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NO USE FOR THEM SUPERINTENDENT BERRY, of the City Hall, has burned eighteen German flags which he found in the stock of national banners used for decorating the building on festal occasions.

WHAT THE MAINE RESULT INDICATES THE only doubtful congressional district in Maine was the Second, which had been represented three terms prior to 1917 by Daniel J. McGillicuddy, a Democrat...

Class deferred maketh the true patriot's heart sick. OF COURSE! THE Senators from the cotton-growing States have lodged a formal protest with the War Industries Board against any price-fixing for cotton.

CAN LONGWORTH BE MISTAKEN? NICHOLAS LONGWORTH, one of the Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee, is dissatisfied with many features of the revenue bill.

ESTABLISHING A PRECEDENT 230 new treaties which the Germans have forced out of the Russians provide Russia shall pay to Germany 6,000,000,000 marks, or about \$1,500,000,000...

AMERICA'S EMOTIONAL BAROMETER AN ENGLISH commentator in the London Daily Chronicle writes in praise of the "quiet pride" with which the United States is realizing the responsibilities of the war.

THE SEAL OF FREEDOM

The Gesture of Thirteen Million Americans Will Be Pledged Thereby They Register Tomorrow THE covenant with liberty which thirteen million registrants will make tomorrow will be virtually identical in spirit with a voluntary pledge.

Channels for the expression of ideals, purposes and feelings are, moreover, by no means confined to the election booth. The terrific impetus of the majority opinion is heeded at all times. It was recognized when the draft legislation of 1918 was put through.

Her blindness to the lessons of American history has barred her from making highly significant distinctions on the subject of service calls. Had she kept pace with civilization she would know that the attitude with which our ancestors resisted conscription against their will in the pre-Revolutionary days and their resentment of British navy drafting which provoked the War of 1812 and the eager pride with which the present call for registration is accepted represent, respectively, the repugnance to tyranny and the zeal for freedom.

As her befogged consciousness now forbids entrance of the luminous rays of reason, her intellectual cavern must be invaded by drumming guns. As the legions loom eastward the meaning of this registration, established by the concerted consent of those whom it concerns, will be made increasingly plain in Central Europe.

The safe rule for the man who wants to know whether he is involved in the registration of tomorrow, September 12, is to determine whether he reaches the age of eighteen after September 12, 1918, or the age of forty-six before September 12, 1918.

Enrollment may be made at any bureau designated by the local board of the registrant's district. Regular polling places will be largely used, but in some districts there are other specified bureaus. The complete list of registration places has been published in the newspapers.

The signing of thirteen million names may in a sense be regarded as a single majestic gesture whereby is affixed a gleaming seal on the imperishable document of freedom. It is disquieting these days to observe how well women can do men's work.

Senator Lewis was aboard the tra sport Mount Vernon when the German U-boat managed to torpedo that vessel in the dark. Can it be that the captain of the Mount Vernon neglected to compel Senator Lewis to donse his diamonds and quiet the thunderous state-coast that has kept Washington awake for after years?

INDIRECT LIGHTING

On Unanswering Letters THERE are a great many people who really believe in answering letters the day they are received, just as there are people who go to the movies at 9 o'clock in the morning; but these people are stunted and queer.

TAKE BILL F. for instance, a man so delightful that even to contemplate his existence puts us in good humor and makes us think well of a world that can exhibit an individual equally comely in mind, body and estate. Every now and then we get a letter from Bill, and immediately we pass into a kind of trance, in which our mind rapidly enunciates the ideas, thoughts, surmises and contradictions that we would like to write to him in reply.

After Bill's letter has lain on the pile for a fortnight or so it has been gently sifted over by about twenty other pleasantly postponed manuscripts. Coming upon it by chance, we reflect that any specific problem raised by Bill has not manifested itself by this time having settled themselves. And his random speculations upon household management and human destiny will probably have taken a new slant by now, so that to answer his letter in its own time will not be congruent with his present fancies.

FOCH AND THE SPICE OF LIFE THE war drama is fast becoming a variety show, and one of the most stimulating ever played on the greatest stage in history. The temporary slowing up of French and British progress enables Foch, the superb stage manager, to put on another act. He reintroduces the Belgians. Yesterday they plunged forward for two miles on a front extending the Allies' lines toward the North Sea.

PRESENTLY we turn over that pile of letters again. We find in the lees of the heap two or three that have gone for six months and can safely be destroyed. Bill is still on our mind, but in a pleasant, dreamy kind of way. He does not ache or twinge us as he did a month ago. It is fine to have old friends like that and keep in touch with them on a matter so important as the interest of our nation and fellow citizens.

