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IMPOSSIBLE, HERTIE.

People who have nothing more than a general idea of what a pipe dream is, are invited to scan over the proposals of his imperial chancellorship, one von Hertling, who has condescended to "tip his mit" to some anxious inquirers in the German reichstag. Whatever may be the opinion heretofore held as to von Hertie's vagaries in other respects, no one will deny that he is not lacking in modesty when it comes to making demands. Poor little Belgium, the only nation which Germany has so far demonstrated her superiority over, is to be held "as a hostage" until the allies come through with an indemnity; until the French republic renounces all claims to Alsace-Lorraine; till the entente nations and the American republic as well, give a guarantee to keep hands off of the Russian states, and a few more of the monstrous impossibilities.

Someone ought to slip von Hertling the information that there may be no Prussian army in Belgium by Christmas. He may have an inkling of it already, but will not make the admission to the anxious inquirers in the reichstag.

The whole proposal is as transparent as anything that has lately developed. By making these extravagant demands the inference is left up to the German people that all Germany needs is to ask for it.

Why not? Haven't the Germans got the greatest army and navy in the world? Haven't they got the U-boats to stop aid to the allies and to destroy the commerce of the allies? Haven't they got a crown prince who is on the road to Paris?

Those Germans in the reichstag who are so impertinent as to make inquiries must have got their tip from the prince when he wanted to know of His Majesty, "When do we start for Paris, papa?" The pompous reply to all the inquiries should allude the German element that may have become slightly suspicious about the realization of the program.

If, on the other hand, these declarations of the chancellor are put out as a peace feeler, it is worse than a lot of time wasted. It's impossible, Hertie.

AN AUGUST CONCEPTION.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge, poet and essayist, writing some 75 years ago, said:

"The possible destiny of the United States of America as a nation of a hundred million free men, stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, living under the laws of Alfred and speaking the language of Shakspeare and Milton, is an august conception."

The United States is now a nation of a hundred million and more, stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and reaching out east takes

in Hawaii and the Philippines, in the north Alaska, and in the south the Panama canal. But grander than its physical is its moral greatness. Its fairness and justice, its courage and power, its maintenance of right and freedom cover the world.

The destiny the United States is now fulfilling is a more august conception than even the imagination of the author of Kubla Khan conceived of less than a century ago.

ARE BETTER SAVERS.

The effect of the Liberty Loans and the War Savings Stamps on savings banks' deposits has been watched with keen interest by economists and financiers. The experience of England was very encouraging; in the year 1916 the English small depositors purchased billions of dollars of war bonds and at the same time increased their deposits in savings banks over \$60,000,000.

The belief is entertained that the result in America has been similar to that in England, and that despite the purchase by the American people of some \$10,000,000,000 of Liberty Bonds and \$500,000,000 of War Savings Stamps, a very fair proportion of which were purchased by savings banks depositors, savings banks deposits have increased.

Full reports have been received from the savings banks in New York state. They show a decrease in deposits for the last year of only \$3,000,000, but an increase of 21,252 depositors. The loss in deposits is insignificant; the increase in the number of depositors very significant. With increased cost of living and other war conditions, the decrease in deposits might well be expected; the increase of deposits shows that the saving habit is greatly growing in our country.

OVER THE NORTHWEST

Supposedly from spontaneous combustion a \$5,000 fire occurred in the conveyor and coal bunkers of the Pacific Coast Coal Co., at the foot of Quimby street, Portland. Seven companies responded to the call and after thirty minutes of combined efforts they had the somewhat spectacular fire under control.

Threshing of fall grain is in full swing in the Willamette valley near Albany. More than 20 outfits are engaged in the work. The crop this year will fall short about 25 per cent making an average of about 15 bushels to the acre, is the report of A. G. Sanders, O. A. C.

Salem will be honored by a visit from the horticulturists of western United States and Canada, according to information received today from R. C. Paulus, manager of the Salem Fruit Union, who is now in southern California in the interests of the fruit growers of this section.

C. G. Sutherland, assistant to General Manager J. P. O'Brien of the O.W. R. & N. company, returned Friday from a two weeks' stay at the farm of H. Hirschberg, near Independence, Ore. Mr. Sutherland returned fully recuperated in health and resumed his duties in the office of the company this morning.

Fifty-three automobile accidents occurred in Portland between Thursday morning and 6 o'clock Saturday night, according to a report made at police headquarters by the drivers of the vehicles.

