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ELECT A REPUBLICAN HOUSE

This Would Render Harmless the "Disloyal" Democrats Whom the President Opposes

WE ALWAYS regret the waste of energy when we see a man taking a roundabout course to secure the ends that he might secure by following the shortest route.

This is one of the reasons for our regret that the President has seen fit to write letters disapproving the re-election of various Democratic Senators and Representatives. His purpose is to secure a Congress which will sustain the Administration in its prosecution of the war.

Take, for example, the case of Mr. Dent, of Alabama, who presides over the Committee on Military Affairs. He has been fighting the plans of the War Department to be empowered to call the youths between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one to the army.

Chairman Kitchin, of the Ways and Means Committee, is equally objectionable, for he has been doing his best to produce a revenue bill which will fail to meet the approval of the Treasury Department.

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The simplest way to shear them of power to hamper the Administration is not to defeat them, but to elect a Republican House. Then by the operation of the rule of seniority Mr. Kahn would automatically become chairman of the Military Affairs Committee and Mr. Fordney, of Michigan, would preside over the Committee on Ways and Means.

Every reason which Mr. Wilson has offered for the defeat of individual Democrats applies with equal force to the defeat of the Democratic majority through the supremacy of which in the House the obstructing committee chairmen are enabled to interfere with and delay the war work of all kinds.

But whether Mr. Wilson takes this course or not, the country is likely to do it, for the prospects for the election of a Republican House improve every time Mr. Dent obtrudes his narrow views about the draft and every time Mr. Kitchin seeks to penalize certain kinds of business.

The high rents in Philadelphia cause one to wonder whether a job on a moving van represents an essential employment.

WHO REMEMBERS CASTLE GARDEN?

IT WAS sadly like New York to rave and quarrel and divide itself into classes over the proposed transformation of Battery Park for one of the war industries; to "save" that historic place amid a great outcry and yet to miss the inner heart of the question altogether.

Castle Garden, which distinguishes the Battery Park, is, as a matter of fact, one of the great landmarks of American history. It was the receiving place for immigrants in the days before Ellis Island.

They are talking now of putting up a tablet to the men who "saved" Battery Park. It might be far better if the city

or the country itself were to put up a tablet in honor of the early immigrants who ventured, often amid difficulties, into a new world that they enriched with their industry, their strength and their great devotion.

Germany may not approve of the skip-stop system, but she's adopting it every day in Picardy.

SENATOR LODGE ON PEACE

SENATOR LODGE is an able man and a sophisticated interpreter of political motives. He is now the dominating representative of Republican party opinion in the Senate. He has a national audience on the occasions when he takes the floor.

For Mr. Lodge's program is in all essentials Mr. Wilson's program, a shade more explicitly stated, somewhat more harshly phrased and having as its leading characteristic the commanding note and challenge of the victor.

A principle not clearly visible in the text of Senator Lodge's address is involved in this instance, and it may yet develop as a ground for argument between the two political parties.

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Senator Lodge in urging the necessity for a victory dictated on German soil does not go too far. He might justly have urged a victory dictated in Berlin.

The victor in arms is not likely to waste time on such subtleties. President Wilson differs with Senator Lodge in that he seems able to imagine a whipped and reformed Germany that yet shall prove amenable to justice and reason and escape the horrors of forced invasion.

It remains to be seen how America at large will feel in relation to this theory. It must be remembered that Senator Lodge and the leaders with whom he consulted before making his address have none of the responsibilities of the President. They can become more conciliatory or more harsh without any violation of political ethics.

Not Bad in This Weather The chap who gets any real satisfaction out of looking at the thermometer to see "how high it is now" might be said (but not by us) to be a victim of mercuriosity.

On the whole it is pleasant to learn that some detachments of German troops are being transferred from Finland to the west front. We won't have to go so far to kick them.

Neither one nor several swallows make a summer satisfying to the Hun, a truth he learns while the process compelling him to discharge large bites of France continues.

THE CHAFFING DISH

WE OFTEN wonder whether the German soldiers write as much poetry as the Yanks do. Probably they wrote a good deal of verse in August and September, 1914, but not much since then.

Our own boys seem to find pleasure in putting their thoughts into rhyme. The following lively ballad was written by Sherman Gardner Coates, formerly an architect in this city, who called as a private and when last heard from was a corporal in the 109th Machine Gun Battalion.

"Spreadycore" (Esprit de Corps)

IF KICKIN' makes a fightin' man, then I've got this to say: That this here war's as good as won, I'll stake my next month's pay!

THEY ain't a single god-darned thing in this here army game That suits us half-baked soldiers, an' the way we knock 'em a shame.

WE KICK agin our officers — they're dumb as Paddy's sow — They ain't a private buck of us what couldn't tell 'em how!

THEY corporals, they ain't so bad, 'cept when they make us work. Er drill us when we want to sleep, er spot us when we shirk.

WE HOLLER at our doctors with their pills an' iodine; We yell becuz it rains at night while drillin' weather's fine;

WE HATE the chow we get to eat, an' swear we'll eat the cooks. An' cuss the commissary for a gang uh dirty crooks;

WE'RE tired uh being here an' wish we heck they'd move us on. An' when we're there we hate it worse, an' wish we'd never gone;

BUT, though we're great on soundin' off an' kickin' our delight, We won't fly out no yellow flags when once they let us fight!

Co. A, 109th Machine Gun Battalion, A. E. F. An army variant of "hand-shaker," a fellow who tries to make himself popular with his superiors.

Lenine's Version The fault, dear Trotsky, is not in our Czars, But in ourselves, that we are underlings.

