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OUR OPPORTUNITY ON THE SEA.

At a time when war conditions have caused an amount of shipbuilding in the United States, the growth of tonnage of which the Commissioner of Navigation pronounces the largest in the country's history, the Administration proposes that the Government invest \$10,000,000 in American-built ships, which shall be used as auxiliary vessels in the United States, and in peace.

ARE YOU SANTA CLAUS?

Are you going to be a Santa Claus this Christmas? Not to your own loved ones. It goes without saying that you will remember them. But to one of the thousands of little ones who will know nothing of the bounties of Christmas unless kind-hearted benefactors like you see to it.

A SOCIOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS.

We Americans are constantly being told of things that all us, but it is infrequently that any of these afflictions are accurately diagnosed. The critics are content to flay us upon this alleged shortcoming or that, and leave us in bewilderment as to the cause and the remedy.

THE LEADER WHO HOLDS.

The Administration has come forward as the champion of Army and Navy increase sufficient to make the country safe against invasion, but it yet has to find a leader in the House who will pilot its bills through the shoals on which the pacifists would fain wreck them.

harmony with those of Europe. The United States is the only country having no compulsory load line for ships, consequently while our ships carry 18 per cent more cargo than British ships, they are penalized in higher insurance rates. American ships are favored by limitation of liability for loss far below that incurred by British shipowners.

The greatest handicap to American ships is the higher wage cost, not only of the crew, but of the ship itself. The British ship has a donkey-engine man additional. In the steward's department the Hawaiian has an additional boy. Added to these extra expenses are those imposed by the seamen's law, which we have frequently detailed.

NOT IN GOOD FAITH.

The esteemed New York World permits itself to be much perturbed because the next National Republican Convention will not have as many negro delegates from the South as in past conventions, and it accuses the Republican Committee, which made the apportionment, of deliberate un-friendliness to the colored man. Says the World:

FRANCE'S CENSUS.

Who does not remember the groan which greeted the result of the last French census? It was completed in 1911. Mon dieu! Twenty-one thousand people lost in the five-year period. A lower birthrate, symptoms of a decadent France. Now it is time for the new French census, which is due with 1916, unless the census custom is broken. But will France dare take a census of its people now?

THE MAYOR AND THE NEWS.

"Then the Mayor had a few things to say about the newspapers," reports the Evening Journal, in its summary of the Albee and Dieck collaborative broadside in the Marcellus case. The generalization about the "newspapers" does not fit the case. The Mayor referred to a particular newspaper, and he left no room for misunderstanding.

NEWS FROM STAYTON GIVES AN IDEA OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT TIMES NEXT YEAR.

The best kind of Christmas present for some people seems to be a decree of divorce. Father is counting on getting a fresh supply of handkerchiefs and socks.

NO DOUBT COLONEL HOUSE, REMEMBERING JOHN LIND, WILL TELL THEM TO KEEP IT UP.

HORSE MEAT IS LIKE MUSKRAT STEW—MIGHTY GOOD IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS.

EVERYBODY WILL HAVE AT LEAST A DOLLAR LEFT FOR THE MUTTS TOMORROW.

SOME OF THEM BEING CUT JUST NOW AREN'T "WATER" MELONS, EITHER.

YOU CAN NEVER TELL WHAT VILIA IS GOING TO DO NEXT.

THE DEADLY TRICHINA IS STILL CATCHING ITS VICTIMS.

IF ANYBODY TRYING THE REX-TIGARDVILLE ROAD?

THE CHILDREN CAN HARDLY SLEEP OF NIGHTS.

SUNSHINE IS COMING FOR CHRISTMAS.

TWO DAYS LEFT TO BUY SOMETHING.

demonstrated the uselessness of the batticalip or dreadnaught. He would build only submarines and lay mines and would trust our safety to them. He points to the immunity from attack of Germany's few hundred miles of coast, most of it on the landlocked Baltic, and uses that as a precedent for our thousands of miles of open coast. He recommends deliberation until the ships now building are completed, saying that "relatively we have the strongest and most powerful Navy on earth."

Lee Shubert and Oliver Morosco will hereafter direct the destinies of Elsie Janis, having taken over the contract held by Charles Dillingham, under whose management she has appeared for several seasons. They will present her in "Betty," a musical comedy.

STARS AND STARMAKERS.

By Leone Cas Bar.

CHARLES HALTON, who played a brief spell with the Baker Players, is now a member of the Princess Stock in Des Moines. Fay Bainter, a Portland girl, is leading woman and is scoring big successes with each week's new role. Robert Hyams is her leading man. Edward C. Woodruff played leads in this company last season.

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Colonel House, the President's confidential friend and adviser, is departing for another mysterious junket to the war capitals. The nature of the mission is kept "strictly secret." It may be, of course, that the matter is not nearly so serious as the fact that the Colonel needs the trip and the job.

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Submarines as Defense Units.

With Germany's Many Her Fleet in Bottled and Her Commerce Paralyzed.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 23.—(To the Editor.)—The editorial which appeared in The Oregonian December 15, under the heading, "The Submarine's Measure Taken," is at this time both interesting and instructive. The question before people today is: Shall we increase the defenses of our country? If so, in what manner and to what extent?

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