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THE RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE,

Verdun has ceased to be the main focal point of the great war and hisoffensive action, which opened June 4, has continued without reaction; and progress made to the west and south have been rehabilitated, that new They have appeared for battle not only with inexhaustible first-line men and reserves, but with every indica-In this respect the Czar's bosts are in striking contrast to the Russian forces of a year ago, when artillery

extending from the extreme south-western shores of the Gulf of Riga al-most due east to Friedrichstadt and thence in a southerly direction to the thence in a southerly direction to the at Kovno, which is a good 100 miles back of the firing line and Kovno, in its turn, is on a line 100 miles east of Warsaw. So if the Russians ever get around to the task of expelling Von Hindenburg they must

However, the present offensive is inquiry at the outset, "What is war?" by the point where the Austrians alone inquiry at the outset, "What is war?" by the production of the point where the Austrians alone inquiry at the outset, "What is war?" by the production of the point where the Austrians alone inquiry at the outset, "What is war?" by the production of the point where the Austrians alone inquiry at the outset, "What is war?" by the production of the point where the Austrians alone inquiry at the outset, "What is war?" by the production of the price of the price of the price of the price of the production of the

No such thought as over-running accept an American protectorate.

Austria probably has occurred to the He has recently exerted Russian commanders. The great against Santo Domingo in compelling drive has the aspect of being the first that country to conduct its affairs as stage of a concerted strategy to isolate the field of Teuton operations and acof preparation for the great coup now says:

in process of development. These operations, It may be assumed, were the product of that great allied conference in Paris last Winter. No doubt Lord Kitchener was on his way to the Russian front in connecwith this same strategy when he went down with a British cruiser. It need not be surprising if a western

ward over mile after mile of stubborn-ly held territory. Brusiloff is a popable strategist and brilliant tactician. Submarines were killing American in the series of raids into American coarser and less finely trained lyric There accommodations are to be found in the past Galician campaigns he citizens and destroying their property territory which have not ceased of his own construction. The first suited to the tastes and circumstances at sea. Mr. Wilson's failure to re- Goaded by the attack on Columbus stanza suffices to give an idea of his been given him. It is, of course, too the less war. This one-sided war be-early to estimate his genius as a com-

north or south nor of the presence of the United States without resistance to withdraw them. Incidentally, a Von Mackensen, past conqueror of on our part. The German government fresh crop of alarming stories is per-

the Russian armies, whose services might be looked to in a serious situation. But the action is in its early stages. If the Russian advantage per-lag in the Russian advantage per-lag in the responsibility for those attacks. It has offered to compensate the injured, but has not disavowed the acts nor punished to emanate from Mexico. It is safe to assume that conditions in glomerate of the influences apparently single routing of one week.

Mexico are about the same as they have been for the past two or three burne's philosophical poems and of fact, that is coming to be more and the popular in Oregon. Most of the more popular in the complete in the comp Entered at Portland (Oregon) Postoffice as second-class mail matter, subscription Rates—invariably in advance: weakening vital lines? Austria can through its citizens, ill afford to withdraw heavy forces Apologists for the tration probably ref

> Like other Democratic orators, Mr. Bryan is careless about the statements of fact with which he supports his theories. He said at St. Louis:

If President Wilson yielded to the deand of those who have clamored for nearward in Mexico, we would no sooner away crossed the line than the same men would tell him that the soldiers must never some out, for, my friends, annexation is he next step after intervention has been undertaken.

We intervened in Cuba in 1898, but tory is now in the making on the did not annex it; we handed it over Austro-Russian front. The Russian to its own people for government. When it was torn by civil war, we again intervened, but after putting its what might have been dismissed as a series of local actions is now accepted as a concerted forward move by Rusas a concerted forward move by Rus-time. During the Taft Administration sla against the Austrians. The steady we intervened in Nicaragua, but have progress made to the west and south not annexed that country. During indicates that the armies of the Czar the fifty years which intervened behave been rehabilitated that now tween our treaty with Colombia, guarhave been renabilitated, that her tween our treaty with Colombia, guar-courage, vigor and hope have been dif-anteeing free transit on the Isthmus, fused among the millions who, less and the revolution in Panama, we rethan a year ago, were driven back in broken disorder. The recent capture but we have not yet annexed it. We of Lutsk and the taking of tens of joined the other powers in interventioning thousands of Austrian prisoners show tion in China in 1900, but we have not annexed one inch of Chinese territory

