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IN THE EASTERN BATTLE ZONE.

Action and reaction continue to follow the forces in the eastern theater reactionary, While Berlin is busy celeof war, brating what some Germans please

proximately 200 miles may not be at all conclusive, even though it does afford the Germans ground for optimism. As an eminent Berlin critic puts it, a tical standstill continues to be noted remote Western state. in the western zone.

From observations of past fighting for the control of Russian Poland, the conclusion may be drawn that the side pressing the enemy back on its own bases and lines of communication invariably withdraws before a severe counter stroke. Pushed onto Warsaw, advance, and compel a withdrawal. The other force is then compelled to take up rearguard actions and retire. Reaching proximity of its own bases, it turns the tide by again assuming the offensive with fresh troops, and the opposing army is forced into rearguard actions and a general retreat. This process has occurred time and again during the past three months. es into an ecstasy of joy. But the an opportunity to get weatherbeaten

the bulk of their reinforcements into the battle area south and east of Thorn, Von Hindenburg's main base for his operations in Poland. The Russians, if reports do not mislead, are concentrating farther south with fresh troops that are being poured German center in front of Warsaw.

ly be laid open. The German claim people, perhaps. ever, and the only safe conclusion is New England village.

tary advantage. Distances along which this titanic cow to Memel, following the boundary ances. line, is a distance of 750 miles. The dispositions are not continuous along of Mrs. Browning's poetry and re-this front, although concentrations viewed it repeatedly in the periodicals vate monopoly under public regulation and heavy fighting prevail at frequent for which he wrote. In 1844 he said in the telephone business, its reluctained throughout the whole distance. relished Tennyson's popularity, nor objection. We in Portland now wit-From the German base of Thorn to Longfellow's either, for that matter, ness the stimulating effect of competi-200 miles and from Cracow to Vienna lieve there was "a poetical soul in the public utilities. So far it has worked 225 miles. The heaviest fighting of world that sees farther out toward the well, and its failure should be proved the past two months, since the Rusperiphery permitted to angels than before we try an experiment which line and a railroad grade contractor.
sians completed their mobilization Miss Barrett." Her marriage with has falled in several countries and has and sought to invade Prussia, has Browning had not taken place at that been an unqualified success in none. been within the area bounded by the time. Poe sent her an early copy of The figures given by Mr. Burleson Prussian boundary east of Thorn, the "The Raven" and that extraordinary to show that his department earned a west bank of the Vistula in front of poem came into her hands from half surplus in the last fiscal year will need Cracow. North of Thorn desultory great deal of talk in England, but Miss cepted as correct. They do not include fighting has continued on Prussian Barrett did not value it so highly as the sums expended under the heading, soil, while to the south the battle line some did. In her opinion it was not "Postoffice Department" in the civil has swept back and forth through quite "sane." Mrs. Browning thought establishment, for salaries in the of-Galicia, the Russians holding advan-highly of Julia Ward Howe, deciding fice of the Postmaster-General and his

tages gained early in the campaign. from her "Passion Flowers" that "she assistants and subsidiary general of-It has been the universal opinion must be a clever woman." All the fices, for which \$1,913,350 was appro-among military observers that Winter anti-slavery people won her regard, priated in the last fiscal year; nor exis a large determining factor in the for she was herself an ardent foe of penditures in the Treasury Departfirst great decision and that advan- slavery. One of the early poems which tages held by one side or the other she sent to the United States for pub-This doubtless explains the desperate the "sacred institution" and spared the salary of the Assistant Attorney- followed him to Santo Domingo "to order to get a start. Germany is held fury and continuous nature of the not. The poem was finally published General for the postoffice, \$5000, or a take part in the public works confighting in Poland. With the Rus- in the Liberty Bell, which was issued total of \$2,702,976. Neither the origisians thrust back into the interior of by the Boston Anti-Slavery Bazar in nal expenditure on postoffice buildings Poland for the Winter the Germans 1848. Mrs. Browning was an attentive nor the rental value of premises occucampaigns aggressively during the sentiment in the United States and her Winter months and prepare again to detestation of the wicked blot on our

the Russians in the Spring. throw in the heaviest reinforcements American for the world while she will hold the upper hand in Poland, wears that shameful scar on her Mr. Burleson's surplus would soon ben the Germans have one very great brow." advantage, that of superior railway other main artery runs to Konigsberg, they received here were trifling com-

a distance of 850 miles. Thus the substantially true and for the most with articles by some of Seattle's pesting matter.

