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## ESPRIT DE CORPS

THE conviction of Policeman Auerbach for assault upon a Fifth Ward restaurant keeper who is a witness in the election-day murder trial has not been followed by the suspension of the office: from the force.

There is an esprit de corps in the police bureau - that phrase will describe it as harmlessly as any other-which seems to impel the men in authority to stand by the officers when they get in trouble. The burden of proof is on the people outside of the force when an officer is accused.

But ordinarily esprit de corps is supposed to inspire the men in an organization to be so proud of its spotlessness that they are the first to insist on the expulsion of an offender against its standards and traditions.

Can it be that Auerbach has not violated any of the standards of the bureau?

General Pershing's ban on beards in the army still further extends the doctrine of "safety" first.

### THE BRITISH-AMERICAN DRAFT PART-NERSHIP

THE most significant and substantial evidence of the complete co-operation and confidence existing between this country and Great Britain is the new draft treaty It is certainly one of the most remarkable instances of international governmental partnership that has ever been planned.

By this treaty the United States will be impowered to draft into our own army British and Canadian subjects in this country within the British draft age, twenty to forty-four years inclusive. Similarly all Americans in Canada and Great Britain within American draft age-twenty-one to thirty-one-will be subject to draft for the British army. Americans in Canada or Great Britain and British or Canadians in this country may leave to serve in their own armies sixty days after the treaty hall be ratified. Exemption may be granted by certificate issued by the diplomatic representatives of each Government in unusual cases. Irish subjects of Great Britain are exempt until British conscription is applied in Ireland.

This is one more step in the complete military union of this country and Great Britain for the purposes of this war. It is the logical sequence of the brigading of English and American troops in the same rance. It may be in order t ouggest that Berlin papers copy, but we oubt whether they will care to.

## PRO-GERMANISM'S LATEST The Nonpartisan League Debauched by Self-Seekers to the Purposes of Un-

American Propaganda THE disbanding of the German-American Alliance has not left the Germans, without a powerful propagandist organization in this country. With a subtlety characteristic of all their conduct they have been converting to their uses the Nonpartisan League, which was organized in North Dakota in

April, 1915. The league is supporting Charles A. Lindburg for the governorship in Minnesota, where its organizers have been indicted and some of them convicted of violation of the espionage act and with interfering with the draft. Lindburg opposed the entrance of America into the war and in July of last year he published a book in which he charged that this country was forced into the conflict by the capitalists for their selfish ends and

that the young men were asked to fight and die that the rich might be made richer. The league in the beginning was organized as a protest by the farmers of North Dakota against the control of the State by the railroads and the grain elevators. Its founder is A. C. Townley, a man who raised flax and was for a time known as the flax king of his part of the State. There came a bad year, his crop was poor and he failed for \$80,000. He and a few other men, who charged their misfortunes to the railroads and big business met in Bismarck and planned an organization of farmers, who should control the Legislature and pass a lot of laws

similar to those which the old Farmers' Alliance demanded and others which the Populists favored. They wanted the State to take care of them. They wanted State-owned elevators to handle grain not only in North Dakota, but at tidewater. They wanted stock yards, packing plants and cold-storage houses owned by the State. They wanted State insurance against damage from hail, blight, black rust and other things which injured crops. And they wanted farm improve-

ments exempted from taxation. They succeeded in electing a majority

of the lower house of the State Legislature in 1916 and they passed a law providing that farm improvements should be taxed on an asessment of 5 per cent of their value, and that the property of banks and railroads and other "capitalistic" enterprises should be taxed on a 30 per cent assessment.

This was gratifying to the farmers and the league began to grow. It has extended into eleven States in the Northwest and its agents have been busy in Pennsylvania, New York and New England, where they are attempting to bring about a union between the farmers and the labor organizations for the election of members of the Legislatures pledged to their program. It has 200,000 members, who pay an annual fee of \$8 for the privilege of belonging. The organizers are securing between 1000 and 2000 members a week, and receive \$4 of the annual fee from each new member as pay for their services.

