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### SIX MONTHS OF THE WAR.

After six months of war, Germany is renews chiting at almost all points on her amies' territory, while they hold ly two small corners of her domain has a firm hold on all except a all corner of Belgium and on \$000 pare miles of Northwestern France, th a population of 2,500,000. lds one-fourth of Russian Poland d continues the fight in that arena. er home territory has been invaded in two remote corners, the French ving fastened upon part of Alsace d the Russians on part of East She has won battles at arleroi, Mons, Cambria, Tannenrg and Lodz, which in any war of Middle Ages would have been de-

Germany has proved her strength land; her weakness is on the sea nost collapsed early in the war and rmany has been compelled to send that country's defense, lest be made the base for an invasion of own territory. She has sent of ers, warsfilps and money to Turkey, y to see the Turkish armies routed Caucasus and Mesopotamia and ven back from the Sucz Canal and m Persia, to see the money stolen squandered and to see the wares crippled while Russia becomes minant in the Black Sea. Germany in the position of a strong man iving to drag a pair of cripples ng with him.

Outside of her home dominions rmany has everywhere met defeat. has lost Kiauchan and all of her ands, and her forces are contendagainst invaders in East Africa. othwest Africa and the Congo. He Her cattered cruisers being abroad apparently inactive. Her hopes iting dissension among her foes been dashed, for the Moslem war proved a fizzle, Ireland stands ally by Britain and the revolt in th Africa has been crushed by the th Africans themselves. German merce has almost ceased to ex imports of food have practically pped and the empire is carefully nding its food supply in the eft to make it last until the is harvested, and is cultivating ery patch of land in order to proenough at home to feed its

Germany's hope of success at the ning of the war hung on the posilliv of dashing through Belgium d crushing France before that British aid could come, also fore Russia could mobilize her vast She hoped then to turn against ssia and crush her in like manner ving trusted Austria to hold Russia bay in the meantime. Then her itain, whose navy she hoped to have duced by means of submarines, mes and airships to a point where nich would give it control of the saying: Then the Kaiser designed to rrify Britain with bombardments am air and sea and to subdue it invasion.

Belgium's resistance delayed the sh toward Paris long shough to give time to mass her forces and give Britain time to send her first tingent across the channel. It gave ance the opportunity to gather a semy which by threatening the to retreat from the Marne to the per that the Canadian market for months. has "dug in." and an almost in the interest of the truth. d there, but not in breaking it.

military inefficiency. ted East Prussig. Germany was n border and the second time it that quarter, it is advancing in wholly to removal of the tariff. rthwestern Poland, in East Prussia

the Carpathlans. The third number on the program on an American tessel into an American switches depend? It depends, says that losses shows that Britain's naval ower has not been materially imported and the raids by cruisers and rishing, so far from fighting the Britain and foreign-operated carrier into an American market, but your American entail ruin if it is followed up, and rishing, so far from fighting the Britain and foreign of an American wastet, but your American entail ruin if it is followed up, and cannot, and he must pay the higher cannot in the like. Such convictions are not the contrary, states of consciousness. If the Salem paper will make insh Soa and English Channel has If the Salem paper will make in-it Britain five merchantships, and quiry of any lumberman it will dis-synapses is the material expression of rman warnings portend a desperate cover a fixed opinion with him that ort to broak the grip by which the lumber business is just now a said tal expression which procedes and de-

merce, while she pours a steady stream nforcements into Franc

Serbia also has failed to perform according to programme, for Austrian present Administration. only to be driven out again with enormous loss. Rumors that Austro - German army was heing massed for a new attack have not been verified by events. The most the Serbia and Montenegro from sweeping over Bosnia and Herzegovina