The nearest approach to annexation since the Spanish War has been made by President Wilson in Haiti. He forced a protectorate on the black republic, taking charge of the custo houses and the police. The great rushed back with empty caissons and tory was that of California and the infantry retreated with empty belts Southwest after the Mexican War, and The Teuton battle line in Russia, if party. About the same time by a shoved back a hundred miles from its present position, would still leave the Oregon country. As annexers they or the model among American central powers at a great advantage take the medal among American over Russia. Poland lies in German parties. Not until President Clevelutches, the Teuton line in the north land scuttled from Hawaii did they

presuming upon such neglect by the Von Hindenburg has his headquarters American people. It will be the business of the Republicans to enlighten

### THE DEMOCRATIC SLOGAN,

has recently exerted force

He exerted force against Villa, but

But these are not the only wars in which the United States has been engreat game now being played. If the Russians break through from Lutzk to the Bukowina, Bulgaria will be seriously menaced and the allied forces in Saloniki can be launched in the tasks of forcing Turkey to its knees and of later occupying Serbia. No doubt the assembling of the Serbian army remnant of 100,000 men in Saloniki with new equipment sent from France was one of the minute details when the United States has been entered and the United States has been entered and the United States has been entered by the learn readjust themselves in emotion at ringlets. It was held up until the Wilson nomination had been announced and the campaign launched. It may go forward this week; possibly today. Just why it has been held up the tasks of forcing Turkey to its knees and of later occupying Serbia. No doubt the assembling of the Serbian army remnant of 100,000 men in Saloniki with new equipment sent from France was one of the minute details which the United States has been entered from the Wilson's Administration. A state of war does not necessarily involve resistance by one nounced and the campaign launched. It may go forward this week; possibly today. Just why it has been held up the violence or force against another"; he says nothing against another. Says nothing the control of the minute details and the campaign launched. It may go forward this week; possibly today. Just why it has been held up the wilson nomination had been an neurced and the campaign launched. It may go forward this week; possibly today. Just why it has been held up the violence or force against another"; he says nothing against another. Says nothing against another we ware not provide and the campaign launched. It may go forward this week; possibly today. It may go forward this week; possib France was one of the minute details whole against another, for Webster in Mexico, Carranza has been forced

arrying on war against each other presented in Mexico have at the same time made threats, taking sides first with one need not be surprising if a western war on the United States by habitual—bandit leader, then with another. Wil. allied offensive develops as a second ly killing, maiming, imprisoning or son made personal war on the one or even as a part of the present stage robbing American citizens throughout man who showed any evidences of be of the movement. Certainly there is the three years during which Mr. Wil. a connection between the events of son has been President. The United lace, Victoriano Huerta. American June in the east and the desperate efforts of the Crown Prince to break against Huerta and is now making it der a fire which claimed the lives of through at Verdun and gain the advantages of a great moral victory as well as a shortened German line.

against Villa, but the followers of a score of American fighting men. But vantages of a great moral victory as well as a shortened German line. In General Brusiloff the Russians have not struck back except when our for all the forces were withdrawn on appear to have found a leader suited troops were treacherously attacked at one pretext and another. The Bryanto the demands of the enterprise now Parral. This has been an "imperfect Wilson A-B-C mediation farce was cal talents first began to be called to being carried forward. During the few days of June the name of Brusiloff has taken place with that of Petain and Von Mackensen in the popular mind. His brilliant attacks and his mind. His brilliant attacks and his mind. His brilliant attacks and his the concerted action of its citizens diplomatic sermons. When the safety of American the content of the c offending country promptly disavows not followed up by show of force or the act, punishes the perpetrators and insistence. ular idol in Russia, although little had been heard of him by the world at That course was taken by our Govern- ico reached the stage of interfering their devices of imagery flow more or by train or auto, even by streetcar. large previous to the present offen-sive. He is a cavalry officer, a vet-and Chinese. ment when mobs murdered Italians as between brawling bandits and the less trippingly from his pen-smiles of the Administration were He has a poem to himself

army with 300,000 men, but since then tallate and the limitation of his oppo- and the restlessness of the American the mantle of supreme command has sition to written protests make it none people, a puny force was assembled

