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founded a united nation.

The federal principle had been tried time and again before their day,

taught the people the meaning of the federal principle, grew to its fullness of power. For many years the state came first in the hearts of the people, the Nation second. The right of a state to withdraw from the Union was upheld in New England and the South and many a threat was made to apply it hefore the state for the people and to the extent of the citizen's cather of the people and to the extent of the citizen's cather of the people and to the extent of the citizen's cather of the people and to the extent of the citizen's cather of the people and to the extent of the citizen's cather of the people and to the extent of the citizen's cather of the people and to the extent of the citizen's cather of the people and to the extent of the citizen's cather of the people and to the extent of the citizen's cather of the people and to the extent of the citizen's cather of the people and to the extent of the citizen's cather of the people and to the extent of the citizen's cather of the people and to the extent of the citizen's cather of the people and to the extent of the citizen's cather of the people and to the extent of the citizen's cather of the people and to the extent of the citizen's cather of the people and to the extent of the manufact of the people and to the extent of the manufact of think what the poet made of this uncomments of Russian literature.

The necessity of organizing even our regular Army into larger units does not appear to have impressed our ont appear to have impressed our ono Very early in our history there was a conspiracy to separate the West with mouths of the Mississippi from the rest of the country and found in the regions tributary to the mighty river an empire hostile to the original Union. The conspiracy failed by the Providence of God and in that fertile

the tremendous wars that built up the

We read of the pitiful fate of able young lady. the Belgians and thank God for our when literary fashions almost force larly general officers to command the bante has received a great deal of higher units—and provide a system of attention from American scholars. Of their woe is faint. With our long exemption from the interminable strife "Treasure Island" without any herothat ravages the old world we have ine to bother his readers. Why cancome to believe that its troubles can not other authors do the same? never touch us. Wars, we protest, superfluous young lady overflowing the subject leads to the conclusion commentaries upon him. Longfellow may blast the earth with their fury with emotion and ever bursting into that at the outset of a big war the translated the Divine Comedy into elsewhere, but never here. We dwell kisses is even more annoying in the first few weeks would be spent in blank verse. Charles Ellot Norton in an enchanted palace surrounded movies than in novels. with delights and, gazing through its does the spectator begin to thrill with organization. We would be present- fessor Johnson's translation, which crystal windows upon the troubles of expectation of a bloody murder or the the rest of mankind, we fatuously ex- arson of a cathedral than everything seeking command of high units; of meter as Dante's original, but without they can be and we may rest assured of idiotic lovers hug and kiss one anthat in the course of events they will other. It is an imposition upon the were not fit to command squads. The Italian and the work of inserting No nation in all history has ever public. endured long without having to fight for its existence. Unforeseen destiny The Chehalis Bee-Nugget, which is appointment of officers would break voted worshiper of medievalism involves them inextricably in its web the oldest newspaper in Southwest- forth again and add an element of inand, once entangled, woe to the ern Washington, has issued an annipeople who cannot strike in self-de- versary and historical souvenir edi-

natural resources, none ever came of adequately illustrated. our veins the richest vital currents of years of existence.

not Englishmen any more, or Frenchmen, or Italians, or Germans. They are Americans now, Americans first and forever. Their only flag is the Stars and Stripes, their only hope is Stars and Stripes, their only hope is the United States. and forever. Their only flag is the unit forever. Their only flag is the ten entertainingly and without pading or flamboyant expression. Moreous in the welfare of the United States. Old loyalties fade and die in the peris written at home, set up at home splendor of their new patriotism. Old splendor of their new patriotism and splendor of their new patriotism. Old splendor of their new patriotism and splendor of their new patriotism. Old splendor of their new patriotism and splendor of their new patriotism. Old splendor of their new patriotism and splendor of their new patriotism and splendor of their new patriotism.

Eastern Business Office-Verse & Conklin, The Oregonian has from an ex-The Oregonian has from an ex- 080,000 indicated in April. cited citizen—we guess he is a citizen—a letter charging that we are trying to "drag the United States into war." The letter ought to have been addressed to the President of the San Francisco Office—it, J. Bidwell com. Zen—a letter charging that we are

and in writing the articles of the Con-stitution they often had in mind the vation or qualification, and without special interests of the social class to concession to a false-hearted Ameriwhich they belonged. All this may cantsm which would lower the flag be admitted without detracting from upon the demand of any enemy, acthe substantial merit of their work. tual or possible, foreign or domestic. It was not faultless, for it had soon We desire peace. We have said so, to be amended in fundamental par- and we mean so. But we are not will- year's crop. ticulars. It has not brought the millennium to pass, for the United States
has its troubles like other countries
and is confronted with problems cryand is confronted with problems cry-

WATER, NOT MONEY, TO WASTE,

The immediate question as to water

him about constant meter readings. The people of Portland have water

stop the one, but encourage the other.