With the coming of Spring the war will enter on a new phase. Kitche-ner's army of 1,000,000 British may then be expected to join the French and Belgians in a determined effort o break the deadlock in the west, to drive back the invaders through Belgium and themselves to become invaders; that is, provided Germany threatened effort for naval supremac proves abortive. In the east Greec nas openly declared her readiness to join the allies and apparently only waits the word to leap into the fray; to deliver her brethren in Transylvania and is restrained from invading that province by German loans and menaces and discrimination? doubt as to the outcome; Bulgaria, vengeful against Serbia and Greece renews vows of neutrality. Italy, ready to a man, awaits only the right moment to wield her sword where her heart is already given-for the British and French against her for-

hitherto, it will soon be renewed with posed by the objectionable discrimina-a ferocity and on a scale unexampled tion, it will be corrected. It will extend almos throughout Europe, through most of Africa and through all of Western Asia. Its limit as to time promises Asia. to be only the powers of endurance and resistance of one group of combatants.

#### NOT LIKELY.

The New York Times, an inde pendent Democratic newspaper, proesses to find a growing sentimen throughout the country for the reomination of William Howard Taft y the Republicans for the Presidency

The Times remarks: Mr. Taft's conduct since he left the White House has made him hosts of friends and has even affected the faction of the pirty hat was hostlie to him while he was there-hough that hostlilty was not directed a nucli at him as at those around him. His sool temper, the wiedem of his public utter-

The Oregonian suspects that Mr. Taft has no idea of seeking a renomination. He has spoken everywhere on public topics, and has openly reloiced in his freedom from restraints placed upon him by Presidency. He has not hesitated to take the unpopular view-for example his repeated criticisms of modern tendencies toward radicalism or pro-gressivism—and he has said what he ad to say merely because he was in position to say it. That is not the

andidate's way.

Is there a general demand for Mr Taft to try again? We think not. It is true enough that he has grown in popularity since he left the Presidency. It would seem that the people like and respect Mr. Taft for ilmself alone. It may be, too, that his demeanor and his genial and frank expressions afford an agreeable entrast to the activities of another ex-President.

It is quite unlikely that either Mr Taft or Mr. Roosevelt will be seriously considered for President next year If we do not mistake, neither faction of the Republican party desires to run the risk of reviving old animosi ties and controversies. A real duty confronts them. It is to unite for restoration of the country's well-be-

# SAD BUSINESS.

Our indurated free-trade neighbor, the Salem Capital Journa with glee over the fact that a shipment of 3,500,000 feet of lumber is German navy would have a fight- to be made (via the Norwegian steamchance of winning a naval battle er Thor) from Portland to Quebec

Saying:

We were told last Fall, before the election, by The Oragonina, that Oragon's lumber business was ruined forever. The Canadian mills, owing to the removal of the tariff duty under the Underwood law, were taking our house markets away, as well as all the foreign trade; and all at once we wake up to the fact that we are actually shipping lumber into Canada. The Oragonian was like these "before" and "after" picture advertisements of patent medicines—all rundown, pessemistic, a nervous wreck; after election, healthy, optimistic, and strong own, presimistic, a nervous wi lection, healthy, optimistic, a nough to even tell the truth oc It is indeed cheering to hear from rman right flank, forced the invad- the high authority of the Salem pasne and then to the line stretching been captured and that the outlook uthwest from Nicaport to Roye for the lumber industry is so optinunications and to selze the Bellem, and also despite the rejoicing these switches so that they will not have been creditable to an ordinary but on those lines they have in far-off Quebec. The Oregonian is likely to form German capture of Antwerp on- mistic. But, despite the pleasing led the Teutons to secure their news exclusively announced from Sa Each moved to make an observation or two,

aseless bombardment, with repeated A small percentage of the North-id furious infantry onelaughts, has west output of lumber is shipped for ceeded in bending the line here eign and another small percentage coastwise, leaving the great bulk for The unexpected happened in the the local and domestic markets. It also. Russia mobilized with a is, therefore, obvious that the Amerirprising celerity and has disproved can market is the chief outlet for the She Northwest lumber mills. Yet by the Austrian armies, seized lumber duty has been removed, with

and the wiger of her of-sive in the west in order to cope Through lake and rail shipments your regular intervals the muscles will h the eastern foe. She cleared East Canadian competes on equal or better sain of the enemy with the victory terms with the Northwest and south-Tannenberg, invaded Poland and ern mills for their own market. The be advanced to the gates of War- Panama tolls situation gives the reorganized the Austrian forces American shipper no advantage over stopped the Russian advance on the Canadian for the Atlantic Coust cow, but once her army was driven markets. The inundation of Canadian through Poland almost to her shingles, pouring into the United States, has been quite heavy. Canabeen blocked. Russia has over-Bukowina and though her army new retiring before superior force condition as to competition is due