Bayarian reinforcements from the zens Germany was making war on until the United States feels disposed

the war; but even if the Russian plans strong. He has valiantly committed the stage, from outward appearance of the war but even if the Russian plans strong. He has valiantly committed the stage, from outward appearance of the weak is now being set, going to provide an state like Haiti, but he has cowered important part of the Democratic before the might of Germany and of campaign? had he consistently followed the policy of non-resistance, he might have bloody climax of a series of fool-defended it as a matter of principle. but his interventions twice in Mexico and in Haiti and Santo Domingo deprive him of this defense. There are also limits to the non-resistance even of a Quaker. It is related that a stalwart member of that sect once visited a British warship and was accosted by a little whipper-snapper of an of-ficer with the question: "If I were to slap your face, would you strike back?" The Quaker replied: "I would not strike thee, but I would shove thee overboard." Mr. Wilson has not even threatened to shove any Germans or Carranzistas overboard.

> THE SCRAWNY BOOK CROP. npon a prolific or profitable year. The June crops were missed.
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> As the second and third years are doubt will be the manifest egotism of black twelve months of 1915 yielded a relatively small crop of books, and single American book produced dur-

was being moulded. The history of today will remain for future generations. Books of every other sort fell away in number. Religion

## IS THE STAGE BEING SET?

From the maiodorous environs of Mexico come dismal rumblings, Nothreconquest of Serbia, isolation of Turkey and the exertion of pressure on tase east which will enable the launching of a powerful allied offensive in France—such are the possibilities of the Russian drive if it succeeds, and doubtless those are the stakes in the Russian drive if it succeeds, and doubtless those are the stakes in the Russian drive if it succeeds, and doubtless those are the stakes in the Russian drive if it succeeds, and doubtless those are the stakes in the Russian drive if it succeeds, and doubtless those are the stakes in the Russian drive if it succeeds, and doubtless those are the stakes in the Russian drive if it succeeds, and doubtless those are the stakes in the Russian drive if it succeeds, and doubtless those are the stakes in the Russian drive if it succeeds, and doubtless those are the stakes in the Russian drive if it succeeds, and doubtless those are the stakes in the Russian drive if it succeeds, and doubtless those are the stakes in the Russian drive if it succeeds, and doubtless those are the stakes in the Russian drive if it succeeds, and doubtless those are the stakes in the Russian drive if it succeeds, and doubtless those are the stakes in the Russian drive if it succeeds, and doubtless those are the stakes in the Russian drive if it succeeds, and doubtless those are the stakes in the Russian drive if it succeeds, and drive if it successful affairs are exciting an exceptional interest in Wash-ing on the Russian drive it in the popular fact.

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As commonly classified, war between nations or states is a public or international
war, and this is called a perfect war when
between whole states, and imperfect war
when limited as to places, persons and
things.

How is the sudden show of concern
over Mexico to be explained? Three
years of watchful waiting and spineless diplomacy have marked the Wilson course. Mexican affairs have been All of the factions which have been meddled in and muddled. We have

gan with the killing of American passengers on the steamer Falaba, continued with the murder of hundreds gressive and willing to sacrifice heavily in order to break through. Not only has he kept pounding away, but the Russian advantages have been followed up relentlessly at every point from which reports of contact have come.

So far there have been no indications that the Germans have regarded the new Russian menace with alarm. There are no reports of German or There are no reports of German or German or the fact that during the entire period of German attacks on American citity.

Bayarian reinforcements from the

stages. If the Russian advantage persists whence will the Teutons look
for heavy reinforcements without
weakening vital lines? Austria can
through its citizens.