(By Mail.)

(By Mail.) not only the men, but the supplies novelist might have applied the lash for the hundreds of thousands now on the firing line.

PREMATURE TALK ABOUT 1916.

to call the crushing of the Russians, for re-election by a Democrat. Rethe more conservative German mili-

sufficient to defeat many a good man, generally put in.

ROBERT BROWNING.

The twenty-fifth anniversary cember 12, 1889, will remind Amerithe Russians reinforce their center, throw their fresh and rested forces against the somewhat over-extended against the s of Carlyle and Herbert Spencer. It is brought him an income from the to take a dare is to resist it. drug on the London market, while Herbert Spencer's great works were an expense to him and his friends until again during the past three months. The American edition was published. First, Petrograd gets out its bunting to celebrate a victory, then Berlin of literature that the first complete that the first of literature that the first complete telephone and telegraph business of edition of Browning's works was pubthe United States, and contends that to be financial agent of Sanfo Domingo lished by an American railroad combunting in neither city has much of lished by an American railroad company, the Chicago & Alton, which in-cluded the poems in its "Official ment to do the business successfully. Time and again the world has been misled by the claims from those centers of the great warring racial units.

The doubt looking upon them the glories in an alleged surplus from Santo Domingo plans of Jarvis to lend sential to profit.

The done of efficiency mediation. pear to be intent on readjusting their dispositions and rearranging their strategy. The Germans have thrown Browning secured a copy of this edi-this business. Government telegraphs

into Poland through Warsaw and vouchsafed any notice of the poem ated at a loss. Telephone service has another bank, but was opposed by private capital with intent to produce Lublin. At the same time they are There was also a long account of his been extended in the United States to Sullivan, and did not succeed until fertilizer from phosphate rock oberman center in front of Warsaw. Ican Review as early as 1848 which, in have dreamed, reaching almost every resigned. During this fight he was shipping ports that are closed by ice Petrograd insists that while this his wife's opinion, really introduced farm in some sections of Oregon which force has been retreating, the limits Browning to American readers. The are sparsely settled. Telephones are tional were boasting of their influence year. of defeat have been reached and a sale of his books steadily increased in linestalled promptly on application, with Sullivan and with the State Defrom kelp by electrolytic process, Govney Russian offensive movement is the United States from that time, but while in London a subscriber must partment. now in progress. The Russians claim it was "infinitesimal for years after- wait three or four weeks after apthat their new strategy and disposi- ward" in England. Mrs. Browning plying. tions are such that the Germans will wrote to his sister at about that time be outflanked in Poland and over- that the poet was "a power in American people would require tracting work and two weeks later tons of potassium chlor be outflanked in Poland and over- that the poet was "a power in American people would require tracting work and two weeks later tons of potassium chlor some guaranty that the telephone and he demanded that the funds of the valued at \$240,000,000. whelmed in Galicia and that the roads to the interior of Germany will short- of the people." Not quite of all the ly free from politics than is the postal that the Russians have been check- was then and will always be the pre- ernment operation. First-class post- an American appointed and paid by utilized. mated all along the line, their offen- clous possession of a chosen few, but masters are still frankly appointed for sive fully broken and that Eastern it is none the less real for that. It was political reasons. The same statement Prussia, as well as Austria, are safe near the middle of the last century is true of those of lower rank, even from further Slav encroachment for when a British "lady of rank" asked down to the fourth class, and efforts some months to come. The messages the American Minister in London were made at the last session of Confrom neither capital are very en- whether Browning was not born in gress to extend the spoils system to superior and complained to Bryan, thusiastic nor very conclusive, how- an American village, presumably a assistant postmasters. The Minister replied with some justifiable superiority that there was not an American know what provision would be made "Pat" Gill, of St. Louis, a friend of to reach the open sea would not be that the Germans have the momen- replied with some justifiable superior. Government monopolies to adopt new struggle between Teuton and Slav is loved. This came as near the truth as to keep apparatus up to date and what being waged are immense. From Cra- one expects from diplomatic utter- encouragement would be given to in- neer of ability, and Gill was a grocer.