It may be well to say that the Thor's cargo is made up of large timbers. he third number on the programme such as are not easily available at made no more progress towards Quebec. It is quite probable that, formance than the occasional pick. owing to the utterly demoralized con-off of a British warship by a sub-dition of the lumber business, a cargo rine or a mine, the hombardment could now be made up at Portland metaphysical riddles. It rather tends two undefended and one defended as cheaply as in Canada—perhaps to put consciousness out of business, at the problem of the prob and faid by atrahips, while in naval new and the surface the odds is not chear from Portland by water does the closing of old, well-oiled the been decidedly in favor of the on an American vessel into an American switches depend? It depends, says gagements on the surface the odds is not cheap from Portland by water we been decidedly in favor of the on an American vessel into an Ameri-itish. Striking of a balance between

is throttling German com- thing to be flippant about. It will termines the physicaf. So we perceive

#### SALMON TROUT.

The House at Salem has under onsideration a bill (H. B. 461) inpassed for a new attack have not been to regulate the finding seeks to quarter recently has been to prevent serbia and destroy habits. The nables the troduced by the Game Committee, and destroy habits. The nables them to destroy habits and the destroy habits. T The following clause from the April. present statute is omitted from the measure:

Trout over ten inches in length, open sea-on all the year with hook and line only, sag limit, fifty fish, or fifty pounds in one

The effect of the above omission will be to make it impossible to fish for salmon trout at any time except from April to November. Yet it b no possible service to anybody can ture and sale of intoxicating bey-be given by making it unlawful for erages. anglers to take them. Yet they can and doubtless will be caught in nets, without violation of law. Why the

so far. They ought to be reminded that the present code in this particular was framed with the definite object of protecting the salmon trout angler during the Winter months. er allies.

Terrible as has been the conflict called to the radical prohibition im-

#### THE SWITCHES IN OUR BODIES.

It seems as if investigators have a ast found the points where consciousness establishes contact with the material world. They have not learned what consciousness is, nor is there any nore certainty than formerly about the real nature of matter, if it has any real nature. But be matter and consciousness what they may, we know perfectly well, if we know anything at all, that their relation is intimate and that it appears in a thousand different Once it was believed that the eat of consciousness, or "the seat o soul" was the pineal gland, but that hypothesis is no longer tenable Dr. Ellot Park Frost, of Yale University, tells in the Yale Review how has been put out of court for good and Naturally the point of contact between consciousness and nerve fiber is deeply interesting because in a way we may think of it as the place where mind and matter meet. Dr. Frost's statement of the situation is comparatively simple. It can be understood much technical knowledge of brain and nerve physiology.

Children learn at school that the ody contains two sets of nerves, those of the sensory and motor systems, respectively. There is no essential difference between the substance of these nerves. They are simply carriers of energy like electric wires and transmit impulses with equal facility in either direction. The difference between sensory and motor effects lies, not in the nerve that carries them, but in the energy that is transmitted This seems to be either positive or egative, again like electricity, and there is no way of changing one kind into the other. The sensory nerves run from the exterior of the body to the inner centers, some of which are the spinal cord, while the more intellectual ones are in the brain itself. hey are called sensory fibers because they convey energy from the sense rgans to the interior, but with s change of position they might become et of nerves, the motor system, runs from the inner centers to the exterior,

