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"ECONOMIC READJUSTMENT."

President Wilson is reported to be willing now to have the tariff in some of its schedules revised upward; but it is not to be known as a "revision." Not at all. For the President has discovered a beautiful new phraseeconomic readjustment."

There is to be an economic readjustment of the tariff because of the changed conditions growing out of the been all right if everything else had have been a success if it had been permitted to succeed. Of course,

The tariff was in fact a demonout. It had done incalculable harm truth. American industries, and did not produce adequate revenues.

Now the war is a substitute for protective tariff, but still there is not enough income from the customs. So wool is to be taken from the free list, and sugar is not to be free next May,

as was proposed. The case of wool is worth our renewed attention. Since it went on the free list, under the present tariff, millions of dollars have been lost in revenue, and yet the price of wool has not gone down. There has been no benefit to the consumer, and no gain, but actual loss, to the Government.

We have often heard from our Democratic friends that the price of wool has actually been advanced and the grower has been the gainer. It would be interesting to hear from

them if the great Democratic policy of making wool duty free was to take revenue out of the pockets of Uncle Sam and put it in the pockets of the wool-grower.

EFFORT TO REPAIR A BLUNDER,

which have driven American ships the good of all. from trans-Pacific trade. He does not propose to interfere with those sections of the law which actually improve the condition of the seaman, but he proposes to amend the sections which turn over the jobs of rendering impossible the operation of American seamen in competition with water powers.

Japanese and Chinese ships.
The law was passed at a time when circumstances were peculiarly unfavinduce the sale. So, also, did the Government is bound to respect. Panama Canal law by forbidding railroad-owned ships to use the canal the Pacific Mail being owned by the Southern Pacific Railroad.

The Pacific Mail seized a favorable opportunity to ratire from business after having vainly tried to teach its Chinese crews to understand nautical terms expressed in English. The Dol-British flag, doing a lucrative business in carrying lumber from both American and Canadian ports on the Pacific Northern steamship Minnesota to foreign owners will complete the removal of the American flag from trans-Pacific trade. Some of the Pacific Mail liners will remain in the Latin-American trade under the American flag and the American-Hawaiian ships will still run to Hawali under the coastwise law. Americans who wish to engage in the steamship business to the Orient will do so under the Chinese flag in co-operation with Chinese capitalists. Any old flag-even the Chinese-is better than the American under the LaFollette law. The new Congress will have more

old Congress of the consequence of Andrew Furnseth said they were bluffing, and Congress believed him. The pledges of aid in obtaining action. bluff has now been made good, and the new Congress may attach more weight to the opinion of ship-owners and less to that of the Seamen's Union, The interpretation of the law by the law officers of the Government exempts from its operation all but a foreign vessels, and thus brings ships. Another year must elapse before denunciation of conflicting commercial treaties, which the law directs, could make it apply to foreign

Unless an amended law should authorize Secretary Lansing to recall his depunciation of these treaties, we are likely to find our commercial relations with every important nation embarrassed to please Mr. Furuseth and his allies. Each of these treaties Representative M. C. Smith, of covers a number of points and is a Michigan, reminds us that the war bargain, each nation granting certain privileges to the other in exchange for certain other privileges, Necessarily, if War and Navy Departments should the United States withdraws any one of these privileges, the other nation is machines now obtainable and enlistdeprived of the equivalent for the ing qualified men to run them at wages privileges which it has granted, and proportionate to the skill required and the whole bargain falls to the ground. Our commercial relations with the whole world are to be seriously disturbed because Congress blindly fol- with regard to infantry, with men un- for all it's worth lowed the lead of one interested party

and turned a deaf ear to the other. The story is a sad commentary on the consequence of cringing before any influence which is supposed to

Administration to inform the public of the law's injurious effect on American shipping is a poor augury of its on a friendly neighbor. readiness to urge Congress to repair the blunders of 1914. Instead of a shipping code revised in such a man-ner as will put the American flag on the sea, we are given the LaFollette 4.25 the sea, we are given the LaFollette 2.25 law and are offered the ship-purchase

SEARCH FOR THE TRUTH.