As originally planned, the league was one of those wild socialistic organizations which have been popular with the farmers of the West for two generations. It tion in Germany which have lately been was Bryanistic in its economic ignorance and in its humanitarian idealism. The belief of some of its members that this was a capitalists' war and their hostility to capital evidently suggested to the Germans that it could be used for their purposes. Here was an organization ready to their hand through which the war

airplanes are the same who sang and cele brated when the Lusitania was torpedoed It is the ghost of that ship that has returned to haunt them in the air. We in this country know only a part of what has been achieved in our own air service. Germany may realize what we have done before we ourselves are able fully to understand or appreciate it. It is from the air that full retribution is likely to fall 'upon

Germany. And the Germans already have cause to remember that Nemesis usually travels with the speed of wings. Uncovered refuse in summer is evidence

of a "fly" program whose progress is much more of a scandal than a complete breakdown would be,

## MOBILIZING LABOR

THE necessity of securing labor for all the war industries is admitted. It is up to the Government to secure it. Every time it has suggested conscripting labor there has been strenuous objection from

the labor organizations. The Government has evolved a new plan, to go into effect on July 15, which it hopes will accomplish the desired end without stirring up any hostility. In brief it is that all unskilled labor needed by war industries which employ more than 100 men shall be obtained through central bureaus

in each State and that there shall be no bidding of one industry against another. This much has been decided. The War Policies Board of the Department of Labor is considering the standardization of wages. Whether it will agree on a fixed wage before July 15 is not known. The board also is considering the extension of the plan to skilled as well as to unskilled labor.

If the war industries are short of help he non-war industries are to be isked to give up their laborers that the demands f the shipbuilders, the munition factories and the rest may be supplied. And all labor is to be obtained through the Government employment bureau in which the men are to be registered. It is assumed that the men will willingly go where they are sent and will continue to work at the job found

for them by the bureau. The object is to mobilize labor so that it can be sent where it is needed. The plan cannot succeed without the hearty co-operation of both employers and employes in non-war industry. If it does succeed, according to Louis F. Post, the Socialist Assistant Secretary of Labor, "by the time the peace treaty is signed the old division between employers and employes

as distinct classes will have passed away. No. Suzan, the passing of a bill in the Holland Parliament to make the Zuyder Zee dry is not a victory for the prohibitionists. DISCOURAGING FACTS THAT POINT

THE WAY TO VICTORY No CONTEST was ever won by overestimating one's own strength and

underestimating the strength of one's opponent

We cannot win this war by shutting our eyes to the strength of Germany and by concluding that we have an easy task. The assertion of General Stein to the Reichstag that the Germans outnumbered the enemy in the recent battles is now virtually admitted in France, England and the United States. We are beginning to believe with General Maurice that General Foch's reserves existed chiefly on paper. The gravity of the situation is admitted by President Wilson, by Mr. Asquith and

by the correspondents at the front. The fact that the correspondents are allowed to write about it proves that the war board has decided that it is useless longer to attempt to keep the truth from the public.

The inability of the Germans to break through does not mean that we are win

## THE HIGHWAY BUILDERS

(Arthur Fell, chairman of the House of Com none English Channel tunnel committee, de lared that he thought it would be practice of a through railway to be constructed from opdon to Constantinople, with extensions to mons English Channel tunnel committee de clared that he thought it would be practical for a through railway to be constructed from London to Constantinopie, with extensions to Calcutta, Cape Town and Pekin,—London Dis-patch.)

ARTHUR FELL, you'll lend diversions To the futurists' excursions On the day

When your most ambitious plan'll Bring a tunnel through the Channel And the way

Will be open to Rhodesia, With its diamond mines to please you,

And a train Will be whizzing toward Colombo, With its elephants like Jumbo,

### Eating grain; And a Pullman seat you seek in Through expresses clear to Pekin

Or Madras: And the bridge that's born of hope'll Modernize Constantinople,

And you'll pass Through the hills of Asia Minor In a well-appointed diner; And the chap,

Who takes "dejeuner" in Dover. Will be catapulted over

Half the map. Till at suppertime he'll have a Fleeting glimpse of tropic Java

Singapore, Mandalay or Sourabaya.

Or perhaps a Himalaya; And the door Of the East will be so handy That a trip to Seoul or Kandy

Will be done With such ease that leaps to Cairo Will seem travel for the tyro

Just for fu. This we'll grant you, man of vision

If you'll pardon the incision That we make

With reflections disabusing To the current of your musing As we take

This position: rail nor skyway Holds a candle to the highway Or a pin

That humanity is clearing. Ever dauntless and unfearing.

