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REVISE THE CONSTITUTION
THERE is not an unbiased and well-informed lawyer in the State who does not admit that the antiquated Constitution needs a radical revision.

CAN WOMEN FIGHT?
THE temptation is irresistible to start an argument with Mrs. Maria Leona Botchkarova, lieutenant colonel of the Russian Battalion of Death, who has just been saying some dreadful things about the utility of women as fighters.

THE War Chest campaign will go on until the quota is reached.
GET YOUR POCKETBOOK READY
Whether Congress proceeds immediately to the preparation and passage of a bill increasing the war taxes or delays action until the autumn is a matter that interests only those Representatives who wish to get home this summer to look after their political fences.

THE remedy might be a joint military force, including representatives of all the Allies, about which the fighting energy of Russia might be rallied. Under such circumstances the full aid of Japan might be utilized. If some such plan can be inspired at Washington the United States may yet be the richer by the affection and active sympathy of one of the greatest democracies of the world.

Judging by some of the photographs of German prisoners, it is boy-power rather than man-power that is keeping the Kaiser going.
TRUCKS MUST HAVE GOOD ROADS
THE motor trucking business cannot be developed properly so long as there is the present conflict in State regulations.

PERJURED GERMANS
A German, always a German, may be a good doctrine in Berlin, but it does not hold in America. Following the action of the United States Supreme Court in revoking the naturalization of a German who said he hoped that Germany would win the war, the Department of Justice has drafted a bill providing for the revocation of naturalization on the ground of invalidating naturalization.

RUSSIA IN THE BALANCE

Is That Great Land to Become a Free Democracy or a Citadel of Idiot Militarism?

IF THE Russian people are left to fall in this crisis of their experience, if they are abandoned to the shame and agony of German exploitation, Christian civilization will have failed in the crucial test of its charity and its philosophy.

In Washington a great plan of restoration and reconstruction is being considered. It is based upon a theory of American financial aid to the existing agencies of government in Russia through the purchase of immense supplies which otherwise will inevitably fall into the hands of Germany.

Gradually, as the truth emerges, it becomes plain that President Wilson's diplomacy was never swifter or farther seeing than in the first great appeal to the confidence of Russia.

This war is being fought for the future. And as Russia goes in the future a great part of the world will have to go. At the present moment Russia is tied to the heels of Germany.

As they have advanced the hopes for which Russia fought bitterly have been put out like flickering lights in darkness. For the Germans have not allied themselves with the people or based their hopes upon any thought or aspiration of the masses.

No culmination ever suggested since the war began would present so terrible a menace to all the rest of the world. Whatever military oligarchy rose from an exploited Russia under German influence would remain unconquerable.

Out of the chaos of an embittered and disorganized Russia the Soviets—the councils of government elected by the people—are creating a nucleus of order. Money is needed for railroads, for constructive work, for medicines, for the reorganization of business.

A bold stroke of imaginative statesmanship is needed in Russia. President Wilson is bold and he is imaginative. It may be hoped that he will meet the crisis adequately.

The Pullman Company has invited college students to take jobs this summer as the conductors of Pullman cars. That seems to us a good idea, especially if the young men are well posted in Greek literature.

Germany is making her small change of zinc, saving the nickel for military use. Should that be added to the list of U-boat zincings?

More About Boobs
Dear Socrates—Thank you for writing that essay on Boobs. But there is one thing you don't make plain: If one is not a Boob, can one become a Boob? And is it profitable to be a Boob? Your friend,

By all means, be a Boob. We'll help you all we can.
SOCRATES.

COLORS OF SPRING

By Walter Prichard Eaton

I REMEMBER reading somewhere a statement by Maxwell Parrish that there was just as much color in the New England landscape as in Arizona.

THESE recollections have come back to me during the last few days, for spring has been coming up from down Philadelphia way to our Berkshire hills.

