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SHALL MIRACLES CEASE?

A HUNDRED and fifty years ago there was nowhere on the surface of the earth a city of a million people.

The allusions of literature were overwhelmingly agricultural. Provincialism was dominant throughout the earth.

IN 1776 a few plebeians, who had drunk deep of the inspiration flowing from the great mountains and vast distances of the New World, resolved to shatter the bonds that bound them to a system of government and society that had wrecked human progress.

THE sun shines for Europeans as it shines for us. They have the same rains and the same air that we have.

Political liberty seemed to break the barriers that held men's souls in thrall. The cotton gin came to clothe the world, steam harnessed itself to the vehicles of land and sea and opened the fruits of the earth to all the inhabitants thereof.

It is worth remembering these days that the English translation of the German word "grab" is "grave."

allied minds of America is the means by which Germany continues the conflict. She has originated nothing. She seeks, through the instruments liberty has supplied, to turn the clock back to the Dark Ages and restore throughout the world that system of subjection our forefathers so happily overthrew.

THE American idea is psychological, and therefore it is difficult to impress its importance on the people as a whole. It required centuries for the truths of Christ to find acceptance.

CARDINAL GASPARRI EXPLAINS

THE interpretation by Cardinal Gasparri, the papal Secretary of State, of the pontifical appeal for peace as a reiteration and elaboration of principles first enunciated by President Wilson is scarcely less important than his emphatic pronouncement that "as to condonation of damages caused by the war, there is an exception applying particularly to Belgium."

"COMRADES"

THAT civilization is waging its world war on lines broader than those of mere nationalism is inspiringly emphasized by the name selected for the association of discharged soldiers and sailors now being formed in England.

Superb expansion of the organization is thus immediately obvious. The French "poulu," the English "Tommy," the Italian Bersagliero, the Algerian Spahi, the martyred Flemish, the Russian mujik and the American "Sammy"—or what you will—are all comrades with a singleness of ideal unparalleled in world history.

The difference between "mine own country" and "mine-owned" is becoming gratifyingly more apparent every day.

BILLIONS MORE NEEDED FOR WAR

Treasury Department Planning for a Second Liberty Loan in Advance of Congressional Action

WE ENTERED the war in Europe a little over four months ago. The President needed men and money to conduct the war. Congress voted for conscription because the President wanted an army quick.

Spending Lavishly to Win

While the army and navy are being put together to win this war the financial resources of the country are being checked up to pay the bill and the check is being made.

New Demands a Surprise

The new McAdoo proposals come as a surprise to both the Senate and House. The Senate was grinding away on the war revenue bill as if that was sufficient to the war.

Tom Daly's Column

THE VILLAGE POET Whenever it's a Saturday the afternoon is mine.

BUTTERMILK O dairy maid, O dairy maid, I do beseech thee now To favor me with buttermilk New taken from the cow.

THE KATYDID Upon its downy nest When twilight shadows creep It settles down to rest.

Getting back at numerous vacationists who have been postcarding us: O! we've been sleeping under blankets, too; and all summer long.



THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Reading Matter for Soldiers Wanted—Single Tax in War. Spanish Names

This Department is free to all readers who wish to express their opinions on subjects of current interest.

KILLING CAMP MONOTONY

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—Many persons are anxious to do something for the soldier boys who have left their homes and are facing unusual experiences in camp.

SINGLE TAX IN WARTIME

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—All signs point at present to a long-continued and costly war. Our Government is allied with other nations in striving to preserve the small measure of democracy existing and, through that preservation, be enabled to further advance the growth of real world democracy.

ERRORS IN SPANISH

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—The recent death of one of the last veterans of the Mexican War has revived a number of stories concerning that wily old world-warrior, Antonio Lopez de Santa Ana.

THE LETTER WAS GENUINE

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—I am sorry to see such stuff in your paper as "Dan McDermott's" letter of to-day. It does no good and only gives offense to many of your readers.

REVOLUTIONARY CONSERVATION

An interesting historical fact, brought to public attention by Senator Henry L. Myers of Montana, is that the Congress of 1777 engaged in grain preservation just as the Congress of today is doing.

THE AMERICAN TITAN

The azure of the sky no cloud disturbs. Deep silence reigns. Old Ocean's voice is hushed. The mountains grandly rise in solemn mood. And peaceful is the vale.

What Do You Know? QUIZ

- 1. Who is the present Secretary of the Interior? 2. What Russian city, important from a military viewpoint, is the objective of a recent German drive? 3. What miracle was performed by Christ during the marriage at Cana? 4. What city has been the scene of recent riots? 5. What British dramatist is reported to have been killed by falling from a cliff? 6. Who is Donald B. MacMillan? 7. Name a noted German Socialist leader and the novel of his Mutual Friends? 8. From what Roman name of a goddess is the modern term cereal derived? 9. What is an ensowary? 10. What is the area of the German empire.

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. United States Infantryman wear his belt cords; cavalrymen, yellow ones. 2. "A Poet's Day" is a man full of narrow in his dispatches to be near death. 3. The French term for a slacker is "un bougre." 4. An American, John P. Holland, invented the submarine. 5. The second unit of the draft army will probably be called in the spring of 1918. 6. Karl Avenarius is a self-styled "international spy" arrested last week in New York. 7. Francis Ledwidge, an Irish poet, was recently killed in action. 8. Thomas Jefferson was called "the Sage of Monticello." 9. Poles is a seaport on the Adriatic in the Austro-Hungarian province of Istria. 10. Benjamin Franklin married Deborah Read.

THE DECLARATION HOUSE

Few actors in real historical dramas have ever been fully conscious at the time of parts they were playing. Thomas Jefferson, of course, must have realized something of the import of his composition of the Declaration of Independence, but there were details of the scene to which he gave little thought.