To Berlin! H. T. CRAVEN.

## THE ELECTRIC CHAIR

The Leviathan

THERE is something peculiarly satisfying to us in the thought of the Leviathan, which used to be Germany's crack liner Vaterland, painted smoky gray and running back and forth between here and France loaded with troops.

The other day we were crossing on the ferry from Jersey City to Manhattan, There was a spanking breeze hustling down the Hudson; those leaping skyscrapers all stood tiptoe in the damling sunshine; commuters were busy holding down hats and petticoats. And then, far up the river, coming over the Hoboken dock roofs, we saw the three dark funnels. The Leviathan was in, taking on another load of soldiers.

It gave us a thrill. It keeps on tingling every time we think of it. An ocean liner is a heart-bustling sight anyway, as she comes sliding in from the blue, unmeasurable sea; but when you think of the Leviathan, the Kaiser's own pet, slipping quietly to and fro, putting a crimp in his plans, it gives us a tremulous little throb something between a laugh and a prayer.



# When New York Doused the Glim

## By Our Special Correspondent

pressed excitement had begun to get on our THERE is one good thing that the subnerves. Evelyn wanted to go too, but we I marine scare has done for us. No one. told her that a woman's place is in the except Those We Really Love, will come home, and she was persuaded to write letto visit us at our apartment any more. Perters while we sallied forth in quest of sonally we have always suspected that adventure. The Metropolitan Tower gave what appeared to be popularity was really only the apartment, and now we are sure. us an unpleasant shock; it was so very When we first moved in and people came near and there was no doubt about it being in for luncheon and stayed for tea and a good target. Near us was the Children's Court and a hospital, a veritable happy dropped in for dinner and thought nothing hunting ground for Huns. We made of running in from farthest Jersey to straight for the newspaper office, knowing spend the night with us and demanded by experience that if anything were afoot eggs for breakfast when there weren't they would know all about it. All the any in the house we were thrilled and reporters were there in shirt sleeves and flattered. But later it developed that what thousands of editors-they are sometimes they really craved was our couch by the window, from which you gain a peerless used in emergencies-and high above the city desk hung the cheerful slogan:

would be hideous. So we lay in the dark

listening to the cats in the back yard-

there are some twenty of them who sere

nade us nightly-and to somebody's Vic-

trola, and once we thought we heard a

siren, but it was only a fire engine going

Hasn't the Price

Viewpoint

Playing the Number

omething like roulette

peacefully to a fire.

even to have heard them!

view of Gramercy back yards and fat cats sittle; on the tops of fences. There "In case of airplane raids members of the staff are requested to telephone too, that sweeps across the

Farr, in the Milwaukee Sentine

## A FOOLISH SONG

AS I was going along, going along, The sky was blue, the meadows bright,

I smiled upon the pretty sight As I was going along.

As I was going along, going along, There came a bird, there came a breeze, The thicket stirred with melodies And never songs were sweet as these, As I was going along.

I met a maid who led a lamb, And 1 delayed-fool that I am!-For her eyes in limpid laughter swam As I was going along.

As I was going along, going along, I thought of breeze and bird and maid, The sunny trees, the tender shade,. And out of them a song I made

EA DR

The river, too, all flecked with light!

As I was going along, going along,

Naturally the standard of White Russia must be the flag of truce.

### THEY CARRIED ON!

THE clipped phrases in which General Pershing reports the award of distinguished service crosses to eleven of his men for extraordinary valor on the battle front nearest Paris present the true, unadorned picture of modern war. Brilliant, exhilarating impacts are rare. The Amerisens who distinguished themselves saw netle of the poetry of war. Their field of operations was swept by fire-much as a city street is swept clean by a rain torrent. They experienced something of the oneliness that falls upon a solitary man in a storm.

