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Photo by American Press Association. COUNT APPONYI.

Count Apponyi led movements for the development of Hungarian commerce and agriculture and for the checking of Russia's ambitions in the Balkan peninsula.

WASH DAY IN THE TRENCHES.

Soldiers Gather Soiled Clothing and Give It Vigorous Scrubbing. One day a week is set aside in the trenches in northern France as "wash day."



Photo by American Press Association. WASH DAY IN THE TRENCHES.

Many good singers among the men in the trenches, and it is a poor camp that does not boast of one or two musicians.

SIRENS AND SONS.

Thomas F. Ryan, like President Wilson, is exceedingly fond of detective stories.

Edwin V. Morgan, American ambassador to Brazil, has presented to the Widener library at Harvard 600 volumes of Brazilian history and literature.

Professor Charles Vancouver Pligg, known as the "grass man" of the department of agriculture, is responsible for the introduction of Sudan grass in this country.

Professor Theodore W. Richards of Harvard, to whom has been awarded the Nobel prize for chemistry, is director of the Gibbs memorial laboratory, is author of papers on the significance of changing atomic volume and has revised the atomic weights of oxygen, copper and other elements.

Count Zeppelin, Germany's air king, was in such poverty in his early years that he was obliged to live in a little cottage on an allowance made to him by his friends.

Flippant Flings.

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Nagging Boston.

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English Etchings.

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Pert Personals.

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The wages of sin are always promptly paid.

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Men who fall—the fellows who sit always there with an argument and a reason why not.

The great trouble with the man who gets there with both feet is that he thinks the world is his doormat.

With the trenches a stone's throw apart, only a foolish fighter would attempt to read between the lines.

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Health officers everywhere are advising the people not to sneeze in public. Save your sneeze until you get home.

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PROMINENT MEN URGING DEFENSE.

Seth Low and Assistant War Secretary Talk Preparedness.

APPEALS for support of an adequate national preparedness policy, voiced by half a dozen speakers, featured a session of the National Civic Federation in Washington. President Seth Low started the discussion with the declaration that "if the United States is to prevent the antagonisms and hates of Europe and its age long traditions of empire from finding lodgment on this continent after the war it must be by the strength of our own right arm and by the willingness to die for what is certainly precious to ourselves and for what we believe to be no less precious to humanity."

Whatever might be the outcome of the war, Mr. Low said, its results could not be less than revolutionary upon the life of the world.

"If militarism triumphs," he added, "the Americas, like Europe, must bow their necks to the yoke of a militarism which will give to the soldier rather than to the citizen the domination of the future."

Mr. Low said he favored the administration's defense program, not because he thought it ideally perfect, but because it was a long step in the right direction.

"Personally," he continued, "I believe that short service under the colors on the Swiss system, modified perhaps to meet our conditions, should be required of every young man in the United States and that we should no longer depend upon an army which, as

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DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Miss Clayton Griff of London is the pioneer among women consulting engineers.

Miss Charlotte V. Cuddy has charge of the testing department of Cleveland's largest real estate firm.

Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt has been made honorary vice president of the women's section of the Navy League.

Mrs. Jeanne D. Rice, one of the best known makers of pottery in the world, conducts busy kilns in New York City.

Mrs. Winston Churchill is an expert stenographer and shorthand writer and frequently acts as a shorthand writer for her novelist husband.

Margaret Harwood, who was graduated from Radcliffe in 1907 and later at Harvard observatory in 1912, has been appointed for an indefinite period as a fellow of the Nantucket Maria Mitchell association, where she has held the astronomical fellowship since 1912.

Short Stories.

In some parts of Russia gold has been mined without interruption since 1744.

Of the blind persons in this country 32,443 are males and 24,820 are females. The male majority is doubtless largely due to the extra liability of males to accidents, owing to their occupations.

Until the recent discovery in Madagascar of kernerups, resembling the squaminate and the green anadulite, but of far greater brilliancy when cut, Greenland had the only known deposit of this mineral.

One of the side plates of the battleship Maine, which had been imbedded in the mud at the bottom of Havana harbor since 1898, was recently brought up by the anchor of the American steamship Esperanto.

SHORT AND SHARP.

Join a thrift club of some sort this year.

Mere "good" intentions have no real chance to stop the war.

Clothes do not make the man, but they help him make a bluff.

Neighbors observe each other more than they observe the Golden Rule.

A cubist artist is proud of the title, but if you called him a blockhead he'd get mad.

The shortest month of the year is the one that is accompanied by a thirty day note.

If Europe isn't bankrupt she at least gives a splendid imitation of carrying on like one.

Discontent—sourness under the delusion that others' lives are easier and happier than our own.

All of emigrating Europe will not come to America. South Africa can hold half a billion.

You can generally tell a counterfeit coin by the ring, but you can't always detect a counterfeit love that way.

The Congressional Record continues its useful work of serving as the great mausoleum for well intentioned oratory.

Reptiles meant from Alaska, which is reported, sounds a great deal better than can be portended from New York, which is permanent.

The Royal Box.

Murat, king of Naples, was known as the dandy king.

Henry III. and Henry IV. of England were lepers and were called the leper kings.

"Hellas" is the real name for Greece, and "king of the Hellenes" is the correct title of the king, not "king of Greece."

Queen Elizabeth, the widow of King Charles of Roumania, is widely known as "Carmen Syva," a writer. Her majesty, who is nearing the end of her seventy-second year, was before her marriage a princess of Wied.

Current Comment.

If the automobile has put the old fashioned carriage on the scrap pile that is no reason for putting the horse on the meat market.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Speaking of railroad property, last year was the first one in more than half a century when the new mileage measured less than 1,000 miles.—Boston Herald.

Congress has subjects before it which will call upon its members to make distinctly clear the difference between the politician and the statesman.—Washington Star.

Pen and Brush.

Mario Corelli, the novelist, is said to be in great favor with Queen Alexandra.

Miss Helen Miller of Philadelphia, at the age of sixteen, is the author of ten plays.

James Montgomery Flagg sold his first picture when he was only fourteen years old. It was a comic.

Dr. Taubenschlag of Waseda university is now laid at work in translating Shakespeare. It is the intention of Dr. Taubenschlag to complete his work during the present year.

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