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ORTHOPEDICS.

Military science has advanced a great deal since the Civil War. Wise generals no longer sacrifice men needlessly. Only such autocrats as the Crown Prince send their men to death with no chance for military gains. The allies are endeavoring to save their man power. To this end the soldiers are protected in every possible way. Gas masks save them from poisonous attacks. Secure huts protect them from airplane bombs, and so on. If wounded, the soldiers have the best care. Sanitary corps, ambulance corps, field hospitals, base hospitals are provided near the front. The greatest surgeons in the world are looking after the men. The United States is going even further in its plans to save our soldiers. Not only are the wounded to be nursed back to health, they are to be "reconstructed," mended. Reconstruction hospitals are to be built in many of the large cities. To these will be sent men wounded at the front so seriously that they are no longer available for service who need mending. There orthopedies will be practiced, that is, the science of the prevention of deformity. The men will be cared for until returned to active service or civil life. Before they go back to civil life they will be educated or trained for some new and useful occupation, so that even though crippled they will be able to earn a living and be useful members of society. "Orthopedies" is all right. It is the plan of a humane, wise and far-seeing Government.

FRIGHTFULNESS.

War is cruel at best but humane men can keep down its barbarities. Germany is guilty of these high crimes and misdemeanors:
Murdering innocent men, women and children non-combatants.
Enslaving the workingmen and boys of Belgium.
Ravishing the unprotected women of Belgium, Serbia, Roumania and France.
Crippling and maiming boys and girls in conquered territory.
Dropping bombs upon non-combatants.
Shelling unfortified cities.
Firing upon ambulance corps and Red Cross emblems.
Sinking Red Cross hospital ships.
Sinking ships and sinking their crews after surrender.
Dropping bombs upon United States Army base hospital.
Offering a prize for the head of the first American brought in alive.
These violations of all the laws of international warfare

by Germany, are the marks of criminal insanity. Sane men do not do these frightful things.

The question over which the world at large is puzzling is how far the masses of the German people approve this cruel and heartless devilishness.

Do the German people approve? Are they with the Kaiser and his insane band to a finish? Does their Kultur justify such wickedness? What has become of their national conscience?

GERMANY'S FLIGHT.

Germany's foreign commerce, except with Sweden and Norway, Holland and Denmark, is gone.

Her merchant fleet is captured or bottled up. Her navy is bottled up.

Her factories for foreign commerce are shut down or manufacturing war supplies.

Many of her industries are bankrupt; many have disappeared.

Other countries are now making the chemicals and goods for which Germany was famous. This trade is lost.

She has been using up her wealth, her stores of metal, her chemicals, her surplus food supplies and livestock, her reserves of capital.

War has made a poor people of a rich people. It has piled up tremendous burdens of debt.

Germany is lifting herself by her bootstraps. Her economic, industrial and financial collapse is inevitable.

CONSTRUCTIVE WORK.

The Chamber of Commerce, of Portland, has employed Robert Dougan, head of the Associated Press Bureau, at Washington, D. C., as Oregon's commercial representative at Washington, D. C., at a salary of \$7,500 a year. He will be virtually a third senator from Oregon. His duty will be to see that Oregon is not discriminated against; that the War Department buys supplies from Oregon farmers, that the Shipping Bureau builds ships in Oregon, etc. We have long needed a man to look after Oregon's commercial interests at Washington. The salary will be paid by the Portland Chamber of Commerce. This is real constructive work; the people of the state will be grateful for this evidence of Portland's enterprise and intelligent leadership.

A WISE JUDGE.

A Chicago United Press dispatch says:

"It was just an every day experience Julius Whitmore and his wife had, but they carried it into court.

"Both wanted to sleep on the outside of the bed.

"The judge told them to move the bed into the middle of the room.

"They never thought of that."

Solomon in all his glory never gave a wiser decision. This judge should be given a place in the Hall of Fame.

THEY GET THERE.

American ingenuity, enterprise and the "get-there" spirit are held as responsible for the ability of the railroads to rise to the occasion in the efficient manner they are doing. Workers in other industries can learn something from the railroad men.

Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON



Time Goes On.

Another summer's looped the loops; now Autumn round the turn's strictly a success, Autumn's strictly a success, and all her golden days I bless. She brings a soothing balm and sweet for people wearied by the heat; she veils herself in purple haze, and brings cool nights and pleasant days, and gives the woods a crimson tint, and hues too wonderful to print. She is a daisy while she lasts, but soon she lets in wintry blasts; too soon, too soon she wilts and droops; another summer's looped the loop. Another summer's slipped away! And we have grown a bit more gray; we've traveled further on the road that leads to where we'll drop the load. I take my mirror and behold fresh symptoms that I'm waxing old. My eye that once shed steely stares that tamed the hearts of grizzly bears, no more it gleams like polished lance, or like a falchion from its sheath, and I am wearing wooden teeth. So fast the seasons scamper by! While we're complaining of July, we hear November at the door, and winds are chill and frost is hoar. Time hurries on and scatters years; perhaps our wailing voice he hears, but doesn't care for it three whoops—another summer's looped the loops.

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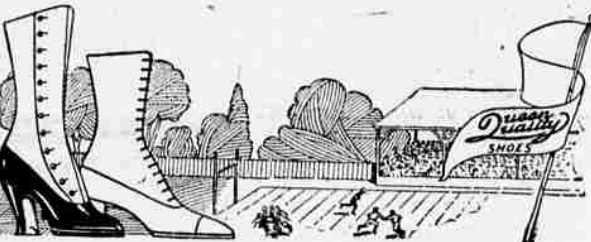
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SEE WINDOW.



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