Asks, "Where is the rose-foot, Holy Girl?"

Theoderic, lord of Castle-Red,

The delicate pages, Wrath and Lusting, hough regally hred, shall soon lie dead While the wind in the leaves is gusting, he cry of the Prides, thy charloteers, Shall faint and thy queenling, Hate, be banished.

While thou, O King of the hissing spears, Into dust art vanished.

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 Car son that we have seen in the public prints the one that pleased us most was one published last eye, in the most contemp, of our eve. contemps. It gave him a lovely cauliflower ear.

RICHARD S. FRANCIS, with 72, holds the record for the Merion Cricket Club's east golf course because he did his work in fewer strokes than any one else. Why not send him to Congress? It surely would make for improvement. Here's the sort of record that sticks up like a sore thumb in the current Congressional Record

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HENRY F. MICHELL bought us all he 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. Since all three of these men missed our levely rendeau in praise of our favorite fodder, the least we can do is to reprint it here: CHERRY PIE

Oh, cherry pie! Yum, yum! Oh, gee! Let not the crusts close-wedded be. But puffel and flake, plumped with And all the red heart dripping awest With luscious southers syrupy.

Ah! that's the cherry pin for me! I'll want two "helpin's," maybe three— Who ever sot enough to say. Or cherry pie? What odds if in our dreams we Nightmares and gobline? We agr Though pain usurp joy's earlier No collywobs can quite defeat The gustatory pleasures we

Following (and it comes to us through the courtesy of W. Up.) is the title page of a book of 383 pages printed by one B.

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But What Could They Exchange? Possibly we're on the wrong trac 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. contemp.:

The first floor of the five-story building at 166 North Delaware avenue has been leased to the Butterin Exchange by John H. Sinberg.

It may be that we have been deceived but these strange answers seem natural and withal so new that we are quite prepared to believe our correspondent's assurance that they were recently made by applicants for admission to college:

Sixty gallons make one hedgehos Geometry teaches us how to bisect angels. The Government of England is a limited

mockery.

A mountain range is a large cookstove.

The qualifications of a voter at a school mesting are that he must be the father of a child for eight weeks.

The skeleton is what is left after the insides have been taken off.

Weapons of the Indian—bow, arrow, tomahawk and war-hoop.

"Lovers Plan Elopement in Auto But Fail," said the newspaper headline. Can't elope? Rocky Ford?

"Slave in Retreat." This habit rushin' forward and back agein begins to give us some notion how Keres

# DIGGING OUT THE BOCHES

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

By HENRI BAZIN

Staff Correspondent of the Evening Ledorr in France

PARIS, June 25.
ad an ancient book dentils in a Greek cornice. Behind, a bardenty of the History of tray you, in its Engineer still, if you can French. It's a clear-balanced little story upon a Muddle Age to the first line and half in first in the first instance and half in first in the first instance and half in first instance and half instance and ha IF YOU have not read an ancient book by Violiet-le-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-cut, interesting and well-balanced little story telling the siege tale upon a Middle Age castle. TF YOU have not read full fifth in the first instance and half in the second beyond the regular size. And the communicating trenches were of equal width, but deeper by two feet. Their floors were laid in heavy wood, spaced, so that the rain might filter through. In the first-line trenches, no shelters, no abris, nothing in which the Boche could take shelter under fire. But in the com-

The attacking force begins by making a breach with powerful battering rame in the heavy, high, thick outer walls. The moment after prodigious effort their ram has pierced no abris, nothing in which the Boche could take shelter under fire. But in the communicators and the second, third and fourth line of similar and weaker lines 50 per cent more abris and shelters than usual. They were much deeper, with tunneled passages leading from half the distance between first and second line to the fourth defense and thence to the open. To this point from the line itself was a distance of five to eight kilometers, according to the topography of the ground. Your a hole, they find semicircular barricades of wood confronting them, barricades the de-fenders know will ill resist the ram, yet with the ill resisting, gain time. And when these are demolished and the most crossed. and there still other barricades found, with beyond more still to the castle itself, they hammer away and force the garrison to take final refuge in the dungeons underneath, where they fight to the last, having suc-ceeded only in postponing the inevitable; and dying in the vain hope of re-enforcements from without. For without them they sense their end.