The Oregonian prints elsewhere tothe water-power question, Chamber of Commerce banquet by this country and England. several speakers, who presented the subject from the respective standpoints vassed by the New York Times, and of the Government and of the state.

plainly defined. The Government de- lotted with less certainty, choice being sires through a leasing system of sites divided among "Ivanhoe," "Lorna to the power companies, with a tax based on horsepower developed, to villes." ontrol; the state insists that its in-

commended to the Pierce address.

The present tariff would have engineer, Forestry Service; while the Bernard Shaw or Rudyard Kipling position of the states is explained fully practicing any such modesty. been all right. That is to say, it would by Reed Smoot, United States Senator, It is a most valuable symposium. It is printed by The Oregonian in the hope that the public, given an opporstrated failure before the war broke tunity to hear both sides, will learn the

MERE BUNCOMBE.

The Portland Central Labor Council, in a grand rhetorical outburst at a meeting the other night, by a rising vote denounced "militarism," and also went enthusiastically on record against the "movement to introduce militarism in the public schools." The local 'militarism' monster which has frightened the Labor Council into ormal babble of protest consists of a plan to organize several companies of cadets in the high schools. The service is to be in no way compulsory, and the training will be wholly for oung men who, through a loyal desire o equip themselves to help their country in time of need, wish to make a

tart toward preparedness. In the eyes of the Labor Council any plan to train or equip militiamen or cadets is a "movement toward militarism." It is nothing of the kind. It s a wise and necessary plan for the perpetuity of the Union and the protection of its people. It is a prudent vay to keep the peace, so that men Congress will no sooner have met may work in safety and be free to meet than Senator Weeks will introduce a at night and "resolve" against the bill to amend the LaFollette Seamen's safeguards that other men seek to ally hear excoriated the commercial-demonstrated beyond dispute. law by eliminating those provisions throw around them for their good and ization of American literature. Oc-

The resolution of the council is en titled to the same small measure of against the late water-power conference should have. Of course the council knows nothing about the subject; Americans to Chinese and Japanese, but through inclination and habit, These sections have that effect by is willing to join the purely artificial lack of a nice discernment of the read- world's champion with a mark of 1:58. clamor against the "interests" which ships under the LaFoliette law with are opposing Federal control of state

Here on the one hand the council orable to continuance of ships flying ernment over purely domestic con- Green Van." the American flag on the Pacific under cerns; but on the other hand it is in its provisions. The great demand for an awful panic over any policy by cause for bitterness of soul in the mat- tainments. neutral ships on the Atlantic Ocean which the same Federal power should tor, so we may assume that she speaks Directum I, who is a grandson of has enabled the Pacific Mail Company seek to maintain itself against any from sheer honest contemplation and Direct, who held the world's record to sell its ships on good terms for foreign foe. It commits itself to the observation of the subject when she of 2:06 in 1891, has had two brilliant operation on that ocean, still under indefensible principle that the Nation exclaims that our writing-and-read-campaigning seasons. He has been a the American flag. The increased cost has no right to prepare for possible ing habits have reached a pass where joy to behold in action, being, perof operation on the Pacific under the attack by a possible foe, and to the new law and the impossibility of com- equally unsound principle that the Braving the displeasure of her pub- formers of years. peting with Oriental lines contributed states have no rights the National lishers—a displeasure she need not tered, his stupendous courage being

AIRCRAFT FOR ARMY AND NAVY.

One of the most impressive lessons of the war is the great value of aircraft for scouting, reconnaissance, direction of artillery fire and raiding. They are doing much of the work which was formerly done by cavalry lar steamships were transferred to the and are doing it far more effectively They are useful for offense, as the allled attacks on the German submarine base at Zeebrugge prove. They are Atlantic ports. Sale of the Great also useful for defense, as the French proved by repelling with aeroplane the Zeppelins which aimed to attack German dirigibles have done much damage in England and France and German aeroplane: spied out Russian positions, while Russian reverses have been due largely to lack of alreraft. The fire of the British fleet and land artillery on the Dardanelles is directed by aircraft.