Warsaw and the outer defenses of a dozen other quarters. It made a some analysis before they can be acwhen heavy snows set in will be very lication was "The Runaway Slave at urer on account of the postal savings difficult, if not impossible, to offset. Pilgrim's Point," in which she smote system, amounting to \$784,620; nor would be able to press their western observer of the growth of anti-slavery pied by postoffices is charged to the the job and lent "Cousin Tim" \$1900 the cause.

Still the Brownings were more char Two main lines converge itable critics of the United States than

more bitter. In 1853 she wrote to Mrs

a shade more indulgently without perhaps sacrificing any of his salutary effect. Mrs. Browning liked everything

a walk" is a common expression.

inclined, may eventually reverse the He obtained Rose's confession unanimous testimony of lexicograph- used that fact in an effort to obtain ers. Whether custom among children the endorsement of District Attorney Browning's death, which occurred De- will do it in this instance is a matter Whitman. He got only an acknowl-12, 1889, will remind Ameritor for interesting speculation. The dare edgment of his services in the Rosenthe pleasant relations which among boys is usually a tantalizing that case, but his defenders make existed between the poet and this challenge and when there is resistance capital of that letter. tion here before she was widely read in England. As for Browning, his fortunes in this respect were like those of Carlyle and Herhert Spencer It is "World take a dare!" But boyhood's Beer was interested. By playing on

MR. BURLESON'S FAD.

Postmaster-General Burleson sists in recommending that the Gov-ernment assume a monopoly of the he said to a confidant: telephone and telegraph business of the efficiency of the mail service dem-

Browning secured a copy of this edi- this business. Government telegraphs tion and presented it to the British and telephones in Europe do not commuseum as a literary curiosity, which pare in efficiency with the privatelyowned systems of the United States. Emerson's friend, Margaret Fuller, reviewed Browning's Paracelsus in the Boston Dial of April, 1842. This was Boston Dial of April, 1843. This was phone is little used in comparison with before the English periodicals had the United States, and both are oper- moved to have the funds removed to extensive water power in Quebec by plays and poems in the North Amer- a degree of which Europe seems not to June 29, twenty days after

Browning's fame service before they would favor Gov-

In view of the reluctance shown by Edgar A. Poe was a great admirer ment might be made. Although there Collett, of Omaha, son-in-law of intervals, and it is quite probable that in the Evening Mirror that "she was tance to discard obsolete in favor of lines of communication are main- worth a dozen Tennysons." Poe never newly-invented apparatus is a strong the Russian base of Warsaw is a dis- He preferred the singers who, like tion on improvement in plant and tance of 125 miles-nearly as great a himself, dwelt apart either from choice in quality of service. This country is distance as from Thorn to Berlin, 180 or necessity. In a later number of the now well started on the policy of primiles. From Warsaw to Cracow is Mirror Poe wrote that he did not be- vately-owned, Government-controlled

ment for the offices of auditor for the postoffice and for the office of treas-Department. Payments to railroads had been adequately increased since come a deficit,

DOLLAR DIPLOMACY A LA BRYAN. Secretary of State Bryan is accused fect. Mrs. Browning liked everything is accused and intervention. Sullivan aided arms by the tens and hundreds of the mildness of the photograph. The mildness of the photograph. President Bordas, who is friendly to thousands; Britain now calls them by of his private fortune in discharging the difficult and delicate duties of his office at Paris, before he was removed to make room for a political in the proved to be a rope of conceany to make the hands of Lincoln and sont him back to his protege of Secretary Bryan, Mr. Sharp, once an Ohlo Congressman and as used his office to all the hands of Lincoln and supporter of the Democratic Administration, but otherwise unknown to the world at large.