The description of the same as they
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conditions could not get any worse.
As for killing and threatening Amerli's pass Apologists for the Wilson Adminis- ican citizens, that has been a daily Apologists for the Wilson Administration from the Italian front. Drawing in of Teuton legions from southern campaigns would advance Russian designs on the isolation of Turkey. Whether heavy forces can be withdrawn from the west, where the new British army has been assembled, is problematical. There is the possibility that the present season will witness the development of a highly important phase in policy of non-resistance towards the Coris intervention in the Mexicans for the Europation of the Mexicans for the past tration probably refer to the Europation of the Mexicans for the past tration probably refer to the Europation of the Mexicans for the past tration probably refer to the Europation of the Mexicans for the past tration probably refer to the Europation of the Mexicans for the past tration probably refer to the Europation of the Mexicans for the past tration probably refer to the Europation of the Mexicans for the past tration probably refer to the Europation of the Mexicans for the past tration probably refer to the Europation of the Mexicans for the past tration probably refer to the Europation of the Mexicans for the past tration probably refer to the Europation of the Mexicans for the past tration probably refer to the Europation of the Mexicans for the past three or four years. So what is the significance of this sudden that Mr. Wilson has not intervened fever of preparation for "eventual-that Mr. Wilson has not intervened that Mr. Wilson has not intervened the fever of preparation for "eventual-that Mr. Wilson has not intervened the fever of preparation for "eventual-that Mr. Wilson has not intervened the fever of preparation for "eventual-that Mr. Wilson has not intervened the fever of preparation for "eventual-that Mr. Wilson has not intervened the fever of preparation for "eventual-that Mr. Wilson has not intervened the fever of preparation for "eventualment of a highly important phase in a policy of non-resistance towards the Or is intervention in Mexico, for which the war; but even if the Russian plans strong. He has valiantly committed the stage, from outward appearances,

Carranza. Had he been a Quaker. If so, the country will not be fooled had this been a Quaker nation and nor will it accept intervention at this

from early May until the vines are work killed by the Autumn frosts. It is said that one grower in the vicinity of Brigham City set an eighth of an acre to this berry in May of last year and between the dates of the first bearing in July and the last in No-vember he sold 787 quarts which stead of a capital-punishment state. vember he sold 787 quarts, which stead of a capital-punishment state, brought \$73.46. That would be at but calmanmember the plants were not set until or another as to his sanity. 'Literature is unable to look back May, and consequently the May and

the best periods for bearing of straw- the man and the self-justification that berry plants, it can be seen that this pervades his verses, as, for example, not any in the small crop stands out conspicuously as a work of art. No great poem, great novel or great drama fell from the pen of genius, and unless great virtue has escaped detection there is little to indicate a great great and unless great virtue has escaped detection there is little to indicate a great gr detection there is little to indicate a up to \$1000 an acre. As the ripened poetry, the whole single American book produced dur-ing that period which will outlive its own day and seperation for several months, it would seem temporary place on the "Minor Poet's" own day and generation.

The Bookman goes somewhat mournfully over the figures for the year, which have been compiled after some little delay. The falling off, as

compared with 1914, reaches a total of 2276 books, which is an extensive library. The total output was 9734, to the experiment. It would seem that it would be important for the inspired by the war and hearing upon Perhaps some of our Oregon growthe smallest in years. Historical books, inspired by the war and bearing upon that conflict, took something of a spurt, the gain over the preceding year being 294. But any history of current events written in the present for if it will do anything like as well hour must lack both perspective and

### DEATH-CHAMBER VERSE.

In announcing furthermore that content with hair on their upper lips.

Or. Waite had never written any Nor must the value of whiskers be Dr. Waite had never written any Nor must the value of whiskers be poetry before he entered the Tombs. underestimated, particularly whiskers

selves as have been given out for publication, one may be inclined to doubt if all those elements actually exist outside of the advance notices pre sented by the condemned man's

the composition of poetry, his achieve-ments in the present case are marvelous and call for explanation by those occult, rather than those whose line is the study of literature.

Knowledge of poetical technique and the demands of both rhyme and hythm shown in such verses as the following appears to be too well grasped for the poem to be the pro duction of a man who never wrote poetry or showed any interest in writing it:

The nightingale will sing between The daylight and the dark; The mon will kiss the cypress queen, And paint and shadow-mark; At dewy morn the grass will shine, Until the sun's too strong, and then the meadowlark will wake And fill the world with song.

Throughout a series of verses by up his mind. Seashore, mountains, Dr. Waite published in the New York tempting country retreats, scenic

not followed up by show of force or nsistence.

