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COLONEL HOUSE ABROAD
T MOST of the country Colonel E. M. House is a hazy and somewhat romantic figure of mystery who is presumed to be constantly busy with secret and extraordinary services for the President and the country at large.

Mr. Wilson wants a Democratic House and so do all the Democratic Congressmen.

SOFT-PEDALING THE WOODENSHIP PROGRAM
SINCE the early outbursts of enthusiasm over the prospect of transforming American virgin forests into "sub-defying vessels" have been lately followed with considerable soft-pedaling of that alluring theme, officials of the Emergency Fleet Corporation are said to be considering a general readjustment of the wooden-ship program "with a view to limit the production."

The 3500-ton wooden commerce carriers already finished, or soon to be completed, will, moreover, probably not be used in the unscientific trade.

AUSTRIA ON THE SLIDING BOARD
IN the House of Esters, the cracks in the House of Hapsburg are, though common, not surprising. The crash now looms fully under way.

POLITICS IS RECONVENED!

MR. WILSON IN THE CHAIR

The President's Statement Unbridles the Mouth of Partisan Rancor at the Most Dangerous Time for the Nation

REGARDLESS of party lines, every true admirer of President Wilson ought to mourn the blunder of judgment which led him to issue his amazing appeal to the public for the election of a Democratic Congress.

If there was one act more calculated to open the Pandora's box of factionalism at this critical time in the affairs of the country and the world, it is hard to conceive of it.

Admitting that Mr. Wilson has had some provocation; admitting that Colonel Roosevelt and others have perhaps flagrantly disregarded time, taste and occasion, and that recently there has been a growing tendency on the Republican side to criticize the Administration more sharply than last May when politics was adjourned in that memorable address to Congress, there surely should have been nothing serious enough to disturb his serenity.

Not long ago the President called it "the people's war," but his statement gives it the aspect of an exclusive, personally conducted Democratic party enterprise, thereby challenging Republican hostility and attack.

Examination of yesterday's statement must be discouraging to those Americans—not primarily either Republicans or Democrats—who are proud of the heights to which the President has lifted the aims of this war and who are not blinded by prejudice to the very many virtues and superb abilities which he has brought to bear upon the problems of American diplomacy.

How could Europe believe that the election of a Republican majority in the House or Senate would weaken the determination of the American people to see the President through the war to a victory and a just peace, when the leading Republicans in and out of Congress were in favor of defeating Germany before he had made up his mind even to the needs of preparedness or to alignment on the side of the Entente Allies or to demanding redress for the horrors inflicted upon humanity in the guise of Belgium?

PRUNES AND PRISMS

Roads

WE HAD forgot the little roads And all the trails they made Through meadows purple with the sun And silver in the shade.

FOR we have walked the wide white way Where all the passerby Trudge soberly with Christian feet And hold their straight heads high.

WE HAD forgot the fairy folk. And when we heard them tease, We only thought the wind 'as high Out in the forest trees.

NOW let us leave the lonely road That stretches endlessly And follow all the little paths That lead to Arcady.

History Confused
Events are moving so rapidly these days that we wonder whether the megaphone lecturers on the eight-seeing cars, may not get their history a little tangled?

Prince Max says the new system in Germany "involves a new mode of government in Alsace-Lorraine."

Quaint Quarts
We bought last week a great big Bond To knock the Kaiser silly— Now how about a few Thrift Stamps To finish Little Willie?

You know it, our Triangle Hut Music's what HE enjoys: Come then across with mandolins And records for the boys!

The Red Cross we must all support— But how my money goes! I wish that I were rich enough To wear my oldest "clothes!"

Though some war work is rather hard I like it, I declare— At last I've got a really good Excuse to bob my hair!

We used to end up our invites With neat R. S. V. P.'s— Now in the corner we engrave "Do come—if you don't sneeze!"

More Thoughts on a Bitter Theme
Gilbert Chesterton remarked once that many forerunners would have felt rather ill if they had seen the thing they fore-

It is a curious phenomenon that Scandinavian safety matches will peek a boo your trousers with burnt holes, though they will set fire to nothing else.

Speaking of Sir Walter Raleigh, the Tobacco World (Philadelphia's smokiest magazine) reminds us that next Tuesday is the 300th anniversary of the death of that noble knight.

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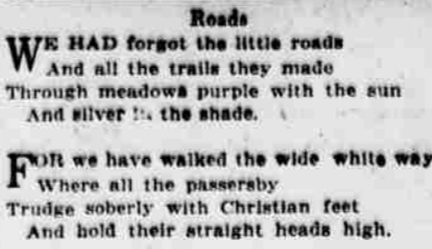
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WHAT A CONGRESSMAN SEES

Semiweekly Letter Touching on the Washington Doings of Personalities Familiar to Philadelphians

By J. Hampton Moore

Washington, D. C., Oct. 25. INTEREST in the improvement of Darby Creek is revived by petitions to Congress for a survey of that stream.

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APPEALS for men to man the merchant shipspeakers sound to Louis Erbe, formerly Councilman from the Eleventh Ward, whose son, Louis J. Erbe, has gone to France.

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READER'S VIEWPOINT

The Sacrilege of Closing

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—And David built there an altar unto the Lord and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and the plague was stayed from Israel.—II Samuel, xxiv, 25.

The State Commissioner of Health inhibits any semblance of the above action. He arrogates to himself the prerogative of Almighty God.

First, this is sacrilege; it is also against public policy, for it means a serious loss to the people of moral and spiritual conviction in the promises of God.

Second, it is a fearful thing in a time of trial and affliction to deprive the people of the needed support and reliance upon the church's ordinance.

Third, the danger from the opening of the church, if it exists at all, is infinitesimal in comparison with that which results from keeping open public offices, where accommodation is small and hours are long, and yet these cannot be closed.

Fourth, if to close government and other departments of business would be out of the question, it is equally contrary to public policy to close the church and thereby silence God's witness, which speaks for Him and His people in city and country.

Fifth, General Pershing sent this message: "We rely on the churches at home to keep the spirit of the people white-hot with patriotism and courage until victory has been won."

The man that cut off the limb he was sitting on came to grief; is this the accomplishment which the State Health Commissioner is aiming at?

SAMUEL UPHOHN, Rector St. Luke's Church, Germantown, October 25.

A Perfect Reply

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—I want to congratulate you upon the splendid editorial upon the President's note, which appeared today in the Evening Public Ledger.

To its contents nothing can be properly added nor taken away. It is in itself a perfect reply to the German letter.

Philadelphia, October 24. JOSEPH MELLORS.

One may say, if one is sufficiently reckless, that the status quo problem will be promptly put up to Germany. The content of the whole situation is unmistakable.

Perhaps the Berlin stocks which went up yesterday are pertinently prophetic. In that case Germany itself will soon follow them.

What Do You Know?

QUIZ

- 1. What American statesman arrived in France first?
2. Who was France's ally when the Germans had taken Paris?
3. Who is the president of Germany?
4. What is the capital of Canada?
5. Who said "I will do my duty and I will do it to the very end?"

- 1. What name in France is the daughter of the King of Sparta?
2. What is the name of the man who was killed by the French?
3. What was the full name of Lord Byron?
4. What is William J. Bryan's native State?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. The French Parliament is composed of a Senate and a Chamber of Deputies.

2. General V. H. Hays was Vice President during Cleveland's first term.

3. "No man was ever faithful when he had not a foe to his head or man who did not have a sword at his side." Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.