The sacrifices made by Mr. Herrick and the real course has been a proved to make room for having ignored charges dark him and of having white washed him and sent him back to his post. The World charges that Sulli-washed him and sent him back to his post of the impossible promise in the washed him and sent him back to his post of the impossible promise in the washed him and sent him back to his post of the impossible promise in the washed him and sent him back to his post of the impossible promise in the washed him and sent him back to his post of the washed him and sent him back to his post of the was resulting to the provide to be a rope of holding the Union together, him and sent him back to his post of the was insignated by financial interests in this country; that has used his office to ald these interests and for his own profit; that has used his office to ald these interests and for his own profit; that has forced by horizontal three washed him and sent him back to his post of the was result was instigated by financial interests in this country. That outside the washed him and sent him back to his post of the was result was instigated by financial interests in this country. That outside the has used from hand to hand, So outside adult, to make head with a fault washed him and sent him back to his post of the was result was instigated by against Russia with 160,000,000 were the nead with the post of the washed him and sent him back to his post of the washed him and sent him back to his post of the washed him and sent him back to his post of the washed him and sent h gratultous promise to return fugitive caused the appointment as Minister to slaves to their masters. This she mild-Ambassador to France, is a wholly adly spoke of as a "superfluity." Of livan, of having ignored charges condemned in the publications of livan several times and arms every mirable gentleman. He spent \$400. course Lincoln allowed himself to against him and of having whiteSanto Domingo, Cuba, Porto Rico and male adult, to make head with a or 000 of his private fortune in discharg- make the impossible promise in the washed him and sent him back to his Hayti.

the more conservative German military observers join with the world at large in the contention that a decision is not yet. It has been a German week, most distinctly, in Russian Poland. But then the week before that Russian week, the week before that Russian gains were noted.

So the mere fact the field marshal, when the charge, certain to be made, with the spin of the comment of the comment of the comment of the saving is used in different ways. Lexicographers leave out the spin of the comment of the comment of the company of the spin of the country. By some of the investigators, but both Form and Smith deny that they were authorized by the State Department to live state a dare who will steal sheep. Herrick did in Paris will be sufficient to elect him President of the Usaire and public record in Ohio. Can he survive the charge, certain to be made, vive the charge, certain to be made, the charge of William C. Beer, a New York laws appointed at the instance of William C. Beer, a New York laws appointed at the instance of William C. Beer, a New York laws appointed at the instance of William C. Beer, a New York laws appointed at the instance of William C. Beer, a New York laws appointed at the instance of William C. Beer, a New York laws appointed at the instance of William C. Beer, a New York laws appointed at the instance of William C. Beer, a New York laws appointed at the instance of William C. Beer, a New York laws appointed at the instance of William C. Beer, a New York laws appointed to the countries. Sullivar was appointed at the instance of William C. Beer, a New York laws appointed to the investigators, but they successful. Even Oregon con Sullivan was then his lieutenant and Meanwhile, the country is looking hopefully upon the rising star of Charles Whitman, Governor-elect of New York; and it has not forgotten lenge. One is said to "take an in-lenge. One is said to "take an in-leng permit itself to be crushed in any such fashion. At the present hour the most that can be said is that the tide of battle is flowing with the Teuton standards in the cast, while a practical standard standards in the cast, while a practical standard standards in the cast, while a practical standard standard standards in the cast, while a practical standard standard standards in the cast, while a practical standard stan gunman of the Herman Rosenthal It is recognized that custom, if so murder and later Rose's attorney."

of Carlyle and Herbert Spencer. It is use of the term has not yet overruled Bryan's antipathy for the National well known that Carlyle's books the dictionaries. They all agree that City Bank. Beer gained his ear for the Banco National. That institution "laid plans for contracts and concessions, colonization and other promotion schemes which amounted to more than \$100,000,000." As Sullivan was about to leave for Santo Domingo,

As an indication of the Banco Na-

can receiver of customs, to deposit artificial fertilizer, can be made

tracting work and two weeks later tons of potassium chloride per season, Department of Public Works be deposited with the Banco National. The cating the immensity of resources in Santo Domingo with the approval of the American Secretary of State. John L. Mann then held the office. He refused to comply with Sullivan's demand without authority from his Banco National, but his complaint was ventive genius, that constant improve- Bryan, however, gave it to Austin J. James C. Dahlman, with whom he had just ended a political feud.

Collett is a mechanical engineer and his experience was limited to the electrical department and shops of the commission to investigate the department of public works, though he knew no Spanish and had been only a railroad freight agent, superintendent of a bottling works, then of a traction However, his brother was president of the Winona, Ind., Chautauqua, where Bryan often lectured; that may have been his qualification.

