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against the minority of smokers and wasters. This majority of right-thinking people—what is it but the Government of the United States? "We, the people," demand that we be regulated as to our use of food.

CONGRESS FACES BIG PILE OF WORK
Cost of Living in Capital Hits Members—Taxation Problems and Criticism
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.
YESTERDAY'S session of the Sixty-fifth Congress has opened in a most extraordinary manner.

BRITISH POLITICS IN QUEER MIX-UP
Asquith Party Not Pacifistic. Northcliffe's Power Exaggerated
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THE political situation has been extraordinarily upset and re-established in the last ten days, and although the great "crisis" is past, some aspects of it are sufficiently permanent to merit attention from Americans.



THE SEVENTH CITY
There are at least six cities on this continent which every one should see. Every one should see New York because it is the largest city in the world and because it combines the magnificence of the wonder, the beauty, the grandeur and the shame of a great metropolis; every one should see San Francisco because it is so vivid, so alive, so golden; every one should see Washington, the clean, white splendor of which is like the embodiment of a national dream; every one should see the old gray granite city of Quebec, piled on its hill above the river like some fortified town in France; every one should see the sweet and aristocratic city of Charleston, which suggests a museum of tradition and early American elegance; and of course every one should see New Orleans—Julian Street, in "American Adventures."

THE WILSON INSPIRATION
AS USUAL, it has required several days for carefully considered opinions of a presidential pronouncement of the first magnitude to be formulated abroad and reverberate back to our shores. We may perceive now that Tuesday's events in the Capitol have made a far deeper impression than the first dispatches indicated. In fact, some of the exhilaration which foreign journals show may be incomprehensible to Americans.

It is hard for us to see America from the viewpoint of Europe. Harassed, wearied, nervous, sensitive, after three grueling years, our allies are as much in need of our fresh spirit as our cargoes. A casualty list that daily has been in four figures for a thousand days has produced a certain fatalistic tendency. They view many things as inevitable; some of them think we must inevitably have come into the war and inevitably decided for a war to a finish.

The reasons are not far to seek. Germany is a bureaucracy and the United States does not accept the principle of cabinet responsibility. Britain and France both do. And it ought to be obvious now that the changes in France are dictated in part by considerations of military policy, as well as by considerations of diplomacy or economic affairs, and the similar story has been working its way around England that a quarrel between politicians and military leaders was imminent.

WE HAVE no quarrel with Mr. Street for omitting Philadelphia. He dipped his pen into molten gold when he wrote this latest of his American studies, and it would be hard for him to sin beyond forgiveness. Yet it is worth while considering why this great community failed to attract an author who has made it his business to see the country with an artist's eye and study its cities with the love of an heir. Are we, too, simply one of many, another grouping together of people who through generation after generation have achieved no traditions and stand in the national mind for no certain things distinct and apart from other cities? Isn't Philadelphia worth seeing?

LEGAL AID FOR DRAFTED MEN
ENROLLMENT and classification of the 3,000,000 men still subject to the draft will present many legal problems for which the registrants will require the advice of counsel. The Philadelphia courts have heartily endorsed the plan of shortening court sessions in order to leave attorneys leisure to cope with the inevitable mass of new consultations. Essential litigation will be expedited and continuances granted wherever consonant with public interest. Registrants in doubt should seek counsel and not proceed by guesswork. Many public-spirited attorneys will doubtless tender their services freely to the local draft boards, as their professional brothers in medicine have done, in the laudable desire to perform their bit in the war.

Criticism of Congress
It was to be expected that the last Congress, which was a faithful and industrious one, should be criticized for many of the measures passed by it. No Congress could meet the largest tax bill in all history without being criticized, and yet President Wilson has gone out of his way several times recently to compliment Congress upon the work it performed in the last session. What most provoked criticism, notwithstanding the fact that the last Congress "touched the people" for about \$21,000,000,000, was the very small and comparatively insignificant question of taxation of salaried men and the possible exemption of the salaries of members of Congress for the \$1500 above the \$6000 exemption allowed to everybody on excess profits.