A writer in the Unpopular Review with blessings for human kind, the attack which he has made upon the which to meet a serious situation, it Americanism that lives and dies for "heroine of fiction." This female has is apparent that at least 800,000 would Issippi Valley and the Pacific simpers and swoons through the office cierks would have to be con-Coast entered the Union, not as inde- "Scottish Chiefs," meekly ambles verted into soldiers and this of necespendent sovereigntles cementing an through Dickens as the faint shadow sity, requires time and patience. illiance with their equals, but as of the male characters, wearles us in youthful communities admitted to Scott and feebly annoys us in Thacknembership in a great and splendid eray. In current fiction the heroine ity than Colonel Bryan has agreed, thus formed was forever inseparable, clamors for a solution which most of of 1,000,000 men. This eminent ex- follows that Dante is a popular poet.

velopment of the United States was It is the simple truth that half the there are only 600,000 stands of arms many after all. Not a tenth as

The Unpopular Review writer to France, Italy and England as an "incumbrance" and a "plague." waged against Russia, and the recent She seems to be exceptionally annoy-There are times

Stevenson managed to write "they never can be ours." But has to stop indefinitely while a pair men insisting on being given regirhymes. Our tongue is not nearly so

fense when the aggressor aims his tion of unusual merit. The souvenir is in magazine form and is printed or "To be weak is to be miserable." book paper. The cover is a beautiful trained officers to go around. Cer- rooms. In common with other mod-This is the great practical lesson of photo-engraving of Mount St. Helens, tainly the regular Army does not pro- ern languages Italian is much more history. If the American people are Inside is much valuable information weak it is by their own choice. No in early and current history and on ficers as well as men would have to half a century ago and Dante has other nation ever had our wealth of the progress of the community, all learn the science of war during war. better blood. We have mingled in commemorates the close of thirty-two

These bear factors account for the cents below May, while the differ-ence last year was only 10 cents. But, I speak whatever happens, the farmer is likely to earn a fat profit on this

ing for solution. But one thing the authors of the Constitution did accomplish. One piece of work they assent to the doctrine that they may also the control that they may also that they may also the control that they may also the control that did which time has not impaired and the stress of events has not shaken. From thirteen weak, discordant, mutually suspicious colonies they ternational tribunal of last appealarmed conflict.

In the event that war should be debut it never had worked in practice. It was tried in Greece and brought forth nothing but weakness. It was tried by the allied opponents of Rome

upheld in New England and the South and many a threat was made to apply it before the great secession of the slave-holding oligarchy occurred.

deteriorate and become useless.

But always there must be meters our divisions, have no existence below that of Milton and, like Milton's, while it was once intensely interesting the user from getting all the water the wants and the second to annoy military men agree that a period of ing to intelligent men, it is so no their sentiments. It is doubtful, how-

lars. It is apparent that we would have to have more than five corps to do

Getting the men would be a small

ment, but efficient officers-particu- scantily received. supplies, of administration and of re- the twenty-four English versions

The best available information on have deluged their classrooms utter confusion rather than systematic rendered it into biblical prose. ed with the spectacle of politicians has just appeared, is in the ancient struggle between states and them wherever the poet did would be Federal Government for control of the enough to discourage the most deternal turmoil.

patriolic fervor. The men who have about as near being our ideal of what enemy is going to show any such char- and his treatment of theological subome to share destinies with us are a small city weekly newspaper should ity-unless prevented by physical ob- jects marvelous. But we all know the

this country is about 14 per cent greater this year than last, and the Government crop report for May indicates a yield of 693,000,000 bushels of Winter wheat as compared with 619. Winter wheat as compared with 619,- us to a sense of our shortcomings, It vard, though by that time Professor

AMERICA FIRST.

may release a large store of Russian is America before all others with us. When Herman Ridder, editor of the

OUR MILITARY LIMITATIONS.

At a time when the American to be set right."

With fond to mories and of comments tent day—to ment of Carl Schurz: "My country, right or wrong: if right, to be kept right; if wrong. to be set right."

