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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

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session under the crown, approximately 1,000,000 men, without up to the present any accident or loss of life.

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to have stopped with the mid-Victorians. He mentions Tennyson, but not Browning, says not a word about Byron, though he likes Burns, and he remembers Bryant's "Thanatopsis."

These are admirable books, but what students need most is some acquaintance with living literature. Their class work familiarizes them fairly well with the dead.

Superintendent Alderman's newly published book on "School Credit for Home Work" (Houghton-Mifflin Company) is, as he says, "the narrative of the working out of an idea."

Mr. Alderman thought there might. He found upon inquiry that Mary "never helped with the family work before coming to school."

The next day Mary, the dunce of dunces, shone and triumphed. She had worked all the problems the teacher set and she had "worked five ahead in the book."

He saw how much all the girls admired any one of their number who could make bread or set a table properly. There was not here a source of inspiration that had been neglected too long.

At last, in 1911, the idea of assigning school credits for home work was actually applied in practice by A. V. O'Reilly at Spring Valley, in Polk County.

For one thing, Mr. O'Reilly's school won 100 per cent that term in a county spelling competition. But the good effects did not stop with that.

The American wheatgrower is now assured of a continuation for two or three years of market conditions which will produce a large crop in the United States coincides with a short crop in other countries—abundance of wheat to sell at high prices.

High prices for wheat were assured before the war began, for the world's crop of 1914 was below the five-year average and was below that of 1913.

Of the 1914 crop the countries at war produced 1,868,000,000 bushels, divided as follows: Country. United States 4,000,000,000...

Germany was a completely mobilized financially as in a military sense before the war began, according to a speech of Sir Edward Holden to the shareholders of the London City & Midland Bank.

It is generally accepted as true that when the Moroccan crisis became acute, the Kaiser asked the bankers if they could finance a war, and, on being answered in the negative, warned them not to do so.

Ten days before Austria declared war on Serbia, that is, before the diplomatic crisis had become acute, the Dresdner Bank sold its securities and advised its clients to do the same.

The Reichsbank then established war loan banks, war credit banks and war aid banks throughout the empire through which government securities were pledged to the extent of 75 per cent and other securities and produce to the extent of 45 per cent for loans.

The war was financed by the Reichsbank for the first four to six weeks, until its discounts and loans reached \$1,215,000,000 and its note issue totaled \$1,060,000,000.

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Gleanings Through the Mist

The Hunt of the Demons, (Hiram H. De Lays, of Birmingham, Ala., has been arrested on the criminal charge of selling a copy of a paper published outside the state, which contained a liquor advertisement. This crime in Alabama is punishable by a fine of not less than \$30 nor more than \$500, or imprisonment at hard labor for a term of not more than six months.—News story.)

In Birmingham, in Birmingham The regiments of purity The Demons hum with vigor clam And send him screeching up a tree!

A mission of the Demons hum The judge will sentence heavily Which is made in a state some Along the line of purity.

Light on the reason why illiteracy is so prevalent in Alabama. What's the incentive to learn to read? O, bulging mad, who, on the hoof, Will weigh 200 pounds or more.

Not satisfied with that, however, he goes on in another vein: Boy snow bill sled coast Joy snow spill head post for He includes a diagram in which he shows that each of the five vertical columns forms a separate capsule of tragedy.

Our only complaint is that he did not fix it so that it could be read diagonally either way; zig-zag; or taking every other word in each alternate line, and making in each case a perfect capsule.

There is perhaps a certain moral significance in the fact that the death rate among villains is greater in the movie houses than in the higher priced theaters.

Why a woman will ride in a jitney is bound to be largely a mystery; for there's not a living chance of her ever being able to beat it out of a nickel on an old transfer.