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GERMANY NOW FACES REALITIES AND SO MUST THE SENATE

It is the Antagonists, Not the Supporters, of the Intensely Practical Treaty and League Plan Who Are the "Dangerous Idealists"

THE nation which carried idealism to a pitch of frenzy unexampled in the world's history has been accorded seven days in which to think realistically.

Realities, however, will crowd somewhat heavily upon it after that date, just as they are now pressing severely on the German people, who dismissed them so airily when they invaded Belgium in 1914.

But this ideal was base, detestable, ruthless and savage does not in the least invalidate the significance of the word. Indeed, the very orgy of extravagant fancies was so attractive to the Hun consciousness that the British army was called "contemptible," the just wrath of America was unconsidered and the righteous anger of virtually the entire world was fatuously challenged.

THE phrase is persistently abusive at this moment. It falls particularly glibly from the lips of those blind politicians who oppose the league of nations and covetous them of two offenses:

First, Subscription to the very code which they profess to repudiate. Second, Ignorance of the English dictionary.

That volume may be profitably consulted. "Idealism" is elucidated as follows: "Representation of things in ideal form, imaginative treatment."

As an explanation both of Germany and of recalcitrant forces in the United States Senate the definition is incontestably pat. Imaginative treatment of an outraged and concretely existent civilization is clearly discernible in the record of Teuton submarine lunacy.

But the Senate muddlers, and their supporters among the citizenry, are outspokenly unsympathetic both to the crazed militaristic, "will-to-power" idealism which went to smash in Germany and the irrational hyper-refined but still inconsistent brand distinguished by Jeremiahs over "Mr. Wilson's failure."

Mr. Wilson will return with a practical document guaranteeing the world's long-deferred return to a peace basis. Perhaps idealism in the truly noble sense, the spirit which infuses concrete stipulations with the spirit of the loftiest justice, might have invested the treaty with a grandeur which it does not attain.

lations with the spirit of the loftiest justice, might have invested the treaty with a grandeur which it does not attain. It is a worthy, a monumental and, on the whole, a clean pact, none the less. But to attack it as impractical and void of realities simply paralyzes reason and the English language.

Germany's insane idealism will probably crumble away at the eleventh hour of the "seven days' leave." The nation will then be face to face with grim realities. It will acknowledge them and affix its signatures on the dotted lines.

If the Senate has any regard left for popular opinion concerning its sanity it will quit its specious attacks on practical measures for restoring the earth to normal and will face the solid actualities in its deliberations.

The treaty is an impressive fact. Its provisions are authoritative and soundly practical. Its champions have concerned themselves with existent conditions. Its antagonists have flown off upon a tangent of "dangerous idealism."

IN A few days this city will have what comes nearer to being a charter than it has ever had before. The bill now on its final stages combines into a single document the provisions that are to regulate virtually all of the functions of the city government.

THE Bullitt law, of which much has been said and written, is not a charter. It is merely an amendment in a few particulars of other statutes. We have been governed by a lot of separate laws never concentrated into a single act.

There are other changes affecting the Department of Health and the purchasing agent, but they are to increase efficiency and concentrate authority.

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CONGRESSMAN MOORE'S LETTER How the Five o'Clock Club Boomed Philadelphia—Controller Walton's Military Record—Ursinus College and the Clerk Memorial Organ

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CAPTAIN JOHN M. WALTON, city controller, has a more intimate knowledge of big men in Washington than many of his conferees about the "City Hall." His old military record stands him in good stead in this regard.

JUNE, the month of brides, roses and commencement, has given the Pennsylvania schools and colleges a fine opportunity to display their work of the year.

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THE LORRAINE CROSS

THE silver Cross of fair Lorraine Upon its azure shield, Worn by our brave boys, safely home From the dread battlefield, Wakes in our hearts such joy and pride As tongue can never tell, Such love for every gallant lad Who did his work so well.

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What Do You Know?

QUIZ 1. Who was Carranza's predecessor as president of Mexico? 2. What is the derivation of the word nickname? 3. What is a creak? 4. What territory does Germany yield to Belgium by the peace treaty terms? 5. What is regarded as the national religion of Japan? 6. What is the file-rail of a ship? 7. Who wrote the story, "Daisy Miller"? 8. Is the word strata singular or plural? 9. What is parlistic literature? 10. What American statesman was chiefly responsible for the Missouri Compromise?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. Arthur W. Brown, navigator of the first airplane to make a nonstop flight over the Atlantic, was born in Glasgow of American parents. 2. The area of England, including Monmouthshire, is 50,874 square miles. The area of Pennsylvania is 45,120 square miles. 3. The accent in the word cigarette should fall on the last syllable. 4. Sem Benelli is an Italian poet, now active in the political affairs of the city of Rome. He is the author of the dramas, "The Love of the Three Kings," "out of which an opera has been made, and "The Jest." 5. A pangolin is a scaly ant-eater, found in the East Indies. 6. Jute is fiber from bark of certain plants, chiefly imported from Bengal and used for canvases, cordage, etc. 7. Fay is another word for fairy. 8. The Mississippi was first seen by a white man when De Soto discovered it in 1542. 9. Serbia now forms a part of the Serbo-Croat-Slovene state. 10. The Japanese is now the predominant race in the territory of Hawaii.

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