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WHY?

THOOP trains follow each other endlessly through Philadelphia these days. Farewell letters addressed by men to all parts of the country...

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Mr. Vero talks about his forty wards in exactly the same tone which the Hun use in their reference to Belgium.

SHIPYARD HOUSING

ADMIRAL BOWLES and the shipping board can really settle the Hog Island housing problem without any further delay they will lift the city at large from a mood of growing impatience.

Almost limitless money has been at the disposal of the Emergency Fleet Corporation since Hog Island was first planned. The experts surely saw that the self-building ship has not yet been evolved—that human labor is essential, that it must be organized and sheltered.

Admiral Bowles manifested glimmers of dawning wisdom by a swift reversal of his plan to dispossess hundreds of householders near the shipyards. The public, and it is to be presumed the Government itself, is weary of statements and pronouncements. Houses should have been built six months ago in adequate numbers.

They are scrubbing the outer walls of City Hall. That is as deep as the cleaners ever get.

STRAFING THE DUTCH

UNTIL the Great Hate expands and becomes more active on the Dutch borders any analysis of its immediate purpose must be futile. The present situation is significant only because of related events.

The work done by the British and French in attempts to blockade the submarine exits at Zebrugge and Ostend may be undone in a week or a month. Meanwhile if the submarines in that quarter are really hindered the situation would be advantageous to our fleets attacking Heligoland.

The Germans used tanks for the first time in a charge at the American position. The German can steal more than land.

THE NEW AIM OF CHARITY

IN THE minds of idealists charity is conceived as a free impulse of the heart spontaneously expressed. It is often said that charity may not be organized and systematized unless it be subjected to a grim change of methods and motives.

This the annual report of the charities and welfare bureau of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, which has just been issued, indicates an increasing general interest in means and methods likely to prevent poverty and ill-health.

On this Liberty Day that we celebrate we have less individual freedom than this land ever knew before. Willingly and of grave purpose we have laid our lives and fortunes in honorable bondage, to the end that we and all other men may enjoy liberty more plentifully.

USEFULNESS OF MUSTARD PLASTERS

JOHN D. RYAN would not have been put in charge of building airplanes. Mr. Schwab would not have been asked to speed up the ship program, General Goethals would not have been ordered to superintend the shipment of men and supplies and Mr. Stettinius would not have been made purchasing agent for the War Department if the stinging mustard plaster of wholesome criticism had not been applied to the complacent cerebral tumefaction in Washington with its usual beneficent results.

There is no use in blinking the fact that the Government departments have been slow in getting things done. The old-fashioned bureaucratic methods had served well enough when there was no crisis. The men who used those methods were accustomed to them. They could think of no other way to do things.

But things did not get done. The storm of criticism arose. It found expression in Congress and in the press. Some of it was unkind. Much of it was well founded. But it was all wholesome. The executive departments would resent it at first and announce that everything was going on as well as could be expected.

They were not let alone. And they should not have been. The critics kept up their prodding and they criticized mercilessly. Congressional committees investigated and newspapers exposed what their own investigators discovered.

There is no more shining example of the power of free speech and a free press than is afforded by its wholesome effect upon the war activities of the Administration. It has had its influence on the whole conduct of affairs in Washington.

It is public business that is managed in Washington and the public is not disposed to have it bungled. Our servants there may prepare themselves for just as much more criticism as their conduct deserves.

Lloyd George has an extraordinary talent for rousing the ire in Ireland.

MR. TAFT AND THE WAR

WHENEVER Mr. Taft comes to town, whenever he writes or speaks of the one overwhelming subject of war, he inspires a new admiration and a new sense of friendliness in his audiences. It is his peculiar good fortune to be able to make great judgments in a tranquil spirit and to approach any question, no matter how extraordinary it may be, with a serene mind.

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IF YOU talk long enough you may prevent us from doing something rash which we might regret.

EVEN if we don't get our work done, civilization will continue, and so will you.

Phoebe Fallow writes to ask us the difference between strategy and tactics. Strategy is maneuvering your armies, before battle, in such a way as to impose disadvantageous fighting conditions on your antagonist.

Tactics is the skillful handling of your troops when they are in actual contact with the enemy.

To be concrete: Suppose Dove Dulcet has been spending the evening at the club and misses the last train out to Ohsenby. If he delays his return until the usual time next day, when he can come home armed with flowers and chocolates and carefully matured excuses, that is strategy.

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By Walter Prichard Eaton
IN THE land where I live, the little section of meadows, brooks, small ponds, woods and mountainside, we have all varieties of birds, just as we have all varieties of insects, fish, and animals.

CONSIDER the ducks. My neighbor's pond was made artificially by damming a mountain brook just where it flowed over the plain. After the pond filled, my neighbor stocked it with thousands of three-inch trout.

THEY were the beginning of his rise to wealth and power. It was in 1896 that he took charge of Daly's banks as part owner. Eight years later, when he was forty years old, he became managing director of the Amalgamated Copper Company, entrusted with the duty of managing all its properties and all its employees.

MR. RYAN was not content with devoting himself to mining alone. He saw the possibilities for the production of cheap electric current by developing the water-power of Montana. He wanted the power, first, to operate 100 miles of railroads used by the mines. He produced the power so cheaply and applied it so well that the St. Paul Railroad managers were impressed with what he had done.

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I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of free citizens; equality of rights; justice and humanity for all.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

The Creed is based upon the classic pronouncements of American political and patriotic doctrine, as may be seen by the following:

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What Do You Know?
1. Where and what is Ostend?
2. Who were the "Bismarcks"?
3. Who said, "I have not yet begun to fight"?
4. Name the author of "Telling the Bees."
5. What is meant by Lloyd's?
6. Who were the "Bismarcks"?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. Madame Recamier; French beauty, 1775-1819, noted for her salon and her "Memoirs."
2. "I have had wealth, rank and power; but, if these were all I had, how would I get along with the dying words of Prince-Consort Albert of Prussia?"
3. "A Fable for Critics" was written by James Russell Lowell, American poet and critic.
4. The Astronomer; Poet of Persia; Omar Khayyam, author of the Rubaiyat.
5. The Quran is the sacred book of the Mohammedans.
6. Zebruschka; a port on the Belgian coast, used by the Germans in 1914, and recently blockaded by British warships.

1. James Oglethorpe was the colonizer of Georgia.
2. The Promised Land; Canaan, the goal of the Jewish wanderers in the wilderness.
3. Vice-Admiral von Coelle is the German Minister of Marine.
4. The Kaiser's undergarment; the largest part in a glass; the Kaiser's undergarment; the largest part in a glass; the Kaiser's undergarment; the largest part in a glass.