When the Wilson meddling in Mexthat their modes of expression and ture. These streams may be reached stye. He is a cavalry officer, a vetersin of the Russo-Turkish War of Applying the same definition of centered upon Carranza as against the ably ar apostrophe of his soul to his beaches to choose from. A few hours' 1877, and while he is not rated as a war, Germany made war on the erstwhile pet Villa, bandit contempt body, in which the voices of his mastrum by train or auto lands the Port-deep student he is proving himself an United States during the year when for American impotence culminated ters seem to echo faintly through the lander on the shores of the Pacific

> method And thou art dead, dear comrade, # In whom I dwelt a time, with whom I strolled through star-kissed bowers Of fragrant jessamine! And thou wert weak, O comrade, Thyself in self did fall, And now the stars are turned to tears, And sobs the nightingale.

Another poem, a nocturne, bears an orous as aborigines. inescapable reminiscence of

life and deeds and using them

So gentle moves the image unto death, It's passing scarce of note, grows less and less, and all is dark—except the living breath Unseen to eyes is freed from its distress.

Perhaps the Breath lent me has served God well. well.

For some must show the false, compared to true.

And, too perhaps that's why I heard him Yell in that Breath I found my own life, too.

My own life found-and may it live through My own life found—and may it live through
Death
To full in humble servitude before
lines souls whose wrongs are righted by
the Breath
Which gives and takes—and bolts the
little door. fortable base of operations in wood or mountains.

The greatest hue and cry of the readers through his poetry, when it shall all be given to them, probably will be on the trail of indications pro and con as to his sanity.
In this point findings will differ

Some of the Utah strawberry grow-ers are meeting with phenomenal suc. ers are meeting with phenomenal success with a new variety of everbearing strawberries, which bear continuously drawing its texts and proofs from his

brought \$73.46. That would be at but calmness can hardly be taken into the rate of \$587.68 an acre; but re-The strongest position of those who adopt the Hamlet-mad theory no

collection might

out before the world is the tradi-tionally imagination-gripping circum-

Presidents he will observe that Mr. tions shaped up. Charles E. Hughes will introduce no hour must lack both perspective and facts. It can hardly find a place on permanent shelves, unless as an expense of how crude our views hare adornment of Presidents, and particularly of Presidents who served in the past half century. A total of thirteen Our hero-worshipping instinct is chief executives have reveled in these ever on the lookout for possible Bun-swaying trysting places of the gentle fell away in number. Religion and theology dropped from 1038 yans, and a slight impulse from beto 800. Education suffered a loss of 31; applied science and technology records a deficit of 206 over nology records a deficit of 206 ov peiling von Hindenburg they must force their way under fire over several hundred miles of territory.

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However, the present offensive is inquiry at the outset, "What is works of fiction fell force, that when Dr. All Line 10.

Russians must overcome vast barriers in order to find themselves back in the positions they once occupied.

The assist Carranza in driving rusera out a deep-lying cause, and the cause in order to find themselves back in the positions they once occupied.

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nor had he expressed the slightest in-terest in writing it, his brother mani-lests this grasp of practical psychol-ogy still more definitely.

Inderestimated, particularly whiskers of the Hughes type. They are food and drink for the caricaturists, and it is foreordained that the Hughes whis-kers will supplant the Roosevelt teeth

## VACATION DAYS.

Politics, Mexico, the great war and other current topics of vital interest If Dr. Waite actually never did at- are beginning to lose their intimate tempt to write poetry before, and interest just at this season. Fagged never showed the slightest interest in by the year's work and excitements the average man's mind is turning to the mountains, the fields, streams, the seashore and the other understand the workings of the alluring realms of vacation time. This part of the Democratic campaign is the season when the average busy man will tell you of his pet plan to break away from the world one day and spend a whole year in seclusion. Of course, after he has spent a couple of weeks in rural haunts he will feel altogether different about it. weeks close to nature have a wonderful effect as a tonic. mal associations are seen again in their true light.

It ought to be easy to decide upon a vacation in Oregon. But it is not. There are so many tempting vacation places so near at hand that the average person finds difficulty in making man who is well read in the ery with ideal environs for a week or

that one of small means is able to spend the Summer at the seashore smaller outlay than is required to remain in the city. Thousands take advantage of this opportunity, spending the Summer months in tents and cottages and returning to the cities in the Fall as brown as Indians and vig-

For the vacationist with an auto elegy, in both stanza structure and mobile at command the opportunities mode of expression; mobile at command the opportunities are limitless. Not even Switzerland offers greater scenic wealth and one The fields contract. The world is dipped in night.