In these 53 accidents, seven persons were reported injured, one painfully. The police are considering the one way traffic plan on the downtown streets in an effort to lower the number of accidents in the congested district.

Lane county growers are contracting to sell their hops on board cars at local stations for 20 cents per pound. F. L. Ayres, of Junction City, and J. M. Hockdanner of Harborsburg, today filed at the office of the Lane county clerk contracts under which they agree to sell their crops to Hugo V. Loewl and George W. Lewis of New York.

A total of 18,000 pounds, about equally divided, is included in the two contracts. Deliveries will be made October 1. Contracts filed at the office of the county clerk about this time last year were at prices ranging from 10 to 13 cents a pound. Some of the growers who did not contract their hops last year sold at 40 cents at picking time.

J. H. Seavey of Springfield, said that he had contracted to sell 20,000 pounds from his 1918 crop for 22 cents.

Eighty-eight children were weighed, measured and examined this week at the clinic being carried on in Eugene for Lane county by the child welfare department of the woman's committee, council of national defense.

ALLIES IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD



The great bond of alliance which exists between the allies was probably never better exemplified than in this picture in which a wounded British Tommy, carried from the battlefield by an American ambulance driver, is having his wound dressed by a French doctor. The American is shown standing immediately behind the wounded Tommy.

terday to the site of the big Government mill on this newly-constructed railway. For several days three pliedrivers have been running double shifts to get the foundation of the mill ready for the caronators, who started work this morning.

Stephen S. Wise, who need to be rabbit of the Temple Bait Israel in Portland before New York City took him away to minister to the congregation of the Free Synagogue, is a shipyard worker, and he carries a dinner pail, gets dirty and grimy and wears overalls.

New branch recruiting offices for the United States Marine Corps are to be established at once at Medford, Corvallis and Pendleton. Lieutenant H. E. Potter, in charge of the Portland headquarters, leaves this evening for Medford. Sergeants McIntyre and Harder will establish the offices at Corvallis and Pendleton. Sergeant Levitt, after an operation for appendicitis at the Bremerton hospital has returned to Roseburg, relieving Sergeant Jesse Hill. Men of 40 are now eligible for service in the United States Marine Corps. The minimum remains at 18, and youths between that age and 21 no longer require consent of their parents.

Despite the drain of war the outlook for increased enrollment at the state normal school at Monmouth this fall is encouraging. Every student is pledged to become a teacher and that there will be plenty of opportunity for them to secure positions is shown by the fact that most of the 700 teachers demanded each year to fill Oregon's growing needs are drawn from the normal schools.

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Clean-Up Sale of Women's and Misses' Low Shoes

Every pair to be reduced 20 per cent. Just a few of the best listed:

- One lot Ladies' French Heel Pumps, Reg. \$5.50, Sale.....\$4.40
- One lot Ladies' French Heel, 1 strap Pumps, Reg. \$5.00, Sale Price.....\$4.00
- One lot Ladies' Tan Low Heel Oxfords, Reg. \$4.00, Sale.....\$3.20
- One lot Ladies' Clo. Quar. Spool Heels, Reg. \$4.00, Sale.....\$3.20
- Misses Low Heel, 1 Strap, in Gun Metal and Patent 20 per cent off.
- All White Low Shoes reduced 20 per cent.

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are most symmetrically and artistically designed. They are comfortable, stylish and gradually mold the figure into those beautiful lines that every woman admires and desires.

PAULINE LEDERLE

Drawing Lots for a Wife.

I love the way they once faced the grim realities of life and fought fire with fire. Marriage was a lottery, so they settled it by lot. The way of a man with a maid might upset the calculations of the wise man in Proverbs, but it didn't faze the early Moravians. They got out the lot bowl, put the names in; prayed that the drawing would be providentially guided, and went ahead in faith. And those marriages so arranged were such successes that one is almost tempted to wish for a return of the custom, in disuse now for many a year.—Exchange.

STOMACH AND LIVER TROUBLE

No end of misery and actual suffering is caused by disorders of the stomach and liver, and may be avoided by the use of Chamberlain's Tablets. Give them a trial. They only cost a quarter.

When you feel this hot weather so much, why not drop in at Silverthorn's and ask Al Cain for a drink of Affii Cola. 8-3.t

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20 Per Cent Cream.....	60c	59c	58c	57c	56c	55c	54c	53c	52c	51c	50c
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23 Per Cent Cream.....	56	55	54	53	52	51	50	49	48	47	46
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