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CLIP THIS COURT'S BANKNOTE WINGS. Two new judges of the Municipal Court are to be inducted into office today.

REFORM MUST HAVE A KICK IN IT. FEEL it is my duty to see this thing through, declared Mrs. John C. Groomer...

MILLION-DOLLAR LEMONADE. IT HAS been said that an optimist is the man who makes lemonade out of the lemons which have been handed to him.

THUMB-SCREWING CHILD-LABOR PROFITEERS. THE revenue bill now awaiting final passage in Washington contains a provision for a tax of 10 per cent on the net profits of every mine, quarry, mill, factory or workshop of any kind operated with child labor.

Without Prejudice to Principles. There is no logical reason why constitutional amendments should end with prohibitive and (mayhap) woman suffrage.

"Sull" Waters. In Sweden, it is said, every other man is his own house factory.

Today is the hundredth birthday of John Ruskin, the well-known author of "Ethics of the Dust," which work might profitably be presented to street-cleaning contractors.

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has the power to tax anything that it chooses. It has taxed State banknotes out of existence, and it has prevented the sale of oleomargarine as butter by fixing a tax upon it which places the factories under the supervision of the Federal revenue collectors.

IS WILSON A DREAMER? READ THE REVENUE BILL! The World's Conscience May Be Hardened to War, but the World's Pocketbook Can't Stand the Increasing Strain.

IN ONE aspect the new revenue bill is almost beautiful. As a winged, valve-in-head, space-defying advertisement against war; as a coldly sobering visitation of truth or as a cloud dispelling wind in men's minds; the grim thing actually has a sort of grandeur.

For the bill reduces the material costs of modern warfare to simple and practical terms and shows the account book to the eyes of the average man, who, under the spell of Washington oratory, hasn't been permitted to understand what the President is striving for at Paris—or why he must strive if our familiar civilization is to go on.

The novel fact vividly revealed in the revenue bill is that war nowadays stops nowhere. It has been elaborated until it not only burns up the best of the world's life, but gouges the economic heart out of the strongest of nations.

One must wonder at the men in Congress who, while contemplating the revenue bill, still have the temerity to obstruct the hopes and plans of the nation for enduring peace. Now even the dullest tory, the most relentless party man, the most fervid worshiper at tombs of political ancestors who find their incomes reduced by half or two-thirds, must perceive that mere idealism is not alone responsible for the proposed league of nations.

Here, then, by a severely practical necessity, we are permitted to understand the weight of the burdens recently inflicted on the world at large. We are not left in any doubt about the disastrous costs of any possible failure of the President's purposes.

Mr. Bryan is still thinking of his million farmers with guns. They will shoot at poison gas waves or splatter belching tanks with gusts of bird shot.

Doctor Eliot puts his faith in large standing armies and universal military training and rests content. As a matter of fact, standing armies and the whole human reserve of a nation would be but the ephemeral background, in a future age of militarism, to an insane orgy of destructive mechanisms.

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old devastating method and speak of those who oppose them as visionaries! We have Senator Hale upon his feet to tell the world that the American people do not share Mr. Wilson's idealism.

TELL IT TO THE MARINES! SERGEANT GANOE, survivor of Belleau Wood, has described that clamor as attaining "the Himalayan topmost peak of din."

Gratitude for the Homeric victory of the marines at the crisis of the war is expressible only in the heart throbs of civilization. The name Thermopylae is writ large on the scroll of freedom, and yet the tragic Spartans stand there failed.

The turning of the Hun flood from Paris was, of course, dependent on many factors, but few if any surpass in vivid dramatic import the triumph at Belleau on June 25, 1918. Because of its vital bearing on history this combat stands out, but it was only one of many in which the "Soldiers of the Sea," "semper fidelis" to the last ditch, sustained as ever the finest traditions of American arms.

We wish we could let those "boys" this afternoon know what we think of them. That inability is indeed the only shadow on a luminous red-letter day in this town's annals.

THE triumphant gift of Rudyard Kipling has always been straight Saxon speech. He sets the sentiments of the heart in words as keen of edge, as direct of flight as the six-foot spear of a Pathan warrior.

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CONGRESSMAN MOORE'S LETTER. How the Theatrical Men's Raid on Congress Scored a Victory—The Presidential Signature Problem in Legislation.

