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The Austrian Invitation.

The obvious viewpoint of the cynical will be that Austria has been sent to a task at which Germany has clumsily failed, the attitude of the outer world being less bitter toward Austria than toward her evil companion nation.

Whatever good might have come from the interchange last winter was destroyed by the conduct of Germany, where the President's utterances were received in a spirit entirely different from that in which the Austrian statesman took them.

Prussia again waved the sword and prepared what was then believed to be an assault by three million men on the western front.

It is a different Germany now, and a humbler, if possible, Austria. For Germany to say at a peace gathering, "Look at the map!" would only be to invite an inspection of her own flight from France.

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About One American Boy Over There.

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fame was when the Main street drug store introduced the rather White Wayish innovation of a milk shaker. EARL was promoted to shake the shaker. With this job went a certain distinction. And from a certain flickleness, which has sometimes been associated with fair ones of all climes and countries, the Tannersville girls "shook" the fountain for the shaker.

As if the war had not come, just as likely as not EARL would have remained to this day the milk shaker hero of the Tannersville drug store. Opportunities for heroism do not occur very often in Tannersville; yet such as they were, EARL seemed to be of the mettle to take them.

It looks mightily like it. And this Tannersville youth is but one of a great many thousand quiet, good humored young Americans whom this deadly ordeal in which men's souls are subjected to the ultimate trial is daily revealing as heroes worthy of America's highest traditions—boys suddenly transformed to men; men to heroes in the truest and noblest acceptance of the word.

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have been unrelated to the beginning of war. The collective coincidence remains, however, and with it a certain wonder as to what event, if FERDINAND had not been killed, would have been the signal.

Germany's Plan for the Enslavement of Russia.

The evidence now spread out by the Committee on Public Information discloses in an interesting way the villainies of LENINE and TROTSKY and their group of fellow criminals, but not all of it was needed to assure America that Russia was betrayed by these hirelings of Germany.

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A TRAMP DISCOVERS A FARM CAMP.

Girls Glad Like Rosalind in the Forest Move a Piano in Preparation for the Sunday Hymns Jerseyites Love.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: The tramp is sometimes domesticated. To make a success of the experiment is much like a wife's task in educating a husband: he must be caught young when his muscles are supple, before his bones are set.

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Out on a Union county highway at a point overlooking the pleasant reaches of a valley, and with a blue perspective of hills, I saw a sign: "Union County Farm Camp."

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THE WORLD MARKETS AFTER THE WAR.

An Argument for America's Contribution to the Fidelity of Trade. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: We have registered all men between the ages of 18 and 45 in order to end a war having its genesis in the strangulation of trade by the nations and the stupidity of one of them in attributing the results of its own blindness to the evil machinations of its "enemies."

This country could live and prosper were the rest of the world shut in by sea, for it has the resources. It could live and prosper were all foreign trade to cease, which would amount economically to the same thing.

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NO SCHOOL BUILDING, BARUCH'S DICTUM

Head of War Industries Board Sends Formal Refusal to Mayor Hyman.

CANNOT SPARE MATERIAL \$9,000,000 Programme for City Must Wait Until National Needs Are Met.

Special Despatch to THE SUN. WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Bernard M. Baruch, chairman of the War Industries Board, declined finally to-night to grant the request of Mayor Hyman of New York to release labor and material by which New York's Board of Education might carry out its building schedule calling for an expenditure of \$9,000,000 and described by the Mayor as urgent.

The War Industries Board previously had denied the request of the Board of Education, and the Mayor's special plea followed. Mr. Baruch, in a letter sent to Mayor Hyman to-night, told him that to release the material requested "to other ends, no matter how fine these ends may be in themselves, is at the period worse than a crime—it is a blunder that may cost us dear."

Mr. Baruch's letter leaves the New York school building situation exactly as it was before the Mayor's intervention. The only work that will be approved by the board will be for the repair of existing buildings or for replacement of them. Mr. Baruch's statement said that there were no free supplies of the materials requested by the Mayor and that it would be "unthinkable" to spare them for the city at the very vital of our war-making machinery.

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