The Aero Club of America, therefore, does well to stir up the people to make good our miserable deficiencies in this respect. It has started a National aeroplane fund, by which aeroplanes have already been donated to light on this subject than had the old the National Guard and naval militia Congress. Steamship men warned the of several states. It has canvassed Sentors, Representatives and Army ofadopting the injurious provisions, but ficers on the need of aircraft for Army and Navy and has obtained many

In this particular the departments Lodge states that the money appropriated for naval aircraft has not been spent, owing to failure of American manufacturers to furnish aeroplane and to the differences of opinion among experts. While experts wranits full force to bear on American gle, we remain miserably weak. We have about a dozen aeroplanes of different types, which Representative Cary, of Wisconsin, describes as "only a bunch of rattletrap machines with two alike." Captain Bristol truly observed to the House naval commit-

The zeroplanes of Europe have been good enough to do very effective service, and surely it is better to have machines that can lo something than to have no machine

at all. "shows that an army is more readily recruited than equipped." Both the lose no time about providing the best the risks taken. We do not wish to be caught in this respect in the predicder instruction for nine months but having no rifles

OUR BEST NOVELS. After decades of heated discussion and controversy one great moot point in literature has been determined with a finality that appears to be complete. The six greatest English novels have been determined. Not the six best sellers: that can be computed on an adding machine; but the very best in day (pages 4 and 5, section 5) an all the elements that go to make up informed and elaborate discussion of the novel that is worth while. The It is in result was fixed not by popular elecform of papers read at the recent tion, but through the medium of some Western states conference and at the twenty-eight of the leading authors of

The returns were polled and can-The streams belong to the state and the public lands to the Government; copperfield," "The Scarlet Letter," so that the issue between them is "Robinson Crusoe." Sixth place is al-

No further choice is left us. There terest is paramount, and that the are no other "ifs" and "ands." The utilization of the water is purely a matter is done and settled. The only domestic matter for state regulation. field for speculation is the manner in The enormous importance of water- which the election was conducted, power development to all citizens, and upon which no enlightenment is especially to the West, is shown in the given. We may assume, however, that instructive paper of Mr. Henry J. the authors must have been given first Pierce, of Seattle. The reader who and second choice votes. Otherwise wants to know why he has a direct how could a decision have been interest in the subject is particularly reached; for what leading novelist is so dead to his claims to immortality The attitude of the Government is that he would omit his own best volwell shown by Mr. O. C. Merrill, chief ume from such a list? Fancy George

> that the authors of the elected novels have passed, long since, from these high taxes. The unanimously selected live ones are all dead ones, so to speak. The leading author, if we know the tribe, would pass immediately into the immortals of the distant past after transcribing his own precious name as the head of the list. How else could he find fit company for his own

> matchless masterpiece? But regardless of the manner of its shall find no fault with it. Perhaps a name might be substituted here and there, but that is a mere matter of and we shall let the decree of taste. the high tribunal of leading authors pass unchallenged. We would encourage rather than discourage such research. Then, in due time, perhaps, we shall be advised that a new election has been held-to determine the six worst English novels. That should be an easy case for the high court of authorship to decide. Each leading vote first, last and all the time for the work of his leading contemporary.

LITERARY PAY STREAKS.

cholarly litterateur comments in nicefrom the dross. But the latest im- ond off that, peachment of publishing habits and

omething ought to be done about it. we surmise no objection would be enary values are really unnecessary.

chorus of amens. Her plaint is neither new nor novel except as coming from sport has lost its popular cunning. the writer of a \$10,000 prize novel, for if the charges she makes are

of our readers.

We don't believe any well-meaning better. And so they hang on to that Indianapolis, for \$12,000. pay-streak so long as it will pan a single color. By the time this find discovered. Or possibly the author has acquired a reputation worth buying.

Thus the writer who gains popular attention must hover close the naths of his success. The publish. Great Britain wants some American er, goaded by competition and avar doctors. We have a surplus and would ice, insists upon some more of the

ping law. The reluctance of the them on the firing line where there writer who has not struck the chord Mack, with a mark of 2:08, who not interned in foreign ports, and Gerpopular fancy must be satisfied long since was being driven in livery man ports are dead. were no fees to be split. Otherwise of popular fancy must be satisfied we would not play such a shabby trick with a pittance. A cent a word is his in Portland. Lady Jones, a 2:07 troton a friendly neighbor.

