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THE WAR'S END Swift Disintegration in Germany and Sol's Latest Note Bring It Nearer IT SEEMS plain now that the end of the war is near. Austria's withdrawal yesterday with the long-expected plea for a separate peace has left the battered structure of the German military government wavering alone, desolate and forbidding, like the unprotected ruin of a house in a great storm.

THE ELECTRIC CHAIR KAISER PREPARES TO WEAR MUFTI SON BORROWS FROM HARDEN Dispatch From Our Special Correspondent A German Abduction Center, Oct. 23. THANKS to my friendship for Karl Rosner, I was privileged to attend the Grand Crown Council held in Berlin the other day. All the crowned skulls of the Empire were present, also a few of the brains. The business of the meeting was to discuss whether Germany was licked or only defeated. Also the question of what to do with the Kaiser was on the table.

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WOMEN VOTERS IN NEW YORK THE complete registration returns for New York show that a total of 2,914,974 persons are qualified to vote next Tuesday. The total vote for Governor in 1918 was 1,715,768. The difference between the vote two years ago and the registration this year is due to the enfranchisement of women.

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THREE LETTERS MR. WILSON SHOULD WRITE THE President has written to Democratic Candidate Hennessy, of New Jersey, expressing the hope that he will succeed in defeating Republican Senator Baird for re-election, as Mr. Baird voted against the suffrage amendment to the Constitution, although supporting the President on all real war measures. Senator Saulsbury, of Delaware; Senator Bankhead, of Alabama; and Senator Shields, of Tennessee, also voted against the suffrage amendment and are seeking re-election.

THE WAR'S END (Continued) There are indications that no conditions would be too hard for Germany's acceptance and that the men now in charge of affairs at Berlin are merely trying to save what they can from the general wreck. That they are ready to throw the Emperor overboard if need be seems apparent. They probably will give all the Hohenzollerns to the deep waters if the occasion demands it. Sol's note may prove merely the formality necessary to a statement of armistice conditions, and it seems reasonable to suppose that such a statement would not be invited if the Berlin Government was not preparing to acquiesce in every suggested provision. For there is little more fight left in Germany.

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CONTRASTS UNDER THE EPIDEMIC STERN, dispassionate moralists may view the generally admirable behavior of manifold Philadelphia enterprises during the period of the closing ban occasioned by the influenza epidemic as a "mere performance" of plain duty. Fidelity to the significance of that word, which no less an authority on it than Robert E. Lee called "the sublimest in our language," is still sufficiently rare to warrant something more than conventional recognition.

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WILSON REPUDIATES FREE TRADE WHAT the President meant when in his peace terms he said that all economic barriers should be removed and the establishment of an equality of trade conditions among nations should be secured is now made clear after many months of effort to obtain from him an elucidation of what was in his mind.

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THEIR philosophy, probably scoffable for the trained thinker, is a clumsy preface to the thought that city streets at night are the most fascinating work of man. Like all other handouts of nature, man has taken darkness and made it agreeable, trimmed and refined and made it acceptable to the very nicest people. And the suburbane who finds himself living in town for a week or so is likely to spend his whole evenings in wandering equal strolling over the glowing caves of shop windows and rejoicing in the rich patterns of light wherever man has made night lovely. Night by herself, naked and primitive and embracing in emptiness the crowd one so; there is so much of her. So we push her up the side streets and into the movie halls and out to the suburbs, and taking her a enjoy her company, time we really learn to enjoy her company.

THERE is a restaurant on Arch street near Ninth where one may dine on excellent jam omelet and coffee, after which it is good to stroll along Ninth street (which is the best street in Philadelphia) to admire the different tints of light that man has set out in order to get a look at the darkness. There is the wan white glow of the alabaster inverted bowls that are favored in barbers' shops. There is the lucent gold of jewelers' windows, where naked electric bulbs of great candlepower are masked in silvered reflectors along the top and bottom of the pane. There is the bleak moonshine of tiled and enameled restaurants, where they lose much lightness by having everything too white. If (for instance) the waitresses would only wear scarlet or black dresses, how much more brilliant the scene would be.

THE long, dusty corridor of the postoffice is an interesting place about 8 o'clock in the evening. Particularly in these last weeks, when movies, saloons and theatres have been closed on account of the influenza epidemic, the postoffice has become a trying place for men in uniform and young ladies. The gloomy halls at each end of the corridor are good ground for giggling colloquy; light love (courtesy) approves the dust. Through the little windows one catches glimpses of tiers of pigeons packed with letters, and wonders what secrets of the indomitable secrecy of Uncle Sam. If a novelist of imaginative sympathy might devote a week in reading through those pigeons, what a book he could make of them. Or could we only peer over the shoulders of those who stand writing at the blackened, ink-stained desks, what a mass of joy and pain we might see ravaged in the lives of plain men and women. The great tapestry of human life lies all round us, and we have to pluck at its pattern thread by thread.

THE Secretary of the Treasury says in a notice "relating about this building is published." But I don't know what it is.

MY WEE PINT POT

MY MIND the universe enfolds— My wee pint pot! Ay, that is my pint pot holds, And all the rest is not. At least, I very plainly see That all the rest is not for me! Still from the well of Truth I fill My wee pint pot. And, while I'm drawing, what I spill - In doubtless quite a lot. To me, because of mental twist, The overflow does not exist.

With confidence and pleasing art My wee pint pot Drains Reason's brain and Nature's heart And solves Life's puzzling plot. That is, from things both great and small, I take my little pint—that's all. GRIF ALEXANDER.

READER'S VIEWPOINT

The Claims of Ireland To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—I notice in today's Evening Public Ledger a map of Europe marking the places that are to be free under President Wilson's fourteen points, but there is one little place not marked, viz: Ireland. The President in his great speech in New York specifically stated that all peoples must have the right to decide their own destiny without any outside interference, and that all, friends and foe alike, must come to the peace table ready to pay the price. Now if President Wilson means what he says he means that Ireland as well as the other small nations must be freed at the peace table. The Irish people in this country are doing their share in making the world safe for democracy and when the time comes will see that a little of the commodity is applied to Ireland. FRANCIS J. SCULLY. Philadelphia, October 25.

What Do You Know?

- 1. What is the first name of General Luden-dorff?
2. In what does the strategic value of Alamo, just captured by General Alamo, lie?
3. What is the name of the man who was killed by the British in the battle of the Marston?
4. In what province of Italy are the present war operations being conducted?
5. What is the name of the man who was killed by the British in the battle of the Marston?
6. What two are the names of the long piece of thread, one still living in Europe?
7. What is the name of the man who was killed by the British in the battle of the Marston?
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10. How many inches wide a hand is measured in?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
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