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HOW TO HELP THE PRESIDENT

The Only Way to Deprive Kitchin and Dent of Their Obstructive Power is by Electing a Republican House... THE attempt to inject partisanship into the prosecution of the war will fail because so far as backing up the President is concerned there is only one party in the United States.

ROASTED CHESTNUTS

Rubaiyat of Der Tag... WAKE! For the Hun is scattered into flight! The Turk and Bulgar pack their trunks by night; The Austrian is yammering for peace—it seems that Might no longer equals Right.

THE LUNCH PUZZLE

IN ITS latest diplomatic exchanges with the keepers of popular restaurants the Food Administration has been outguessed and outmaneuvered. The dexterity with which certain of the restaurants met and evaded the formal requirements is suggestive of Berlin and Potsdam.

LETTERS THAT ARE LUSTROUS

THE accredited correspondents fail to unearth all the news nuggets. "The other day," writes Corporal George Henry Stook, of Philadelphia, to his rector, the Rev. Dr. David M. Steele, of the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, "an American soldier marched in ninety-four Germans, and his only weapon was a shovel. This sounds strange, but it is literally true; I saw it with my own eyes."

THE GOWNSMAN

THE British Educational Mission... WE ARE just beginning to realize the abysmal depths and the ingenious subtleties of the German world propaganda during the last forty years, its repetitious boastfulness as to all things German, its studied depreciation as to everything else.

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CONTINUING THE QUARANTINE

DESPITE the loss and inconvenience that must fall unexpectedly to a great many people, it is impossible not to feel that the health authorities are following the dictates of prudence in preparing for a continuance of the influenza quarantine by limiting public meetings during the coming week.

NEW LIBERTY AND ITS OLD BIRTHPLACE

ON THE authority of a German publication originating in Leipzig, Independence Hall is "perhaps the most interesting edifice in America." The "cagey" adverb with which Karl Baedeker's "United States" tempers its enthusiasm has evidently and rightly no lodgment in the minds of the Czech-Slovak freemen who have selected the "State House" as the scene of their convention, which shall culminate in a new declaration of independence, heroic successor to the pioneer document of 1476.

WAKING UP TO NAVAL NEEDS

THAT the Secretary of the Navy no longer fears to urge adequate and impressive naval protection for the nation is conspicuously demonstrated by the comprehensive new building program which Congress has been asked to authorize. Shying at preparedness is neither politically nor patriotically profitable just now, and Mr. Daniels has sagaciously decided to swim with the tide of necessity.

HOW THE CITY GROWS

THE assessed valuation of taxable real estate in this city this year is \$1,502,492,000. The assessed valuation of local taxon real estate in 1908 was \$1,287,287,123. The increase in ten years amounts to \$215,204,877, or more than half a billion dollars.

MEXICO REPENTANT

HIGHLY important was the news that came from Mexico City yesterday to indicate a new friendliness in that quarter for the United States and our allies. It would seem to be a reconciled and enlightened Mexican Government that is preparing to align itself with us against Germany.

HUN FALL SONG

Advance Copy No rest No hope No rest No scope Of winning leagues no member, No little No steel No Rhine No dreams No chance, No France, No member.

THE READER'S VIEWPOINT

Maurice du Marais's Poem... To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—There is a poem that you may have read in the Literary Digest recently. Besides its own beauty, it has a peculiar interest because the author, Maurice du Marais, is a "Narbonth" boy who has been in France for some time with Base Hospital No. 19, a Philadelphia unit. According to the Digest this is one of a collection of the best poems written by men in the A. E. F., which has just been published in book form under the title "Songs From the Trenches."

THE MOST POPULAR PAPER

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—The part of the inclosed clipping which is marked off, is such a ludicrous typographical error that I can't help calling your attention to it and also that the Evening Public Ledger is the most popular paper in camp. HUGH LEFFORD, Sixty-third Infantry (Band), Camp Meade, Maryland, October 22.

THOUGHTS ON BIRDS

It's an ill bird that fouls its own nest, but the cuckoo is iller still. It doesn't even nest its own fowl. The birds we prefer are those that come home to roost.

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YOUR skeptical Gownsmen never quite fell to this fetish of German university education. It has always seemed preposterous to him that an American youth should journey through England, for example, and go far into the Continent to acquire with difficulty an imperfect acquaintance with crabbled German in order to have the language and literature of his own tongue exploited for him by a learned man who spoke English imperfectly, whose education was in many respects antithetical to English ideas.

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IT IS not to be denied that in consequence American higher education has been Germanized to a very considerable degree in the last fifty years. And that is not all. It thus accepting Germany at her own preposterous valuation we lost France and England, and much that these civilizations, so much more akin to our own, could have done for us. It is sometimes cited to their discredit that the educational institutions of neither of these countries seem to have taken much pains, until comparatively recently, to attract and hold American students. To put it another way: neither France nor England formalized their higher education for the foreign market. No Englishman holds it his mission to make foreigners English; no Frenchman holds a brief to justify and explain France. The education of each country had developed into a nice adjustment to its own conditions.

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NO ONE who was privileged, as was the Gownsmen, to meet these representatives of the higher education of Great Britain on their visit to Philadelphia a few days ago, could have been otherwise than impressed with their attitude toward their task in hand. They have come, seeking to know us, eager to learn, unprejudiced, extending the hand of brotherhood. They have come, too, not only to find out what they may have to offer American students who may care to study in the schools of the motherland, but to discover likewise what we have here to return in an equitable exchange to British young men and women who may come to study in America. This idea of reciprocity was emphasized by speaker after speaker in the informal conferences which were held, the visitors remarking especially upon the excellence in equipment which they have already discovered to be characteristic of our American institutions of learning and upon what one of them called our "generous provision for the contingencies of future growth."

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Sudden his service flag's impetuous story... Flashes a bugle note across the flowers; Sudden the aching loss is pride and glory; He is in France—his ours!

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