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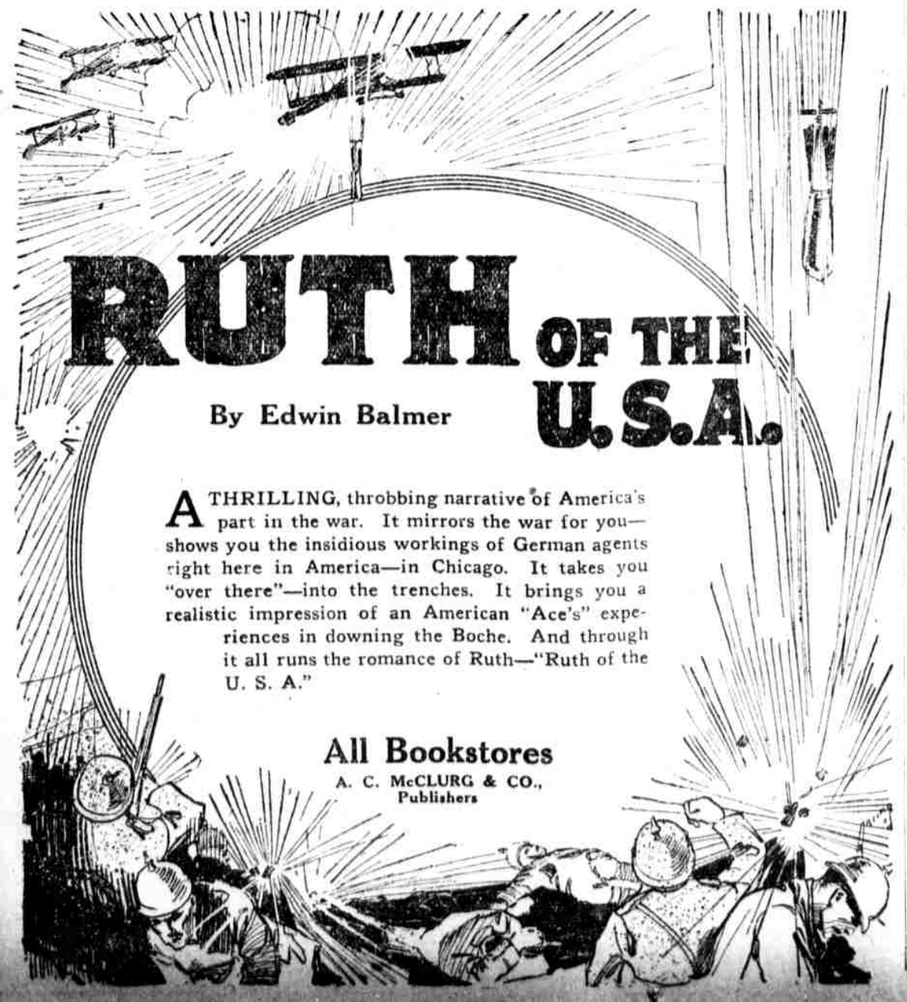

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"The College in War Time and After" is the opening volume of an important series of books prepared by authorities in various specialized lines of activity on the problems of war and reconstruction. Francis G. Wickware is general editor of the series and the present volume is the work of Parke Rexford Kolbe, president of the Municipal University of Akron, and special collaborator in the United States Bureau of Education. The volume is introduced by Commissioner Philander P. Claxton, who stresses the point that the war has not only tested the colleges, but has given them an unparalleled opportunity to discover their weaknesses and to readjust themselves to the needs of the new democratic industrialism. Doctor Claxton also makes a point of the fact that the new era will require more than ever in the past, trained leadership. The leaders of the coming day will be the product of the American institutions of higher learning if they have the vitality and vision to equip themselves for their great task and if their processes of thought and action, of policy and program, do not fall short in ideals and fail before the responsibility.

The war has effected profound and permanent changes in education, changes of which some institutions are not yet conscious, or if cognizant, not yet free from perplexities, concerning the proper way to take advantage for the success of the college and the welfare of the public. How they evolve and function the next few years will be the acid test.

Doctor Kolbe points out the opportunities and also some ways by which colleges and universities may advantage themselves of the changed conditions. It may cause a heartbreak to throw aside old traditions and to discard precedent, but this must be done. Compromises are possible and even desirable for the preservation of the best elements in the older system of education, but much of that has become outmoded. There must be a new deal, as Doctor Kolbe indicates in his pages dealing with the restoration of the college to a sound practical and fruitful peace-time basis. He leads up to his interesting conclusions in chapters on the effect of the war on curricula, finance and other collegiate conditions. His introductory material gives a brief but intelligent view of collegiate education prior to the world conflict. He chronicles the good record of the American colleges and universities in their response to the call of the nation. We have heard of a great many slogans giving credit for winning the war—food, ships, munitions and what not. Certainly the college did a very large "bit" toward victory and Doctor Kolbe gives an organized idea of the size and scope of this contribution. If they are forward looking and vigorous and open minded and alert they will also do their large share in the victories of peace which are no less glorious than those of war.