FOR instance, part of my own land runs up a mountain side, pasture at first, then a belt of some twenty or thirty acres of gray birch for poverty birch, as it is often called.

BUT two warm, bright days followed, with a night of warm rain, and suddenly the belt of amethyst disappeared. In its place was, for a day or two, a most delicate and charming effect that would only be possible in a solid stand of one kind of wood.

TODAY we took a walk along a road that skirts the edge of the mountain, with the land falling away to swamps and meadows on the lower side.

THE scene fairly sang with color—not to be sure, the martial, blaring music of Arizona, with its cymbals and trombones, but an andante of Mozart or Schubert full of soft wood winds.

Dedicated to the Boston Symphony
Rid of the Muck
That brought ill luck
And was ejected.
Here's hope that good
Be 'in the Wood'
At last selected.

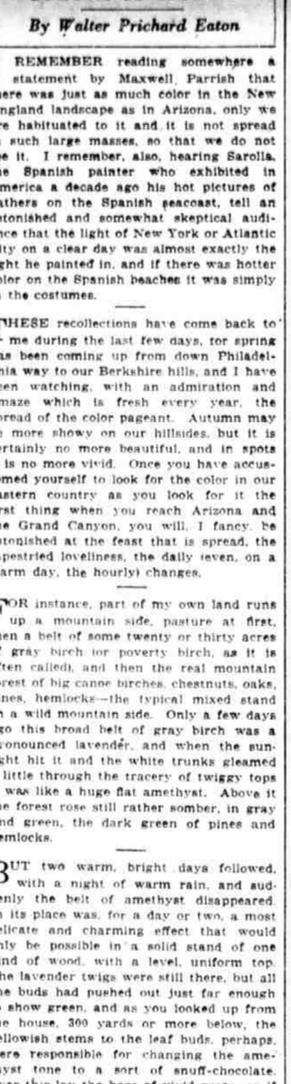
As President Wilson
We Will Ask Him
Will the Weather
Man guarantee us a good day?

Bonniwell and Holstein may after all be the Democratic ticket. Holstein is a Harrisburg saloonkeeper, who is running Logue a close race for the nomination for the lieutenant governorship.

Even Congressmen?
A very good secretary
shown sound sense in asking Congress to raise the age limit for voluntary enlistment from forty to fifty-five years.

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WE ALWAYS SAID HIS NAME WAS "DENNIS"



ART AND THE WAR

Must the Painter of Pictures Take a Vacation?

By ARTHUR EDWIN BYE

"YOU art artists had better go on a vacation until after the war." These profound words are attributed to a famous Mayor of one of our neighboring cities.

WHAT is an art artist? There's the crucial point. The implication is that he is not a plain, straightforward artist, and yet the stress on the word art would suggest that he is, indeed, emphatically an artist.

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ITS hard to die, and naturally our artists are struggling against it. They are trying to dodge the issue by several compromises. For example, Mr. Blashfield has told us, in a recent article in the New York Times, that they are doing a great deal of artistic war work.

THE Element of Doubt
Conditions in Austria suggest the possibility of a Charles Festschburg—New York Evening Post.

Ferishing's Popularity
"Perishing is a name to conjure with in Paris just now," writes Charles Grasty.

SHALL I GIVE?

By J. M. Herman

"SHALL I give?" That is the question that is running through my brain. Shall I help to fill the War Chest, till it heaves beneath the strain?

And when the war is o'er and they've come home from "over there," I'd like to look them in the eye and say, "I did my share!"

Memorial Day in France
The French have a faculty for doing things gracefully. Nothing could be finer than the action of the French authorities, military officers and people in perfecting arrangements for observing Memorial Day jointly with the Americans.

What Do You Know?
QUIZ
1. Where is Yale University located?
2. Name the author of "A Tale of Two Cities."

Answers to Saturday's Quiz
1. Fokker, a type of German airplane, a tri-plane, used especially for aerial "climbing."