A gentle husb, like snowflakes falls devouring the most wonderful natural pictures ever devised by prodigal nature. The automobile vacation party is able, too, to run the whole gamut is able, too, to run the whole gamut Another poem, moralizing upon his of vacation joys seashore, mountains a trout streams, choice hunting grounds.

Gleams Through the Mist RALLADE OF THE WOOD HUNGER. Past the last sign about "Lots for Sale,"

beaches are accessible to good fishing haunts. All are handy to the mountains. The head of the family from Portland for the week's end his family takes creel and rod and finds ample time and opportunity for their employment during his brief stay at the seashore. The man who craves a vigorous vacation with gun and rod can find no honest excuse for leaving his family behind, since there are innumerable points where the family is able to rusticate at a

Vacation has grown to be versally recognized institution. Time was when dour slaves of toil and duty regarded this gentle surcease from economic slavery as a device of molly-coddles and weaklings. But the man who used to boast that he had never taken a vacation and never would, is a rara avis these days. He has learne that the human engine requires a rest from vibration at least once each year It has been established to his satisfaction that he does better work after having banked his engines for a couple of weeks in the heat of Sum mer and that the same rule applies to those employed by him. Business houses generally recognize vacations as a necessity, and arrange their vacation schedules as regularly and as sedulously as they strike their trial

balances. Getting the most out of this brief rift in the year's toll and turmoil is a duty not to be taken lightly. Remaining in normal haunts may commend itself to those who are not inclined to be robust and vigorous, but any such inclination should be put aside as a waste of valuable time. Life in the open air offers the one real stimulus to the wearied human mechanism and augments the laying by of a new stock of vital energy. The person who has not learned to make use of tion days and mones about town won dering what to do with his time, missone of the choicest morsels of existence and loses an opportunity to lengthen his mortal days

General Pershing was warned by the farther into Mexico the Mexican army would attack him. The threat doubt-less was of the Mexican variety and If one will take the trouble to check cans had positive orders from Washover or visualize the faces of American ington to mark time until the conven-

> County Commissioner Holman rec mmends a free public mending serv ice for automobilists who meet with unctures on the Columbia Highway. Great idea. And in order to install the system properly he should have an-other set of \$1500 efficiency experts.

The Army appropriation bills have ot yet been acted upon by Congress And there is no certainty that they will be with the particular kind of a Congress the country now has, Of course, it must be admitted that

some little ingenuity must be exercised

to line up the tonsorial vote for Hughes and Fairbanks. A hybrid potato that tastes like a

tastes like a potato. But after the Russians have rushed the Austrians out of Russia, Von Hindenburg may send a couple of Ger mans down to rush them back again.

The Italian Cabinet is a complete Theirs quit. We change

It will take a real patriot to march in a preparedness parade on the Fourth, if the thermometer holds its

ment. Mexico is the one nation on earth we can whip at the present time. It certainly does begin to look a if we were going to have Mexico as a

A war with Mexico has one allure

Cheaper cuts of meat are bec popular. Whereupon they are certain o become the most expensive.

The Democratic platform asserts big schievements for the Administration Literary achievements, yes.

pared with the inside attendant at a cold-storage plant? The Colonel persists that he is out

What's a mere bank president com

of politics. But he'll try to come back again some day.

Mysterious ruins have been found in Colorado. Possibly the Democratic platform of 1912.

Get used to the term President Hughes, for that's what it is going to be-

And Bryan's services as a reporter were not in very high demand this

However, the Russians have not yet renewed their cry of "On to Berlin! He is a lucky chap who arranged to

The sun certainly is making amends or all past derelictions,

Remember that delightful blizzard obliged to postpone for a few days we had last Winter?

And the favorite sons have gone back to the ice plant. What became of Champ Clark's

noun' dog this time? Has the equator wandered up this way by mistake?

A real Fourth sounds like old times agnin.

Why not arbitrate this weather mat But it's hotter than this in Mexico

Do your Christmas shopping early,

Your guide is the timerous, slinking

quait, Your heralds the deer that before

O'er mosses dappled and gold and

By Dean Collins.

