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IN POLITE LANGUAGE
"THE change in your policy," observes Secretary Daniels in his latest warning to Mayor Smith, "was made in violation of your promise to Colonel Hatch, the representative of the Navy Department."

It is increasingly hard to believe that Germany is in the Temperate Zone.
CLEMENCEAU'S OWN GOLD DOUCHE
FRENCH cynicism is sometimes so keen as to be almost endearing.

Since then the tolerance of mass opinion toward newer political doctrines has turned to dislike and hardened in antagonism. Radical Socialism of the American sort has been derided most bitterly by the few intellectual men who formerly were associated with it.

THE bitterness of this philosophy in no wise compromises its truth. It reveals the Premier as a disillusioned but still hardy veteran. It reveals, too, a keenness of vision that is decidedly heartening.

THE NEW OBJECTORS
Why is it now that there are no outcries against the numerous men in Europe and the few in America who seem at times to be conscientious objectors to peace?

WHEN BOLSHEVISTS FALL OUT
IT is the fate of arbitrary triumvirates and duumvirates to split up in favor of a single personal embodiment of authority, which in turn pays the penalty of absolutist methods.

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have been made in handling this huge problem, but the difficulty of determining on a course helpful both to Russia and to the principles of orderly government which must be preserved in the world has been frustratingly embarrassing.

BERGER AS A SYMBOL OF SOCIALISTS' FAILURE

Milwaukee's Jailward Congressman and His Crowd Were the Real Enemies of Liberal Causes in America
"AM SHOCKED!" said Victor Berger, Milwaukee's Socialist Congressman-elect, when a Federal jury in Chicago found him guilty of violating the espionage act.

No one else was shocked. The anti-Government propaganda directed by this ex-German was ugly. It was graceless. And it had some small elements of danger. Yet it did not represent the gravest offense chargeable against the Wisconsin type of radicalism.

It was at St. Louis that the last pretensions of intellectualism were stripped from Socialist leadership in America. There the party declared its own class interests to be greater than the causes of humanity.

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would have been no freedom anywhere if Germany had won. There would have been no hope for the sort of aspirations which the Socialists presume to voice.

Our civilization isn't perfect and the economic order under which we live isn't perfect. But a study of the Socialist soul of the war period makes it clear that beneath the rather shiftless and easy-going methods and the imperfect system by which we live there is engendered a faith and a spirit and a purpose incomparably cleaner and nobler and more enlightened than any that so far has touched the professing radical.

One of these days we shall apply a reawakened idealism to our own affairs as we are trying to apply it in Europe. But it is plain in the light of the nation's war experience with the Socialist mind and spirit that we shall have to get along without the help of cults that can produce Berbers.

The Milwaukee group of convicts may get a new trial, but it cannot and ought not to be possible for Victor Berger ever to get to Congress. He is not American. After the happy ending in Europe there will be a tendency to forget and forgive the near-traitors and let them out of jail. That sort of tendency is charitable, but it is not always just. In the case of the convicted Milwaukee Socialists it might be well to keep the jail doors tight.

The league of small nations is evidently much too large to permit of orderly government in at least two European countries.

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The English language began to suffer centuries ago, when the first "committees for revision" got to work on the Bible and began the slow, tireless process by which much of the splendor and beauty and force of the original English texts has been lessened in an effort to make each passage conform to the frantic modesty of these newer times.

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ELBOW ROOM

Railroad Stations
WHENEVER we pass through Broad Street Station or the Reading Terminal we are thankful that Philadelphia still has terminals where one can actually see trains, and particularly locomotives.

What is a railroad station without locomotives? The big express engines, so extraordinary in the beauty of applied power—the beauty that always emerges when man studies nature's laws—are a sight that we can never forget.

A Justice of the Supreme Court remarked, in the course of a recent case, that "in speed the telegraph and telephone easily outrun the rotation of the earth."

The Hunter Home From the Hill
AS ONE read the other day of the fine simplicity, dignity and affection of Oyster Bay's farewell to Colonel Roosevelt, the thought must have occurred to many that perhaps it is seemly that we have no national pantheon of death such as Westminster Abbey.

To a War Bride on Park Avenue
THE August sun bade me walk slowly here In the scant shade of sunburnt maple trees;

Midway along the block I heard a drone Of brookside stones and rush of tumbling green;

For it was dizzy with a heavy wheel That spun and spun in dazzling gleam and whirl;

Her long blue overalls and grease-smudged cheek Half hid her from me till her head was turned;

Then, in her eyes, ten thousand hidden years Rose like a biting flame that blazed and burned.

There all day long, the great wheel by her side Whirls on, and all day long grim drays halt there;

While Time demands strange birthfruit of his bride, Who as all brides should be, was flushed and fair.