At the same time, in spite of subthe editors want, something trite of Springbrook. But who seems to have has actually begun to recover from plot and stilted of style and hide-bound | cared? of technique if he would dispose of his wares. Possibly he will have a ranch, Ken West, another speedy ani- cent in July as compared with 15.9 run in the five-cents-a-word periodi- mal, is spending his last days. W. L. per cent in the seven months ending

cals, but again he must be careful to Whitemore raised him. He had a July. The decrease in exports was tickle the publisher's mercenary pal- few workouts in Spokane and did 27.1 per cent in the seven months, but ate. Now and then some daring pub- 2:08 on a half-mile track. At that was only 21.8 per cent in July. lisher will put forth something strik-lingly new—but only as an experiment. \$4000 for him and refused it. A little July, while the seven months showed If it takes there is a rush of writers later Ken West mysteriously went a decrease of 9.4 per cent. The in-into the field like unto that of gold- lame, and since about 1909 he has creases and decreases are by compariseekers to some distant strike. The been on the farm. new field is promptly worked dry, the

somic adjustments, and we must wait talk of reviving the matinee racing, the losses for the delights of a riper age. Nor now that the auto craze has worn off, should we blame the publishers too It is to be hoped for. bitterly for they are mortal business men engaged in pandering to the publie wants. What the public do not want the public will not have-and there is neither prudence nor profit in trying to force it upon them. Federal control nor a minimum rate system for authors can be applied. So we

in the fact that the discriminating reader is slowly but surely gathering strength of numbers and that the discriminating author is able to eke out a comfortable livelihood.

FAST HORSES AND A LOST SPORT. The idea of a first and second lions, at Syracuse, N. Y., in which the acy will be a powerful, if not the conchoice vote is heightened by the fact former broke the world's record for clusive, factor in deciding whether pacing the mile without a wind shield Germany shall succeed, and the latter set a new mark for the paced. Dan Patch almost ten years ald of a wind shield and against time. selection, the list is a good one and we William went the mile to a wagon in

the fine time of 1:59%, the accredit-ed world's record heretofore having been 2:01%, held by Little Boy. Of course, it is to be remembered that twelve years ago Dan Patch did it in 1:57%, but as in his sulky performance, it was an exhibition event, with Britain, 32; France, 13; Russia, the aid of a wind shield and against time.

The wind shield of today is a boon to the delicately bred animal. Nothing so upsets a speeder as a fleck of dust or a blast of wind during a race author could be depended upon to against time. Therefore the wind shield is used. A wind shield is nothing more than a sulky with a silken cloth to break the wind and gather the dust. The sulky is borne by a From the shabby portals of some running horse just in front of the ack writer's apartment we occasion-

The two new champions therefore casionally some dreaming tyro who for the day are the pacing marvels. refuses to abandon his ideals and fol- Strangely enough, they have been rivlow the methods of the successful als in several races and last year Direspect that the other resolution writing crowds bitterly arraigns the rectum I downed the Billings horse American lack of taste in choosing its in the effort to set a new world's reading matter. Not infrequently some pacing mark, which he did. When he holarly litterateur comments in nice-selected phrases upon the seeming the Columbus, O., events, he was the ing public in distinguishing the gold Now he has clipped more than a sec-

The distinction between practices emanates from rather an un- against time, with all the artificial approves the extension of the auto- expected source-the young author of aids, and an actual race in the open cratic authority of the Federal Gov- the \$10,000 prize novel "Diana of the is recognized by horsemen and for that reason the performances of Directum Miss Dalrymple has no perceptible I and William are notable speed at-

Directum I, who is a grandson of haps, one of the most consistent per-He has seldom falfear so long as her stuff will sell- an asset almost as great as his speed. Miss Dalrymple says that merit doesn't Of good manners and exemplary matter a whole lot with the publishers, style, he has shown the result What they are hunting for is pay- of breeding. If racing occupied the streaks, not literature. Of course if same popular place in the mind of the the two happened to occur together public today that it did some years through some unforseen coincidence ago, when, say, Dexter or Goldsmith Maid, or Nancy Hanks, Star Pointer ered by the publisher. But true liter- or Lou Dillon, were clipping seconds off the speed marks, Directum I would It need not be suggested that this be in the mouth of every schoolboy oung woman will awaken a mighty and his picture would be wrapped in available as to how many of these vesbunting in every stable. But the

