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UNITED IN A COMMON CAUSE

LLOYD GEORGE has spoken with a frankness which he says is perhaps brutal. We are fortunate to have in Allied councils at this time a man with the courage to speak with such candor.

The Premier's speech is the textbook for what may be expected of the Allied conference now to begin at Paris. Instead of being bound by "national and professional traditions, questions of prestige and susceptibilities" the Allied nations must "amalgamate all their individual particularities to act together as if they were one people."

Lloyd George, the French premier, Wilson and Orlando in council and Haig, Petain, Pershing and Diaz in the field must be as united in Allied purpose and action as the German and Austrian Emperors and their staffs are in the strategy of Central Europe.

MAKE CHRISTMAS MERRY "OVER THERE"

YNLE SAM and Santa Claus are in a special patriotic league to send an annual Christmas to the trenches.

one side, and aids according to rules and regulations. Their good ship Yule will weigh anchor without postponement on its appointed sailing day.

PRESIDENT WOLF

PRESIDENCY of the Board of Public Education of the First School District of Philadelphia is the most important of the voluntary city offices which vitally affect civic welfare.

OUR Y. M. C. A. "BIT"

The Y. M. C. A. has been its place by unselfish devotion to the soldiers' welfare and deserves staunch support by our people at home.

It is a responsibility—and ours! Don't let us forget that. It sets us on. There have been many "fun" campaigns all of them worthy. The Y. M. C. A. campaign is the superlative of worthiness.

Not Being Prussianized

Subdued and apparently willing as the people are to the war, it is a sad and a sad fact that they are fighting a war incompatible with their freedom.

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STATE-CONTROL IN ENGLAND

The War Responsible for an Endless Procession of Committees

By GILBERT VIVIAN ELDES LONDON, Oct. 25.

HAVE you a little committee in your ward? Or are you a member of the Commission for the Restatement of Peace Terms? Or do you know a man in the Department for the Redemption of Candelsticks? Or haven't you begun to realize the war at all?

So far as people in England are concerned, the war seems at times to be nothing but a series of committees, established, reformed, abolished, re-created, derided in the papers, taking over huge hotels and public buildings, interfering with the daily needs and pleasures of the population.

Many Want State Control

Nothing could prove more completely the different natures of the Allies and the Germans than this constant flying out against control which marks England and France and I suppose our country as well.

Y Should you not yield what you've got?

Mbrace your chance; Mbrace your—er—trousers (pockets)

Comfort canteens!

All with your seats All our brave lads.

WHILE we were discussing the little faults of some big clubs in this place the other day a pleasing thought came to us.

An Italian musician, whose name is lost to fame, suggested the idea of the Tavern Club to a number of acquaintances with whom he happened to be lunching.

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IT NOW appears that the conundrum attributed here to a modern punner named Kosciusko McGinty first appeared in Yankee Notions or Nic-Nacs, magazines that were popular about 1853 to 1882.

WILLIAM J. ELDRIDGE, who has been rather active in the work of interesting children in patriotic work, had this encounter the other day with a plump little lady of some ten summers:

"What work have you been busy with, sister?"

"Food consolation," said the plump one.

Tom Daly's Column

Pomes written by myself Little Poetry

THE FLAPPING FLAG

Once when it was a cloudy week And never did a sunbeam peek It made me very very sad But then next morning I was glad For when I got up out of bed The sun was smiling broad and red And not a cloud was in the sky And it was cold and winds were high.

I leaned upon my window-sill And looked and there on Allen's Mill I saw a flag flap in the breeze As bright and happy as you please And it was with a lovely sight That filled me with a great delight I do not know another thing That could so strongly a feeling bring I almost felt I heard it sing!

I really think if I should grow To be a hundred years or so I'll be even old and blind And it was flapping in the wind I still would love it and not mind That I no more could see it fly And wave its folds against the sky If I could only hear it there Just flapping flapping in the air I'd be so glad I could not care!

IF THERE must be a title to this story call it "A Fish Out of Water." It's a tale of the erratic behavior of a boat on dry land.

Some time last summer a large launch intended for one of our battleships at League Island started overland for that place from Portsmouth, near Norfolk, in Virginia. It was a ship that passed in the night; no lookout at League Island got a chance to "ahoy" it. It was lost absolutely.

