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WAR PROPHECIES.

It has been said that no important event ever came to pass in the world that did not have a prophet. forecasters are always busy, especially those who predict calamity and woe. It is not remarkable that out of thousands of them, there should be some to match every event. The prophet of an audience-afterward. And then, like Madame Thebes, he is honored until history discredits him.

Recent publication by the Journal de Geneve of a collection of ancient prophecies said by an Italian cleric to have been made by Fra Giovianni about the year 1600, in which the lives would be sacrificed than ancient Rome had for inhabitants, recalls a passage from Heine's "History of Religion and Philosophy in Germany,' which is being quoted widely since the present war began. Three striking his forecast that the Germans would destroy the cathedrals of their enemy, that aviators would be brought down pennies. from the sky, and that the British old contests will reappear-the wild realization, dearly bought by loss of eagerness of which the Northern bards have sung," and when the stone gods would raise themselves from their for- lated transportation system. Did not gotten rubbish heaps and rub the dust of a thousand years from their eyes. And then:

Ther, with his giant's hammer, will spring forth and shatter the Gothic cathedrain. . The thought goes before the deed, as the lightning before the thunder. The Ger-man thunder is indeed German, and not very able, and moves along after a somewhat wrety fashion, but its time will come.

The philosopher went on to say that at the sound of the German thunder the eagles would fall dead from the air, and the lions in the farthest deserts of Africa would droop their tails and creep into their royal dens, Readof the present day, and see in the refwhose emblem it is. But the prophecy would seem to be weak with respect Maine to Florida are capable of hanallies, and the British lion has made headway at every desert point where he has been engaged. A restored Egypt and recent advances in Pales- by giving a share to the Gulf ports tine, and the declaration of Arabs in favor of the allies have gone far to

confute the prophet. The Italian priest was even more specific. He is quoted by his sponsor, who is an Italian of the present time, as declaring that the "real Antichrist will be a monarch, a son of Luther." semble infernal legions." The de scription fits the Kaiser with exacti-Equally precise would seem to be the declaration that "his sword will be like that of the Christians, but his acts will take for their patterns those of Nero and of the Roman persecu-Also "he will have pity for no one; he will massacre priests, monks, women, old men and children; and, barbarians of old, he will carry a torch in his hand with which

There is another record of a prophecy, not so well authenticated but interesting because of the details which Mecklenberg, which describes the murder of a Prince which shall precipitate a war, in which a "sovereign who mounts his horse from the wrong side" will be encompassed by a ring of enemies. There will be wagons without horses and dragons will fly through the air, and men will lie in there are flaws in both these prophedicted that the conflict would reach

Heine, as a matter of fact, may not He wrote as a philosopher deeply acquainted with the well-springs of at \$25,000 a year. German nature. He knew probably sensed the reign of force which he typifies in his reference to of it, and, therefore, perhaps is un-the great god Thor. It would require wise, it will serve as a reminder that not prosper on a large scale in this method of stimulating trade has been possessed all his life by the desire to no supernatural provision, for ex-

Be sure that hour will come. As upon he steps of an amphitheater will the na-issus of the surth group themselves around isermany. . You know that when we make up our mirds to quarrel with you ee shall have no difficulty in finding suf-licient grounds.

ample, to say:

An example of prophecy in its legitimate function is furnished by the Rev. Frederick W. Robertson, who preached a sermon in 1852 in London in which he said that the world had tried to vorces. The chain has no end. But recruiting for vice, and the destrucconstruct itself into a family, first by the sword, second by an ecclesiastical system, and, third, by the development of commerce. The first two had failed. he declared, and the third was about

added:

Brethren, that which is built on selfishness cannot stand. The system of personal interest must be shivered to atoms. Therefore, we, who have observed the ways of God in the past, are waiting in quiet but awful expectation until he shall cenfound this system, as he has confounded those which have gone before. And it may be effected by convulsions more terrible and more bloody than the world has seen. While men are talking of peace and of the great progress of civilization, there is heard in the distance the noise of armies gathering rank or rank, east and west, north and south, and rolling toward the crushing thunders of universal war. ders of universal war.