Washington, Feb. 8. PROBABLY no raid upon Congress was ever pulled off with greater success than that of the theatrical and moving-picture managers in their protest against an increase in the tax on admissions from one to two cents on each ten cents charged.

There is a strong suspicion that a former Philadelphia boy, R. S. Robbins, manager of Keith's Theatre in Washington, had something to do with this agitation, and there is no question that Harry T. Jordan, the Philadelphia representative, was also in it.

WHAT was done by the theatrical men, however, was taken up by numerous other taxpayers, who, wherever they were sufficiently organized, resorted to a similar system of campaign. In none of these instances, however, did the propaganda work so well as it did with the theatres.

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THE CHAFFING DISH

A Communication From Dunraven Bleak. The World's Greatest Desk Cleaner (By Wireles)

Paris, Feb. 8.—Received your cable asking me to get your income tax form filled out, but beg advise you that in present rush of business it will be quite impossible for me to undertake such heavy jobs for several weeks.

Almost every one needs desk-cleaning done these days. Assure you have never been so rushed. Just been doing a little work for Mr. Lenin in Petrograd preparatory to his leaving for Prinkipo. In all experience have never seen a rollover in condition his was. Necessary for me to use not only several ounces nitroglycerin, but also (between ourselves) three cartons insect powder.

Just had hurry call from Washington desk-cleaning for Senate before Wilson gets back. Senator Sherman and others justifiably apprehensive of President coming across text of some of their speeches made in his absence; accordingly up to me to sweep and garnish you may face him with air of injured innocence.

It is amusing to think how carefully and shame-facedly Boston has tried to live down the fact that Lowell was a humorist. We wonder what she will do to live down Lowell's equally racy and humorous kinswoman, Miss Amy?

Viva Mexico! If you were thinking of migrating to Canada, save the carfare for thrift stamps. The Dominion goes bone dry on May 1.

It looks as though Uncle Sam will have to continue for some time to come in the role of Uncle Samaritan.

"Almost Overcautious" When it comes to subtlety in phrasing, the ad writers put Walter Pater to shame. We note the following: SILK HOSE FOR MEN at 45¢ Pair: These fine Silk Hose were intended for sale at very much higher prices, but owing to minor imperfections an almost overcautious manufacturer considered them slightly irregular.

The problem concerning the former German cologne, seems to be whether certain ones shall hold their permanently so-called "perfumery" or not.

Little Studies in Words

ANGLING. IT is so many years since the fisherman was originally called an angler and fishing was first called angling that it is doubtful if one fisherman in ten thousand knows exactly what the words mean.

The fact that Miss Amy Lowell, the poet, is expected to be in town on Monday to address the Contemporary Club, reminds us of the fact that this month marks the centennial of her distinguished kinsman, James Russell Lowell.

It is reported from Paris that the answers to many questions such as "Why not lift the blockade?" "Why not start commerce going?" etc., is "Can't." "Can't" is also our notion of all that perversity.

Who was the first heir to the English throne to receive the title Prince of Wales? Who was the head of the American mission which visited Russia shortly after the overthrow of the Czar in 1917? What is the meaning of the word facet? Who were the "Carpet Baggers" in American political history? What amount of money is the new Federal tax bill expected to yield this year?

What is the meaning of the Latin phrase "Vae victis"? What is a bulbul? What is the meaning of the French word "grain" as applied to foods? What is the real name of the Bolshevik leader who calls himself Nicolas Lenin? Who wrote the music of the opera "Lucia"?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz. 1. Italy was in the war from May 24, 1915, until the end. 2. Saint Valentine was a martyr of the reign of the Roman Emperor Claudius (about 270 A. D.). The festival of the saint came to be observed on February 14. The custom of sending valentines had its origin in a heathen practice connected with the worship of Juno on or about this day. Its association with the saint is wholly accidental.

Vendee is a department bordering on the northwest coast of France. Georges Clemenceau was born there.

The words of "God Save the King" are "America" are set to an old Prussian national hymn, "Hail Dir im Siegerkranz" ("Hail to Thee in Conqueror's Wreath").

Monrovia is the capital of Liberia. A cigar which is open at both ends is called a cheroot.

Chung-Hua Min-Kuo is the Chinese name for China. Admiral Albert T. Niblack commanded the American fleet in the Philippines during the war. Shakespeare is associated with the expression "to be or not to be."