The World then makes these damaging statements: The president of an engineering com-pany makes affidavit that 5 to 10 per cent participation in the profits of all public works contracts was demanded of him in two secret sessions, of the Russian

fluence obtained a bridge construction but Russia, he says, must bear the ulcontract. The Banco National financed timate responsibility, for she furnished on his note indorsed by the Minister. contracts and that he (Tim) was there victory? "to see that Jim gets his bit." less than

Graudenz. The Germans are enabled to rush in Landwehr and Landsturm by the tens of thousands. Russia, while the tens of thousands. Russia, while the tens of thousands. Russia, while the tens of Seattle and the tens of German sea-power if the tens of thousands. Russia, while the presence of the huge empire westward and to the huge empire westward and to the lindescribable sense of thurry in lindescribable sense of thurry in lindescribable sense of the luxury in lindescribable sense of the luxury in lens do not approve the huge empire westward and to the lindescribable sense of the luxury in lens do not approve the huge empire westward and to the lindescribable sense of the luxury in lens do not lens do not

having the superiority in numbers, famous "Notes" would "make her has but a single direct line from Perabid." She "could not possibly love plots Seattle's attractions for the integral to Warsaw and the distance of admire Dickens' biting comments." wester and the pleasure-seeker with he said he had gone to look into the North Sea? is 675 miles. Another line runs di- Most Americans now admit with a pictures which are among the best contracts by Sullivan's invitation. He rect to Lublin and thence to Warsaw, rueful smile that the "Notes" were examples of the photographic art and told a friend that Sullivan would rethe world will be able to realize the a distance of 850 miles. Thus the substantially true and for the most with articles by some of Seattle's best turn to his post and would be mo-

protege of Secretary Bryan, Mr, Sharp, and the hands of Lincoln and perferson Davis not been forced by hotheads on both sides it is possible the hands once an Ohlo Congressman and an ardent supporter of the Democratic Administration, but otherwise unknown to the world at large.

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The sacrifices made by Mr. Herrick and the real courage and strength and uring a great crisis are now being used as the foundation for a little Presidential boom. A Chicago paper, per, sponsoring the Herrick boomlet, give us the comforting assurance that the fer was quoted in The Oregonian the other day the old saying that:

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United States is in the Columbia River Basin. . Excluding that tributary Puget Sound there is more available but to take precautions against its furwater power in the Columbia River ther abuse. These are well within the than in the entire country east power of workingmen. Basin of the Mississippi.

Of course the Columbia River Basin covers a large territory. Not many realize that some of the waters of Yellowstone National Park drain through tributaries into the Columbia River. But considering the potential water power tributary to Portland alone, there is enough to make its practical use possibly as great a problem as its development.

The Conservation Commission estimates the total brake horsepower in the vicinity of Portland at 3,139,170. Probably all the developed water power, and steam power, too, in the vicinity of Portland, now employed in public service, does not exceed the odd figures in this total. That is, not more than 139,176 horsepower is utilized in supplying electric lights and power and in operating street and interurban To develop much greater railways. tional's strength he mentioned in power at this time makes new uses es-

The Commission suggests that hydroelectric power could be profitably customs receipts in the Banco Na- heating phosphate rock in electric tional. After exacting \$100,000 secur- furnaces. Rich phosphate rock is obhe had tained in Florida, utilizing Northern There's no breaking the militant Also, potash can be extracted ernment reports reveal that the kelp Three days after his arrival Sul- fields of the Pacific, excluding Alaska livan inquired about available con- are capable of producing 6,000,000

These facts are significant as indidirector-general of public works is the Columbia Basin that are now not

WHAT MAY HAPPEN AFTERWARD,

Assuming that Germany brought about the present war, Leo Pasvolsky a Russian, writing to the New York revealing Sullivan's relations with the Evening Sun, offers an answer to the question that naturally arises from his postulate: "Why did Germany pro-

satisfied by the acquisition of an outlet to the Mediterranean by way of Constantinople, for Russia desires a share of world trade and would be shut in by Suez and Gibraltar. There are two possibilities open to her-one through the Yellow Sea to the Pacific the other through the North Sea to the Atlantic. Germany sought to dipointed Harry S. Dickey, of South vert Russia to the former by encour-Bend, Ind., technical member of a sia failed in that direction, and Germany foresaw that the Czar would turn to the west. Mr. Pasvolsky believes that German war preparations since 1905 have been designed more to hold back Russia than against France for they were not needed against the latter country and have been greatest during that period.

