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If you are skilled enough to recognize them through their masks you may see many faces in the library this last week or two that have been strangers there previously this year.

When British authorities call and present a search warrant for Count Hohenzollern he will doubtless wish he could send them word that this is his day out.

This war has made all of us work a little harder than usual, even the office boy in a publishing house. He has had to empty the waste paper baskets of their excess amount of war poetry and war music.

WHAT'LL WE DO WITH THEM?

Congress has a railroad problem on its hands, and doesn't know what to do with it.

Neither, apparently, does the American Nation as a whole. So effective had been the warnings of our experts against over-optimism that even when the war was being actually won we went on thinking that fighting would continue at least until the fall of 1919. The sudden ending of hostilities left most of us without much of an idea about the return to peace conditions. It is inconceivable to Wilson told Congress, that we should go back to the old system of railroad ownership and management. Yet he added that rather than permit long-continued uncertainty as to this great industry he would turn back the roads to their old wasteful competitive system and unleash on them the Interstate Commerce Commission and the forty-eight utilities commissions of the forty-eight states. Under that system each road was subject to at least a dozen commissions, all of which told the road managers what they must not do, but none of which gave any constructive aid.

In the first place, even the most enthusiastic advocate of private ownership may well hesitate when he considers the problem of unscrambling the eggs. It might be simple to separate the cars of one line, at present pulled over the rails of competing line by locomotives of still another line. But what of the brand new equipment and especially the new terminals furnished by Uncle Sam. To split a terminal system would destroy it; if it is turned over to one road other roads are at a disadvantage; if all use it in common what becomes of the cut-throat competition that our efforts at regulation have insisted on?

A complete system of Government ownership would not be such a long step beyond the present system. It would involve the purchase of the roads and their operation through some such machinery as the present Railroad Administration.

A compromise between the two plans was suggested by President Wilson, but he did not venture to outline any tentative system.

Might not a system of private ownership and Government control be the solution? Cleveland, under the leadership of Mayor Tom Johnson, gave the country an example of this, which has worked well even under the stress of war conditions. Although the plan was a compromise, and as such a disappointment to "Mayor Tom," it has given the city probably the best car service in the country, undoubtedly the lowest fare, and at the same time complete satisfaction to the stockholders, who form not an inconspicuous part of the city's population.

The link between the city and the street car company is the traction commissioner, who might be considered analogous to the director-general of railroads if the plan were adapted to the Nation's problem. The traction commissioner is appointed by the mayor, but paid by the company. He determines the service to be given on each line, and he O K's or vetoes proposed expenditures. The company officials attend to the actual operation of the cars and take in the money. Dividends are paid at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, and are practically guaranteed. When the fund from which they are paid falls too low the car fare is raised. When the fund rises too high, the fare is lowered. The satisfaction of the stockholders is shown by the fact that the stock has sold at between \$100 and \$114 a share.

Under such a plan the Government could order extensions or new roads which would not pay immediately, but which were needed for the development of the country. The cost would of

course be borne by railroad users in other parts of the country, but they would pay it in any case, and too frequently would be assessed large sums for waste and profits. The plan's worth looking into at any price.

THE NEW BOOKS

"Scattered Mists."

We have been so fed up with poetry of the great war that "Scattered Mists," a small volume of verse by Maud M. Browne, is indeed refreshing. Clearly she is a lover of things free and brave and can tolerate no enjoyment of "smug and complacent" things when democracy is speaking to Americans and says:

"Throw off the garments of your apathy and cleanse your hearts!"

The author has the silver willows say:

"We, the fruit of lamentation, "Robed for grief, with heads bowed down, "Hear the weeping of all mortals, "Weep with you, and pray for you."

Through the entire book we are reminded of happy, carefree days; of days when spirits needed bolstering and the Belgian people are told by their king that "Fortissimi sunt Belgae."

Then again a prayer is given, a lament is sung, the flower, the season and music are praised, even adored. "Scattered Mists" is well worth while to any reader. (Richard G. Badger, Boston; cloth; 72 pages.)

