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REPUBLICAN OPPORTUNITY The Leaders of Congress Must Be Men Who Know the Direction in Which the Nation Wishes to Be Led

WASHINGTON correspondents are sending out lists of possible candidates for the Speakership of the House in the next Congress.

CHOWDER SOME of our lawless contributors are threatening to raise the red flag and appoint a committee of workmen and poets to run this column unless we treat their ejaculations with more respect.



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DEMOCRACY AND THE NETHERLANDS THE Netherlands as the refuge of a despotic present an unconvincing spectacle. That the Dutch themselves have been quick to realize the inconsistency of the scene is fast becoming manifest.

Midnight Lunch What is so delightful as An all-night lunch room at midnight? The shining porcelain counter. The bright-nickel tanks of coffee.

Lads of the Khaki Returning To the memory of Lieutenant Robert C. West, killed in action August 19, 1918. You tell me the war is now over.

FREE SPEECH THE present relation of the United States to Europe unquestionably represents the noblest aspiration that ever moved a people and the most splendid effort ever made by just men to establish justice everywhere.

Every American is wiser and humbler than he was four years ago. So we are confident that the Republican congressional leaders are also humbler as well as wiser.

Liberty Day To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—Today conceiving the idea that it would be a fitting thing to commemorate the great defeat of Kaiserism by making November 11 a permanent legal holiday.

Portrait Light as the angel shapes that bless An infant's dream, yet not the less Rich in all woman's loveliness.

THE READER'S VIEWPOINT

Where Did McKinley Review the Parade? To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—May I correct a statement in your issue of November 13, made by Hon. J. Hampton Moore concerning the Peace Jubilee of 1897?

Who committed the foulest crimes known to humanity? Officers only, or the poor down-trodden German soldier whom we are now asked to pity?

THE SERGEANT

WE'AD a sergeant once, oh lord! With a voice to wake the dead; 'Twas a dart of a 'usky animal roar.

With the chance of a full-fledged baseball season next summer now suddenly become bright, the association of allies stands a chance of being considered only a minor league after all.

Lightening the Financial Burden THE immediate financial effect of the armistice is to reduce by six billion dollars the amount of money which Secretary McAdoo thinks the nation will need to raise this year.

Justice for the Hun To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—Let us forget just retribution for the former hateful, hated, hellish Hun, it is a fair question whether all of the down-trodden, military-oppressed German people would not have taken American swag and loot and put it in their pocket if they could have gotten away with it, just as they did in Belgium and France.

What more delightful scene of misery can be imagined than that of Mr. Hohenzollern pacing a chilly railway platform and trying to light a German cigarette with a Swedish match?

The Tale of Mons

IN ACCORDANCE with the principles of both poetic and transcendental justice, the tragic Belgian town of Mons was captured by King George's warriors on the last complete day of the world conflict.

Doctor Self suggests that the task of feeding Germany be entrusted to "the tried Mr. Hoover." "Tried" is exactly it, as they who harassed him the most in Belgium must now be poignantly realizing.

What Do You Know?

- 1. In what building in Versailles did the armistice framers meet? 2. After whom is the Delaware River named? 3. Why are the writers honored by election to the Ehrenhalle known as the "Forty Immortals"?

Without minimizing in the least the enormous and energetic contribution of the United States to the universal struggle, without belittling the full measure of devotion which the men who died have given, it may be said with the most reverent gratitude that this country escaped the full force of the most monstrous blow ever launched at civilization.

There seems to be some doubt as to whether the Germans are really well red.

It is safe to forecast that Peter Troelstra is not the man to plug any cracks in the Dutch royalty dike.

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