onveying mandates to the muscles. The wonderful arrangement which Frost describes lies at the junctions of the motor and sensory nerves It is a sort of electric switch, called by cientific men a synapse, by which the of this process it is transformed from sons.
positive to negative. A positive current in the f energy can not go to the exterior, a negative one can not go to the interior Their directions are fixed by their nature. The reader will understand that this language is figurative insofar as the terms "positive" and "negative are concerned. At the switch or synapse a given impulse may be turned in any one of a hundred different directions Where it shall go depends, according to Dr. Frost, entirely upon the relative put a new system of synapses into

asy working order. Dr. Frost's theory is thus a purmatter of physiology. It silently dis-misses the so-called "will" from consideration. Breaking off a bad habit seems to imply no education of the metaphysical will, but merely the mechanical alteration of a group of sensory nerves. A habit is, in the last intelligence in the animal world, analysis, nothing but a recurring set dite opinion finally settled upo the whole of Galleia and in-the following result:

East Prussia. Germany was

The Middle West lumber market is of muscle movements. The whisky automatically carry a glass to the lips or apply a hypodermic syringe to the arm. To destroy the habit it is only necessary to close the switches that call the muscles into activity at the usual times. The conscious mind linusual times. The conscious mind lin-gers at the synapse in the capacity of a more or less interested but totally idle spectator who exerts not the faintest influence upon the course of events. The sensory impulse after it has been transformed into motor enopens to it most readily. It follows the path of least resistance, to use the customary phrase. Thus the dis-covery of the point where conscious ness comes into contact with matter does not appear to have solved any

discover also, if the lumberman is an that we have not got rid of the will exporter, a definite view as to the after all. It is there still, and, care-disastrous free trade policies of the fully examined, it is seen to determine everything else in the process. Dr. Prost has made somewhat clearer to scious will acts upon the body to form and destroy habits. The habits them-selves are as much of a mental affair to education of the will. The progress of ly brings to light the apparatus which it uses.

## GALLANTRY IN THE SENATE.

The prohibition bill as amended by the Senate committee is still a bill well known that salmon trout run in to regulate the individual appetite from the sea in Winter months and as well as to prohibit the manufac-

-that should be praised and encouraged. As ordered by the House two It may be doubted if the framers quarts of whisky or wine or the scious signals made by his master, of the proposed code intended to go twenty-four quarts of beer had to do This he might have done even if such for an entire family. Contemplate, if signals had been indistinguishable to you will, the spectacle of the head of the household, by superior masculine force, appropriating to himself the glass of beer or the glass of wine that the House bill implies would not hurt have obeyed such signals when his master was hidden behind a green? a family.

ual drunkard.

It seems to us that a great deal of

thoughtlessness has entered into con-sideration of the prohibition measure. The limitation put on personal and transmission of knowledge through family shipments from without the flock of crows, the travel signals the promoters of the bill that no matwhat provisions are included for employing prosecutors, punishing re-calcitrant officials, opening con-signee's receipts to public gaze and

the like that there is a trial jury still to be reckoned with?
Unless public sentiment approve rigid enforcement of a law that law will not be enforced—juries will will habitually turn loose the accused. It is possible to make the prohibition so obnoxious that it will fall within the category of non-enforcible laws. There is reason to fear that the existing draft of the bill closely approaches that undesirable status. This is wholly beside the assurances given the people that adoption of the amendment would not mean regula-

# manufacture in Oregon. The element of good faith alone ought to prevail.

tion of personal tastes or appetites, but only abolishment of sale and

It is a common belief that animals have means of communication which are, not available to human beings. Signals of some sort pass with magic celerity through a flock of crows and put them all to flight. The closest attention does not reveal to a human observer what the nature of such signals is but it is senseless to deny that they exist. The sentinel on the outskirts of a herd of feeding deer communicates intimations of danger to all the individuals under his guard and does it very rapidly in ways of which we can form no notion. Two ants meeting on a foraging expedition gos-sip with their antennae. Some say ideas are conveyed between them by the sense of smell, others maintain that it is touch, but nobody feels ex-actly certain what it is. The laws of the swarm must be taught to young bees in some way, but since they all appear to be expert as soon as they incoming sensory impulse is received are born nobody understands when and dispatched outward. In the course they go to school or learn their les-The ichneumon fly lays its eggs taint of U Renism from the election episode In the body of a caterpillar with the plain intent to have its young devout piecemeal the living prey. Who taught it this engaging trick and when?