This sermon was preached while preparations were being made for the trade expansion which it was believed would follow the holding of the Crystal Palace exhibition, the forerunner How to Remit Send postoffice money order, express order or personal check of your
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or description. of world's fairs, the preceding year. This was a good many years before England exchanged the sand spit of Foreign Rates—12 to 18 pages, 1 cent; 18
10 10 pages, 2 cents; 34 to 52 pages, 2 cents; 52 to 16 pages, 2 cents; 54 to 52 pages, 6 cents. Foreign the English preacher, although he set the English preacher, although he set down no dates, and made no attemp to define the specific and immediate causes of the great conflict which he foresaw, it is quite as likely as any of the prophets to be proved right. Selfinterest, enlightened or otherwise, has failed to accomplish the results

WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO DO?

It is hardly fair to accuse the City Council of bad faith in its purpose to take the 6-cent fare ruling into the courts. There has been insistent demand that the Council do some thing about it, but no wise man has come forward with a practical plan for staying or countermanding the Public Service Commission's order.

It is suggested, for example, that the Council might permit return of the jitneys. The only obstacle to jitney transportation is a requirement, made law through adoption by the who happens to hit off is always sure people of an ordinance initiated by the people, that each motor vehicle operated for hire be bonded for \$2500

for the protection of its patrons. The bond is an obstacle only be cause bonding companies will not bond jitneys at a price the jitneys can afford to pay. Clearly the only rea-son for that is that the operation of priest foretold a war in which more litneys is hazardous. It is a verdict established by actuarial statistics.

The Council has authority to re peal a people's law, but such repeals have been condemned in the past by those most insistent for return of the jitneys. Furthermore, it is a profeatures of Heine's prophecy, viewed posal to turn loose a transportation in the after-light of the present, are system dangerous to those who patronize it, in order that those who will not accept its hazard may save a few

The Oregonian does not believe would be at war in the deserts of that wish to aid the streetcar company He foretold that the day actuated the public when it adopted would come when "the fury of the the bonding ordinance. Rather it was lives, that public safety is more important than an irresponsible, unreguthe same people who imposed the bond requirement approve four jitney franchises in the same election?

If some wise man will point out a more practical, more sensible means of securing return to the 5-cent fare, he will then be justified in criticising the Council for doing something else

SPREAD OUT THE TRAFFIC.

Remedy for railroad congestion is bulk of traffic over a greater number by disgracefully irregular, unofficial mand respect. of roads and of diverting a large part methods. It, matters not that the of it to water lines. The blockade Germans, duly reverent as they are to ers of prophecies, who must be learned in the Northeastern states is caused their own red tape, have no respect be ready to share the risks as well as in the language of symbolism, trans- by the attempt to force 80 per cent whatever for the American brand, the hardships of the service. Much is late "eagles of the air" as the aviators of the imports and exports through The first requisite to victory erence to the lion the British nation harbor, while the roads leading to the Potomac River. other Atlantic ports all the way from to the creeping of the lion into its den. dling a larger volume of traffic, and Africa has been the scene of a series other ports than New York are in the other complete victories for the same position as these roads. Relief of rather complete victories for the same position as these roads. Relief could be had by distributing 'traffic among all Atlantic ports and among all the roads which serve them, and

A parallel situation exists on the Pacific Coast, though in less aggravated form. Traffic has become concentrated at San Francisco, when it should be divided among all ports all the way from Blaine to San Diego. have only one arm, and "his fuller use of Portland and of other Attention should be given not only to innumerable armies, the motto of Puget Sound ports than Seattle, but which will be 'God with us,' will re- to use and development of all the lesser ports of the entire Coast. The transportation and port system of the country suffers from the same lopsided development- which Ben Hur avoided when, as a galley slave, he induced his master to let him row turn about with each arm and thus insure symmetrical muscular develop-

The same statement applies to non use of waterways. A 1000-ton barge on the Erie Canal would release he will overrun the world in the name twenty freight cars for loading in the West and would relieve the glut of traffic of terminals to that extent. If the waterways were developed and it gives, said to have been unearthed of that billion dollars a year for im-in the razing of an old monastery in used the railroads would need little spoke.