Things have changed since the Middle Ages; but methods are in substance the

That famous Hindenburg line is broken. But behind it the Boche has constructed a second defense that can well be com-pared to the first barricade within the castle walls of Violiet-le-Duc. Like it, it is emicircular in form, but instead of be for it is as hastily constructed and as iii prepared to stand the battering ram of Anglo-French artillery as its ancient predecessor was to stand the battering ram manipulated by human strength. Behind it another will be found. And behind that still another. These will have to be de-stroyed, will be destroyed. And so it will be all the way to the dungeon.

#### Where Will the Dungeon Be?

Where will that dungeon be? In Belgium or in Bocheland? Wherever it in, its day is coming, the day when the Boche, the Hun, the Barbarian makes his last stand before the armies of right. And I am not the only man in France who fervently ishes to see the Stars and Stripes at th

In the sealed book of time its date it written. For the re-enforcements the pow-ers of evil are looking for won't come from submarine murderings.

I have just walked through and about and within that Hindenburg line at two distant points within the French and Engish fronts: As I said, it is broken, an lidly broken. But behind it is and se of defense, welded in sections to ne where unbroken, comparing exactly t the wooden barricades within the fortressed walls of Viollet-le-Duc. And like it, too, it takes the outline of a circle's necment. It's made of earth and barbed wire. It's n evident hasty makeshift.

It was the wall I am about to describe

enstructed with painstaking care before trees were murdered and villages razed, that was the most difficult to demolish, to break through with battering ram of mod rn gun fire and the ardor of France and id. It is pierced fair in severa I saw two; I have examined the ewly demolished state; I have seen the gical result of constant hammer and steel upon the line of Siegfried until it rumbled. I can only speak of that por-ion which I have seen. But I do not constructed in the same all slong the line.

The principle of its building was that of concealing, as much as Boche ingenuity could, the position of batteries and observation posts, and at the same time giving batteries and observation posts a clear field upon four distances—a series of hills, leveled to an equal height, with lesser hills, also of equal height, between They were in part nature's architecture and in part Boche. That an unobstructed view might be had from any of them, every village, house, church, tree, elevation be-fore them for a given distance was razed to an approximate level, save here and there a tree or a bit of natural land that could serve, so to speak, as a lighthouse. Imagine a great wave, with a lot of lesser waves behind it.

First, a series of trenches marvelously the Boche has trench building down science, quite in order since he is pa lience a scientist. A series of trenches the angular form of a saw's teeth, and cellence a scientist.

#### THE VOICE OF that they were the predominant types. The THE PEOPLE

Conscription and Volunteers. Complaint About a Dangerous Street Crossing

CONSCRIPTION AND VOLUNTEER To the Editor of the Evening Ledger.

Sir-In a recent issue you published an editorial, entitled "Beating the Wheel." In this article you mention one man, "A. who is not in favor of war, but who will, of course, go, though half-heartedly, when he is called. The other man, "B," wants to be conscripted and, if he is not, intends to enlist next spring anyhow You assume that these are the predominant types in Philadelphia, and you also say that if "B" wants to be in the army he should enlist. When "conscription," or 'sciective draft," was first proposed your paper indersed it and in one of your editorials said that there were thousands of roung men in Philadelphia ready to serve their country when they were told the method by which they could be of the greatest service. This was one of your argu-ments in favor of the selective draft. And

On another occasion you made some ref-erence to the "selective draft" and called the army which will be raised by that system an "elected" army. That article would lead one to believe that a conscripted man was a patriot worthy of the name, and yet you are now attaching a stigma to conscrip-

it is certainly a fact that the voluntee

system is in error, yet you are now advo

Isn't it true that a conscripted man serving his country better than a volun-teer? The former is allowing himself to be placed where he can be of the greatest serv ice regardless of what that service may be whereas a volunteer is picking out the branch of service that makes the strongest appeal to him, but not necessarily branch where he can be most useful. The "selective draft" is the most demo-

cratic and fairest way of raising an army and it certainly is the most efficient method that could be employed, as 't conserves our industrial forces better than the worn-out volunteer system, and is also the leveling place for all classes.

place for all classes.