THE COLLEGES IN WARFARE AND ACTION. By Parke Rexford Kolbe. New York: D. Appleton & Co. $2.

Shipbuilding Terms

With the impetus given to ship construction in American yards by the war and the bright future in prospect for the revived United States merchant marine, a very definite place is open for "Modern Shipbuilding Terms; Defined and Illustrated." This is not a bulky work, but it is very comprehensive in its range of subjects, thanks to the concision of the text.

The author, F. Forrest Pease, has brought a specialized and broad equipment to his task. He is a staff instructor in the education and training section of the Emergency Fleet Corporation. Mr. Pease has utilized the dictionary system of alphabetical topics for his work, and defines more than 2000 terms, nearly 20 per cent of which are pictorially set forth as well as verbally.

MODERN SHIPBUILDING TERMS. By F. Forrest Pease. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company. $2.

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LIVING BAYONETS. By Coningsby Dawson. New York: George H. Doran Company. $1.25.

From Berlin to Bagdad

An entertaining as well as informing account of experiences in Turkey during 1915 is given by George A. Schreiner, war correspondent of the Associated Press of America, in "From Berlin to Bagdad." It is the "first authentic account" of the much-talking events in the strait of Dardanelles and on Gallipoli peninsula, "as seen from the coast batteries and trenches of the Turks." Following this is an interesting description of an interview with the Sultan, "the first his majesty has had with a journalist," to whom he gave an account of events at the Dardanelles.

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FROM BERLIN TO BAGDAD. By George A. Schreiner. New York: George H. Doran Company. $2.

War Annals of a Company

"My Company," by Captain Carroll Swan, is a very human sort of book about a very inhuman sort of thing, war. His company—D of one of the Yankee division regiments—was a typical aggregation of young American knights errant, and he sets forth the stirring tale of their tourney for democracy against Prussianism. The record is an intimate one, based on the actual experiences of the boys, with their real names and nicknames, descriptions of their fads, fancies and fearless deeds, their training and their work in action. Because this company was typical of so many other units and chronicles their military careers so graphically and characteristically, "My Company" is sure of an appreciative general audience.

MY COMPANY. By Captain Carroll Swan. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company. $1.50.

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The several short stories collected in "According to Orders," show F. Britten Austin to a master of the secrets of Hun psychology and an adept at the art of modern war mailing. Mr. Austin's stories, some of them written before we entered the war, reveal almost an uncanny acquaintance with the mental processes of all types of German soldiery and German military practices. The implicit, unquestioning discipline to orders, no matter how inhuman, is emphasized in "Zu Befehl." "The Terror of the Sky" is a Zeppelin story. "The Sea Devil," tells of the ruthless U-boat. "Panzerkraftwagen" recreates the reaction of the Teuton mind of the tanks. Simply as fiction these stories are thrilling to intensity, with their graphic writing and their exciting episodes. From the technical standpoint they give impressively informing ideas of the engines and tactics of modern warfare.

ACCORDING TO ORDERS. By F. Britten Austin. New York: George H. Doran Company. $1.40.

A Prisoner in Germany

In "My German Prisons," Captain Horace G. Gilliland gives a most interesting and true picture of his experiences during two and a half years of imprisonment in German war prisons. The one abiding impression left from his story is of the almost inconceivably vile and brutal treatment of the prisoners by the Germans, and the frightfully insanitary conditions of the prison camps. Slight improvements in these conditions were made through the vigorous protest of our ambassador, James W. Gerard, who in his introduction to this book characterizes them as "crimes against civilization and humanity." The account of the escape from the railroad train, and the nights spent in going through the enemy's country to the Dutch frontier, and the days spent in hiding, often in muddy ditches and swamps, is similar to that of many other soldiers who sought for freedom from the savage Hun.

MY GERMAN PRISONS. The story of my two and a half years of captivity in Germany and my final escape, November 11, 1914-April 15, 1917. By Horace Gray Gilliland, captain in the Royal Lancashire Regiment, Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company. $1.50 net.

Amid War's Alarms

"The Evolution of Peter Moore," by Dale Drummond, is a record in fiction of what was the fact in many cases—the spiritualizing of a nature through the exalted ideals that made men fight for liberty in the recent war and despite the brutalizing influences of warfare. Peter Moore is an unsophisticated small town lad who heeds the call of France and Belgium first through enlistment with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces and then with Pershing's Crusaders, for he is sure his own country's flag will be grouped with those of the other free nations battling for the protection and perpetuation of freedom. Before he leaves for the front he contracts a marriage with a pretty but shallow girl as a result of his home-town relations of various society. Out of this situation grows a drama that [illegible] Drummond introduces several [illegible] which develop interests in [illegible] as it runs from Flanders and France to New York and the Mid-West and creates a satisfying tale that [illegible] happiness to Peter and the Red Cross nurse whom he has learned to love at the front.

THE EVOLUTION OF PETER MOORE. By Dale Drummond. New York: Dodd, Mead & Company. $1.50.

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[illegible] By the author of "[illegible]." New York: Henry H. Doran Company. $2.50.

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