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PUBLIC PROPERTY.

There is no privacy for the great. They belong to the world, and people feel cheated if they do not reveal even their most secret thoughts. How wonderful is he who can say: "I had the same idea last year which von Hindenburg expressed yesterday." It is almost as if he placed himself in von Hindenburg's shoes.

But that is literally possible—or if not in the general's particular shoes, at least in a pair turned out by the same manufacturer. You need only read the advertisements, and sooner or later you will learn what your hero wears, what he eats, what he drinks, what he sleeps on and in. Nothing is too intimate to be kept from the public. We know what garters Kreisler wears, and can imagine the awful responsibility which their makers assume; for suppose they should release their grip at the most intricate moment of the Devil's Thrill. We know what tobacco Hughey Jennings says he smokes, and the name of the safety razor which shaves the commander of the Deutschland. How does Francis X. Bushman preserve his hair? We know! What is Admiral Dewey's favorite breakfast food? What does John Barrymore wear next his skin? We know! We know!

Some day we are going to find out what funny paper Frank Tinney reads. Sooner or later it will appear in the ads.

GOOD-BYE TO "POILU."

There are to be no more beards in the French army. The edict has gone forth. Theirs not to weep and rave, theirs but to soap and shave. Tommy Atkins is said to spend most of his spare time wielding the safety razors which a generous government has provided. He will be clean though the trenches fall. And now his French brother must follow suit.

Probably the French army chiefs have decided that shaving is a sanitary measure; or perhaps a bearded face offers too large a target to the enemy's snipers. However that may be, the soldier of the republic must henceforth appear like Beaumarchais' hero, "ruse, rase, blase"—only he

would put an acute accent on those final "e's" which the linotype does not permit.

What then becomes of the term which he has applied to himself, "poilu"—hairy? That, too must be relegated with the whiskers. He had made it famous, but the vista of war stretches indefinitely into the future, and he may have ample time to give luster to another epithet just as picturesque.

The city water still tastes of the "cleaning" the reservoir is getting.

WHAT OTHERS SAY.

La Follette's Victory in Wisconsin. (New York World.)

The renomination of Senator La Follette at the primaries in Wisconsin by a 25,000 majority over a conservative Republican will cheer the reactionaries of his party almost as much as the nomination last week of Gov. Hiram Johnson for the United States Senate at the Republican primaries in California. Both are equally hated by the standpatters.

Johnson, an enrolled Progressive, in 1912 and 1916 has proved at the polls that he dominated the Republican party in California. La Follette, who as a radical Republican outclasses the Californian, after serving three terms as Governor of Wisconsin and having twice been elected to the Senate, easily wins the nomination again in the face of the most violent opposition.

Two years ago when E. L. Philipp was elected Governor of Wisconsin it was generally taken to mean that the Republicans of the State had repudiated La Follette. The avowed purpose of Philipp, as the choice of the reactionaries, was to undo much of the work initiated by La Follette and his followers. The people of the State were supposed to be tired of radicalism and advanced policies and ready to sing back into the slough of old-fashioned Republicanism. It may still be so. Philipp has been renominated for Governor after accomplishing less than he promised, but La Follette, whose political end was celebrated in 1914, has come back to life as vigorous as ever.

The results in the California and Wisconsin primaries carry a plain warning to the Republican party. It is easy to dismiss La Follette and Johnson as merely local characters and representing purely sectional conditions. But no compromise between men of their type and the Penroses and Smoots as leaders of a Republican Senate would be possible.

Spanish War Was Less Bloody Than Wilson's Mexican Peace.

(By Theodore Roosevelt.) Under President McKinley we had a war with Spain. Under President Wilson we are assured that we have had "peace" with Mexico. These are the words. Now for the deeds. During the war with Spain fewer Americans were killed by the Spaniards than have been killed by Mexicans during the present "peace" with Mexico. Let me repeat this. A greater number of Americans have been killed by Mexicans during these years, when we are officially informed that we have been at peace with them, than were killed by the Spaniards during

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This experience Will Be Yours if You Buy Shoes of

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our entire war with Spain. Moreover, when the war with Spain was through, it was through. But peace still continues to rage as furiously as ever in Mexico. Nor is this all. The instant effect of the outcome of the war with Spain was to put a stop to the dreadful butchery and starvation in Cuba and the Philippines, and the entry of both Cuba and the Philippines on a career of 18 years of peace and prosperity such as they had never known before in all their checkered history. But during these three years of Mr. Wilson's "peace," the Mexicans themselves have been butchered by their own bandits steadily and without intermission; and Mexican women and children have died by thousands—probably by scores of thousands—of starvation, and of the diseases incident to starvation. In other words, Mr. McKinley's war cost less than peace; and it reflected high honor on the American people; whereas Mr. Wilson's peace has been one of shame and dishonor for the American people, and one of ruin and bloodshed for the Mexicans.

THE RUBBER SUPPLY.

The report that the promised German submarine merchantman, the Bremen, sister ship to the Deutschland, is soon to arrive at an American port, and the knowledge that the latter vessel took back to Germany as the chief part of her cargo, rubber destined for purposes of war, leads to the interesting conclusion that the profits of the first venture must have been large.

How largely the civilized world is dependent upon the use of rubber goods is little realized. It is only about three-quarters of a century ago that Charles Goodyear discovered the heat method of vulcanizing raw rubber, and thus brought it into practical fields of usefulness. The nations owe a debt to Goodyear greater than they have yet realized. He left a matchless material legacy to the race, but he died poor, and without having been the recipient of even a good living from his discovery.

Were rubber to be eliminated from the age, there would be left a void

incapable of being filled. There is no substitute yet discovered.

The list of rubber articles in common use is a long one, and is not confined to overshoes, raincoats and automobile tires. Among them are fire hose, garden hose, bands for glass fruit jars, bands for office use, rubber heels, rubber soles, punching bags, hot water bags, ice bags, gloves, insulators, stockings, garters, balls, dolls, wringer rolls, baby nipples, gaskets, washers, valves and typewriter platens and pencil erasers.

With adequate supply of the commodity cut off, and the demand highly enhanced by war, it is no wonder that the submarine is to be tried again as a commercial gamble. Doubtless the profits of such a voyage to owners of the ship are munificent.—Ex.

Will Dig Up Island.

Buffalo, Sept. 14.—Sand Island, it was announced here today, is to be dug gradually out of its home in the middle of the Clarion river near here

and moved to town. The moving day will last ten years. It is such a fine grade of moulders' sand that not a grain of it is to be wasted.



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