When George Washington Vierick,

650 YEARS OF DANTE.

The poet Dante, who was born at forth nothing but weakness. It was tried by the allied opponents of Rome in her Italian wars, but for them it was a rope of sand. They fell asunders think the installation was a rope of sand. They fell asunders will have been endorsed, and power devoured them placemeal. The federal principle was tried by the commissioner Daly, or any of enemies, but homestic and foreign with domestic and foreign storm test of war it always betrayed these who trusted it. Never until the meter any force of its size which it might be called upon to cope with. The force of the commissioner Daly to install 5000 meters. It was the history of the best observers tell us that while in the history of the history of the best observers tell us that while in the history of the history of the best observers tell us that while in the history of the history of the best observers tell us that while in the history of the best observers tell us that while in the history of the best observers tell us that while in the history of the best observers tell us that while in the history of the best observers tell us that while in the history of the history of the best observers tell us that while in the history of the best observers tell us that while it was then, but it has often been manders think twice best observers tell us that while it was then, but it has often been manders think twice best observers tell us that while it was then, but it has often been manders think twice best observers tell us that while it was then, but it has often been manders think twice best observers tell us that while it was then, but it was then best observers tell us that while it was then best observers tell us that while it was then best observers that was then, but it was then best observers that was then best observers and the warring for the results of the meters will pursue the power day ter programme to a paltry 5000?

The meter question, reduced to the simplest terms, is that Commissioner Daly purposes, at a cost of many hundred thousand dollars, to restrict the use of our over-abundant water. It will stop waste, he says, and ultised by the consumer.

The recal duty of the Commissioner The recal duty of the Commissioner The real duty of the Commissioner The recal duty of the Commissioner The recal duty of the Commissioner The recal duty of the Commissioner Is to stimulate, not limit, the general Affect the consumer.

So abundant they did not know how to use if, for scientific method had not yet been rediscovered and what was in the barts of his countries of his countries. A little later the remains of the Greeks knew of it had long been forgotten. A little later the remains of the Greeks knew of the harts of his countries. Since a newspaper is the index of its city, a view of Marshfield through the would our one little corps hold its own with the forty or fifty corps that any first-class nation might precipitate upon us?

After the rection the unsurpassed by to use if, for scientific method had the Record, has just bought ground the Greeks knew of it had long been rediscovered and what was in the Asia out the Greeks knew of it had long been rediscovered and what the Greeks knew of it had long been rediscovered and what the Greeks knew of it had long been rediscovered and what the Record, has just bought ground the Record has into my the Greeks knew of it had long the Greeks a federation of states made to endure use of our over-abundant water. It through foreign and civil war. Until their day the only lasting unions of sovereignties formerly independent were effected by conquest. It was pure reason and the persuasive voice of justice that cemented the thirteen wrangling colonies of the Revolution into the United States of America.

But the mighty work was not completed in a moment. Many decades elapsed before the national spirit, born when Hamilton and Madison when Hamilton where are season and the persuasive voice of fective the fournish and adapting them to mode were flexed to with the forty or fifty corps that any list accumulating discoveries of science furnish all the material required to work. Dancies on the fournish when the four wheat any list accumulation when Hamilton when the four when the fo

preliminary training in consolidation longer. The literature that deals with ever, if Holland or Sweden or Dencamps would be necessary. Even then Dante and his poetry is of colossal ex- mark would care to speak out of their to waste, but not money. Daly would this force would not be ideal for tent. Twenty-four complete translaactive service against trained regultions of the Divine Comedy have appeared in English alone and other commentaries upon his text and comeffective fighting. On the theory that mentaries upon the commentaries are he will find a jury crazy enough to territory, doubly endowed by nature deserves great praise for a courageous we would want 1,000,000 men with almost countless. Some writers assure us that no book in the world has written about the whole country sprang into flampestered novel readers ever since the have to come from civil life—from Dante's poetry except the Bible itself.
Ing grandeur. The new states of the days of Sir Charles Grandison. She the shops and wheat fields. Store and narrative is singularly attractive to a Victoriano. certain class of minds, while his spec ulations concerning the unknowable matter. As no less a military author-ity than Colonel Bryan has agreed, kindred spirit for the exercise of their Nation and they felt that the union is like an algebraic problem. She one day would suffice to raise an army unrefued wits. And yet it by no means

When the Federal principle had us are too much tritated to give her pert neglected to mention where the stood the test of the Civil War it was if we could. And we could not if safe forever and the subsequent de- we would.