We are moved to these reflections by a book on the famous Kluge Hans which was published in Leipzig last year and has just made its appearance in the United States. In this work Dr. S. von Maday undertakes to review the various explanations which have been proposed to account for the ease with which the various switches weird expertness of the famous stal-open and close. The impulse as it lion. He is an arab, and some ten He is an arab, and some ten starts on its outward way will pass years ago when his celebrity was most through the switch that opens to it flourishing he was owned by a Herr most readily. Some work custily, some von Osten in Berlin. His perform are well offed and worn with constant ances delighted the vulgar and per are well offed and worn with constant ances delighted the vulgar and per-use. When a switch, or a certain plexed the learned. He could answer group of them, has been worn into the most astonishing questions, exfacile action by long use we say a tract the cube root of large numbers, habit has been formed. To break up and in a general way he exhibited race, but this excited no surprise, since it is so common in horses, dogs and other animals

Erudite sages devoted their days and nights to the explanation Hans' proficiency. Books were written about him. Discussion rage warmly over the secret of his tricks Some said they were fraudulent. ers that they were clear proof of high dite opinion finally settled upon the theory that Hans depended on subtle signals of some kind made by his mas ter and answered questions not intelli-gently but by automatic obedience to preconcerted taps or something of The only trouble that nature. this theory was that the horse could go through his programme fairly well when his master was absent. He stranger as for his familiar owner Moreover, he could do sums in arith metic when the person who was sup posed to direct him was out of sight has been transformed into motor en- and hearing. So there always re-ergy goes out through the switch that mained a residuum of doubt as to explanation of Hans'

performances. Dr. S. von Maday examines all the theories which have been offered to account for the mystery and finds one of them entirely satisfactory. He makes some allowance for exaggeration in the published stories of the horse's accomplishments, but up the whole he admits that they can be relied upon. The things reported to have happened actually did happen. The first explanation offered is that the animal possessed an intelligent mind with a highly developed number sense. The difficulty with this is that nothing similar is to be found among beasts have good mem animals. Many ries of isolated facts, some are extremely wary and shrewd in a me chanlest way, their senses are famore acute than ours and their affecence they give only the faintest indi-

to mean the adaptation of means to been known ends and the pursuit of a train of con-profoundly. nected reasoning.

n the body to form the answers to his problems he of orators in Portland who can thrill The habits them-of a mental affair had ever done. Scientific men ster of old. On a larger stage Billy physiological psychology does not hypothesis that Hans was a reasoning the art of thrilling has been lost nor therefore diminish the importance of being and turns to memory for an the capacity to respond to its charms. nsciousness in human life, but mere-brings to light the apparatus which taught to associate eight taps with the written figure eight, nine taps with the figure nine, and so on. Hurses have proverbially strong memories but this was asking a good deal of that faculty, especially when we bear in mind that few animals can distinguish numbers beyond four or five. Upon the whole the memory theory does not seem to work. Hans made so many mistakes in his sums that he

Finally Dr. von Maday examines the hypothesis that Hans obeyed unconmaster was hidden behind a screen No wonder the Senate committee The truth is that every explanation of was touched. Now the good wife can Hans' expertness, with one exception, have her peg just the same as the seet with insuperable difficulties. The only theory that survives criticism do is fo order a shipment, and then we have not yet mentioned. It is, sign a solemn oath that she is more than 21 years old and is not an habit-mission. It almost seems as if we were forced to concede that Hans possesses telepathic powers of perception, and if he did we need not be surprised. What other faculty explains the swift flock of crows, the travel signals of state is urged as necessary to prevent wild goese and the instant obedience bootlegging. Has it not occurred to of an entire herd to the imperceptible messages of its sentinel?

