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SPEED, AND THEN MORE SPEED!

As the Germans have been proved hopelessly wrong in their estimates of the ideals, desires and determination of the American people, so they will be proved wrong in their estimate as to the speed with which the Americans will be able to carry out their purpose and program.

THIS speech was made while the Germans were hammering the British line in Picardy and while new soldiers were being sent across the channel with the greatest possible speed to re-enforce the armies at the front.

Mr. Balfour was talking not alone to the labor delegates from this country. He was talking directly to every American.

The Germans are wrong in their estimate of the speed with which we can prepare for war. It is up to us to show how far wrong. On that depends the issue of the war. The attempt is now making to force a decision before we can bring our full strength to bear.

The moral of this speech is that there must be haste in preparation, and then gain haste, and still more haste. It is useless now to talk about what might have been if we had begun to prepare when the Lusitania was sunk.

It is not a time for complacency, however, but a time for redoubled application to the task in hand. The thing can be done. The German and Austrian propagandists have been saying that we were indifferent or incapable and that we would never spend the lives of our young men in a European quarrel.

The cry coming across the ocean is more than an appeal for help. It is a demand for more rapid co-operation in the work of saving the world for democracy. The burden is upon us. It increases in weight with every assault of the Germans upon the Allied trenches.

An official census reports that there are 1772 swivel-chair operators of draft age in Washington who have received commissions since the outbreak of the war.

SOMETHING WRONG AT PENN

IS THE editor of the Pennsylvania Gazette, the esteemed University of Pennsylvania weekly, growing old? Or has he merely acquired a high hat?

Something strange is happening in the college world. Such an appeal smacks of a flat ignorance of the humanities. So soon as a man learns to love anything he finds or invents a diminutive term for its designation.

FIGHT FOR DEMOCRACY AT HOME

MR BRYAN'S theory that an army of a million men could be improvised overnight to resist an invader has been exploded by the hard facts.

REAL HOME RULE ISSUE

WHEN the late Cecil Rhodes subscribed £2000 to the Irish home rule cause it was in the hope that the British empire might become an imperial federation of self-governing states.

The Gownsmen

"SCHOOLMENS WEEK" was in season at the University during the tedious and protracted April storm of a few days ago.

We do not believe, however, that they are not awakened. Those who did not vote last fall are going to the places of registration today between the hours of 4 and 10 p. m.

JAPAN IS PLAYING FAIR

IN SPITE of German efforts to detach all the evidence points to the conclusion that Japan is playing fair with the Entente Allies.

This corresponds to the statements that have come from responsible officers of the Japanese Government while Ishii was on the seas.

THE ELECTRIC CHAIR

WE WENT to school with Charley Herzog, the famous baseball stormy petrel. Charley (we used to call him "Buck") has forgotten that, but we haven't.

Lots of other boys went to that school, and became lawyers and insurance agents and authors and soldiers and doctors of philosophy.

Getting By the Censor

Secretary Baker arrived at an Atlantic port, proceeded south by an American railroad, was interviewed by an (ahem) Philadelphia afternoon paper and is now in a district of Columbia capital.

"Bum"

WHEN your friend fills his pipe with some mixture superb, and you bum some tobacco—That's bum as a verb.

Advice to Those Visiting a Baby

INTERVIEW the baby alone if possible. If, however, both parents are present, say, "It looks like its mother." Add, as an afterthought, "I think it has its father's elbows."

Stringing Him?

The soldier who writes home that the Germans are outclassed by the Americans never won a battle in which they did not outnumber their enemy.

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What Do You Know?

- 1. Which is the Holy City and which the Eternal City?
2. Name the author of "The Light That Failed."
3. Identify "the Laughing Philosopher."
4. Where and what was the Mason and Dixon line?
5. What is the Malthusian doctrine?
6. What is meant by "the Land of Nod"?
7. Where is Yezzo?
8. What are Queen Mab's "supporters" of the British royal army?
9. Who is the American Ambassador to the Court of St. James?
10. Name the author of "The Light That Failed."

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. The Romanoff's were the reigning house in Russia until the revolution.
2. Harlech, a fortified port on the eastern coast of England, was destroyed by a commercial ship which used it as a naval base.
3. King of Greece in classical mythology. He made his own liver, murdered the king of Lydia and seized the throne.
4. Jonathan Swift, Irish author, wrote "Gulliver's Travels."
5. Baltimore is sometimes called "the Oriole City."
6. Crown Prince Rupprecht, commander of German forces on the western front, is heir to the throne of Bavaria.
7. Borodaux literature, a fanciful sort of verse, in which words are composed of blue, violet, lime and water.
8. Neologism is a newly coined word or new meaning for a familiar word.
9. Martin Tupper is the author of the "Pastorals."
10. However, if you're allowing a surrendered soldier to keep his arms and standards.



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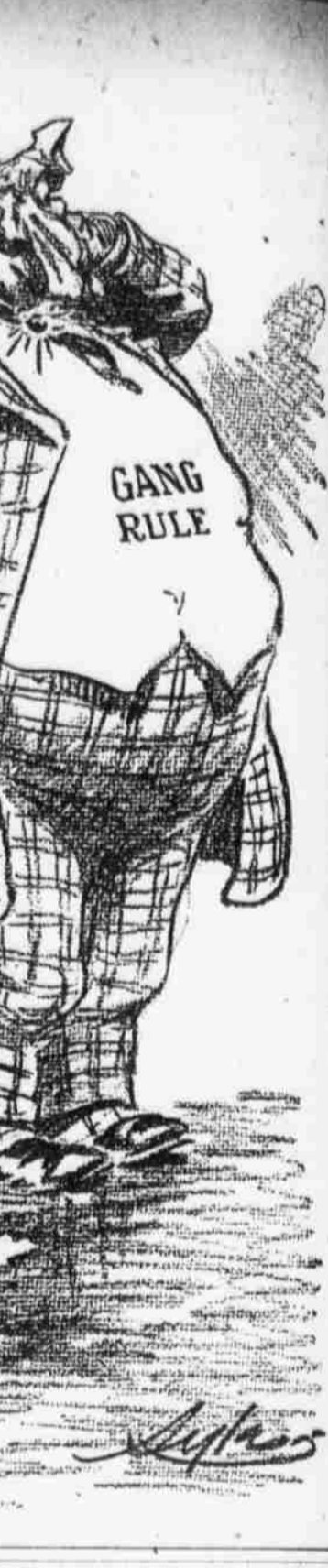
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