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Everything or Nothing.

The German request for delay in dealing with the Arabic incident means everything or nothing.

There is only one issue between us and Germany. There is only one method of settling it.

But short of this there is no end. Another "incident," granted that the Arabic can be explained away, will mean another crisis and the end of relations.

Until the German Government has made its statement we shall do well to wait with open minds, neither deluded by optimism nor rendered unresponsive by pessimism.

If Germany now understands American sentiment, if she has no desire to add America to her numerous enemies, she will presently give notice of a change of policy.

If Mr. Wilson shall succeed in bringing about a peaceful solution he will deserve all praise.

Talk about German "backdown" is not only inappropriate, but it is mischievous.

We in the United States are in deadly earnest. We have already envisaged a break with Germany, diplomatically.

If the German statesmen have seen the situation as it is finally—if they are trying to bring about a peaceful solution, their difficulties are great enough without further handicaps created by American press and public statement.

Until Germany has made a formal explanation the best thing in the world to do is to let the Arabic incident lie.

From Bangor.

Bangor must be rather an important place. Otherwise it would hardly seem capable of producing so sophisticated and self-possessed a young person as Miss Helen Bryer, thirteen years old, at present a guest of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

the remark, "Once a hick, always a hick, I guess," though she does herself, to say nothing of her home town, a decided injustice in the implied reference.

My dear young lady, if you will permit a humble but honest editor to differ with you, we should say that in every respect you were marvellously moulded for city ways.

"Big Bill" Edwards Returns to Our Village.

Probably there are more people delighted to see "Big Bill" Edwards restored to local public life than will vote for him.

New York has many of the characteristics of the village, despite its metropolitan airs and pretences.

"Big Bill" Edwards is one of these. He pleased the paragrapher and he commanded the patronage of the reporter.

Running for Sheriff is a serious business, not because the office is commanding, but because the business of running for office is a serious business.

But this is two months in the future. Now in August there are no politics. We are all friends in the village, and the return of an absent friend is an "item" of human as well as press interest.

"Prexy's" Points.

Dr. David Starr Jordan was the active head of an institution which, it is reputed, does not have to pass the hat.

"He must be a scholar to the extent that he knows truth from untruth." Here again the chancellor would seem to be in slight error.

Of course the college president, to "make good," must be a consummate diplomat, and in that phrase one sums up the other qualities which Chancellor Jordan emphasizes as necessary.

Still, there are a good many of us who would not object to his smoking if he would promise not to crowd his slang.

Westchester Versus Wenatchee.

This is strange news that comes from the Northwest. It is to the effect that in Washington and Oregon apple orchards are being uprooted, the business that they represent having become unprofitable under a somewhat inflated system of handling the crop.

Good Champagne Prospects.

Nature, as though to make amends for the free-handed acquisition of its stores of champagne by the invaders, is lavish in its promises to France of a bountiful vintage this year.

ever? It does not appear likely. And it is certain that a powerful reaction in the Eastern market arose against beautiful but flavorless Northwestern fruit.

In the meantime the new orchards of New York State are making steady and very encouraging progress.

Let us by no means say that the North western apple is always going to be inferior in quality to the New York apple.

The Amended Home Rule Proposal.

The amended home rule proposal which the Constitutional Convention has advanced to the order of final passage is a better and more mature treatment of that subject than the committee's original draft.

Under such a constitutional provision New York City would be better off than it is now.

If the metropolis had in the Legislature the representation it is entitled to no reasonable person could ask for anything much better than this proposal.

"I would sooner be a lamp post on Park Row than the Governor of California," declares Assemblyman "Al" Smith.

Even at \$7,500 for each American life—the quotation named by one of the hyperbated—Germany would owe a considerable debt to this country.

Sweep Path for Big Limer.—Headline. How the dust must gather along those transatlantic lanes!

Obviously the new knee watches for ladies are to take the place of the clock at the ankle.

Cool Wave Coming Here.—Headline. Steamer or tidal?

British Films from the Front.

An important announcement by Mr. Asquith in reply to a question from Sir H. Norman, shows that the government are following the excellent example of the French Government in allowing cinematograph records to be taken of suitable scenes at the front and along the lines of communication.

Perhaps He Knew No Better. To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: I would like to draw your attention to a little incident that happened to me today.

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To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: I have been noticing an interesting progression of ideas in the letters you have recently printed on the subject of "militarism" and "preparedness."

Why Argue? To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: It is beyond all bounds of intelligence why you should publish such an aniline letter as that signed by Charles C. Rhodes, Jr.

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THE PSYCHOLOGY OF IT An Unfriendly Discussion of the Developments of the Hour.

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If you admit that we should be prepared to look for a measure or standard with which to compare your "preparedness," what does that mean? Simply looking up the statistics of Japan or Germany and automatically contemplating the chances of "wiping them off the map."

One learned gentleman, honorably discharged from the army, so he said, was engaged in this "hate manufacture" at Wall and Broad Streets the other day.

The Substance of Militarism. To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: I have been noticing an interesting progression of ideas in the letters you have recently printed on the subject of "militarism" and "preparedness."

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In the Mosaic code, not only crimes but minor offences were punished by death. Among these were the cursing of one's parents, Sabbath breaking and blasphemy.

But to deal with real facts: In Michigan the death penalty was abolished in 1847. From reports of the Michigan state prison I found that between that date and 1874 Michigan had sixty-eight murders.

Sound reasons underlie these results. The State of New York has ever taken human life in order to impress the public with the credence of human life.

Innocent men have often been legally executed. Since the death penalty was abolished in Michigan I know of nine different cases of innocent men having been set at liberty because their innocence had subsequently been established.

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A BREAK INEVITABLE

Now Is the Time for Americans to Stand Together.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: In a crisis such as now confronts the United States it would seem eminently proper and fitting that every American citizen enter the arena of public debate and, through the medium of the press, contribute his views upon the momentous issues at stake.

It has been demonstrated beyond a reasonable doubt, especially within the last two weeks, that a powerful and unscrupulous propaganda of incitement to violence, and worse, is being stealthily spread in America.

Such a crisis is fast approaching is practically certain. We may not realize it as we should, though we are beginning to have a dim perception of the truth, but it is a fact that the element of distrust of those about us has reached a serious stage.

We may not at the present moment be on the verge of entering actively into the European situation as a belligerent; that we shall be eventually compelled to do so scarcely admits of argument.

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