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Hapsburg on his mother's and is himself an Austrian Archduke. His wife is an English Princess, a granddaughter of Queen Victoria. Whatever his sympathies in the war have been, it has

been his policy to maintain a strict neutrality.

There is no doubt at all that both for the grand lines of its own movement

and for its significance in relation to the future character and result of the war, the battle of Verdun will be recorded as one of the greater dramas of all time. On the one side, when we take the weight of metal employed, together with the mass and fury of men, the fight far surpasses everything that has been seen before. Mountains of ammunition, shells that had been accumulating in millions, have been shot away. No previous experience or imagination had contemplated for a moment such a sustained tempest of steel and chemicals as has raged over the heights of the Meuse.—London "Observer."

Shakespeare was buried in a tomb before the altar in the church at Stratford-on-Avon on April 23rd. just three hundred years ago. The tomb was made 17 feet deep and has never been opened.

Of late years during the week preceding Easter a disgusting sight has been seen in the windows of many stores—the stuffed bodies of downy chickens and ducks offered for sale as "Easter gifts." In regard to the matter "Our Dumb Animals" comments as follows: "There cannot be anything more at variance with the spirit of what it is meant to symbolize or celebrate than the little, real, dead and stuffed, downy chickens put in the collections of Easter novelties. Many thousands must have been produced in incubators to supply this horrible demand. Then the soft, chirpy little things are pinched to death by two strong fingers compressing the lungs and 'taxidermed' for the trade. 'Christ is Risen' commemorated by cruelly slaying the creature born from an egg, long the symbol of the Resurrection among eastern peoples! The idea is so grotesquely contradictory that an instant's thought would make anyone pass these little victims by in choosing a friend's gift."

War Names.

Babies which elect to be born in war-time must face the risk of having to go through life encumbered with names which mark the period of their birth almost as accurately as a Registrar's certificate. The wife of a gardener in a suburb recently presented her husband with twins, bringing the total number of children to thirteen. Of the older ones two are at the war, and after a lengthy family council it has been decided to name the twins respectively, Nancy Lille and Victor Mons. During the the Boer War I saw a Register of Births, and found that the latest entry was one recording the advent of a little girl who bore the name Peace Victoria Jubilee Huggins, which summarizes in concise fashion the landmarks of English history so far as the Huggins family was concerned. But if Peace Victoria Jubilee still survives she is probably beginning to realise the inconvenience of such a name.

Protection of Wild Birds.

When so much has been written and said about the destruction caused by insect life such as the boll weevil, strawberry weevil, pea weevil, potato bug, house-fly and many others, why is not more said and done to protect the wild birds, the farmers' best friends? How is it that in England you will see 50 birds to every one you will find over here? They are protected and rightly so. Of course, we all know that there are a few birds that do a good deal of harm and others that do both harm and good, but the balance is on the latter side. This cannot be said of insect pests. Even the much-despised English sparrow does far more good than the harm he is always accused of doing. In the old country they are not troubled nearly so much with flies, bugs, weevils or any other kind of insect, and this I attribute chiefly to the feathered tribe. They destroy millions of insects and by so doing lessen to a great degree the harm done to crops by insects, which is far more destructive than that caused by the worst kind of birds. I think that some method of protection should be employed in this country for wild birds, for the more we have of them the less we will have of destructive insects.



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