There are certain passages in the Divine Comedy which are quoted great broadsides of ink and i.eir come from and when we consider that that of an indivisible Nation, not a novels in the world would be more en- available and that our facilities for as Shakespeare has given us. Virgil alliance of sovereign states, joyable if the heroine were left out, manufacturing small arms and can- is quoted more commonly than Dante That development has been pursued The author feels obliged to bring her non are very limited the question of by literary men. He was from the in almost unbroken peace. Few and in now and then in order to keep up equipping an army of 1.000,000 men first admired by scholars. The widely separated have been our wars "the heart interest," but he almost becomes more perplexing. What reader will recall that Boccaccio lecpetually desolates the stricken coun- hates to do it and would banish her if 1,000,000 men; and reducing this mob Italians have always made much of tries of the old world. The revolu-tions of 1848, the repeated overturns does not follow his inclination rather in France, the birth struggles of Italy. Where the officers would come tional unity had taken hold of the German Empire, the Crimean war whom we refer speaks of the heroine from; where the supply system would public mind. Dante was a great adcome from; where the field equip- vocate of a united Italy which might ment would come from; where the be able to defend itself from foreign war between Japan and Russla were ing to him in Rider Haggard's stories, sanitary and medical supply system aggression and quench internal dis all fought while the United States was where, to quote his words, "she is would come from, are all matters cord. But this remained with him at peace. With the blessings of prolonged stateliness of a queen with the style of to know in the vaguest way. Being not gain a footing in the practical peace we have felt something also of a professional elecutionist and the lo-its disadvantages. Few Americans quacity of a cook off duty." And yet know the real meaning of war. The all who wish to enjoy Rider Hag-is beyond the most optimistic expecta-And yet would get these things in time, but it tury. When it did, the Italians reder Hag- is beyond the most optimistic expectaknow the real meaning of war. The all who wish to enjoy know the real meaning of war. The all who wish to enjoy know the loss of adventions that a few months would suf-miseries of invasion seem to us like gard's incomparable tales of adventions that a few months would suf-the imaginery horrors of a night- ture must put up with this disagree- fice to develop not only all this equip-honors he had long merited but only

serves such as would meet the re- his great work four were made in this country, while our college professors laurels at home and abroad by its That incompetents would gain com- work upon Dante, but it has not suc mand is assured, for the deep-rooted ceeded in gaining many readers for reason that there are not enough the great poet outside of college classvide a sufficient surplus. Hence, of studied in our colleges than it was We might get somewhere, even in the light of such a handicap, were the enemy kind enough to defer arworld. We have levied upon all that any weekly newspaper might be tacking us for a year or two while vital interest outside academic halis the earth for genius, courage and proud of. The Bee - Nugget comes we were getting ready. But what Of course his style is incomparable

us to a sense of our shortcomings, It ought to, even if it be settled by diplomacy.

| Variable of the settled by diplomacy of the settled by diplomacy. fellow, in whose day there was quite a rage for Italian medievalism at Har-FORTLAND, SUNDAY, MAY 16, 1915.

THE SLUMBERING GIANT.

Eminent students of American history have expended much effort with in the lists few years to lay bare the motives and interests of the men who framed the Consilitation of the United States. The issue is squarely up to phere. They were moved by the ordinary feelings of human belings and in writing the articles of the Consilitation of the war continues, we approve it, and so does and in writing the articles of the Consilitation of the States. They were moved by the ordinary feelings of human belings and in writing the articles of the Consultation of the States has been stated by President or the total to 390,000,000 bushels, it would swell the total to 390,000,000 bushels, it would swell the total to 390,000,000 bushels, but the acreage is so much larger and the condition so much better that a record-breaking crop is promised. In fact, there is confident talk of a 1,000,000,000 bushels, but the acreage is so much larger and the condition so much better that is government the tonited States, who is responsible for the policy it declares and the action it portends.

Yet it is well enough to say that, if there is war, it will be because Germany wants war, not the United States and the decision rests there is an interest of the money was a patriotic. American the delived into the forgotten Scandille in the United States and the action it portends.

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Yet it is well enough to say that, if there is an it will it so for the full right of a marking to so for the full right of the forgotten Scandille in the torigotten Scandille in the time of the might have been expected to make the war continues, but are held down by two speculative factors as different to the Consilitation of the United States and the action it portends.