"The Black Slaves of Prussia."

"The Black Slaves of Prussia" is an open letter to General J. C. Smuts, from Frank Weston, the bishop of Zanzibar and head of the Universities Mission in German East Africa. It depicts the cruelties of the Germans to their African subjects before the war. It is also an appeal to the English people to help remedy the pitiable conditions there. The bishop exposes the system of the German rule, which was carried out by means of flogging, bullying, and the most brutal tortures. He says Africa has suffered all that Belgium and Serbia have. The German sees the native merely as a tool and under him the African must become a slave or die.

Bishop Weston goes on to say that British rule is already beginning to make itself felt in that district and the people are rejoicing in it. (Houghton Mifflin Company, New York; 23 pages, paper covers.)

CASUALTY LIST

A total of 1,323 is reported on the combined Army casualty lists today. They are divided as follows: Killed in action, 158; died of wounds, 73; died of accident and other causes, 6; died of disease, 78; wounded severely, 110; wounded, degree undetermined, 110; wounded slightly, 314; missing in action, 474.

Those from Missouri on the list are:

- Killed in Action. Private Clarence Inzerham, Neosho. Mrs. James England, next of kin. Private Jesse E. Vance, Potosi. Mrs. Etta Vance, next of kin. Private George Laughlin, Hamilton. Samuel Laughlin, next of kin. Corporal Leslie Francis Hickerson, Wellsville. Noah Hickerson, next of kin. Private William Marston, Odessa. Mrs. Clara Marston, next of kin. Private August Almarode, Hannibal. Henry H. Tallafiero, next of kin. Private Louis Hoeing, Washington. Theckla Hoeing, next of kin. Private Tony Lewis, Sabula. Robinson Lewis, next of kin. Private Clarence Roth, St. Louis. Philip Roth, next of kin. Private Roger C. Admire, St. Louis. Mrs. Jane Admire, next of kin. Private Ernest Campbell, Agency. Miss Edna Campbell, next of kin. Private Ralf Rush, Eugene. John R. Rush, next of kin.

Died of Wounds. Private James D. Clolinger, Morehouse. Mrs. Dora Wright, next of kin.

- Lieutenant Charles Wagner, Springfield. Charles A. Wagner, next of kin. Sergeant Vincent Bowles, Independence. Mrs. Fletcher Bowles, next of kin. Private Ray Branson, Springfield. Mrs. Mary Branson, next of kin. Private Gustav Baur, St. Louis. John Baur, next of kin. Private James Godfrey, Valley Park. Mrs. Maggie Weener, next of kin. Private Roy McElfish, Princeton. Miss Colley McElfish, next of kin.

Died of Disease.

- Nurse Katherine Hoffman, Queen City. Sam Hoffman, next of kin. Sergeant Dennis Fowers, Moberly. Mrs. E. L. McAtee, next of kin. Corporal Wylie Wood, New London. Mrs. Eliza Woods, next of kin. Private Perry Cartmill, Lexington. Mrs. Ethel M. Cartmill, next of kin. Private Thurlow Mullins, Bakersfield. James Mullins, next of kin. Private Archie Phillips, Leavenworth. Mrs. Romie Phillips, next of kin. Sergeant Clinton Moss, Kansas City. Col. C. S. Moss, next of kin. Private Vincent Eades, Chillicothe. Mrs. Tena Eades, next of kin. Private Charles E. Walkenhorst, St. Louis. Mrs. Bridget Walkenhorst, next of kin. Private Dan L. Steeg, Garden City. Joseph Steeg, Garden City, next of kin. Private Floyd Steeg, Bunker, Mrs. Clara Young, next of kin. Private Floyd Blackburn, St. Joseph. James C. Blackburn, next of kin. Private Carey Clark, Baring. Mrs. Hazel Clark, next of kin. Private Oscar Bramel, Washington. William Bramel, next of kin. Private Oscar Brouk, Valley Park. Albert Brouk, next of kin. Private Joseph Evans, Mountain Grove. Mrs. Margaret Evans, next of kin. Private Thomas Probasco, Unionville. David W. Probasco, next of kin.