These are things that you claimed for conscription when it was first proposed, and if they were true then they are just as surely true now, and no attempt should be made by the press to belittle the squarest system ever adopted by any warring nation.

[No attempt was made to belittle what the Eventus Lenger also believes to be the squarest system, nor were volunteers ever classed as superior to conscripted men by this newspaper. The editorial in question said, "Ferhape they represent two well-known types." It by no means assumed

# THE BARBARA FRIETCHIE MYTH

Modern Skeptics Inclined Doubt the Tale as Whittier Told It

Up rose old Barbara Fristehle, then, blowed with her four-acors years and tea.

So RUNS Whittier's ballad, according So RUNS Whitter's ballad, according to whose lines this ancient dams of preciek, Maryland, set the Union flag in window-sill in defiance of the army of steady and Jackson, who, after it was shot described threatened with a dog's death any ose of the soldiers who would dare to touch his soldiers who would dare to touch hair of the loyal old lady a "gray head."

Although every American schoolbor at generation ago believed in Barbara Pinchie as implicitly as he believed in Generation.

dition gave to her bonor and glory that did not deserve. And as a result of did not deserve. And as a result of the challenge a spirited controversy has been waged in the press.

Research proves that one Barbara Bandaughter of a German immigrant to persylvania, was born in Lancasier, Pa. b. cember 3, 1776, and later moved, with a family, to Frederick. On May 6, 1806, who nearly forty years of age, she married a Caspar Frietchie, fourteen years her junction and the son of a Tory who had, by the laws Maryland, been "hung, drawn and quartered."

Harbara Frietchie, not having any di

Frederick paper at the time of her funer he real Barbara Frietchie had removed that town when a child and had remem the signing of the Declaration of Indese dence, as well as the across of the Revol-tion and the War of 1812.

ore. The swivel opening through which nese muzzles passed was lined with a when the Rebels were expelled from the city on the memorable 12th of Septemble this venerable lady, as a last act of the etal casing. Between the first and second defense the same system, with the guns set exactly be-tween the guns in the first-line trenches. Between the second and third defenses a tion, stood at her front door and waved to glorious Star Spangled Banner in token welcome to our deliverers." like condition again, with the guns again at In the opinion of some authorities quidistances. Had the three lines of nitrailleuses been upon the same front they

post and periscope There were four groups to each sector, Work upon them must have been begun early in 1916, at least. The earth removed used in part for the artificial hills I have referred to.

ing to the topography of the ground. Your Boche is truly a digger within the soil, a miner, a caveman, who likes to burrow for

Tons of Barbed Wire

Before the first line, ten feet away, arbed wire hung on spiral ended iron

stakes, the stakes closer and the wire thicker than I have ever looked upon on this front, with a second and similar de-fense ten feet further away and a third

ten feet further away still. There were tons and tons of wire and tons and tons of stakes; or, rather, the remnants mostly of

here feet six inches high. At regular in-ervals connected with the first line by unnels were mitrallieuse posts. They were

bout twenty feet apart, concealed and

blinded with cement tops, upon which earth and branches had been thrown so that an aviator could hardly detect them. Each

nitrallieuse post contained two guns, emented to a parapet and turntable like he gun on a battleship with a lever, their muzzles just left the soil and no

Those still standing were always

your ill in the dark.

Their muzzles

There was nothing behind. This is proved the state of the ground and the lack of debris. Nothing was ever going to get through, of course. How could it, since it was the genius of Hindenburg?

### The System's Faults

yould have been ten feet apart.

Nevertheless, portions of all four lines of trench and all three lines of wire and iron were in the hands of the polly and the Tommy, having fallen exactly in the man-ner the walls and barricades fell in the tale by Viollet-le-Duc.