The great family of American trotting horses, and it is to be rememtrue, which we believe they are, then bered there is no basic difference in she must have been devoting her tal- the blood of the American trotter and through explosions and aerial boments to pay-streak stuff. Otherwise pacer, is interestingly associated with bardments of shipyards on the how could she find herself in the good the horse-racing life of Oregon, There graces of the publishing folks? were at one time three or four Since she enjoys that good for-tracks operating here almost simultune she might as well develop it taneously, but without proper discito correct the professional ethics of or horses who could have been quickly from one front to another is tale with nature-faking, science-jug- the famous old barnstormer, Che- by sea and has kept them supplied then he will read something worth been the greatest horse of all time lost. are even behind Congress. Senator draw down more for being literary light, Pathmont and Altamont. Alta- been moved through the Mediterraclowns and mountebanks than does mont never was bred to a mare who nean. While the Teutons are able to Mr. Wilson for being President. It did better than 2:30, yet he fathered move troops with great celerity inthere is no select following for the than 2:10. Along with the other con- with perfect freedom around the exexceptional writer who holds his art spicuous racers in Portland between tremities of the Teuton territory. The the exception that proves the rule, as norte, 2:04 1/2: Touchet, Argorite, Edith nearly all outlying German posses-Kipling used to say before he W., Sweet Marie, and ever so many others.

whether it has spontaneity or merit or not. More of the same is preferable to something different that is

the racing news an account of a perpeters out a new field must have been formance of Jane L at the Paris, Ill., the same name riage mare are an epic, with all its at-

Somewhere around Portland on a Russia. Imports increased 27.2 per

At the time of the De Lashmutt and 1914. Down to July 28 German suboriginator seeking to repeat his feat P. J. Mann breeding farms, light har- marines had sunk 221 British ships In much the same way and a multi-tude of imitators simulating both his community, and why it should have of 11,328 ships of 21,045,049 tons undisintegrated the horsemen can best der British register, and the loss was However it is possible we should not tell. It probably was due to poor likely more than offset by the build-The country is new, the transportation facilities to the tracks ing of new ships, for the tennage unpeople busied with effecting their eco- and lax administration. There is some der construction in June was six times

EFFECT OF SEA-POWER,

In the present war the position of Britain and her allies toward Ger-many bears a strong resemblance to that of Britain and her allies of that day toward France in the Napoleonic wars. After the battle of Trafalgar must walt. Meanwhile there is hope Britain was supreme at sea and from the battle of Austerlitz to the retreat from Moscow France was supreme on land. Britain now occupies the same position as she then did, while Germany so far has the advantage, but s by no means supreme on land. Much hard fighting remains to be The spectacular performances of done before Germany can attain that Directum I and William, pacing stal- supremacy, and British naval suprem-

From the first Germany has not delightful environs of warfare and mile paced to a wagon, stir anew the ventured to challenge British naval soul of the horseracing sportsman, but supremacy with the imperial battle it is doubtful if the soul of the great fleet. For the first few months of the populace is even jarred. More's the pity. Directum I circled the mile in sea and preyed on British commerce, the remarkable time of 1 minute 56 % but they have been exterminated or seconds, going without a wind shield. driven to neutral refuge. An attempt His was not the fastest mile ever was made to wear down British naval superiority by picking off warships ago did it in 1:55, but it was with the one at a time with submarines and mines. Since February the same means have been used in the effort to destroy British commerce and to cut off the empire's food supply.

The record to August 1 shows that Germany has falled in both particulars. The losses of warships of all kinds to Britain and allies were: Great Japan, 3; total, 53; aggregate tonnage about 300,000. These figures include the battleship Audacious, of which the New York Sun says: "It is now well understood that this ship was not lost, but only damaged, and she is again in osses on the Teutonic side were: Germany, 67; Turkey, 5; Austria, 4; total 76; aggregate tonnage, about 200,000. The greater allied loss in tonnage is itself testimony to allied supremacy, the sea; the heavy vessels remained in is kept up. shelter. Since August 1 the Teutonic and Turkish losses have been heavier than those of the allies, for they included the Turkish battleship Haireddin Barbarossa, the German minelayer Albatross, battleship Moltke and eight destroyers lost in the battle on the Gulf of Riga, while the allies have

lost only a few light cruisers and destroyers and two or three submarines. According to the Sun's figures, Britsh, French and Russian losses have been more than offset by new ships construction of which was so far advanced when war began that their ompletion within a year was assured. These new ships are:

Great Britain—Nine dreadnought hattle-hips. 13 light cruisers, 10 destroyers, sun-rry submarines, 'france—Three dreadnoughts, three de-France—Three dreadnoughts, three de-stroyers, 16 submarines.