Give Him His Due We have always felt a good deal of pity for the late Czar, who may have been weak but certainly was not contemptible.

Nicholas's Personal Tastes in literature being excellent, it is curious that he chose for reading aloud to his children during their captivity a volume called "A Millionaire Girl." It would be interesting to know what the book is.

But There Will Be Others East of Chaules is the village of Misery, which the Huns have compelled to live up to its name. Foch, as a humane man, will soon put them out of it.

A British merchant captain who was captured by a U-boat complains that she was terribly overcrowded. The submarine was 200 feet long and carried a crew of seventy-seven.

Why is it so much easier to think when one's feet are elevated about forty inches from the floor? Is there anything Darwinian in the matter?

Flashlight manufacturer arrested on top of Mount Washington.—Headline. People who amuse themselves these days by waving lights on tops of mountains are apt to find their vacation prolonged to an uncomfortable extent.

Two Is Company

A play has been produced in New York with only two actors in the cast. Is this a profiteering dodge to release so many more of the population for the audience?

ABOUT THE END OF IT



Two Girls Solved Their Problem

By WALTER PRICHARD EATON

WE CALL them "the girls" in the village, though either of them, I should have to suspect if I were forced to do anything so incoherent, could in years easily be the mother of a debutante.

THE girls are always dressed up and they are never busy. Yet they are almost always working. I suppose that faculty, like the gift of poetry, can never be acquired.

WHEN the girls go to walk they carry fashionable canes and wear white shoes. They are dressed in a way that is so charmingly conventional, an infinitely mixed, after having spoken to all the babies, boys, women, men and chauffeurs on the way.

THEY make jam because it is fun to make and they adore their view because it is an adorable view; they hugely enjoy exercising their little wits in conversation because being bright and witty is lots more fun than being literal and dull.

Why Guynemer Wore His Medals Something of the modesty of Georges Guynemer, the world-famous aviator, is told by Jacques Mortane in "Guynemer, the Ace of Aces." Guynemer was asked why if he were so modest he went about with his crosses and medals upon his breast.

PERHAPS, too, you will notice something else about their little red cottage behind the sign. The entire roof of the veranda (now sagging a bit in the center) is covered not only with a Virginia creeper, but with green moss in which the characteristic flora which grows in moss—the small grasses, ferns, saxifrage, etc.—is present, just as though the veranda roof were the top of some ancient boulder in the woods.

THEY laughed. "All right," said the elder. "I wish that happens you shall make a new roof, so we can put more earth on it. But we must have moss on our veranda roof."

THE carpenter shook his head sadly. He told his wife the girls were "queer." Meanwhile the rains came, the sun shone and in a year or two that veranda roof became a thing of beauty.

THE girls enjoy everything. Life is all a delightful party, as they would find it. They have set out to make a living by canning, why—presto! Canning is simply the most fascinating thing in the world.

THE son of a Republic, born to be its saving, selfless "man of destiny"; Strong in retreat, yet stronger in advance, The brain, the hope, the driving Will of France!

FOCH

GRAVE-EYED he looks at us from printed page, His face lean, worn and lined, intent, grim, sage, Most solemnly yet with the thinker's brow—

Not with the Prussian War Lord's bristling mien, No air of pomp or of prestige; serene, Unchanging confidence is his whose might Springs from the sacred sense of being right!

No flow of windy words, no pageantry Of arrogance and pride; the dignity Of one whose plans spell victory, yet know A code of honor to a perjured foe!

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Texas Doesn't Adjourn Politics Of this year's registration in California 621,000 registered as Republicans and 326,000 as Democrats. It seems that the large majority of the voters of California have simply lost all sense of shame.—Houston Post.

Hard on Jim Ham Life is full of disappointments and whenever the paper announces in a conspicuous way that the war is going to end this year we read on and discover that at least that's what somebody like Senator James Hamilton Lewis says.—Ohio State Journal.

Just About as Popular Perhaps calling whale-meat sea-beef will make it as popular as dogfish has been since it began to be called grayfish.—Boston Globe.

What Do You Know? QUIZ 1. Who is Prime Minister of Spain? 2. What is a murrain? 3. Who planned the city of Washington? 4. What is the origin of the word candidate? 5. What river discharges the largest volume of water? 6. What is the real name of Gabriele D'Annunzio? 7. What is breadfruit? 8. What French marshal surrendered Metz to the Prussians in 1870? 9. What part of the United States was included in the Louisiana Purchase? 10. Where was Congress sitting during most of the time that Washington and his army were encamped at Valley Forge?

Answers to Saturday's Quiz 1. Charles E. Hughes, working under the Department of Justice, is making an investigation of the airplane situation. 2. The original mausoleum was a magnificent tomb erected to Mausolus, King of Caria in Asia Minor, by his queen, Artemisia, in the fourth century B. C. The word has also been extended to describe any substantial structure designed expressly to house a tomb. 3. David E. Francis is the American ambassador to Russia. 4. Andrew Jackson was known as "Old Hickory." 5. "Enfilade" is the title of Leonoville's popular story. It is Italian for "The Clever." 6. Concord is the capital of New Hampshire. 7. The word was spoken by King Henry IV in a speech to describe his "sinister" structure designed expressly to house a tomb. 8. The French word "souffle" (pronounced "soo-fay") literally means "blow." It has passed into English as a name descriptive of light, frothy foods, usually made with egg whites and also sweetened by means of sugar. 9. The Spanish Armada was defeated by the English in 1588. 10. The "horsetail" of John the Baptist's fork-tongued and wild hair; was the fork-tongued kind of forest tree, whose wood, when used for building, is known as "horsetail wood."