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been directly due to hoarding, and that there would be no shortage if there were no hoarding. The hoarding spirit is about the meanest that appears in wartime.

ALL CARDS ON THE TABLE

IT HAS been so obvious a fact that the entrance of the United States into the war has tended to liberalize all Allied aims that the thought is less frequently expressed now than it was in April.

THE SHEEHAN SPIRIT

WHILE Robert M. Griffith, president of the Civil Service Commission, was urging the abolition of useless city jobs before Council's Finance Committee in one part of City Hall, James B. Sheehan in another part of the building was fighting tooth and nail in a legal battle for \$100,000 in collateral inheritance fees in addition to his \$10,000 salary.

COAL TICKETS NOT A SCARE SIGNAL

A READER criticizes the comments on the coal situation made in this newspaper on Monday as an "alarmist" utterance. It was not an alarm in that sense—a wild cry to excite panic.

PENNYPACKER'S SPADES

ASPADE was never an agricultural implement to Governor Pennypacker. It was just a plain spade. During his long public career expediency and tact required reticence of opinion at times.

PATRIOTIC POT-LUCK

FROM time to time one product after another has its "flaming." The news about the country reaping a harvest of fears and jokes. First it is a case of high prices, then of panic, then of actual shortages, and while every one is still worrying about the crisis in past and present, our coal, sugar and salt have now shortages appears unexpectedly.

NECESSITY FOR SHORTER BALLOT

Expression of the Popular Will Made Difficult by the Present System

By WILLIAM H. BECKFORD

THE recent municipal farce—called an election—in Philadelphia has again made evident the difficulties which a complex and elongated ballot places in the way of a fair expression of the popular will.

THE PARTY SQUARE

HOW great a value the contract plunderers place upon the "party square" was shown by the anxiety of their lawyers in the courts to deprive their opponents of the same privilege.

ETERNAL VIGILANCE

AS eternal vigilance must always be the price of a free government, and as the fight must go on without cessation, the citizens who, in the six weeks prior to the recent election, made such a splendid record in the face of the difficulties of our present voting system should not forget that they will have a chance in the coming year to select members of the governing body.

ENGLISH VIEW OF U. S. ARMY

"THE first and most striking point is the splendid physique of the men and the obvious robustness of their constitution," says a writer in the London Morning Post about the American soldiers abroad.

Tom Daly's Column

THE DILATORY MILKMAN

All the world's best bony-turvy Since this Hohenzollern scurry Took the nations in a grip they cannot break.

There are some who, being wiser Than their neighbors, say the Kaiser Had a hand in this revision of the rule; And we readily believe it.

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What Do You Know?

- 1. What is a banister? 2. State the distinction between eczema and psoriasis. 3. Locate "the Bay State." 4. Define chloracne. 5. Who is William Hale Thompson? 6. Identify "The Quaker poet." 7. Name the name of the ship which was the first to cross the Atlantic in which tells, runs, fish, and other vocal embellishments are. 8. Who was the author of "The Waste Land"?

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S QUIZ

- 1. "The Federalist" was a series of papers published in 1787-88, in support of the Constitution of the United States. The author was James Madison. 2. A banister is a railing, usually in a staircase. 3. Major Henry L. Higinson is the founder and supporter of the Boston Synagogue Orchestra. 4. Arthur vane is a species of the genus Thru. It is a bird of prey, and is a member of the family Falconidae. 5. Leonardo da Vinci painted the most celebrated work of art in the world, the Mona Lisa. 6. Edward Hurley is the civilian head of the United States Shipping Board. 7. Colorado is the name of a state in the United States. It is a large state, and is known for its beautiful scenery. 8. The medieval rulers of Venice were the Doges. 9. Sir Walter Scott was called "The Wizard of the North." 10. The three great navy yards on the Atlantic seaboard are at Philadelphia, Brooklyn, and Charleston, S.C.

POWER OF THE BALD EAGLE

OUR national bird, the bald eagle, wild in its native haunts, is a large and majestic bird, and is a member of the family Accipitridae. It is a bird of prey, and is known for its powerful talons and its keen vision. The bald eagle is a symbol of strength and courage, and is a national emblem of the United States.

A "TRAMP" VESSEL

A "tramp" is a vessel operating over no regular route and having no regular schedule of sailings. A chartered vessel operating a regular route but with irregular sailings is not a "tramp." Aside from its function as a trade school, it is the "potential" rather than the real or actual competition of the "tramp" that keeps freight and passenger rates low. It is as though any motorist might use the right of way of any railroad at any time and offer cheap service should the regular service of the railroad prove to be unsatisfactory or ultra-expensive. Always the "tramp" is present in the subconsciousness of a "regular route" steamship man, as a sort of noxious weed of competition that is certain to sprout the moment he fails to keep his service at the lowest possible price down.—Navy and Merchant Marine.

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