Some were wounded and unconscious But they pulled themselves together and went to the aid of the wounded. Others. who must have felt in their momentary ation as if they were the last men alive a the world, caimly dropped into shell les and fought off superior forces until they were relieved. Amoulance drivers went forward over shell-swept roads and were shot. They continued, found the men who needed them, returned and were shot again when their cars weren't blown from under them. Officers and enlisted men were equally gallant. No one can say what mystic light leads such as these. A voice within them. That is all. No American an read the formal report of their achieveents without feeling that chivalry still ersists to illumine the world.

The shipping chiefs are worried about inding enough names for the vessels they're unching. You provide the ships, boys, and "I keep the dictionary busy. Even if we ave to steal a few names from the Pullman

THE WAR IN NEW YORK TEW YORK is still meditating on the possibility of a bombardment by aires or submarines. And it is observ de that New Yorkers are not flustered the prospect. They have endured much are trench-hardened. They have had listen to Mayor Hylan's speeches and Broadway musical shows. They still out undisturbed, wearing their funny speaking their curicus languages. their fantastic food. Secretly the vellers may yearn to be bombarded. is a plague of summer in the iner

build the Hun begin to pop bombs all York, clever theatrical managers are wing to sudden riches by selling on. And in that event ins who rush over and see

could be made unpopular. The reports from Minnesota indicate. that its membership there is made up largely of the pro-Germans and that the first members obtained by the organizers in new communities are the German sympathizers. And the nomination by the league of Lindburg, who says in his book that "we have been dragged into the war by the intrigue of the speculators," confirms and justifies the suspicion in which the organization is held.

It is at best anti-war and is part of that movement in which Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes was active-a movement which the judge who sentenced Mrs. Stokes described as a systematic program to create discontent with the war, disagreement with the causes and justice of the war, loss of confidence in the good faith and sincerity underlying the conduct of the war and its ultimate aims, thereby to cause withdrawal of support at home and relaxation of effort and effectiveness in the field. At worst it is anti-American because pro-German. There are doubtless many loyal and patriotic Americans among the members, who joined because they wanted the State to help them. But there is no doubt that many of the men directing the policy of the league are disloyal.

The Attorney General will fail in his duty unless he warns the honest farmers of the country of the nature of the society which is seeking their membership and unless he takes steps to prosecute the guilty among the officers.

Yes, the good old five-cent piece of ice has returned once more. But how changed !

**OUR FLIERS OVER GERMANY** 

MONG the war, reports from the front A is a brief bulletin which tells of the first all-American air raid of a German city. This particular cable is one that will be generally read with mingled emotions. Civilization hesitated long before it consented to a war of reprisals. But Ger-many made such a war imperative and now she is in a way to learn how terrible the wrath of the patient can actually be. It may be worth remembering that the in in the German city that has just of by a fleet of twelve As

ning the war, nor do the reports of starva sent out-of course, with the knowledge of the German censors-indicate that Ger many is really starving. If the Germans can persuade us to believe that they are on the verge of a breakdown at home they think they can induce us to slow up in our war work and in sending troops to France. Germany is suffering from lack of certain kinds of food, but she has enough to keen her people alive and in fighting condition. We must act as though this were absolutely true, even if it be 25 per cent false, and we must prepare to defeat a vigorous,

enthusiastic enemy by hurling our whole strength into the battle line. We can win in no other way.

Evidence that the Pe ruvian bark is mild A Bitter Pill compared to its bite is now afforded Germany by the way the liberty-loving Latin republic has finally fol-

lowed up a severance of diplomatic relations with a seizure of the Kaiser's merchantmen

All that we have heard about the exorbitant Too Costly! cost of the necessities of life in Germany is verified by the statement of a Socialist in the Reichstag, who has just declared that iron crosses are now pur chasable at forty cents each.

"I am not opposed to General Hancock the statue because Buchanan was a Found Out Southerner or a Democrat." said Senator Lodge. "He was neither."

In thus running counter to history with respect to "ten-cent Jimmy's" political affiliations, was the gentleman from Massachusetts implying that no President could really be at the same time a Democrat and a Pennsylvanian?

"That lying German The Orchestra general with his tune Will Now Play about Allied losses is giving grand opera a the Anvil Chorus good boost, anyway

"How's that, Mr. Bones?" "Well, wat naturally; any one who knows the truth turns to Hammerstein."

The best way for the "melancholy Dane" to cheer up is to let Uncle Sam buy that idle fleet.