Wounded Severely.

- Lieutenant John O. Burnett, Kansas City. Mrs. Nellie Margaret Burnett, next of kin. Corporal John W. Longhauser, St. Louis. Mrs. Amelia Longhauser, next of kin. Corporal John J. O'Brien, St. Louis. Mrs. Helen O'Brien, next of kin. Sergeant Eddie M. Brown, Madison. Mrs. Fannie Brown, next of kin. Sergeant Wright E. Eaton, Bonne Terre. James Watson, next of kin. Sergeant Ewing Gunn, St. Louis. Mrs. Morris Gunn, next of kin. Sergeant Ralph F. Lachasse, St. Louis. Mrs. Louise Lachasse, next of kin. Sergeant Elsworth Lochner, Collins. Albert Lochner, next of kin. Private Clifford Melton, Springfield. Mrs. Lilla Melton, next of kin. Private Walter Noe, Alexandria. Sarah E. Darr, next of kin. Private Herbert Zoller, St. Louis. Mrs. Lieutenant Edward Price, St. Louis. Robert Price, next of kin. Lieutenant Harvey C. White, St. Louis. Mrs. Margaret White, next of kin. Sergeant Gregory O'Brien, St. Louis. Mrs. Margaret O'Brien, next of kin. Sergeant Claud Sweetin, St. Louis. Mrs. Margaret Sweetin, next of kin. Corporal Weldon Martin, Shelbyville. Samuel S. Martin, next of kin. Corporal Harley Vaughn, Boonville. J. H. Vaughn, next of kin. Corporal Charles G. Davis, St. Louis. Mrs. Maud Davis, next of kin. Corporal Silas Swearingner, Rutledge. Mrs. Mary L. Swearingner, next of kin. Corporal James Mincher, Villburnam. Jesse C. Mincher, next of kin. Private Lester Kramer, St. Louis. Mrs. Frederick Kramer, next of kin. Private William Luking, St. Louis. Mrs. Charlotte Luking, next of kin. Private Clifford Milton, Paxham, Jerico Springs. Charles J. Pahlman, next of kin. Private Luther Pulse, Camden. Mrs. Ruth Finley, next of kin. Private Mathew Scanlon, University City. Mrs. Ellen Scanlon, next of kin. Private Henry Choulett, Downing. Mrs. Alvis Choulett, next of kin. Private Frank Cohen, St. Louis. Usher Cohen, next of kin. Sophis Zoller, next of kin.

Wounded, Degree Undetermined. Sergeant Mark Harris, Lebanon. B. F. Harris, next of kin. Corporal George Lamm, Sedalia. Mrs. Cora Lamm, next of kin. Corporal Jesse Bowen, Hurdland. John Bowen, next of kin.

- Private Lewis Belsmer, Rockwood. Mrs. Frank Belsmer, next of kin. Private Pauline DeBor, Fairfax. Mrs. Virginia DeBor, next of kin. Private George Hoyes, Marshall. George F. Hoyes, next of kin. Private Lester Christy, Stewartville. Mrs. Emma Christy, next of kin. Private Freeman Jarman, Korkwood. Mrs. Mary Johnson, next of kin. Private Adrian Deford, St. Louis. Mrs. Mabel Berg, next of kin. Private Jacob M. Kappel, St. Louis. Mrs. Sarah Kappel, next of kin. Private Thurston Ricks, Stoutsville. Andrew Ricks, next of kin. Private George Vangughi, St. Louis. Mary Agosti, next of kin. Private William C. Wamfluff, Amozonia. Miss Edith Wandfluff, next of kin.

Wounded Slightly.