The allied fleet has also been strengthened by the addition of the

Italian navy, including two new dreadnoughts. Against these accessions Germany can set one battleship, one battle cruiser, two light cruisers and an unknown number of destroyers and submarines which were so far ad- there, as his mind has been a blank vanced on August 1, 1914, that they His apology is accepted. are likely to have been completed,

Austria was building three battleships, three protected cruisers, six destroyers and eight torpedo-boats when war broke out, but no information is sels are likely to have been completed within a year. The Austrian battle fleet is as thoroughly bottled up as is ten are for those cadet companies in the German, and Austria has suffered of uncompleted ships some losses

The advantage of interior lines of itarism. communication and strategic railroads by which Germany and Austria are for there is nothing that can be done pline and co-operation. Great horses, able to transfer troops and material our publishers or the literary morals made great under proper handling, offset by the ability of the allies to and some who have since achieved move whole armies and great convoys The average American reader wants fame, were bred, foaled, raced or of material by sea from all parts of what he wants when he wants it. ruined in Portland. Old-timers re- the world. Since war began Britain What he wants is some swashbuckling call with a feeling of keen regret has moved well over a million men gling propensities or some shallow halis, who was ruined rather than Only one troopship, the Royal Edfarce or rollicking comedy. Now and raced. Some thought he would have ward, is positively known to have been Germany and allied reports while, but not when his real tastes under proper training and care. His have told of another such loss, but can be pampered. It is this taste time was remarkable as it was, howthat has developed a run of popular- ever, being 2:04 4. when 2:00 was British Admiralty. An Italian army today writers of rag-time fiction who unknown. Then there was Search- estimated at 100,000 men has recently must not be implied, of course, that seven colts, all of whom went better land, the allies are able to move them above his bank account. For this is five and twenty years ago were Del- allies have isolated and conquered Mesopotamia; they have invaded Tur-Not the least conspicuous of these key proper; and they have gathered writer starts out with any other than is Hal Boy, who raced the other day forces and supplies from the ends of the best intentions. In the course of at Syracuse when Directum I made the earth for these purposes. All of his apprenticeship if he chances to his mark. Hal Boy was credited with this work has been done by sea-power. stumble upon a set of characters that a time of 2:02 1/4, although he lost They are attacking the enemy's terri-strike the public fancy he is lost, the race after the first heat to Rus-When the series runs out and he gets tired of the whole thing he can't stop. The publishers want more. They bid to come from the Hal B stock, was the publishers want more. They bid to come from the Irvington track. They bid to come fooled out here on the Irvington track. against one another with alluring Paul Wessinger was his owner as a keep Turkey isolated and to destroy prices. They want more of the same colt and sold him for \$100 to C. T. it before concentrating all their forces

used to deprive the central empires of The other day there appeared in materials of war in the hope that consumption of their reserve supplies and of their wealth will reduce them to races. It recalled the fine animal of military impotence. They have de for some time stroved German commerce except with ament in which Britain finds itself This, then is capitalized and worked driven to the Ladd carriage and later countries bordering on the Baltic Sea taken to California. There she won a and with countries adjoining by land. good-sized purse from a large field In 1912, the latest year for which ofafter a long series of heats. Among fleial records are available, German horsemen the performances of the car-commerce totaled \$4,676,275,000 and it is probable that at least \$4,000,000. tendant episodes. Old horsemen around | 000 of this total has been cut off control votes. It affords small hope be glad to ship them our entire output same, and the prices paid are lure Portland can tell picturesque tales in | Many German ships have been capthat we shall obtain from the new of the fee-splitting variety provided enough to control the pen of the aver-congress a wise, well-considered ship- the authorities would promise to put age writing mortal. Meanwhile the might have bid for fame was Mack-

loss of the markets of enemies and of Reson with the corresponding period of

Should the parallel between the present war and the Napoleonic war be continued so far that the Teutons overpower Russia, France and Italy as completely as Napoleon overpowered all the nations of continental Europe, Let's warn old Mars to stay aloof, Britain may elect to continue the war And not to show the cloven hoof, alone, as she did against Napoleon between 1809 and 1812. The British empire may be able to keep Germany and Austria cut off from the world by Let's mount upon a winged giraffe. sea, as it kept Napoleon's vast empire during that period. The war may yet resolve itself into a fight to the finish between these two Titans.