The present period of Germany's drive ems to be entirely of the orthodox "fullstop" variety.

A correspondent says he saw a huge ship shiver. Even when it is wrapped in a blanket of fog and being rocked in the cradle of the deep? Unbellevable!

The first thing we know Germany will be sore on strife of any kind. Her business men are now lamenting the prospect of a future "economic war," while the present costly one is so distasteful to her senerals that they are transite up wind it up to men

God bless the Leviathan and good luck to her! Ships have an honor and a mystery of their own, and we imagine she is proud of having a hand in punishing the men who smirched and fouled the ancient tradition of the sea. When we see her we think of another queenly ship whose lovely profile was once familiar in New York harbor: a ship with tall red funnels and a ruffle of white foam at her stem. . .

Ships, as we said, have an honor of their own. You, will notice that no one has ever called those shark-boats "ships." And the Leviathan is the avenger of the Lusitania.

She has a great heart in her, that fine ship; a heart that not even the Hoboken sples could corrupt. She is an instrument of honor in the hands of true sailor men When we see her grav funnels they seem a kind of symbol of all we fight for She thrilled us a year ago when we first saw the Stars and Stripes at her stern. She thrills us still. She always will.

### **Doctor of Immortal Boyhood**

DRINCETON did a genial thing in conferring an honorary degree upon Booth Tarkington. Tarkington has become a legend at Princeton. He was reputed the most debonair and delightful undergraduate of his day (class of '93, wasn't it?). Then he wrote "Monsieur Beaucaire," one of the most delicious bits of romantic prose this continent has inked. By the time the public had sized him up as a whimsical doer of triffes he started serious realistic novels. And then, upon an unsuspecting world, he burst the laughing gas of Penrod.

The world is grateful to Mr. Tarkington for Penrod. Not since Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn has there been so faithful, so laughable, so utterly true (and therefore to utterly amusing) a portrait of the intricate world wherein boyhood plays its grave pranks. Every one has read about him. and read him again, and read him aloud. He is become a national figure. Not even the marvelous portrait of Willie Baxter in the throes of male flapperhood ("Seyenteen") has banished Penrod from our hearts. Penrod and his "limited bachelor set" will live as long as trousers (both short and

ong). We don't know just what kind of doctor they made Mr. Tarkington. But he is most endeared to us all as the limner of Penrod.

We hope that degree was Doctor of Immortal Boyhood.

Battle Hymn of the Kaiser I IN the midst of battle 1, In my motor carnage rode, Where the deadly telephones rattle

And the bulletins explode. I. I in the midst of fighting. Where the field kitchen stands at bay nd the staff their nails are biting. chair, and we are mercilessly adjacent to the office." the "L" and the subway.

WHY, we demanded, and what for and BUT recently all this has been done away with. Our invitations are conwhat to do about cellars, and if we were wounded what then? No one seemed stantly declined and there is every probato know exactly and their vagueness only bility that we shall be able to sleep in our made us the more uneasy. A friend asked respective beds during the summer instead us to the movies and normally we should have accepted with alacrity, but there of taking the front room so that guests may have them. When the word passed seemed something like fiddling when Rome that U-boats were lying in New York harwas burning to go to the movies on such bor our families-Evelyn's lives in Pennsyla night. So we went into a drug store vania and our own further west-bominstead and had a chocolate malted milk. barded us with telegrams to seek shelter, Two officers of the British navy ordered to give up our jobs, to go to Connecticut, pink ice cream and all the sailors and the to do anything but remain in New York. subway guards were clad in jaunty white And we, fatalistic with the melancholy sesuits. It suggested a scene from a comic curity of a three months' lease, only opera. Once we thought we heard a Zeppelaughed bitterly and by expensive night lin, but it was only a mail truck lumbering letters sent C. O. D. bade them hush. up Park Row. So we went home again.