Germany's Jealousy
Bethmann-Hollweg Exhibited It to Lloyd George in 1908
In the late summer of 1908, at the end of the parliamentary session, Mr. Lloyd George traversed Germany from west to east and from north to south. It was a very systematic motor tour. The object of the tour was to investigate the German system of national insurance. Harold Spender, who was a member of the Lloyd George party, has written a highly interesting account of Lloyd George's experiences in Germany in his biography, "The Prime Minister." He says: "Bethmann-Hollweg was at that time 'Home Secretary,' a vigorous, amiable Minister of the official kind, sincerely keen on social reforms; a Junker of the better type. He treated Mr. Lloyd George with great courtesy. He returned from his holiday, and specially entertained him and his party in the famous restaurant at the Zoological Gardens at Berlin. He invited many eminent members of the German civil service to meet us. Every one was very gracious and polite—almost too polite for comfort. After dinner we went into a large reception room, and there we remained standing all the evening, talking and looking at one another. Toward the end of the evening we began to feel very fatigued. I ventured to ask one of the German gentlemen whether it would be better to sit down. 'Oh,' he said, 'we have all been waiting for you to sit down! We, too, are very tired!'"

JACQUES THIBAUD PLAYS
French Violinist Reveals Polished Art in an Ideally Devised Program
A nice adjustment of intellectual and emotional values in music signified the delightful concert given by the Philadelphia Orchestra yesterday afternoon in the Academy of Music. Not heretofore this season has Mr. Stokowski so cunningly preserved the balance of art moods. There was frank, forthright tone painting in a Dvorak overture, rich, subjective subtlety in a Brahms symphony, delicacy and refinement in a Lalo work and stimulating impressions in a novelty by the French ultra-modernist, Maurice Ravel.

Tom Daly's Column
Pomes Written by myself Little Poetry
THE VILLAGE POET
Whenever it's a Saturday my work is always through.
And there is never anything but play for me to do.
Or walk on Main street with my Ma to see what news is new.

Why should a thing like that occur I think it's just a shame.
Because before the war was dreamed and long before it came.
And even long before I'm born the Doells still were there.
And made their candies to delight the children everywhere.
And candied apples on a stick they made and only sold.
To little folks and never to the undeserving old.
But now because the sugar has to help to win the war.
The Doells aren't making Christmas candy any more.

THE SEVENTH CITY (continued)
The release of 2,000,000 Germans now on the Russian front for blows at France and Italy is a phrase so constantly applied with discouraging effect that it begins to smack of Teuto-Bolshevik propaganda. At least, the numerical proportions of the opposed nations should be scrutinized before any fantastic dreams of disaster are indulged in. Germany is reported to have 17,500,000 men at the west and 2,250,000 at the east. If Russia makes a separate peace, we are to imagine 6,000,000 Germans spread along the western lines from Switzerland to the sea, or perhaps 5,000,000, with one of the millions from Russia going to Italy. Now the British, French and American forces total much more than 5,000,000. Their total is probably nearer eight than seven millions.

GUNS AND HUNS
The question, then, is not "What will the re-armed Germans do if Russia makes peace?" The question is, "Why have not the Allies been able to drive back the Germans when they outnumbered them nearly two to one in man-power?" Or, in another form, "Why should we fear that 'hordes of Huns' will do more with mere numbers of men than the Allies could do?" The answer is that numbers have not yet begun to count. They will not count until German man-power is so far diminished that it cannot hold the long lines and must shorten them. If mere numbers meant victory, Russia, England, Italy and France would have squeezed Central Europe like an eggshell last year. Throw a million men at Cambrai tomorrow and they will go down before the machine guns of one-fourth that number of defenders. That was what happened at Verdun. Triple the Teuton forces on the Plave and they will not pass so long as the Italians have as many guns as the invaders. This is a war of guns. A thousand men with ten guns mean more than 20,000 Huns with five guns.