But as I see her slim and fine and free True woman on the heights of power and grace,

That man up at his loil I also see, And his great idle arms and bearded face.

What Is True?
The Playgoer saw Lady Constance Stewart, Richardson was much applauded for her graceful dancing yesterday at the Palace Theatre.

According to Law
The reported agreement in the plan to consider the formation of the League of Nations first and punishment of Germany afterward is in conformity with the procedure of concluding judicial proceedings with the sentence.

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AN "INVENTION" ANNIVERSARY

Seventy-nine Years Ago Today Britain Adopted the Mail System Giving Rise to That Universal and Indispensable Scrap of Paper, the Postage Stamp

PHILATELISTS should be in high fettle today and very probably they are, for those amiable hobbyists are too keenly conscious of chronological values to be oblivious of a date of prime significance in the fascinating lore of stamp collecting.

INVENTIONS so simple as to appear by the illuminating rays of hindsight inevitable have long been imperfectly honored in a world whose admiration for the mysterious is ever profound and prompt.

HOW seldom was disclosed a few years ago in Paris—that Mecca of monuments on an astonishing variety of subjects—when the suggestion was made that the inventor of bottle openers be memorialized in bronze.

BEFORE the forties were finished stamps had come down in size, and the first American Government issues, in 1847, bear the imprint of the perforation, a normal aspect.

THE death of Memo, the baby elephant, is quite a heavy loss to the Zoological Gardens.

AS the world's biggest show prepares to raise its curtain the crop of outside speculators becomes proportionately large.

MR. Daniels has naturally a right to expect that a great city like Philadelphia be administered under something higher than a vice-Mayorality.

HAS it ever occurred to you to wonder why, though there is famine and war in Germany and Russia and a shortage of all the necessities of life, there seems to be an endless supply of powder and shot?

THE Democratic party in Pennsylvania has made a new year resolution to clean house. So far the Republicans aren't in a mood to even sweep the snow off their sidewalks.

The Juggler

A REPUTATION for profundity, for mundit stuff— Discrimination and suchlike acumen— Can be achieved without real gifts and naturally enough Merely by making new lamps of old lumen.

To clarify my meaning: One has need to be as fat Of manifold details to pass as critic In any genre—but who's to quit one who shall transmute (say) A noun by substituting its enclitic?

In other words, why burn the midnight oil to concoct? Exactitudes betray the crawling student— The genius hitches one art with the argot of its mad chafe.

Let him be cornered, in his secret soul, by highbrows' rap; Before a picture, his pronunciation Will leave their musty mouthings prostrate at the post if capped By, "Ah, that motif's so divinely lento!"

Again, conceive him floundering in the wake of spongy Or wedged between the bars of a con- chapeau on step; With some such phrase as this he cleaves Euterpe's out of step with her own bare toe!

If poetry he's asked to give a commentary No genre beclouds his forehead alabaster But straight he offers speech that would deconstruct any dome: "The thrust is overdone; too much pilaster!"

Suppose him face to face with the vast canvas of the west At sunset does he stand mute in a myopic Abandon of the senses? Hardly! Let it be confessed He'll much more likely spout, "Gad, how stylitic!"

Genius, indeed! He plays both for high stakes and for low; What counterfeits shall ever turn him dizzy? Nay, if Eliza's chariot called round for Under the spur to dub it a sky Lizzie! STANLEY K. WILSON.

What Do You Know?

- QUIZ
1. What dynasty has been accepted as head of the new constitutional monarchy composed of Serbia, Montenegro and the Jugoslav provinces of Austria-Hungary?
2. How did the radical Spartacist party of Germany meet its doom?
3. What is an arx?
4. What is the meaning of otiose?
5. What anniversary of a remarkable American victory over a British expeditionary force is celebrated in Russia?
6. Who are the Menchikovs in Russia?
7. Who were the Erivans in Greek mythology?
8. What is the largest river flowing wholly within the Dominion of Canada?
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Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. Limburg is the province of Holland which certain parties in Belgium desire to be annexed to their own country.
2. President Wilson is sixty-two years old.
3. A crevasse is a deep fissure in the ice of a glacier.
4. The Seven Wonders of the world were the Egyptian Pyramids, the Mausoleum at Halicarnassus, the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, the Colossus of Rhodes, the Temple of Artemis at Ephesus and the statue of Zeus by Phidias in the great temple at Olympia.
5. The settlements comprise a British possession in the Malay peninsula. The Gazette of its name.
6. Henry VIII of England was married six times.
7. "The curtain all did hang" means "The curtain is drawn."
8. A centaur is a half man, half horse.
9. Jupiter is the largest planet of the solar system.
10. Twenty-four sheets of writing paper make a quire.