## BETTER ELECTION LAWS.

If the Legislature shall pass the Olson bill directed at paid circulation of candidates petitions, the Day resolutions, submitting constitutional amendments to confine signatures on direct legislation petitions to registered voters and the Smith bill eliminating the "proportional representation" element in the election of National Convention delegates, it will have done much to improve the election laws of Oregon.

Mr. Olson's bill, as it has passed the House, still permits the nomination of litical effect, and the critics, in order candidates by petition, but it pro-vides also an optional fee method. The candidate, if he so desires, may simply pay a fixed fee to county state and thereby obtain place on the

It has become patent from experi ence that the paid petition signifies nothing as a rule but the fact that the candidate has paid a certain sum to get on the ballot. Mr. Olson's bill removes this fee from private pockets to the public treasury, where it will help pay the high cost of election.

Another section is designed to pre-vent Laffertyism. The candidate must sign a pledge that if he is not nominated by the party from which he is seeking preferment he will not accept the nomination of another party. The andidate may break this pledge withunless the ignomy that out penalty accrues to him who violates his word he so construed.

The Day constitutional amendments

are intended to prevent frauds, not to curtail the initiative and referendum. No check of the genuineness of signature is now possible and this hour Teutons and Anglo-Saxons were fact has led to gross forgeries. If still somewhat in evidence, the amendments finally are approved, enactment of a law requiring comparison of signatures with the registration books will be possible

of National delagates and restore full franchise to the voters in this particular. With ten to elect at large the voter may now vote for but one The bill permits him to vote for ten. Another election bill was presented early in the session but it has not been heard of since. Perhaps it was thought too radical to be considered favorably at this time. This bill eliminated circulation of petitions for laws or referendums, and provided in lieu thereof for public depositaries where the voters may sign voluntarily.

The optional plan of the Oison bill

suggests the thought that an optional method of initiating or referending laws might be tried. Let those who believe the people's power cannot be preserved without continuing the petition shover in existence still employ the soft-footed, often untruthful and sometimes criminally dishonest name solicitor. Let those who are content with an unassallable test of public demand for this law or the defeat of that law have their method. Such a law would soon determine the money element is essential to the

# THE DECAY OF OBATORY.

In a pensive editorial the Cincinnati Times-Star discourses on the decay of oratory. Our public speakers, it tells us, have become matter-offact. They keep their oratorical feet firmly planted on solid ground and do not essay the lofty flights of such mer as Webster and Henry Clay, "A speak er may convince us." laments our con-temporary, "but he no longer thrills us." Since it is the business of oratory to convince, it looks like a genuine when his master was absent. He economy of effort if that feat can be would do almost as well for a total performed without going to the extra stranger as for his familiar owner. backbones. Still we must admit that a great many estimable people enjoy that experience and it may be con-ceded that oratory has lost something valuable if this art has disappeared. But has it? No doubt the orator today is a far more quiet-mannered personage than his predecessor of half a century ago. His voice is agreeable modulated, his gestures are severely restrained, unless indeed he be a Billy Sunday. If he is of that astonishing breed, then nobody can lay down any rules for his conduct. He is liable to anything on the plaiform short of changing his shirt.

But there are plenty of thrills in the quiet oratory of our day. Hyperhole, as The Times-Star remarks, disappeared from public sper Those "noble edifices of words" the Olympian Daniel used to construct in his perfervid moments no longer rise in the oratorical atmosphere and few regret them, because after all the were merely words. It is to the credit of the present generation that it pre-fers stern realities to airy nothings Still there are thrills in stera realities, ippines next.

cations if we understand intelligence The quiet statement of a truth has The passion which flames human hearts can be infused Animals do wonderful acts auto- through soft syllables and gentle ges our minds the structure of the physical matically, but they pever reason, tures as well as through oratorical cal machinery through which the con-

