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We Congratulate Judge Hylan.

The campaign of Judge Hylan preliminary to the primaries of next Wednesday has been uncommonly successful; that is, from the point of view of the citizen who cares little for party politics in municipal affairs but wants honesty and ability and fearless independence in office in the City Hall and likewise in the Municipal Building.

A Yankee Triumph.

Every American, and indeed every ally, will be glad if it is proved that the Secretary of War is not unduly enthusiastic in his description of the Liberty motor as "the best aircraft engine produced in any country."

The Alien Draft.

The Administration has intervened to lock the progress of the Senate resolutions calling for a draft of aliens. Apparently the Executive is in sympathy with the purpose of the Chamberlain resolution, but believes that its ends can be attained more smoothly by diplomacy.

The Length of Opinions.

A committee of the American Bar Association has recommended that the courts be memorialized with a plea for shorter judicial opinions. A "conscious effort at the shortening of opinions" is held up as an ideal for Judges to strive for.

A Judge as a Recruiting Officer.

A youth of 21 who received a dishonorable discharge from the United States Army for assaulting a superior officer was shortly thereafter convicted of larceny and spent some time on Blackwell's Island.

Trade Briefs.

Mildew has destroyed a large portion of the grape crop of southern France. The spread of the disease has been checked. Shipments of bananas from Frontiers, Mexico, has been resumed. This port is but three days from New Orleans, which advantage eliminates the expense of re-shipment.

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boys in arms should look upon their successors in industry. If either through the treaty making power or by passage of the Senate resolutions the alien may be made to play his part either in the ranks or in the workshops the air will be cleared. That will remove the only present ground for complaint by Americans who are willing to be drafted but want a law applied equally to all.

Glory for All.

"Without the United States financial assistance," said A. BONAS LAW, Chancellor of the Exchequer, "the Allies would have been in disastrous straits to-day."

Russia's Tragic Comedy.

The picture on the Russian screen moves so rapidly that the observer almost loses the plot in the maze of incidents. For a day the figure of KORNILOFF stood out so boldly as almost to dwarf that of KESENSKY.

Harsh Words for an Idyl.

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point he wants to make. The after-dinner speaker shares with his auditors the first fine rapture he felt when he heard the story about an Irishman named PAT three and twenty years ago. Mr. SHAW plucks his beard and Mr. CHESTERMAN turns a back somersault on suddenly ascertaining that the platitude JOHN SMITH chuckles over can be turned wrong side out and still be made to mean something, the more perverse the better.

The More Conscientious the Better.

From a fashionable resort comes a despatch of which we print a few sentences below: "Possibility of the drafting of aliens, as proposed by the joint resolution in Congress, has caused consternation among the big Blauvelt villas.

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orally discharged from one and convicted of crime since. This sort of thing has happened before. Local magistrates have sometimes suggested that offenders brought before them "enlist in the army." We had not supposed that such an Alternative to proper punishment would be suggested by a Judge of the United States. We invite Brigadier-General Enoch H. CROWDER, Provost Marshal and Judge Advocate General of the army, to satisfy himself as to the facts of the case and then to express a forcible opinion on them.

The Expurgated Index.

In his early boyhood the young man, doubtless influenced by "The Count of Monte Cristo," studied a card index of the names, addresses and further particulars of all who had helped or hurt him.

After War Credit.

A Speculation as to the Possibility of Its Being Based on Silver. To the Editor of THE SUN:—In a recent speech Senator Borah said, "We must tell people that the war is costing and where the money is going, and we must know that we propose to place the burden where in good conscience and equity it ought to rest."

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What is Going On in the Land Where the Women Are Doing Much of the Civil Official Work. PARIS, AUG. 23.—An intolerable nuisance, in the persons of ticket sellers in the subway, cabmen, newspaper vendors and small shop keepers who have refused to give change to would-be purchasers about to be suppressed. In the early days of the war, with the idea of relieving the drain on the fractional currency, a law was passed which conferred the right to refuse change or to sell under certain conditions to purchasers who could not furnish the exact amount of money in return. This law was taken advantage of by sundry persons who were either too lazy to provide themselves with money or who, maliciously inclined, delighted in exasperating those who were without change when making purchases.

INCIDENTS OF FRENCH LIFE UNDER WAR CONDITIONS.

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