Both the ancient and modern fault lay n these defenses being too close together; and allied artillery, moving up, cuts at wi into the virtually undefended territory be-yond. The actual Boche line today beundefended territory be tween Arras and Froidmont Farm iagged, crooked thing that would meas-ure ten times its straight distances between jagged. these two points. In part, it is the orig inal lay-out, and in part the open behind

the entire plan.

And the hammering goes right on. English rest in infantry attack for the nonce, preparing while the guns keep steadily on the job. And, unless I miss my guess, the French front close by takes up the work. Indeed, I believe before this story crosses the sea the line of Wo-Headed and Wooden Statued Siegfried have been pierced in a certain point could name to the second barricade. then later still the English.

for the khaki-clad boys the land of liberty to clean up, to be in at

the death in the dungeon.

Where will that dungeon be? In Beigium or in Bocheland? "Take it from me, it or in Bocheland? "Take it from me, ain't goin' to be in France!"

point made was that of these two types of would-be volunteers, it ften the case that the man who had talked loudest for war was slowest to volunteer and that the man who had been against war was often the first to volunteer.—Editor of the EVENING LEDGER.]

#### A DANGEROUS CROSSING To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

Sir-Knowing that the Evening LEDGER

Sir—Knowing that the Evening Ledger is foremost in Philadelphia for taking an interest in anything for the benefit of the public. I ask you to print this. Many times in the last few months I have stood on the corner of Tenth and Arch streets waiting for an opportunity to get across without having a vehicle or trolley car run over me. But it seems to be in vain.

There is absolutely, no regulation of traffic at this corner, which is every hit as much used by pedestrians as the corner of Sixth and Chestnut streets, where a traffic policeman stands. It seems to me to be just sheer luck that there are not two or three persons hurt there every day. I have seen many a man waste fifteen minutes of his valuable time trying to cross.

Why in heaven's name must we wait until some one is seriously injured or perhaps killed before the notice buses.

why in heaven's name must we wait until some one is seriously injured or perhaps killed before the police bureau makes some move to have accidents avoided on that corner? SAMUEL A. GOBLER Philadelphia. July 12.

# CHRISTIANITY AND SOCIALISM To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—I would suggest to your correspondent, "American on Guard," that he read up on the subject of socialism and the Socialista before again rushing into print.

Many nasty untruths have been written about the Socialists, but it must be said to their eternal credit that they "kept the faith." While ministers of the Church are faith. White ministers of the Church are praying to the God of Battles for victories on the blood-moaked and corpse-strewn battlefields, the Socialista—they who have been victously branded as atheist and anti-Christ—are standing bravely by the fraternal teachings of the Nagarena. teachings of the Nazarene.

Christ proclaimed the gospel of peace ar Christ proclaimed the gospel of peace and good will among men. This gospel is today being upheld by the Socialists, in the awful face of universal war and ill-will among men. Christ proclaimed the spirit of brotherhood; and today the Socialists are striving to keep alive the spirit of brotherhood war-mad world that has foresteen to a war-mad world that has forgotten n the frenzy of slaughter.

Christ denounced the wicked rulers w crushed the souls and sacrificed the lives of crusted the souls and sacrificed the lives of the lowly masses in their ungodly lust for sordid gain and brutal power; today the Socialists are denouncing these same wicked rulers, masters of the murder fest, even as Christ denounced them.

Christ sympathized with the toilers lashed to the chariot of tyranny and driven by the cruel tyrants; today the Socialists plead the cause of the toilers, lashed and driven today as they were in Christ's day and as they have been throughout the terrible, tragic

Christ had the true Socialistic vision; the socialists have the true Christian spirit.

A CHRISTIAN ON GUARD Palladelphia, July 17.