WILLIAM was on the front door step, BUT Tuesday night things really looked serious. The evening papers warned gazing at the sky. We assured him there was nothing in it but stars and asked us to dim the lights and gave minute and depressing details about siren whistles him kindly to illuminate the elevator. which would blow at stated intervals in There is nothing more undermining than case of danger. We were instructed to go an unlighted elevator. He yielded momeninto the cellar and to open all the windows. tarily, but switched off the globes imme-Evelyn, who has a scientific mind, said this diately and sank to the ground floor. Evelast was to guard against concussion or lyn was still up and had grown discourpercussion, 1 forget which. Anyway it aged waiting for an airplane, so had put seemed a rash thing to do when thieves up the shades again. We rebuked her sternly, but she said what difference did might so easily break in and steal by runone window make when all the street lights ning up the fire-escape. We have a dozen silver knives and forks that the family were on and any intelligent German could yielded up when it seemed obvious that we find his way around, particularly since they were nearly all North German Lloyd stewwere not going to marry after all and hence would not need a regular trousseau ards before the war anyway and knew New Had we locked the fire-escape window so York like a book. We decided to sit up all faithfully these many nights only to have night in case there should be an attack. our morale broken by a possible German It was bad enough to be bombarded, Evelyn said, but to be killed and never know it

airplane? We decided not.

THEN we inspected the cellar. This was rather difficult, as it was full of beds left by tenants who had taken the bull by the horn, so to speak, and had automat ically banished guests by banishing the beds. There were so many of both tenants and beds that there was really no place to stand. No one admitted to being nervous and we talked lightly and laughingly on

ther topics. The sound of our forced meriment seemed to irritate William, the colored boy who runs the elevator. William has an inkling that we are connected with the press and he probed us with questions as to how soon the Germans might be expected to attack the city and, if worse came to worst, how would they treat a

poor colored boy? We told William coldiv that we were not acquainted with the Imperial Government's view of the race prob lem.

BUT we were worried, none the less, and drew the shades down tightly while we ate dinner. Tuesday was a hot night if you remember, and there was about the t

As I was going along -Paul Scott Mowrer, in "Hours of France."

Significant Phrases

Every great war has its striking and familiar phrases. In our Civil War Grant's "Fight it out on this line if it takes all sum-mer" and "The colored troops fought bravely" stood out prominently. The "I regret to report" of the South African war is well remembered. In the present war, and especially since the beginning of the great especially since the beginning of the great German offensive in March, the phrase that most often recurs in the news dispatches from the front is, "The ground was littered with heaps of German dead." The signifi-cance of this is, for the time being, lost on the people of Germany, who are kept in importance of their tertille losses, but it is ignorance of their terrible losses, but it is vell known to the peoples of the Allied coun-ries. It spells the ultimate defeat and coltries. It spells the ultimate defeat and col-lapse of the Prussian military system.---Springfield Union.

· Useless Occupations

Counting the holes in Swiss cheese. Counting chickens before the incubator's ought. Counting on a raise.

Counting on the weather being good for a

Counting the gray hairs in one's head. Counting the pennies, hoping the dollars will take care of themselves-they won't. Counting on a crop without working for it.-Farm Life.

### We'll Follow Suit

Detroit Free Press

#### Blood Will Tell

Scratch an I. W. W. and what do we find? A Bolshevik, who can even go so far some-times as to speak the Russian language.-rmingham Age Herald.

Ominous for the Hun Hordes

Foch is fully as talkative as Grant was in 1864.—Boston Herald.

# What Do You Know?

QUIZ Who was Cardinal de Rets? What is the capital of Virginia' Who is Secretary of Commerce? Where is the Ourcy River! 5. What is the real meaning of "A. E. F." and what is the meaning sometimes given? Answers to Saturday's Quis

6. Charles F. Murphy is the chief of Ta

von Huber, one of the

WE READ the next morning in the paper that airplanes had patrolled 'the 6. Who is in command of the United States city all night long. They were our own What is a peurbolre?
Where is Camp McClellan?
When was the battle of Bunker Hill?
Who is the most celebrated American easist? of course, but still it was humiliating not B. W. There is probably no truth in the rumor that the Kaiser is so anxious to get to Paris that he was seen recently buying tickets from speculators.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The Marsellisise is the national air of Fri Flag Day, June 14, is the and June 14, 1777, when Congress national beamer. S. Western Reserve University is at Cloud Probably about the hardest thing of all would be to persuade a candidate for some minor office that nothing matters now but winning the war.--Ohio State Journal. 4. Khaki. a dust colored cloth frequentiz used 5. The dollar mark is usually explain