Out where the carlines don't even

There's a stream that's gleaming in

That was blest by the Lord when the

And nobody knows of a fairer one

In all of the countries high and low;

And wee is me, as the day is done,

You seek it out by a hidden trail,

run.

wooded vale

world was begun;

I hear it call and I cannot go,

you run; There lie no terrors for you to shun. In the magical wood where the still streams flow:

And out of the dusk, when the day is done. hear it call-and I cannot go.

There's a rift of sunlight on mosses

pale. It dances like fire where the ripples

run: And the lazy trout in his coat of mail Flashes his jewels against the sun; In all of my dreamings there is none

That catches hold of my fancy so; I see it oft when the day is done; I hear it call-and I cannot go,

L'ENVOL

Paradise for the wearlest one Who would flee from the city of work and wee; And evermore, as the day is done, I hear it call—and I cannot go.

"Sir," said the Courteous Office Boy, looking over my shoulder as I drove the last tack into the foregoing pome, "since when did you begin to take such a lively interest in municipal affairs?"
"Meaning what?" I said, blowing the

file dust off the last rhyme, "I have read no further than the title, but seeing that it dealt with the Wood Hunger, I naturally presumed that you were offering another ex-planation of the probable reason why the thousand cords vanished from the municipal pile-" said the C. O. B., but he got no further, for I sprang upon him and gagged him with a dactyl.

OUR OTHER CHEEK.

"Bou B," the poetical purist, who was allowed to come lightly contribbing into our colyum last Tuesday, because of his striking fecundity in the matter of rhymes for fetches a wallop at us on our grammar, but we are of such a forgiving nature that we will not explain to him that we saw it in the proof but were too indolent to correct it, and we will not even assert that our friend the compositor was to blame-for he wasn't.

Just to show "Bou" that our other cheek is available at all times, we allow him to get by once more with the following on: THOSE VICES,

This writing verses is a vice; I like it; The poet class is far from nice: ' I like it; It makes your thoughts go very

Wrong: Your breath grow short, your wind antaloupe has been grown. It should grow long;
make amends for the cantaloupe that It makes your hair grow wild and atrong:

I like it.

CONCERNING NAMES. I went into a toyshop where all the dolls had names; And there I saw both Lloyd and Ruth,

Elizabeth and James, Celestine, Jack and Mary Jane; and this thing me annoyed When I asked the clerk to sell me

Ruth, she said: "T'll celluloid." W. K. BELT, Newport, Or.

OUTRAGE DEPLORED. To the Editor: Please correct your correspondent's version of the marriage of Miss Lemon. This ballad is very old, as I knew it in my early youth in this form: Miss Lemon, she, with air so free,

She married Archibald Sneezer; Now she can sneeze whene'er she please— "
And he's a Lemon-squeezer. I leave it to you and the public if

this isn't far more interesting, as history, and far better poetry.

It's an outrage that anyone should e allowed to plagarize from an old treasure of this sort with impunity. As Tennyson says, half a truth is rotten business. A. W. NICHOLSON.

business. THE SHORTEST POME.

Finis Idleman, which we suspicion is a pseudonym in part; sent in as the ultimate in short pomes a period with the explanatory reading: Period

Wearied.

And we were. Too wearled to resent the poor rhyma e sawed off for us. We were almost ready to call the shortest pome contest ended and begin

hanging the iron crosses-for we have received by actual count 442 shortest pome contributions since the contest started, which is about 435 more than we expected. We were, as we said, about ready to call it closed and begin doling out the decorations, when this same Finis Idle-

man and Tom Thumb, alias "R. G. A.," and Albert Moran came through with a request that we print a whole column of the shortest pomes, from the beginning of the contest to the end, so that the whole wide world could mark the process of diminution toward the vanishing point.

We are appalled by the boldness of this request. We are so appalled that we are more the handing out of honors to the winners in the great contest.

IN THE GARDEN.

In the Canterbury bell, Swooning 'neath her honey spell, Blinded by the pollen dust Crusted with its golden crest, Snores the drunken bumble bos; Circe's willing victim he, swooning 'neath the honey spell Of the Canterbury bell.

NAMES IS NAMES.

Tilden, on a darkened street A robber robbed, as robbers will; The thief upon the docket sheet Was listed thus: "He robbed the