Yet it is well enough to have the united states and the student of the

New York Staats-Zeitung, was asked School senior would take to the sim-These bear factors account for the fact that the September option is 40 where German-Americans stand, he long that the defense option is 40 replied: I speak for myself and I believe, for the great majority of Gorman-Americans, when I say that we are with the President of the Cuited States to the fluish in all matters affecting National honor or National prestings.

I subscribe unqualifiedly to the state-ment of Carl Schurz: "My country, right or ment of Carl Schurz: "My country, right or days in the student's life.

ton gowns for graduation, but there's a division of sentiment on the propriate that propriate the substitute of the state-ment of the student's life.

Beston Heraid — President Wilson has ground in his buck-yard garden.

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Sir," said the Courteous Office and I was instantly all attention ightened position set forth with clarity and power by the President.

Wilson world. ton gowns for graduation, but there's

A famous dramatic critic has just and to do it without the help of words,

Ever since the victories of the

The meter question, reduced to the strong which it might the great who trusted it. Never until the simplest terms, is that Commissioner be called upon to cope with. The the Greeks knew of it had long been by purposes, at a cost of many hundred their genius to the problem was plied their genius to the problem was plied their genius to the problem was a federation of states made to endure through foreign and civil war. Until the discovered and what input to cope with. The the Greeks knew of it had long been by purposes, at a cost of many hundred their genius to the problem was particular defect is that there would be only enough men for a very small of the ancient world were brought to light and able men found sufficient through foreign and civil war. Until

We may ask other neutrals to voice

Harry Thaw is to have anoth trial by jury as o his sanity. It must be the Thaw theory that eventually adjudge him sane.

Huerta's daughters and their hüsbands and children have now joined him. No wonder mere war and an-

The biggest rose crop and the biggest Fose Restives ever would seem lo be assured. The weather certainly is-

grime of rattling typewriters.

What will the Kaiser say? That's now the question of the hour. And if we don't like what he says, what are we going to do about it?

Bryan to provide a way out. A. B. C.

ve can't quite forget Vera Cruz as bearing on the issue at hand.

out diplomatic straws in the hope that we will clutch them. The only flies we have noted were

in the immediate vicinity of the home team at the ball grounds, In event of trouble one of our reatest mainstays will be the Ger-

man-American.

Federal probe of the cement trust s in prospect. It will be hard digging, no doubt.

While the note was signed "Bryan." wager sixteen to one that Bryan didn't sign it.

try of ours? The Greek King is down with a fever. Not the war fever, we take it. not now hold the reins of executive power

Arbitration hinted at. What music to the Bryan ears For our part we ain't seen no flies to swat thus far.

stir us strongly.

Press and President's Note

What Newspapers of United States Say Concerning the Communica-

Buffalo (N.Y.) Courier — Right-minded men of every party will approve its tone and tenor. The dearness, the definiteness with which the presentation is made can satisfy the most rigid Americanism that views large affaire sanely. It seems to meet every requirement of American patriotism and honor.

Buffalo (N. Y.) Express—There has been no backdown. Let the people's response go out from every corner of the land. We are all Americane.

States Government, particularly a policy sea warfare, must not long be delayed.

Boston Globe-Provident Wilson has not shirked a grave responsibility. The Amer-ican note clearly shows that Germany must relent or take whatever consequences we may decide to adopt.

Boston Journal—President Wilson's worth are those of a patriol. We cannot believe that a nation which is bound by so many ties of friendship to this Nation is so far possessed by war madness that she will fail to head the message. Boston Post—The note is all that such a message from a justly aggreed nation to the aggressor nation should be. In it is the voice of the American people at its finest and best. It is a powerful appeal to German sanity.

Philadelphia Public Ledger—The Admin-latration has spoken and spoken to the point. The German government cannot have the slightest doubt as to its meaning. Will Ger-many listen to the voice of prudence be-fore it is too later

Pueblo (Colo, Chieftain-A wise, strong patriotic message free from Jingo hysteria

Ealt Lake City Tribune—We take it for granted that the President's position to his note to the German government will be upheld with practical unanimity.

Great Falls (Mont.) Tribune—The President's message leaves the deor open for continuance of good relations within the United States if Germany is so minded. That is undeubtedly the position nine-tenths of his countrymen would have the President take. This country wants war only as a last

Bozeman (Mont.) Chronicle—Couched in friendliest terms, the note is none the less frank in its statements of America's cause for complaint and direct in its domands upon the German government.

