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THE LANSOWNE LETTER

The Old Order Would Inure Its Safety With the Help of the Best. TO PUT aside Lord Lansdowne's latest appeal to the pacifism of his time without a perception of its inner significance would be most unwise.

The logic of barter and balance, compromise and sale, fear and secrecy for which Lord Lansdowne is the insistent propagandist has failed appallingly since the beginning. It has whipped mankind through the wretchedness and misery of all wars.

Beneath the seeming humanity of the Lansdowne theory of "adjustment of aims" lies the crudest of all philosophies, the error that has darkened all human history.

It is the part of charity to view Lansdowne as one of the British newspapers views him—as a "tired, rich old man" not quite up to the spirit of his days.

You will look as vainly in the Lansdowne letter as you would look in a pronouncement of the Kaiser's for a word or a glimmer to show that he understands the state of mind of civilization at this hour.

If there is one thing in the latest appeal of the British pacifist adequate to rouse resentment rather than mild disdain it is the allusion to the indefiniteness of President Wilson's four peace conditions.

THE "TONYS", Pasquales and Giuseppees are returning to their native land or that of their fathers in American army contingents which have reached Italy.

learn that an article marked "sold" has not been sold, but is purchasable at the modest equivalent of one American cent.

Half of our troops, now in Italy are said to be of Italian birth or origin. Their Americanism of spirit is not in the least impugned by this fact.

The new Liberty Loan campaign will begin on September 28. Months with an R are good for bonds as well as oysters.

Such bargaining, assuming that Germany's eastern schemes are unclouded, would make the Hun a colossus, despite losses in the main theatre of the war.

Russian business men are reported as characterizing the Bolshevik rule as "cray tyranny". The first adjective is superfluous.

THE SWEETS OF "PUNISHMENT" Various penalties imposed on ever-loyal Liege for having celebrated the second victory of the Marne are doubtless being paid in a spirit of both pride and joy.

George Gibbs is the author of "The Secret Witness," which recently ran in this paper, and we ought to have a grudge against him because many people were so thrilled by his story that they forgot to read The Chaffing Dish.

Green, tender and moist, the grass is forever sleeping, lying snugly on its mother's breast. And when at last it opens its flowery eyes, we see them twinkling with pannies, honeysuckles and violets.

THE CHAFFING DISH

Boonville Again. THE other day we printed a humble tribute to Boonville, Mo., home of the cornucopious. At least one old Boonville citizen lives in Philadelphia, as the following letter shows:

Dear Socrates—Speaking of cornucopious pipes and old Boonville on the banks of the mighty Missouri revives memories of long ago, entwined with turbulent glories and tender romances which hover about the vine-clad hills of this now peaceful city.

In God We Trust Kansas or bust On the return trip was added: Busted, by God!

And at Boonville among the bluffs overlooking the treacherous waters of the Big Muddy is found the original "Levers Leap" rock from which the despairing pair chose to end it all in the sandy depths below.

A Suggestion to Senators Any one who likes plenty of words in his reading matter will find the Congressional Record an unfulfilling tonic.

What He Said What He Meant The gratifying assurance from my colleague falls upon my sensibilities like a blessed benediction.

The Nickname Mr. A. Edward Newton, whose friends refer to him affectionately as Daylesford's leading essayist, tells a good story about gargoyles.

Qui Vive in Kiev Ukraine is seething with anti-German sentiment, say the dispatches. And the murder of Eichhorn at Kiev seems to show that Kiev is on the qui vive.

Proverbs Resolved Among the Bolsheviks, factions speak louder than words.

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Schwab will build the ships or eat his hat. And the German papers will say: Terrible food shortage in America! American auto-cars compelled by hunger to eat straw hats as breakfast food.

Even patient China is complaining of the rise in prices caused by the war. In other words, the Shanghai cost of living would not get better.



HUMORISTS AT FORTY

THE gods are afraid of humorists. Either by starvation, or by too rapid success, or by laughing in the wrong place, or by sending people to call on them when they are working, the canny gods try to choke them off.

OUR new forty-year-old is Don Marquis, New York's gravest irresponsible. The gods tried to leash and scabbard his flashing rapier mind with 226 pounds of corpus commutator.

HUMOR—at any rate the kind of humor that vibrates in the neighborhood of Don Marquis—is largely the dangerous ability to see things straight.

BY THE time a man is forty he will either be a humorist or the cause of humor in others. It doesn't really matter which, so long as the world's stock of cheer is bettered.

Mr. Kosphot, the correspondent of this newspaper in Switzerland, believes that we have spoiled Austria-Hungary by being too nice to her.

With their eye on the "Yellow Peril" for so many years, the Germans entirely neglected the Red one, which proved so potent when some keen-eyed native American scouts on the western front got busy.

Lord Lansdowne's spirits and the last syllable of his name seem to be in reprehensible agreement.

THE TERROR

FROM Asago to Cambrai. From Vilna to the Aisne. Each night the ghosts of soldiers say, "Don't let us die in vain."

How shall we find a way to heal The terror of the slain, To seek them out, and make them feel They have not died in vain?

Overruling Court Custom There will be wide interest in a recent decision of the Illinois Supreme Court dealing with the discretionary power so generally exercised by prosecuting officers.

All for the Allies This country is going to have a bumper wheat crop, and very little of it is going into pretzels.—Chicago News.

Senate Approval The Senators are in sympathy with the "work or fight" rule—sometimes they work and oftener they fight.—Milwaukee Leader.

What Do You Know? QUIZ 1. Who is chief of the German general staff? 2. Who was "Dixie"? 3. Who is Major General Omar Bundy?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. Elder statement a term applied to the most eminent statesmen of Japan.