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INDUSTRIAL VOLUNTEERING CAN PREVENT CONSCRIPTION
Labor is Confronted by the Necessity of Choosing Between Force and Consent in Engaging in Work to Help Win War

There is no escaping either the logic or the abstract justice of the war labor order that has come out of Washington.
We have drafted men into the army to fight and, if need be, to die. We consented to the draft because it seemed to be a fairer way to raise a big army than to depend entirely on volunteer enlistment.

IN A Y. M. C. A. HUT
Lawrence Perkins, a nephew of the late John Lower Welsh, of this city, volunteered some months ago for service as a Y. M. C. A. hut secretary in France.



THE MAYOR STANDS FROM UNDER
MAYOR SMITH very properly objects to assuming with the City Solicitor responsibility for nullifying contracts which the contractors, owing to war conditions, have found impossible to fulfill without heavy loss.

AS TO LOOKING GIFT STATUES IN THE MOUTH
THERE would have been no squabble in the Senate over the proposed status of James Buchanan if the piece of the former President had not willed \$100,000 to pay for it.

LISTENING IN
The Smell of Smells
I SMELT it the other morning—I wonder if you know the smell I mean? It had rained hard during the night, and trees and bushes twinkled in the sharp early sunshine like ballroom chandeliers.

IN WORKING with the United States Army Y. M. C. A. in France there is one great thing that stands out above all others—opportunity. It is always there, whether one's work is a success, mediocre or a failure.

Fitzpatrick in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. "I thought they wouldn't let Roosevelt come over. They wouldn't; that was the marines!"

FOX AND BIPARTISANSHIP
GOVERNOR BRUMBAUGH has appointed Edwin J. Fox, a Democratic lawyer of Easton, to the Supreme Court bench.
Mr. Fox is said to have been recommended to the Governor by A. Mitchell Palmer, to whom the position was offered.

THE GOWNSMAN
POETIC license is a convenient term, designed, like charity, to cover a multitude of sins. Like charity, too, poetic license is likely to begin at home, somewhat to the disturbance of the home.

THE READERS' VIEWPOINT
A New Yorker Pays His Respects
Sir—Appropos of the editorial in today's issue of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER, with its sarcastic comments in reference to New York and the so-called idiosyncrasies of New Yorkers in general, permit me to state that Philadelphia is not immune from air attacks by German airplanes, which you state New York is threatened.

THE GOWNSMAN (continued)
POETIC license is a double-edged weapon of offense. It may merely affect what a man writes or says when he gets his singing robes on. And the Gownsmen may remark parenthetically that wings and a halo are not en regle for all singing robes.

THE GOWNSMAN

A JOB FOR MR. HOOVER
THERE is a kind of price-fixing to which the most scrupulous economists cannot object. It is the fixing of prices to prevent profiteering.
The price of beef has advanced eight, ten and fifteen cents a pound, according to the cut, within a month. Lard of lamb has gone up ten cents. Veal chops and calves' liver cost ten cents more, and other meats are higher.

HOW PARIS KEEPS CALM
HINDY must feel aggrieved at Paris's refusal to get worried. Rattling Gothas, Krupp monster guns, Rosner's report that the Kaiser is bronzed and bright-eyed, none of these things disturb the cool insouciance of the queenly city.

WAR POWER VS. RED TAPE
DEEP, direct cut which the Government has made through a jungle of red tape by the decision to construct at once a new trolley road between Darby and Chester, which will link the latter city to Philadelphia by a through double-track route, far transcends in importance any engineering difficulties of the line.

THE GOWNSMAN (continued)
THE Gownsmen doubts not that the artist, the constructor, the piecer together of "It" was a decent enough person, doubtless with one wife—and that his own—and six or seven children, and addicted to no greater irregularity, let us hope, than a modicum of stimulant for an imagination that must conceive, under the rules of the new art, something that never had been shown heretofore on land or sea.

THE READERS' VIEWPOINT

WAR POWER VS. RED TAPE (continued)
Such a swift exercise of authority is startling, indeed, but military necessity justifies the Federal action and that plea is unanswerable. As the immediate relief of congested and inadequate service could be no other way, the Government had no choice in the matter. The war and its workmen had to be served.

THE GOWNSMAN (continued)
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THE GOWNSMAN (continued)
IF YOU are not possessed of genius—and so few of us are—the next best thing is the achievement of notoriety. Get your name in the papers—it does not much matter for what. Contrive to have somebody—It does not much matter who—call your book or your speech or your conduct "scandalous." Get Postmaster General Burleson to prohibit you and your wares the use of the United States mails—and, my boy, you are made. You have energized, you are at last visible to the naked eye. And now, to keep it up. Do not do things in the manner in which other people do them.

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WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

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QUIZ
1. What is the highest rank in the United States navy and the highest grade in the army?

WHAT DO YOU KNOW? (continued)
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2. Where is General Serrano?
3. What is periscope?
4. What is the capital of West Virginia?

WHAT DO YOU KNOW? (continued)
QUIZ (continued)
5. What flower has been the official emblem of the United States since 1912?
6. Who wrote "The Merchant of Venice"?

WHAT DO YOU KNOW? (continued)
QUIZ (continued)
7. Who is the Queen of the Belgians?
8. Where is Vilnius?
9. Who is Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth?
10. What is meant by "ballot-box"?

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S QUIZ

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1. Admiral and General.
2. In the Philippines.
3. A telescope.
4. Charleston.
5. The carnation.
6. Shakespeare.
7. Belgium.
8. Lithuania.
9. The Salvation Army.
10. A ballot box.