Outlook for the Future
To what extent Congress will delve into other than war business is not clear. Republicans and Democrats have had no conferences, but no conclusion has been reached as to the limitations that shall be placed on legislation. The Republicans have declared their readiness to go along with the President on purely war measures, except that many of them believe there should be more cooperation from the House and that the White House would be better off, politically and otherwise, if it would agree to an oversight of expenditures by a committee of Congress.

SACRIFICE OF BABIES
According to D. C. Roloff, of the United Charities, death is likely to be more frequent in Chicago than in the trenches of Europe this winter. Doctor Roloff supports his contention with some rather stern facts and figures, as follows: The death rate in an artillery regiment at the front in France is about 8 per cent; in an infantry regiment, 15 per cent. More than double the latter figure is the death rate of babies in the poor sections of Chicago. That it is four times as dangerous to be a baby in those sections as it is to be a soldier at the front is the conclusion Doctor Roloff has reached.

THE STROLLING PLAYERS
They used to play in little hillside towns quaint, mythical mummies. Year after year the peasant folk would crowd them close to hear Each gulp and jest; their mimic ups and downs Won them a clamorous meed of smiles and frowns. Since their charm to touch dull workaday hearts with such enchantment that both grave and gay Welcomed the antics of these merry clowns. But Pierrot fell at Mons, where silver-thin His voice rang cheer above the clashing iron shot; And in a drowsy, poplar-shaded plot Beside the rippling Meuse sleeps Harlequin; While, giving of her broken heart no sign, Through wards of maimed and blind sings Columbine.

What Do You Know?
Quiz
1. Who is M. Potkin?
2. Name the author of "Mosses From an Old House."
3. How is Gothic architecture readily identified?
4. Which is it is sometimes called "The Hub of the Universe"?
5. Define an Alphabet.
6. What are squalls?
7. What is meant by the phrase, "raison d'etre"?
8. Who is David S. Houston?
9. What is intensive farming?
10. Where is Rozay-sur-Loire?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. Arthur Guy Emery is an American who became a British army sergeant. He has written a book of lectures and his narrative of the front "Over the Top."
2. Goulash is a Hungarian viand, a highly seasoned stew.
3. Count Czernin is the Premier of Austria-Hungary.
4. Texas is the Lone Star State.
5. Longfellow wrote "Tales of a Wayside Inn."
6. Omsk, in western Siberia, on the Trans-Siberian Railroad, is the chief city of the governor generalship of the Steamer. It is the capital of the Siberian Republic.
7. Queen Anne period furniture is characterized by its graceful and fluted construction, with marked use of slender curved legs and posts.
8. The Rete Comuni district is in the mountain region of northern Italy, near the southwestern base of the Alps. It was the present scene of Teuton invasion.
9. Noel is the French name for the Christmas season.
10. Prince Leopold of Bavaria is the German commander of the Bavarian war fleet.

MAJORITY RULE FOR FOOD
FURTHER advance in the Hooverizing process has been scored in the agreement of the hotel and restaurant men to the two most costly days a week. Those who have most credit for such reforms are the food administrators and food inspectors, but the people themselves. With a majority in favor of conservation, there could be no conservation what-so-ever.

Charles of Austria's long, low, daily moan for peace is gradually rising to a wail, if not to a piercing shriek.

Now we understand how Crown Prince Rupprecht's men could "plunge forward two miles along a six-mile front." The British, it seems, had evacuated that sector before the Germans knew what was happening.

So, if a break comes in the British Government it will not be wise for us, or our self-appointed spokesmen, to meddle in these affairs. The information given here, and especially that which refers to the honesty and patriotism of certain gentlemen, is not in power, is intended as a guide to domestic emotions. Whether one set of men has more genius for war than another is a question which experience answers, usually indefinitely. You may put it down as a general thing that the Liberals are more sensitive to civil rights and to those of neutrals than the present coalition, but they are not to be heard of the anti-war spirit in any large party of British public men. There is a pacifist group, but the bulk of the latter party is opposed to carrying on the war with the utmost power and vigor would be to perpetrate slander. If a political upheaval comes in England, it will be important because it will distract attention from one important thing. But it will not mean that the desire for victory and confidence are any less.

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CHARLOTTE BECKER, in Life.

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