Billings (Mont.) Garette—While the note is absolutely lacking in hombasile utterances or threats, the note makes it piain to Germany that this Nation is not going to tolerate recurrence of the horrible events that have destroyed American lives.

A pudding tuned up to the epicure's blood, Your guest would prefer in this sect of a case.

A nice little, delicate dumpling of mud.

'Tis foolish to offer a rabbit a steak, For cabbage is very much more to his tasks.

Anaconda (Mont.) Standard-The no strong, firm and dignified, yet courted Butte (Mont.) Miner—The question whether the United States is to take pain in defense in this great war waged upon civilization no longer rests with it, but reposes untirely in the hands of the autocra-and blood-mad ruler of Germany.

se him sane.

San Francisco Examiner—In opening to broad question of the legality and proprise of a submarine blockade, the President has and children tave now joined. No wonder mere war and anhad no terrors for poor old clane.

San Francisco Examiner—In opening to broad question of the legality and proprise of a submarine blockade, the President has and unquestioned American right and ventures upon the debatable ground network and the safe and unquestioned American right and ventures upon the debatable ground network and the safe and firm basis of a submarine blockade, the President has and unquestioned American right and ventures upon the debatable ground network and unquestioned American right and unquestioned American right and proprise of a submarine blockade, the President has a submarine blockade, the President has a submarine blockade, the President has and unquestioned American right and ventures upon the debatable ground in the legality and proprise of a submarine blockade, the President has a submarine blockade, the Pre

bear calmiy. Les Angoles (Cal.) Germania—A condi-tion of war between the United States and Germany is unthinkable. Millions of good American estimens claim Germany as the land of their birth. These citizens must now exert their influence to prevent a war which is not justified in any degree. The american people must remain calm and trust the sincere intentions of our Govern-

Bacramento (Cal.) Bec-The American pe ple today have rich reason to be proud of their Fresident. Woodrow Wilson has met a grave crisis spiendidly, facing it with firmness, without fireworks.

the dun't like what he says, what are we going to do about it?

However, if the situation becomes tense we may r ly on W. Jennings Sryan to provide a way out. A. B. C. children.

mediation, for example.

Missouri is indignant at Oregon quarantine on Missouri stock and hence will have to be "shown."

As to the note, so far so good, But we can't quite forget Vera Cruz as centerplated.

Children.

Presso (Cal.) Republican—If Germany is prepared to make its submarine blockade of England physically as well as psychologically officially as well as psychologically effective, we may be sure the imperial government will yield to no argument except force, and we do not understand that the word "act" contemplates the use of force, nor that the American Nation is in possession of any force to use if it were so contemplated.

Seattle Times—It is a temperate an meaningful note. Ninty per cent of the American people will attand behind the President in his efforts to carry out these real American declarations of true patriot Scattle Post-Intelligencer-It is no jingo

utterance; no 'mere scrap of paper,' but cool, calm declaration—ultimatum if yo please—of this American Nation, and support of it there will be no faltering division.

Salem (Or.) Statesman—There is in the note a reaffirmation of the former attitude of President Wilson. Our Government and our people cannot recede from this stand it must be consistently held, even to the point of breaking off diplomatic relation with Germany, or worse.

Missoula (Mont.) Missoulan-Its genera-tone is most conciliatory,

Who said there wasn't much pa-triotism and unity in this great coun-wishes of the American people.

Lewistown (Mont.) Democrat—The note is smile, smile, Lost, ruined cities, Malay mysteries-

Walla Walla Union—If the American ; ple ever had cause for thankfulness it been in the past few days in the realiza-of the fact that Theodore Roosevel; c

This is the weather that makes the oses.

Walls walls (Wash.) Bulletin—We have all confidence in President Wilson. There is no President since Abraham Lincoln who has so nearly the undivided confidence of all the people.

Gleams Through the Mist By Dean Collins.

Songless. cannot sing a song of Spring.
For Spring is almost out of date;
Nor can my song to Summer ring.
For there is atill a month to wait.
With one too soon and one too is!
It bothers me like anything:
O'er neither can I jubliste—
O'er neither can I jubliste—

O'cr neither can I jubilate— So hanged if I know what to sing. I cannot sing a song of pride.
About Britannia and the waves;
My friend who's on the other side
Against that sort of byric raves;
With equal rage likewise behaves
My British friend if I should fing
A laurel to the Teuton braves—
So hanged if I knew what to sing.