When the orchestra struck up in the mining camp dance hall young Rockefeller found himself unable to resist the lure of a whirl about the floor with a handsome partner. But with this latest revel in his western tour he should not flatter himself West. Wait until his feet are moved by the entrancing strains of the six shooter. Many a tenderfoot has tripped the light fantastic to such an accompaniment, and John D., Jr., may experience the sensation if he journeys inattended into some live western nining camp which he doesn't happen to own.

Henry Ford laid before Secretary Daniels yesterday his plans for an ef- The peace promoter doth all walks pervade, fective submarine of trifling cost and And well the olive branch is pruned and is deadly in comparison with the elaborate F. M and U types as the jitney car is to the electric limousine. Who knows that Henry will not soon be making them to run as pleasure boats | Whether the audience be as on lakes and ponds?

The Anglo-German argument whether a torpedo or a mine sank the Hesperian recalls the kid argument, "Tis," "Tisn't." It can never be settled unless the two nations raise the ship, commission." During the same period and then the jury of experts would be likely to disagree.

Army airmen are breaking records at looping the loop. Better increase the aeronautic reserve so as to replace for it is due to the fact that few ex- those who are certain to break somecept the lighter Teutonic vessels kept thing besides records if the looping

> of Mexicans under our present regime. Turn our soldiers loose once and the practice would cease. The real old-time forest fires that smoke seem to have disappeared-

thanks to modern preventive measures. There is a fine chance in the British army for American fledgling doctors to gain a varied experience surpassing meet in modern days to shun all milian ordinary post-graduate course.

Apple pickers are needed. There is picking should not become as great a peace all emphasized. Let music ring holiday event as hop picking.

tired from business, and now has nothing to do except clip a few million dollars in coupons yearly. An Oregon man found in Seattle

says he does not know how he got President Wilson has been presented

with heirlooms of Zachary Taylor's Possibly a hint to do as Zachary Taylor did in Mexico.

If we feel the public pulse aright something like nine people out of every the high schools.

If Miss de Graff saw the Knights Templar drill, she must have been shocked at the horrible display of mil-

Mount Lassen is reported active gain. For the express purpose of stimulating Fall travel to the Fair, we take it.

been so well advertised as to suggest the possibility that it is a bluff. It is to be hoped that the allies'

The German attack on Serbia has

agents will be able in the end to pay for their trip over here. Who says Oregon is not a corn state?

Let him go the round of the country fairs and be convinced. We opine that the Russians will be grateful for the relatively pleasant

igors of Winter. Could the City Commissioners them. elves stand the test of their own efficiency code?

Where is the old-fashioned war expert who declared the trouble would end this Fall?

The city might hire another efficiency expert to make the efficiency ode efficient. The melting pot of the Balkans is

immering and will soon boil over. The wise person started his Christnas shopping dollar day.

oys on the job.

Must be Fall maneuvers.

oung dog!

Now for the Salem Fair.

Gleams Through the Mist By Dean Collins

Peace in the Schools reary Muse, on faltering wing! ome hither, for we've got to sing Some stanzas more On "War; what for?

And all that silly nort of thing. Forsake your ancient metric rules; Forget your melophonic tools: For we today Must sing and play

Of peace, sweet peace, as taught in schools ome hither, Muse, but do not march

With marrial tread, as stiff as starch; But slouch toward me; "Move naturally"— Bring not thy lute of tender to Bring not thy flute divinely blown; Bring no brass bands; The time demands

he mild, innocuous gramophone. Come, let us look unto the stars, Amid the twang of trolley cars; As at The Hague

Tell how we hate the old ged Mars. Remain alone

And be unknown To children 'neath the schoolhouse roof, horn of loganberry quaff,

Loud songs for peace, ifter the wishes of De Graff. "Sir," said the Courteous Office Boy. "Speak on my son," said I

And then release

"I have a thought that doth annoy my soul," he may reply. "For teacher tells us all that we should leave the choolhouse naturally, and furthermore says she is hep that only convicts must keep step, or men who play the soldiers that he has had a taste of the real game (which she believes is much the same").