HASTY MARRIAGES,

isen in arms against the so-called "red tape" marriage law enacted by the last Wisconsin Legislature have wait in the seas for their prey. But stirred up a live topic for discussion. whether or not Governor Philipp ac-That of Fra Giovianni placed cedes to their request to include the the date of the beginning of the war subject in his call for a special session at 2000 A. D. The Mecklenberg seer of the Legislature. The objectionable was careful not to commit himself as feature of the law seems to be the to the time of beginning, but he pre- provision that the names of applicants lice with the assistance of determined be placed under the ban, as a measure author. for marriage licenses shall be posted its height "when the cherries bloom on a bulletin board in the office of the the third time," and that peace would County Clerk for five days preceding quiring licenses for certain occupa- will be saved for other uses with no for the money to be derived from be consummated "in time for the the marriage. The ministers deny that Christmas mass." That time is already they are influenced by mercenary motives, although 50 per cent of those who would normally be married in rassment to those legitimately em- themselves. It shows us that men, no when he could, but he did not speed have claimed for himself the gifts Wisconsin are said to be going to ad-which are now attributed to him. joining states, and the loss in marriage fees in Milwaukee alone is estimated

Although the law contains the seeds able as to those who are most in need the practice of marrying in haste is growing, and will suggest the thought that this may account for the concurrent increase in the number of divorces which is giving genuine concern to sociologists. It is probably as to repent when they have time for reriage has increased the number of di-

it does not help the situation.

interest to preserve peace. And he ciating clergyman and every news-added:

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wedding day. Better an inconsequen tial wounding of vanity than tragedy of a marital misadventure. The Wisconsin law does not promise a substantial remedy, but it will serve a purpose if it leads to such uniformity of action by the states as will curb both the snapshot marriage and the too easy divorce.

SPRUCE TIED UP WITH RED TAPE.

While the Government has been apbeen cut. This timber is ripe and belogging and milling exists.

when the cry for spruce first was by judge and jury. raised, but nothing has been done exthan a barbed wire entanglement.

er be called to its existence and to the the Government. Everything must be abiding character would regard as sufdone according to the sacred ritual of ficient. the Holy Temple of Red Tape. That things must be done that way-the they shall not be done at all.

The last resort of the devotee of to plead that he has no official infor- orderly government. business may be none of his business but he may know intimately the man hotly resent the insinuation. whose business it is. Would be make a friendly suggestion that it would be a good thing to cut the spruce on mil ltary reservations? Never in a thou sand years. Ready as his friend may be to adopt a suggestion as to personal affairs, he would be highly affronted regarding official business with which the other man had nothing, officially, compartments by a solid wall. When -but he would not know that that tree was there until he had raised a bump

on his unofficial forehead.

CONTROLLING VICE.

The experience of New York in confurnished new ground for optimism, and to have removed the props from under those who have persistently contended that the thing simply cannot be done in a large city. this point the report of the Bureau of Social Hygiene, established by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in 1912, is iliuminating. It shows that the police can do their duty, if they will, and that publicity is a powerful social prophylactic.

The latest report of the Bureau of Social Hygiene is a comprehensive comparison of present conditions with those of five years ago. That which is roughly classified as "commercialized vice" was in its heydey in 1912, when suppressive measures were undertaken. These measures at first compelled withdrawal of vice from These measures at first forms or in unaccustomed places. But the campaign was continued, and it change the vice resort was materially weakened. The get result has been reoperation, reduction in number of persons engaged in the business, and also greatly reduced temptation. It is not claimed that the institution has been ber of resorts has been reduced to 17 per cent of the number in existence Ministers of Milwaukee who have in 1912 is rather convincing testimony for economy in the fashioning of men's to the effectiveness of determined pubagency of a vigorous police depart- of

ment. has been the one known in the parlance as "keeping them on the run." Vice cannot flourish under conditions o adverse as those created by the powhich had been employed as a cloak This resulted in no embarployed. Saloons which formerly cathe streets was a simple matter-of de-