Last June, says this writer, an event occurred which passed practically un. noticed by the world, but was vastly more important than the crime of works contracts was demanded of him for Minister Sullivan,
Details can be furnished by the World for offective examination of certain contractors in the United States who have stated that they were solicited to pay retaining fees of as much as \$5000 and a percentage on contracts to be obtained in Santo Domingo during the Sullivan regime.

Sullivan's cousin, Timothy J. Sullivan, a coal-dealer and former raff-troad roadmaster of Springfield, Mass., followed him to Santo Domingo "toe order to get a start. Germany is held."

If such was Russia's purpose and if Winter months and prepare again to detestation of the wicked blot on our for carrying the mails and to rural "Cousin Tim" told a resident of Bos- that country was bent on war a few take up the tactical offensive against National reputation became constantly carriers would be much greater if they to be paid but would become "part of sla was merely forced to move before If it is true that the side enabled to Jameson that she "would not be an the parcel post was established. If all the Minister's rake-off," and that the her plans were fully matured, what these items were taken into account. Minister was to get a percentage on all would be the consequences of Russian Would she be content with less than the acquisition of all Ger-'Cousin Tim" announced that James man territory between the Vistula The always welcome and always K. McGuire, who is under indictment and the Elbe? Would her allies conat Thorn from interior Germany. An- Dickens was, though all the favors artistic Christmas number of the in connection with New York graft sent to such a prodigious advance of Seattle Argus is with us again, the charges, was going to Santo Domingo the huge empire westward and to the

confronted Great Britain across the

These questions raise doubt whether war. After aiding Russia and France Oft in my life I've looked about There has been a series of revolu- to destroy German militarism, Great tions in Santo Domingo as the result of Sullivan's alliance with the exploiters, and the United States has been put to the expense of investigations ain has hitherto called her sons to But ah, their mildness was not half

ence, they may now be reduced to pov-

service to keep or restore order during strikes. It has been accused of beoming an instrument of the employers in labor conflicts. There has oc casionally been some basis for such charges, as in the recent Colorado C. O. B. strike, but indignation at the misuse of the militia on such occasions need not blind workingmen to its legitimate services to the whole community. The remedy for these abuses is not to destroy a valuable instrument of the law,

A lecturer has recently complained that "standardized English tends to become more and more academic.' He means that it is machine-made and lacks vitality. Much of the task a bit difficult, have decided to of-English we read merely looks like for it as an example of "vers libre": language. It is not genuine because it is not alive, and, too often, it is stuffed with straw and clad in rags like other scarecrows

proposed increase of the The United States Army by twenty-five regiments would still leave us without an adequate Army, but at the same time would afford a more substantial military skeleton upon which to build the unwieldy machine with which we must go to war should war ever be forced upon us.

The Pan-American union has a good deal of Mercutio's spirit, "A plague o' both your houses." Why should American waters be troubled by European war ships and naval battles? There is plenty of room for all their fighting nearer home. Scandinavian Kings have met to

orni an alliance for protection during the war. The most certain way for them to secure protection is to keep their fingers out of the fire. Belgian editors refuse to renew pub-

lication under German censorship. Belgian spirit, even in abject adversity. The old favorite, "Peace on earth good will toward men," is not likely

to be a very popular text for the Christmas sermon this year. The Commerce Commission holds

that the rate situation has been changed by the European war. has most everything else. That Berlin military critic who

asts doubt over reported German victories is a regular devil in his own ___ A market report shows wheat weak-

ened by peace talk. The only peace well, talk we've heard lately emanated from Bryan.

the year. And it wasn't particularly of the Troxell Gazeteer. cold, either, in the real sense of the word. Portland had a snow storm vesterday morning. As all who read the

news carefully are fully aware. One Mexican leader at Naco conents to confer with General Scott.

Gracious condescension, Britain has named a Sultan of Egypt, but not yet a Governor of the Province of Germany.

The armies are now fighting overtime, perhaps in the hope of enjoying next Friday off.

This is the season when you should put yourself in a mellow mood toward all mankind.