WE HAVE been rereading some of those imaginary letters to Bill that have been dancing in our head. They are full of all sorts of fine stuff. If Bill ever gets them he will know how we love him. To use O. Henry's immortal joke, we have days of Damon and Knights of Pythias writing those unkind letters to Bill. A certain letter has come to us. Perhaps it would be better if we never saw Bill again. It is very difficult to talk to a man when you like him so much that it is much easier to write to him.

THE fleet corporation announces now that there are ample ships for our troops. Before long the problem will be one of supplying enough troops for the ships. Because of the shortage of cooks in Boston, the society women there are preparing their own meals. And, of course, they have found that paring beans is difficult work.

THE Callowhill Street Line THE editorial on Route No. 46 is so exceptionally good as to call for a word of comment from a Vine street resident. "The line 'Tis a far, far better thing that you know that a lie will never come,' etc., at once becomes classic. Such a weird anomaly as Route No. 46 deserved an editorial epitaph and it could not have been more fittingly given than by J. R. SCHUMAKER.

THE LAST YEAR'S BIRD-NEST

THE horns of the moon are tipped With pearl. Her lover, wooed By charms and won, Endymion, Inherits quietude. Write the gleam Of the dream On his eyes.



THE GOWNSMAN

How the War Comes to Us in the Country WE WERE a small number, made up from some three or four families at most, young folks and old. And we were assembling in this thinly inhabited fringe of the White Mountains by auto to proceed to a certain delightful little town, the name I don't recall, but a picnic supper, and return after the August moon had risen.

IN THIS country of ours the population has been at a slow and steady ebb for half a century or more. The ambitious young men have left the cities, the adventurous to the West, leaving the old, the feeble, the incompetent, though there are many happy exceptions, and the hereditary "thrift" of generations, established on the land, is still evident here and there in flourishing acres among the many deserted farms, or rather sites, now overgrown, where farms once were.

OUR little squad, which went from this town, three, that is nearly 10 per cent, are gone, a proportion that would mean for the 100,000. In our small way, we have already been hit very hard. One of our boys died of disease in camp, with only one regret, that he was not to have his chance at the German. The Gownsmen did not know this boy, but he knows by this spirit what he was and that the star that is his on the service flag of his country is, rightly, a white star.

OF THE two others, one was Charlie, a condition who had not car, the Gownsmen has let sound run away with him. The reality, the patriotism of our evening was preserved above cautious criticism of trivial externals by a simple truth: more fluent in our hearts than ready on our lips, was pronounced on each of the fallen three and a service banner was unfurled by two of the maidens of the village. All was interlarded with much singing of John patriotic songs as we laid remembered; and the egregious brass band "executed" several numbers and kept us patriotically standing a great deal. It was a matter of mingled smiles and tears. It has always seemed to the Gownsmen a credit to certain sects, the Puritans, for example, and the Quakers, that they should have abolished such music as they could make in the praise of their Maker; to stand face to face with your own insufficiency and know it is granted to few men in this world. It had not been granted to the egregious four from Conway.

WAR PROFITS

THE horns of the sun are dipt In ruddy flame that flings Adventurous young Icarus To earth on ruined wings. But he flew. But he knew Winds and skies. Lucifer's horns have a crust Of gold and topaz gem On points that thrust to yellow dust The heart that covets them. Heed! take heed! For by greed Glory dies.

Efficiency of the Colleges Arthur H. Quinn, dean of the collegiate department of the University of Pennsylvania, has the following interesting things to say about college and business efficiency in the course of an article in Scribner's Magazine for September: "The American college is not perfect, for it is a living thing. It is facing now a series of problems that are taxing the brains and the hearts of those whose duty it is to see that our colleges meet their great opportunities and responsibilities with courage and wisdom. After the war is over there will be the problem of guiding the thought of the next generation rightly, especially in the fields of economics, politics and social science. In order to meet this task the college must, above everything else, have public confidence. Public confidence, like kissing, sometimes goes by favor, and, like kissing, there may be more of it than is generally suspected. The public likes the college and is even parting, with some reluctance, from its traditional conception of a college professor as a being with long hair and shooting necktie, and of the college as a place to which a student, retires from the world. This conception, indeed, finally, it is hoped, when at the same time a college teacher became the President of the United States and the President of the United States became a college teacher, and the vital and constant connection between the life of an American college and the life of the working world became apparent. The man in the street or the suburban train or the luncheon club or where else criticism is most rampant is now usually willing to acknowledge that the modern college may be as efficiently managed as the average business. What he has yet to see is that it is conducted with much greater efficiency in both the popular and the true meanings of that word."

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