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THE FRENCH HYMN OF HATE.

The Germans solaced themselves with a Hymn of Hate quite early in the war. It was written by Ernst Lissauer and had so much literary merit that the Kaiser was moved to confer upon the author the rank of general and the decoration of the Iron Cross.

This the French have now done. Their poet, Jules de Marthold, has come gloriously forward with a Hymn of Hate against Germany which may not be so grandly inspired as Lissauer's outpouring was, but it serves the purpose of telling the Germans what their ally is thinking of them and will doubtless relieve the pent-up bosoms of the British.

More over, he wishes to teach hate "to every babe." The Kaiser is, in the imagination of the French poet, "a evil foe, a worker of evil, a traitor," and "a worm of all," "a fool," while the Germans, taken miscellaneously, are "madmen." There is a good deal in the feeling between the allies and Germany that reminds one of the quarrel between ancient Rome and Carthage, which were relentless rivals in their day for the supremacy of the world.

Will it be found impossible to make a lasting peace until either Germany or the allies have been utterly undone? Peace was twice concluded between Rome and Carthage, but in both instances it was a mere truce which was employed in preparations for another war.

STARVING THE WORKERS.

General Gorgas, the famous author of the new defense which kindled our rich people too much and our laboring people too little. This shortens life for all of them, but far more for the poor than for the rich. Nature withstands excess better than privation.

A NEW DEFENSE.

Highwaymen and murderers will welcome the new defense which kindly science has placed at their disposal. It will greatly add to the security of their profession, and, with brain storms and alibis, will make it virtually impossible to deprive them of their liberty. An assassin wishing to take advantage of the new defense will plead that he is a "meteorpath."

caused by the same conditions to shoot his father. We foresee a great alleviation of the circumstances of criminals by these discoveries. It will naturally be somewhat easier for a murderer to prove himself a meteorpath than to establish old-fashioned insanity.

THE PAID PETITION SHOVEL.

The only argument against prohibition of paid circulation of initiative, referendum and recall petitions with its attendant frauds and abuses is that it would make those popular governmental agencies unworkable.

JOHN BULL'S SLACKNESS.

The British government is being called to account for its slowness in bringing to the aid of the allies the services of scientists and technicians.

THE SCORE IN SUBMARINE WAR.

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control in times of speculative excitement, few make large fortunes and fewer keep them.

Mr. Bryan misses the point in the press comment on the latest German submarine warfare do so not because they are pro-ally, but because they are pro-American. So far as we are concerned, Germany is free to continue her submarine war on her enemies, provided it destroys no American lives and no American ships.

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European War Primer

Over one of the most difficult mountain passes in Europe, Stelvio Pass, an Italian column of invasion is reported to be pushing its dangerous and painful advance. A description of this rocky way will explain to Americans why the progress of an invader over this path must necessarily be slow and made at a fearful cost.

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COLUMBUS MAY HAVE BEEN JEW

Mystery of Birthplace and Other Circumstances Cited as Evidence. PORTLAND, July 12.—(To the Editor.)—In answer to the query in The Oregonian regarding the nationality of Columbus, permit me to contribute these gleanings. For more than 200 years it was assumed that Columbus was a devout member of the Roman Catholic church. It would be strange, indeed, if it were proven that he was not, as that was the prevailing religion at that time in Europe.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian, July 13, 1890. The emancipation of the streetcar mole is to be followed by the freedom of the patient possessor of the canal boat. An electrical engineer of Buffalo has devised a plan of moving canal boats by electricity. The overhead trolley system, he claims, would be greatly increased without danger to the canal banks. At the same time the cost of the operation will be reduced one-half. Electricity seems to be going into every branch of human activity.

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