Seattle refuses food to idlers who will not work. The idler deserves no

A merry Christmas and a selfish Christmas can hardly go together. Seems to us the men in the trenches ought to be given this week off.

Plan your Summer vacation early. San Francisco is the place. Would anyone object to a little rain

by way of diversion? Loosen up a few dimes or dollars. The money's needed.

The children are now in the seventh heaven of ecstasy. Three days more for belated shop-

Fine. Everybody's winning again.

Rochester (N. Y.) Telegram. tell you," said Poots, "there is an

Gleams Through the Mist By Dean Collins.

The Mild Photograph With vision mild and pensive

And yet, through all this shame and pain, 'Tis very seldom they complain.

But not a single word it said:

"Sir," said the courteous office boy, "that was a grave catastrophe the British Admiralty reported this morning." "Another naval disaster?" I gasped. "Tell me, for I had not heard!"

"The mercury has gone down and the barometer has fallen," said the C. O. B. hopelessly.

And after a few moments' reflection drew forth my Christmas list and ran a blue pencil through the name of the

Selemn Thought.

Think, think of the waste past believing; How Fate throws our fortune away-On Christmas a meerschaum receiving

And then swearing off, New Year's day. Here's a pretty bit contributed by the Postman. He says he didn't write it himself, but somebody put it in the nallbox and he thought he'd bring it over. It is signed "Hygiene," but there is internal evidence that this is not the writer's real name. We tried to scan it, but, finding the

"To read the daily 'doggerel' Dished up every day, Makes us aton to puzzle— Does the writer of this 'doggerel' Have to wear a civic muzzle?" Ah me, what a flavor of esoteric mys-

ticism these potes of the modern school manage to squirt into their lines! As for the carpenter, who appeared among our midst in last week's colyum:

The carpenter has got no right
To be stuck up or vain,
For I'll maintain, with all my might, I know the fellow's plane. Yet he is a good citizen for all that,

as the testimony shows, for: The carpenter, he never backs Nor scorns his duty's call: He very freely gives his tacks, And oft his little awl Or modulating in the key of G:

Daily the carpenter will gibe And give a gruff guffaw And giggle gladly to describ-The point of some wise saw

Don't imagine, however, that, in our des to the carpenter, we have forgotten the Mistress of the Seven Hills. We remind you now that :

In days of old, the Ro Sunk many a Punic prow. But ah, they had no submarines-

What, Only One Foot?

Kindly look up the correct pronunciation of any foreign names hereafter, before in-serting them in poetry. For instance, every line in which "Pshe-mish!" occurs is one foot short No charge, but remember, your readers

have SOME education. Very respectfully, Considering the number of times it has been captured and bombarded, we

are surprised that he finds it only one foot short. The old town holds out remarkably

We presume, of course, that "Pshemishl" refers to Przemysl, though we Yesterday was the coldest day of are not familiar with the latest edition

> . . . Our soul is greatly uplifted by the information that our readers have some

education. We take it that Mr. T--- is only an

occasional reader, Oh, look what we found in the antique shop:

If Father Neah lived today. He would not be a feel And let his ark at anchor stay You can dig up lots of things out of

the ragbag that are almost as good as See: new. The boy stood on the burning deck Whence all but him had fled. He did not think of "Safety First,"

But hero tales he'd read. Or you can try this on your piano: The baker has a heartless bunch Of tricks that irk our souls; He'll beat the eggs, forsooth and punch

The doughnuts full of holes, Or, if, you prefer the carpenter: I asked a carpenter one day To testify at law, He answered; "All that I can say Is what the keyhole-saw."

"Please," gaid the janitor, "you are disturbing the family in the flat below. Won't you try to be more quiet?"

"We will," we replied. And stopped our mad revelry

Easy After the First.

Boston Advertiser. Pat and Mike were taking a walk in the country one Sunday morning when the former suddenly paused and turned to his companion with a reflective

"Jist a minute, Molke," said he, "Kin yez tell me why the kissin' av yez gurrul is lotke a bottle av olives?" "Shure, an Ol kin not!" was the quick response of Mike. "Do yez think thet Of am wan av thim incoyklapay dias?"

"Begorra an' it's an Moike," was the grinful rejoinder of Pat. "If yez kin git wan, the rist come aisy."