The Navy waited long enough to get its mud up and then told the railroad people they'd have to find that boat. The pursuit began. It lasted until about ten days ago, when the launch was found thrashing around in a freight yard at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The weary shipping clerk at Portsmouth, Va., had written Portsmouth twice on the little boat's tag and that just made the fiery thing wild.

By this time the Navy was "dashing its starry topknots." "Avast! you lubbers," it yelled at the railroad people, "and if that launch isn't here at League Island by Monday somebody's wrist watch will be needing repair." That was last Thursday.

Richard L. O'Donnell, the handsome and efficient general manager of the Pennsylvania Railroad, here appears on deck. In the words of the poet, he barked a sharp command and, telescope in hand, he promptly took his stand upon the bridge and scanned the low, surrounding land. The sun was just breaking the Sabbath in the east and the watcher almost missed in the mist the mysterious missing boat. It went caving by, headed due south. Mr. O'Donnell brought it up with a round turn. As it struggled and kicked up its rudder it disclosed upon its tag the word "Portsmouth" again. Some other bonehead had steered it back where it started from. The gallant men of O'Donnell led it gently but firmly to League Island. But that's not all.

Monday morning the Navy began to burn the telephone wires. "Where's that boat?" a deep-voiced voice roared. "Don't tell me it's got away again!" said Mr. O'Donnell. "It's in your yard." "Nothing of the sort." Then another search began, and the boat was finally found aboard the battleship to which the wild thing belonged. We can't tell the name of the battleship, for if we did the jockies would desert, rather than have anything to do with a craft so hoodooed.

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"GOSH! HE MEANS IT!"



WHY COLONIES SUPPORT BRITAIN

Perplexities of the Irish Problem Contrasted With Loyalty of the Empire

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger.

Your issue of October 12 I read with interest. Joseph McCarthy's "defense" against the charge recently brought against him, under the heading "McCarthy Denies Treason Charge," I hope it is not too late to make some reply to this "defense," which is nothing more than a flagrant insult toward our mother country and principal ally, and our country as well.

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What Do You Know?

QUIZ

- 1. Who is Violet Oakley and what is her most important work?
2. What is meant by "Attie suit"?
3. Who is United States Ambassador to France?
4. What was the Marchesea?
5. What is a phagocyte?
6. What American Presidents have been buried in the White House?
7. Who is Leon Trotsky?
8. Who wrote "Elsie Venner"?
9. Where is the Varadar River?
10. Who is Samuel Gompers?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. Noted American writer of fiction, died 1907.
2. "The Sign of the Cross" by John Galsworthy.
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HOW LINCOLN LOOKED

"FATHER ABRAHAM, whose aspect I remember with the poignant of a worshipping boy of fifteen years," says Edward William Thompson, author of many poems about Lincoln, "was not less grotesque, at first glance, than Barnard had figured him. For was he less noble than the statue, considered carefully, represents him to have been. He had a primal look—that of one who disregarded clothing, thought not of his habiliments, pitched and grabbed the first old umbrella that chanced to his hand. He appeared ugly and Great at once. Five seconds after fixing one's eyes on him his queue came down and he declared indignantly, 'Mr. Lincoln is the handsomest man I ever saw.' So he was. And the greater looking hand-downs had ceased to impress the gazer. You remember the old woman who, having been told that the President was very handsome, came forth from him, after he had granted her request on behalf of her soldier son, declaring indignantly, 'Mr. Lincoln is the handsomest man I ever saw.' The most benign. His countenance awed me while yet I loved him. Often I have pondered, trying to analyze the causes of his effect. It seems to me that his presence gave one at first a shocked sense, not so much that he was grotesquely clad as that he was wrongly clad. It was as if the long limbs should have been in the fringed drapings hunting shirt and breeches and moccasins of the Indian fighter and pioneer. Were I a sculptor, I should try to get that curious effect of his countenance, that grand and simple effect of his memory as at once Deerslayer and the greatest of statesmen and Presidents. He really did purify all preceding American words of spirit and passionate love of his own great country. He appears to my mind as well as that of the legislators and intellectuals."

TOMMY ATKINS APPRAISED

"It is philosophic trust, coupled with absolute lack of imagination, which makes the British soldier the most invincible person in the world," says Major Ian Hay in "All in It." "The Frenchman is inspired to glorious deeds by his great spirit and passionate love of his own great country. He appears to my mind as well as that of the legislators and intellectuals."