

"VY, ALMOST CAN I BELIEVE IT MYSELF!"

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SHALL UNCLE SAM JOLT THE THROTTLE?

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ORIGIN AND WORK OF THE RED CROSS

merica Responsible for Civilian Relief of Great Society for Humanitarianism in War

"BOOZE" GETS A WALLOP

IT WOULD be folly to underestimate the importance of the vote in the House proposing to the States ratification of the national prohibition amendment.

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PATRIOTIC EPOCH AT UNION LEAGUE

Reception to Secretary McAdoo Adds Scope to Organization Purposes

THE HONORS paid to Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo at the Union League last night would make clear to us that something is happening in this country to break down partisan prejudices.

We ourselves recall a famous dinner in the old banquet hall of the League when the Confederate General Longstreet was a guest speaker.

THE QUEST FOR DETAILS

We ourselves were not present at the great dinner to General Grant when he came back from his tour of the world in 1879.

THE LEAGUE'S CROWN OF CROWNS

We remember the flurry of excitement that rilled through the town when there was talk—idle talk—of the Union League's offering a reception to President Cleveland.

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS SOCIETY

The American National Red Cross Society was formed in 1881 by Clara Barton, long a humanitarian and with a glowing record as Civil War nurse.

JOHN BULL'S TOICISM

The British flag, now flying over the Holy City in symbol of Christian triumph over the Jewish faith, is a striking evidence during the progress of the redemptive Englishman is not given a demonstration of his feelings at any time.

"AMERICANISM" AND SINGLE TAX

During one or two years preceding our entrance into the war, "Americanism" was a word much used and abused.

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Problem of the Railroads—Urges Single Tax as Medium of Real Patriotism

The railroads are certainly up against it with their employees asking more wages, with insufficient ready money to make necessary improvements and extensions.

ENTRY IN RED-TAPE CELEST

Our claim of \$23 against an express company having been received, filed, numbered, investigated, considered, briefed, pigeonholed, decreed, re-decreed, studied, forwarded for confirmation, returned for action, filed again, advanced to third reading, approved with reservations and finally settled.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

1. Who is quartermaster general of the United States army?
2. Where is Mount Vesuvius?
3. Name the author of "Leaves of Grass."

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S QUIZ

1. James M. Cox is the Governor of Ohio, who has commanded our 1st State army.
2. Mount Vesuvius is a volcano in the Kingdom of Naples, Italy.



Tom Daly's Column

When poor Mrs. James Bogmedders died it was an awful shock to Jim; He jest set down an' cried an' cried. An' nobuddy could comfort him. She'd a'ays been a faithful wife.

Our traditions and history give us a just claim to the title of leadership. The "new experiment in human government" born July 4, 1776, and fathered by democrats of the Thomas Jefferson type, was the result of the spirit of Americanism.

The greatest exponent of this kind of Americanism was Henry George, who recognized the spirit of Americanism working in the wonderful progress we had made, but he could also see what was operating against true Americanism and causing poverty to keep pace with progress.

Two German ladies, no doubt heavily veiled, are reported to have been stealing to the statue of Frederick the Great, in Berlin, recently and depositing at the base thereof a wreath inscribed, "We need you now."

A conference is to be held in Costa Rica shortly by representatives of the five Central American republics, Costa Rica, Honduras, San Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua.

The wedding together of these five States in one republic would be a great advantage to Central America and the world at large. There is no sound reason for their maintenance of separate governments and, in fact, so closely allied and interwoven are the five peoples that it used to be that a revolution in one easily overlapped into the one adjacent.

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