NEEDS, OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY. The present condition of international affairs makes more than ever necessary that our foreign affairs should be in-the hands of trained men whose ability has been proved by long experience, and whose tenure of office is not contingent on political changes. Our National safety also requires conanglers to take them. Yet they can and doubtless will be caught in nets, or other devices, in some streams rights of women—who now are voters without violation of the principal change proposed is could in any case, hardly have been has been lacking since the Cleveland following a purely mechanical chain of scuttle from Hawaii. Patriotism distribution of the principal change proposed is could in any case, hardly have been has been lacking since the Cleveland sociations. be confined to our domestic affair

and that, in our dealings with other nations, we should stand as a unit. Close intercourse and constant fric-tion, resulting in periodical war, compel European nations to treat diplo macy as a profession in which a mar olds his position and wins promotion without regard to changes in control of the Government. In the more des potic countries, such as Russia, the of-fice of Foreign Secretary has frequentbeen the highest prize awarded to Thus wide exuccessful diplomats. perience and personal acquaintance with foreign statesmen are drawn into ervice in the conduct of the Nation's oreign affairs Until recent years the United States

has been so completely outside the cir-cle of international intrigue that we have not suffered seriously from our practice of pitchforking green men nto the State Department and into foreign missions for short terms. We have been blessed with an occasional genius at the head of the State Department such as Olney, Hay and Root, but they gave place to corporation lawyers like Knox or mere spoils politicians like Bryan, while perma-nent, trained statesmen like Adee were kept in subordinate places. Mer of experience and proved diplomatic talent like Henry White and W. W. Rockhill are supplanted by men who have merely deserved well of the party in power, and even a man who rises to the occasion so splendidly as did Herrick is hustled out of the way lest his good work make him political-ly dangerous. The foreign policy of an administration is attacked for poto make good on their attacks, undo or discredit the work of their prede-cessors upon gaining office.

This is not the way for a nation to make its power and influence felt in and years." world affairs. Events since 1898 and the present world-conflict have drawn us into the vortex of world politics. We shall be called upon to play a leading part in the peace negotiation which will follow the war. essary to our National interests and dignity that on that occasion we should be represented by men who are able by training and ability to hold their own with the diplomats of Europe, no by such political appointees as Mr. Bryan has sent to Europe or by such "deserving Democrats" as he has sent to Latin America. It should also be an axiom in the State Department that a new Secretary should follow up and complete, instead of undoing, the work of his predecessor.

At a conference in Paris, Latin civ ilization for the world was unani-However, at a late mously urged.

It is reported that a Baker farmer seized a rabid coyote by the tail and swung it over his head. Samson now Senator Smith's bill relieves the reverts to second place with his lion

> Our note to the powers is approved They'r y the neutrals. Surely. pleased to have us draw their elfestnuts out of the fire.

> Michigan Republicans demand tariff revision and a larger Navy, Such demand will not fall on deaf ear

> two years hence. Tacks are being used to put jitney

ut of commission at Seattle. The jit drivers might retaliate by soaping th streetcar tracks

The Germans may install a ne King for Poland at Cracow. We de-cline the nomination in the interest of health.

The Legislature has decided that women can't serve as jurors. So the omely man still has a chance for justice.

London reports that the British now have bigger howitzers than the Germans. It may be so, for all we

For a Nation with no Army and n means of raising one, it appears that we have rather a loud voice at timea

plowing this early a bigger year that evers in Oregon Icoms shead. Less uplift and more practical as-

With the Eastern Oregon farme

sistance are Mexico's need, says Henry Lane Wilson, Exactly. Personal mention: One of the Ore

gon faithful will spend about two years in Stam. With the Legislature about we can now look forward to the base

Now that we've had a thorough leaning up in Portland, let's keep the city clean.

Japan is growing avaricious and grabbing everything that's loose in Elimination of petition peddling

SERICC. That foolhardy foreign policy going to get us into trouble yet.

Tomorrow the Legislature gets

own to brass tacks. Made a start yet on your vacation

at-the-Fair fund?

The Japs will be grabbing the Phil

Gleams Through the Mist By Dean Collins.