Bravest of all in Frederick town.

chie as implicity as he believed in Garbara Pi chie as implicity as he believed in Garbara Pi Washington, neveral authorities now

Barbara Frietchie, not having any di-dren of her own, reared her brother-in-in-and sister-in-law. Her husband, after sm-ing as a prosperous glovemaker, died in vember 10, 1849, when he was in his ave-tieth year and his widow in her siphy-fourth year. She survived him thirts-years, dying on December 18, 1842, and ninety-six. The alleged flag episods had on curred only three months previously. According to her obltuary, published

"To one thus strangely identified with a prigin and growth of the Republic loyal necessarily became a deep-seated set ment," this obituary went on to relate "so when the Rebuls were expalled."

was the real basis for the story of be taking up the flag that Jackson had order shot down from her window,

According to one Engelbrecht, a Unlesse who became Mayor of Frederick the be-dent described by the Quaker poet her took place. He lived directly across to street from the Frietchie cottage and from his window saw Lee's army pass. Then is also a published denial of the story by San el Tyler, a lawyer, who wrote the biogra phy of Justice Taney. Various others there have published denials based us information alleged to have been obtained from Barbara Frietchie's family and page.

# What Do You Know?

QUIZ What is the first name of General Ca

2. What was the Platt amendment first a relationship of Cuba with the Usin States? 3. In 1784 certain Americans formed the lan of Franklin. Where was this Come-wealth which never received samin from the Federal Government?

What is an apiarist? 5. An aeroplade shed is called a 'barra'.

From what language is this were also
and what is its original meaning Across what river have the Russians Ju-been driven by the re-enforced Austrians 7. Alexander Hamilton was not been in the United States. Where was in born?

8. Who is said to have declared that "the bat the of Waterloo was won on the paring fields of Eton"? 10. Name the eight planets visible to the sale

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz William Denman is chairman of the Usin States Shipping Board and George & Goethals is general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation. Stamboll is the Turkish name for Co

Cockaigne is an imaginary land of the ness and luxur. The word is sometime used in punning reference to the Ceckar district of London. 4. Bavaria is the largest State in the Gen Empire after Prussia. 5. President Menocal is the Chief Executive of Cuba. f. Colcoptera are beetles, with front converted into sheaths.

7. Louis II of Bourbon, Prince of Conds. tealled "The Great Conde." He was tinguished as a general during the to of Louis XIV of France. Conde's are 1621-1680. 8. Delaware was the first State to rath United States Constitution. "Sinn Feln" is Gaelie for "For Ourseles"
 Mark Twain is credited with saying "good and you will be happy, but re won't have a good time."

WELCOMING FRANKLIN HOME ANY of us entertain the not was left to a later generation—our for instance—to "discover" them. R of hitter invectives against Washing penned and spoken by his contemporari a too hasty impression is gained that eighteenth century was slow to place in his niche of fame. But this was the case. Friction there must always among contemporaries, but usually it statesman's own determined character was the contemporaries.

produces the criticism which Time Old Philadelphia seems to have given of its great men more than the usual him due a prophet in his own country. It is jamin Franklin, on his return from I land at the outbreak of the Revolution found a city with open arms. The public dropped anchor in the Delaware on Mar 1775. Franklin, at sixty-eight, had I 1775. Franklin, at sixty-eight, had been home for ten years. In London habeen insulted, called a rebel, was in a apprehension of being thrown into pts His wife had died in the new house a never seen, though it was built accept to his directions. He was told, as he has of Lexington and Concord. But he he the terrible news calmiy and undersa

There must have been some consols for him in walking the streets again. for him in walking the streets again, city had become the recognized metros of the country. At the corner of Fifth Walnut streets he passed the new frailin Inn." the first of many bundred taverus that took his name. The presence city gave a flowery welcome to worthy doctor," and one paper printed rhapsodic culogy of "The Friend of Country and Mankind on His Return Fangland";

England": Welcome once more To these fair western plains, thy native

Here live beloved, and leave the tools at To run their length and finish out t

Here lend thine aid to quench their bru Or fan the flame which liberty Or fix the grand conductor that

guide The tempest back, and 'lectrify' pride: Rewarding Heaven will bless thy

at last. And future glories glorify the past The morning after his arrival the

sembly of Pennsylvania unaniment solved "that Benjamin Franklin." Walling and James Wilson, Secul-and they are hereby, added to its se appointed by this House on the Pennsylvania to attend the Contine