seek honest employment to live. but it is shown to be reasonably postrue as it ever was that those who sible to create better conditions for a marry without deliberation are likely rising generation, while the more retailer was no more to blame than lection. Mr. Paine says that Twain are fashionable, and for their wearers hardened sinners of the present are the ultimate "consumer." It is a curi- often wrote on the spur of the mo- to try to live up to their clothes until flection. Easy divorce has stimulated being chastened. The chief gain by our fact that merchants who really ment, and then, after having freed his the war is over? hasty marriages, and the hasty mar- the New York campaign has been the blow it has dealt to the business of lic demand were only following the ten. It is a practice worth commendtion of the profits of exploiters. The chain of responsibility was endless; these unmailed letters are a dozen It is not easy to understand why victous "cadet" system has gone on the effect always was the same-a some persons object to publicity about the rocks. There is no profit in it, as needless waste of clothing. their weddings. They are nothing to of old. It is no longer practical to be assaumed of—quite the contrary, mislead the ignorant with tales of the to fail. He denied the power of self- Yet every license clerk and every offi-

It was not always so—and there were the changing sentiment of New York- style. He observes: be better-breach of promise laws to being dissipated and a far healthier

LYNCHINGS IN 1917.

Statistics of lynchings in 1917 are of this form of lawlessness still rests period in which they seemed to have trying, without much success, to win upon the South, and that the negro obtained the mastery. Changes were the favor of a public that has raised in all but two out of thirty-eight in- made so gradually that it required an Mark Twain almost to the topmost stances was the victim. Only twelve, ancient wood cut or an engraving of however—eleven negroes and one a past age to remind us that they had white man—were charged with the come about at all. There were, at white man-were charged with the come about at all. crime or attempted crime which South- least, no such revolutionary changes ern public opinion stoutly maintains as would prevent a man from wearing justifies summary infliction of the out his old clothes before he bought pealing to loggers and lumbermen for death penalty without due process, new ones. But it now appears that spruce timber, it has owned large Montana and Wyoming, with one bodies of splendid spruce and fir on its own military reservations on the north of the Mason and Dixon line to women, have been working insidiits own military reservations on the north of the Mason and Dixon line to Pacific Coast, not a stick of which has obtain a place in the record.

ginning to decay; if it is not cut soon, the division of records and research would have succeeded, but it seems it will be lost. It is close to navigable of Tuskegee Institute, a negro indus- that they have been making some water, and logging roads are near, trial school, with the evident purpose headway. The order of the commer-which can be quickly extended into it. of calling attention to the discrimina-Every condition requisite to rapid tion against this race. Some of the dispensation. There is no telling to net gain to our foreign population the The attention of various bureaus justify extreme measures, even by gone if they had held full sway. and officers of the War Department lawful agencies, and there is no eviwas called to this supply of spruce, dence that the offenses against women which is in its own hands, months ago, would not have been avenged promptly

The fact is, indeed, that juries in cept to pass the buck. Letters are the South are usually certain to constill going the weary rounds of the vict upon reasonable evidence, and book that appealed to the mass of the Circumlocution Office. Men are ready that judges would not remain long in people was, after all, the one most to build railroads to it and to cut it, office who did not impose full penalbut it is surrounded by a barrier of ties. But such offenses as "refusing red tape that is more impenetrable to get out of the road and being insolent," "writing insolent letters," If this timber were owned by an in- ing a coat," "vagrancy" and "disputdividual, his attention would no soon- ing a white man's word," upon which some other lynchings were based, fell urgent demand for it than he would short of offering even an excuse which to work to cut it, but not so with any community proud of its law-

It is easier to theorize than to apply takes time, which is extremely valuable in these days, but no difference; seem as if the development of community pride ought some day to solve way they always have been done-or the problem. Men who resort to lynching, or stand idly by while it is being perpetrated, do not red tape, when called upon to think realize that by their actions they conand act in disregard of the ritual, is fess their incapacity for maintaining Yet if it were mation. For example, the spruce intimated to them that they were not fit for self-government, they would

THE NEED OF CHAPLAINS.

