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nation and the race from the face of the earth is the aim of the Allies, that there is no hope for Germans except to fight on and on, to the last man and to the last woman, until every resource is exhausted and naught is left to save. The President has knocked that idea into a cocked hat.

STRATEGY OF THE FIGHT AT CRAONNE

Capture of the Heights Will Give the French Command of the Plains Leading to Belgium

By HENRI BAZIN. THE war was never more intense in any phase than it has been along this front, along these ridges and tops of the Aisne. I have lived in a storm of artillery that shocks the air for many miles, French artillery and German artillery. A 420 shell from a Boche battery fell seventeen miles behind the French line, I was told this morning. Thousands of gas shells have poured their death-dealing fumes about us.

Tom Daly's Column

DOWN GO THE PATMORANS. We Dive: Three Dive.

WE BARELY say good-by to Joseph M. Connor when in comes Will Lou, also bound to the wars. We aren't sure what his billet is to be, but if his fighting is as good as his verse he should come back with shoulder straps.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MASTERLY MOVE FOR PEACE

IN THE summer of 1864 the friends of Abraham Lincoln almost despaired of his reelection. Discontent, war weariness, stupidity and general copperheadism united in a formidable coalition which denounced the war as a failure, purposed to seize the Government at the ensuing elections, enter into negotiations with the moribund Confederacy, accept the failure of the democratic experiment on this continent as a fact and repudiate the principles of every man who had offered his life in sacrifice that the Union might be preserved.

FIRST STEPS IN HUMILITY

THEY read with their eyes shut who say that the President has rejected the peace proposal of Pope Benedict. He has done nothing of the kind. He has, on the contrary, shown how that proposal can be translated into an instrument for the achievement of peace. He has indicated how the German peoples can get to a conference table and sit there in good faith.

Scene of Ancient Strife

French history is pregnant with proof that the existence of the French nation is involved in holding or losing these Aisne heights. There was the battle of the Aisne in the time of Caesar, the battle of St. Quentin under Henri II, the battle of Craonne under Napoleon. The Germans knew these things well. In September, 1914, they had fortified this region at time of invasion, trusting the fortifications would never be needed, but prepared to stop the French and English at this point if it became necessary.

TO RUTH

Before Leaving for the Wars. They say that I shall see a wondrous thing: Ten thousand men that march as one, The cannon's crash, the bullets' zip and sting; Death-bringing birds against the sun, They tell me glorious fortune will be mine; To battle bravely for the right; To be a part of that unbroken line That, singing, surges into fight. They say my days are rich and full and fair; It seems they never can surmise, I only long to touch your golden hair; My world is touched in your eyes! FRANZ.

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Britain's Responsibilities—"The Six-Hour Day"—Destroy Weeds

THE SIX-HOUR DAY

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—I do not believe God wants man to work from 7 a. m. until 6 p. m.—that is, just to slave his life away to maintain a livelihood. Some men have to start early in the morning for work and return late at night, working hard all day. Such a one manages to wash up for supper, oftentimes tired to eat or read the paper after supper.

What Do You Know? QUIZ

- 1. The present Pope is Benedict XV. When did Benedict XIV. reign?
2. What is the Albanian name for Albania?
3. Where is Camp Hancock?
4. What is meant in England by such expressions as "dashed titles"?
5. Monsignor Thomas F. Kennedy has died in Rome. Who was he?
6. What is the Finnish Diet?
7. How many postage stamps of mail matter are there?
8. Name the two men representing New Jersey in the United States Senate.
9. Has there ever been a revolution in Germany?
10. Name the founder of the Jesuit order.

ORLANDO FURIOUS NEVER PENNED THAT DOCUMENT

IT sounds like a trial composition from Foreign Minister Kuehlmann's first class in elementary psychology, and, figuratively speaking, that is just what this humble scrap of paper is. Herr Kuehlmann lately voiced the theory that the viewpoint of neutrals was worth considering. The gladiatorial principle of "Let 'em come on. We're armed!" has somehow lost a bit of its thrill since the United States took up the challenge.

Wearing Down the Enemy

As the French have stood at Verdun and the Somme, so they will stand on the Aisne. The battles I have witnessed about Craonne are already part of the new glorious history of France, a fitting part of the work of June-July, 1916, a fitting replica of wearing down enemy force as it was worn down at Thiamont and Fleury. Craonne is worthy of addition to the glorious names engraven in the history of this war, as worthy as Verdun, Ypres, the Somme, the Marne.

DEBTS OF THE RICHEST NATION

The outstanding debt of the United States will be increased more than sevenfold by financing already authorized for war purposes. We are going to finance a \$50,000,000,000 for initial operations alone nearly as much as four years of the Civil War cost both the North and the South. In addition we are financing a \$2,000,000,000 loan here for our allies. All this will increase our debt from approximately \$1,000,000,000 to \$8,000,000,000.

NEGROES AS VOLUNTEERS

Sir—In answer to R. M. B., 4th, I desire to say: Why should a negro fight in a revolution for a country of which he was a slave? I cannot possibly see an answer to that question, but maybe R. M. B. or some of his friends can answer it. Again, in the Civil War they were forced to fight against the Federal troops, but when the emancipation proclamation came into existence they naturally desired to fight for the North, their liberators. R. M. B. talks as if they should not have deserted the South, but should have continued to fight against their benefactors.

MY STAR

All that I know Of a certain star Is it can throw (Like the angled spear) Now a dart of red, Now a dart of blue; Till my friends have said They would faint sea, too. My star that dangles the red and the blue! Then it stops like a bird; and a flower hangs furled; They must silence themselves with the planet above it. What matter to use if their star is a world?

DESTRUCTION OF WEEDS

Sir—I in a twinkle of an eye hour of labor can be saved. In a twinkle of an eye one may destroy a weed that would, if allowed to go to seed, throw millions of seeds and it seems that a seed of a weed never fails to grow which causes the farmer and those who raise the weeds on his ground to be harassed by footstuffs hours, yes, days of labor. Now I believe it should be compulsory in this country, as I believe it is in some other countries, that every one should be compelled to keep the weeds on his ground cut down, and where there is woodland they should be kept cut down twenty-five feet in from the edge of the wood growth. I firmly believe, if this were carried out, in two or three years' time we would not be bothered with weeds and I do not think we would be bothered with mosquitoes as much if all high weeds and grass were kept cut down and swampy places filled in or drained dry. Philadelphia, August 24. TUDOR.

AN EARLY THEATRICAL FUROR

PHILADELPHIA'S first great theatrical furor was excited by the arrival in 1811 of George Frederick Cooke, the English tragedian. In those days there was no advance-sale, the method being for servants, or persons temporarily retained for the occasion, to stand in line for places, and when the doors were opened rush in to seize seats, in which they remained until their employers came to claim their places. As early as the Sunday evening preceding Cooke's first performance the steps of the theatre were covered with men prepared to spend the night. Some of them actually took off their hats and put on nightcaps. By Monday morning the streets were impassable, and by that evening the crowd at the theatre was so great that it was evident that ticket-holders, especially ladies, would not be able to make their way into the building without danger.

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