I cannot sing a soug of peace—
Some of my friends for war are strong—
If I should urge that war should cease,
The jingo bunch would hold me wrong;
Nor can I benet in accents errong;
The flag of Mars abroad to filing:
Neither peace pipe nor battle song—
So Hanged if I know what to sing.

L'ENVOL

My friends, your differing tastes do fall Too far apart for me to sing A sung that's bound to please you all— So hanged if I know what to sing.

We have seen more pardage madeand less rooting about in from the bleachers-in a brush college football game, than the combatants are accomplishing at present in Flanders.

Solemn Thought. They may bang, they may batter those forts
if they will,
But the Dardanelles seem to be boiding out still.

A mother's pride over her babe's first tooth is a weak and coloriess thing compared with the pride of the suburban householder on beholding the first bean-sprout that gets clear of the

"Sir," said the Courteous Office Boy. and I was instantly all attention for I knew that he had brought out mother volume of the capsure classics on the Five Inch Bookshelf for Busy Men. "In this volume," said the C. O. B. "we offer the busy public a two-minute version of Hen. Longfellew's famous

epic of Evangeline." Printeral forest green; Evangeline, Village queen; Her heart won By Gabe, smyli's son; War; hopes shattered; Village scattered; Village scattered; Stee thinks maybe she'll find Gabe; Gabe more skell She'll find Gabes; Gabe, poor skyats, Doesn't wall; In many a spot He's atmust get And hardly man Dodge fiancee; But, will, he Just keeps quite free, Vange quite quest; Gabe gets rest; Found as last When years have pa Found at last
When years have passed;
Too sick to fly,
Gabe must die.
When he is through,
she crasks too;
Village queen,
Evangeline;
Primeval forest green.

There are scores of soldiers in the slands who have not yet been able to read "The Eyes of the World," says erged an article boosting donations to a circulating library for U. S. soldier After all, we see that the soldier's life has its advantages.

The United States is now about the only big nation left in which there are still citizens who feel that one of 'em could clean up a whole regiment of any other nationality.

A morning stroll with a social uplift theorist might be referred to with propriety as a bored walk.

The Appropriate Thing. 'Tis folly to feed to the angle worm base, A pudding funed up to the epicure's blood Your guest would prefer in this sort of a

Why offer white wine to the mere billy Who much would prefer a nice paper or And why should the struggling, sorrowful Uncork high-brow odes on the average man?

It is worth while to pause, once in a while, and look back over our past, and in this connection we would say,

It the days of old, when the Romans bold Salled galleys on the sea.

They had no sort of submarine—
Who knows now where they be? Which is not especially good, we believe, as is the following reference to the baker of the old days:

The baker rolls home with a bun,
Instead of raisin cults,
Oh, who can like this loading one,
Though much dough he may make? We thought of the following last week, but dropped it en route to the omposing room:

The boy stood on the burning deck Nor thought of submarines; They'd made the deck a total wreck Because he held five queens. Sometimes a man stands on his recof ord in bopes that his brogans will cover up the unattractive part of it.

You of the gay metropolitan life, Bred in the blaze of the city's wild strife, Worshiping fashion and custom and throng

O. do you think as you hasten along That, in the progress of these advanced days. I am a dreamer too strange for your You love the rush and the roar of the

You are content to remain where you I long to follow the course of each star, Long to forget man's existence and strife Out where peace fosters an Idyllic life.

Boise (idaho) Statesman—It is a "show-down." If the President's words mean anything it is that Germany must abandon its policy of naval snarchy or accept the consequences of our "other action."

Weighed with the wanderlust passion, afinme, policy of naval snarchy or accept the consequences of our "other action."

I listen—all things of the mist mouth my name; my name;
Breeze of the everglades, flower of the Nile.
Waters of blue lakes that dimple and

All, all they beckon me over the sens. Often you wonder why I hate the street That echoes the treading of myriad

feet. Aberdeen (Wash.) World—if Germany either wants war with the United States or is indifferent to such a clash the way is certainly open and made says by the note. If Germany cares for the friendship of this country, there is nothing in the note to prevent. Whatever the outcome of the note, Americans have only one clear duty—to stand behind the President and give him every possible support.

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Trip of An Airship. Wonder no more. In the crowd's cease-

Philadelphia Ledger. "The airship went up in smoke," "Burnt?"

No; ascended in Pittsburg.