"Aye-aye, my son, " I said, "proceed." Sald he: "The thing that has me treed, is: if the teacher's talk be true. then sir, I must confess to you, us boys you'll find there every time, plumb full of tendencies to crime, provided marching bears the shame that hangs upon the convict's name or men who play the soldier's game (which she believes is much the same).

spanyed, And myriad persons ever seek to hang

lew pigeon's cages underneath its shade. Whether at Alder, Stark or Washington, The friends of peace keep talking, speech on speech

Of how to put the war god on the run. Lo. William Jennings or Doc Jordan haste To plant the elive in the wide war-waste, Or round about our own locality The dogs of war by dog catchers are

Lo. Doe Galvani, in our neighborho or Chapman, or mayhap C. E. S. Wood, Or Rosenthal or other lesser lights oclaim that war is hell and peace looks SESSORIA.

On every hand I hear them without cease Their fierce phillipics 'gainst old Mars' release, Until I often feel, the while I list, That Sherman's words sometimes apply to

Killing American troops on the borler continues the innocent amusement Oh, peaceful and denatured school where mildness is accentuated; where martial steps are barred by rule and history eviscerated; where young ideas no more shoot (for shooting is a warlike word) and schoolroom songs they must used to choke the whole country with dilute, for fear some warlike sounds

be heard. The opining hour; the class we see enter the schoolroom naturally, heads down, chests in, as vou'd expect-for soldiers hold themselves erect and it is

tary ways. Now children, lift your voices strong, in some sweet patriotic song nicely reno reason why, in due time, apple vised and modernized, with joys of from floor to arch condenmning Sher-

The elder John D, says he has re- Bring the grafanola, boys, we'll sing anoth song: ling in praise of mildness and accept the

ling of how the soldiers all did very, very While they were marching through Georgia.

Oh pshaw! Oh pshaw! They were the naughty ones Oh pshaw! Oh pshaw! They carried wicked gunst And they went and fought (how horrid!) so

the shameful story runs, While they were marching through Georgia. Let's sing again, dear children, with a

weet and tuneful noise about the foolsh marching or the poor untutored Framp, tramp, tramp the boys are marchin,

(Which is quite against the rule.) But they knew no better then. For they were poor soldler men. And they were not educated in our school And now, O Muse, before we go, there s another song I know, we wrote for other time and place, but which appears

he grand pianner, we'll sing a new 'Star-Spangled Banner": Oh, say, can you see by the dawn's early light, What it pleased us to note at the twilight's

to fit this case. Strike, Muse, upon

last beaming. Whose broad stripes and bright stars made a beautiful sight, From the pole on the Postoffice daintily streaming. We looked up in the air, And we said: "I declare! What a fine bit of color our flag makes up

o long may that star-spangled banner's de-Wave on-and all people be perfectly nice.

WAR TAKES THE WELL-FED MEN The Nations Have Found It an Asset In Economic Efficiency. From the London World

When we come to make up the profit and loss account on the war it is to be hoped that people will not forget to include the very valuable social lessons that we have learned, lessons which, if we can profit from them in peace time, will be of incalculable benefit. There is one which may be overlooked, and which even now is only partially appreciated, so it is perhaps partially appreciated, so it is perhaps desirable to lay stress on it—it is the proper feeding of the working classes. This is no recommendation of So-cialism. It is merely the obvious truism that it pays the manufacturer to see that his workmen are well fed, since thereby even in peace times he gets regularity of attendance and effective discharge of duties. When the best men of the country went to the war Greece and Bulgaria are mobilizing. Raw weather has put the rah rah coys on the job.

Oh! fie! Young John D., you gay oung dog!

The bargain-hunters were out in orce.

Exit the ice man. Enter the coal man. that canteens are now springing up in all parts of the country, mostly under Government anspices.