- Private Harry O. Hefner, Bethany. Harvey Hefner, next of kin. Private Vernon Divine, Lockwood. Mrs. Lizzie Divine, next of kin. Private Warren L. Crutcher, Memphis. Delta M. Baker, next of kin. Private James F. Davidson, Senath. Charles Davidson, next of kin. Private Charles Anderson, Richmond. Mrs. Ella Anderson, next of kin. Private Tony Harth, Kansas City. Miss Jesse Robertson, next of kin. Private Thomas Barschak, St. Louis. Joseph Barschak, next of kin. Private Harold Livasy, Maryville. Mrs. Mary Livasy, next of kin.

Missing in Action.

- Sergeant Emmett McRoberts, Clarksburg. C. R. McRoberts, next of kin. Sergeant Jack Strother, Price, Morley. Mrs. Jessie Mercer, next of kin. Corporal Albert C. Plehling, Washburn. Mrs. Emma Fielding, next of kin. Corporal H. Ward Hunter, Kansas City. Mrs. Anna Hunter, next of kin. Corporal John Powell, Kansas City. Thomas Powell, next of kin. Private Stinson Goddard, St. Louis. George Goddards, next of kin. Private Ralph Pickles, Morrellton. Private John W. Goode, St. Joseph. Mrs. Alva Goode, next of kin. Private Thomas Grover Hay, Kansas City. Mrs. Alva Hay, next of kin.

- Private William F. Herring, Chillicothe. Newton Herring, next of kin. Private Charles Gibson, Bennet. John Gibson, next of kin. Private James Harris, Cora. Enos Harris, next of kin. Private Paul M. Rogers, St. Louis. Mrs. John F. Rogers, next of kin. Private Fred Berry, Plattsburg. Mrs. Mary Berry, next of kin. Private Edward Roy Buckley, Hasting. C. Buckley, next of kin. Private Elbert L. Bunch, Eldon. Thomas J. Bunch, next of kin. Private Raymond W. Buntin. Mrs. Louise Buntin, next of kin. Private Roy C. Carmer, Boynton. Mrs. Lizzie Carmer, next of kin. Private Joseph Harney, Lexington. Mrs. Jennie Martin, next of kin. Private Fredrick Singleton Evans, Kennett. Mrs. Mary Evans, next of kin.

- Private William Gauer, Greencastle. George Gauer, next of kin. Private Arthur Graves, Quitman. Mrs. Georgiana Graves, next of kin. Private Cecil Harris, Bethany. Mrs. Nola Harris, next of kin. Private Marcus Hatfield, Worthington. Miram Hatfield, next of kin. Private William Head, Kansas City. Thomas Head, next of kin. Private Paul Hennenhoefer, St. Louis. Martin Hennenhoefer, next of kin. Private Harry Davis, Bardley. William Davis, next of kin. Private Robert Davidson, Lakena. Olive May White, next of kin. Private Adolph Klatt, California. Mrs. Louis Klatt, next of kin.

- Private Louis Munden, St. Joseph. J. C. Munden, next of kin. Private Oliver Pfeifer, St. Louis. Mrs. Adele Pfeifer, next of kin. Private Joseph Vishneau, St. Louis. Mrs. Mary Vishneau, next of kin. Private Roy Duncan, Stranberry. Richard Duncan, next of kin. Private Sydney Quayle, Carrollton. Mrs. Ida Quayle, next of kin. Private Walter Arnold Lipper, Wyconda. Ray Lipper, next of kin. Private James Henry Manning, Campbell. Henry Manning, next of kin. Private Charles Martin Mayer, Kansas City. Mrs. Maurice Mayer, next of kin. Private Louis Heff, St. Joseph. Mrs. Louis Heff, next of kin. Private Herman Nelson, Excelsior Springs. Mrs. Anna Nelson, next of kin. Private Jay G. Hollingworth, Dodson. Joseph Hollingworth, next of kin. Private Joseph Lorenz, St. Louis. Frank Lorenz, next of kin. Private August Mahringer, St. Louis. Mrs. Elizabeth Mahringer, next of kin.

New Books at the Library.

The following new books have been received at the University Library: "Jesus and the Christian Religion," by Francis A. Henry; "Trading with Latin America," and "The Australian Institute of Tropical Medicine."

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