Ode to the Great. When I was a lad. had cause to be sad, For all of my teachers, ambitious, guiding my youth Through pathways of truth

The ways of the great, They went on to state, Should really create A profound admiration. And make ev'ry boy Their model employ. Till he shall enjoy

The applause of the Nation

Now Washington had. When he was a lad. A bump of veracity whopping: From the old cherry tree, Which same he did not deny chop-

ping"; My teacher would say In her gentlest way. Till I wanted to bray And express my vexation For I never could see How that old cherry tree-As they told it to me Should deserve admiration.

Now I was not bad When I was a lad, But I loathed all those praises which, quaintly My teachers all piled

When they told of some child Who grew to a great man, so saintly, And I feel to this day And I rise here to say, That they used the wrong way-Now the dope that I needed, Was how some famous guy, With the same faults as I, Still, in some way, got by

And grew up and succeeded

"Sir," said the Courteons Office Boy in these hard times, the only chance to make both ends meet-

"Don't say it, my son, don't say it," warned. "You have been beaten to warned. that toke by the contortionist, the inch-worm, the hoop snake and the buby who can stick his too in his

"Anyhow," said the C. O. B. hope fully, "if you are a beef you can al-ways figure on a quarter." "But don't go any further and talk

bout the polecat and the cent."
"Even if I leave that out, I know of goat herder who found five bucks-"Yep, and no doubt you can tell of the surgeon who took a hundred bones out of his fatient's hand,"

"No. I was thinking about the gardoner-"Stop, now, before you have gone too far," I said. "You can't beat the game,

boy. Dawgonnit! There hasn't been a new one in that line pulled for years . . .

## Solemn Thought.

Now the Spring season doth appear; Behind the druggist's window glass, Where is that pile of sassafras-The sassafras of yesteryear

One would think, after noting the list of vices that the Social Uplifters attribute to Heredity, that Heredity works only with the "reverse English.

The rose is red; the violet blue; Sugar is sweet; and so are you -Old Valentine form

If Poe Wrote It.

The rose is as red as the passion Of sunset in skies o'er the sea; is red as the rubles they fashion In bracelets of fine filigree, As red as the blood that I see In thy petulant lips flushing through

And the violet that blooms on the less is a tender and tremulous blue, benutiful, baby-eyed blue Its petals reflect, in their neatness

From the sky in its tender complete ness: Its leaves are begenmed with the dew; and sugar has sacchar

A syrupy, stickyish sweetness And so, my beloved, have you.

# If Kipling Sung It.

Of the rose is red they tell me, and the violet is blue, And I'll not dispute the statement-'tis as old as it is true And they may that sugar's sweeter than molasses in a pail; And the female of the species may be

sweeter than the male. If Burns Warbled It. The rose that blooms upon the les

Is red as royal rubies be, And by the bubblin' burn we see The violet's blue: And sugar's, ah, so awest to me-And so are you.

If George Ade Could Do It. The rose can hand out Cards and Spades To the best Highball Beak I've seen:

The Humble Violet's Color shades The Bluest Orbs of Sweet Sixteen There's Taste about the Saccharine: But Sweet, or Red, or Tender Blue, I'll hand it to you, Geraldine-You've got a Lot of Class to you

Whittled Out Futurist Style. Wild, ardent color, flaming in the veid

Chromatic chaos, square or traper Hurling sharp sparkles and long lam bent glowsis it the violet or yet the rose? Vague senses stir to taste. What does

It mean. This all-pervading tang of saccharine? Blend all of these sensations into one, Like twisted tendrils, through a

streamer run, And loud I bellow, in a voice of flame. Ah, Love, like all of these, you are the samé, . . .

e losing some of his grip on the people, but St. Vitus is getting stronger with the mob every day.

St. Valentine, by the way, seems to

Here's an extract from an ancient manuscript:

"If Father Noah lived today, We wonder how he'd stand To have his ark held up by ships In search of contraband?"

We are informed that a friend doesn't ike the way we have been ending o columns. - v v

He thinks it is silly.

So do we.

So this time, out of respect for him,

Wo'll simply step when we're through.