There has been an interestitng discussion recently of things that make the ideal Army chaplain. It seems to be agreed that a high degree of tact (officially, of course) by a suggestion is the first essential. Sermon composition and the tweedle dee and tweedle dum of theology are perhaps to do. His brain is divided into two the least useful knowledge. The chaplain is a commissioned officer, but his official brain was working, he with a certain difference in the discimight walk right up to a spruce tree, plinary scheme between him and other commissioned officers. His relation with officers and privates is intimate and confidential. Yet it is easy for The Sacred Order of Red Tape is a chaplain to overdo the "good felfirmly determined that this war shall low" attitude. The wrong kind of be fought in strict accord with its familiarity breeds contempt. Dignity largely a matter of distributing the ritual. Rather let it be lost than won that is not forced is necessary to com-

The ideal chaplain is absolutely fearless, but not foolhardy. He must the bottle neck leading to New York shove the whole red tape brigade into man," which is not easy to define. But and his letters show that he did not there must be no question about it. The chaplain who does not measure

> it will give to inspire interest in re- almost ligion that shall endure after the war peace problems will be complicated and that the church will have the chance of its life to become a factor in the social readjustment that is ex-The minister who has served pected. as chaplain will be the possessor of a liberal education in the humanities an education that he could obtain in no other way. The ex-chaplains of future years should be a mighty force for good-if the right men are chosen at the outset.

ECONOMY AND STYLE.

The recent appeal of the commercial economy board of the Council of National Defense to manufacturers of its established resorts, and efforts men's clothing to "reduce still fur-were made to re-establish it in new ther, if possible, the number of models, and to avoid models that use cloth for needless adornment," will was found that with every enforced come as a surprise to those who supposed that women had a monopoly of frills and furbelows and that men were duction in the number of resorts in little influenced by the modes in their choice of garb. The average business man will have impressed the casual in compelling a degree of secrecy which observer as having been cast in a mold. Slight variations of style have been made in the past few years, but wiped out,"but the fact that the num- until recently they had been negligible, upon the whole, But it appears that there is room

suits. 'The economy board asks for lic sentiment, exercised through the the elimination of yokes and pleats, patch pockets from fully lined coals, of collars from vests, flaps from The method of attack in New York trousers' pockets, cloth belts from trousers, fancy pocket flaps, and a lot and themselves stoo seriously, one is of other unnecessary frills which have all the more thankful to Mark Twain been added almost without our realiz- for having lived. Mark Twain was citizens. Concurrent measures in of National economy. Some millions times when he was hard pressed financluded enactment of a state law re- of yards of cloth, in the aggregate, cially, but that he did not write merely

legitimate in themselves, but corresponding sacrifice of utility. It is worthy of note that the appeal was directed to the manufacturers good bargains with his publishers less than women, are quite helpless up production on account of them, or tered to immoral trade were reached when it comes to fixing styles, al- give poor measure if he thought he through the license bureau. It was though it is still doubtful whether had been badly treated, as he said found that control of conditions on they could be induced to be bound by them quite so slavishly. It has long Howells paid him only twenty dollars people of whom he wrote, and he of its own evasion, and is unenforce- tective work. Vice, once bold and been apparent that the cause of femi- a page for his "old aggressive, now slinks in the shadows nine dress reform was quite out of the sketches which were published in the manner, and great numbers of social to introduce new fashions before gar- write whatever occurred to his excepparasities have been compelled to ments bought in the preceding season tionally active mind, and that he put had been worn out. And because we It is perhaps true that men and live in an age of ready-made, it was his friends as he did into the articles women cannot be made moral by law, quite impossible for those who wished he wrote for publication. to dress "sensibly" to do so, if the vogue happened to be otherwise. The mailed are among the gems of the colbelieved that they were following pub- mind, suppressed what he had writdictates of the manufacturer.

not nearly so many divorces in the old days.

Five days in which to think about it further ought not to be a real hardship to a couple whose love is of the enduring sort. And it probably would be better—breach of promise laws to the contrary notwithstanding—if more folks changed their minds before the wedding day. Better an inconsequen—

TYNCHINGS IN 1917.

In one observes:

the changing sentiment of New York of New York of New York of New Holling are dream and needs a new dream. She has aeither the skill nor the time to make it berself. She goes the round of the shops in search of something of the shops in search of something that will be fitting and at the same time conservative. She finds that the market of along without blood money." This is being dissipated and a far healthier within the reach of her purse are in garments of fashionable cut. She makes the best choice under the circumstances—not what she wants but what she wants but what she can get.

In more romantic days men were

more given to ornamentation in dress interesting as showing that the burden than they are now, but there was a lesson here for other authors, who are The figures have been compiled by men. It is hard to say whether they

MARK TWAIN, LETTER WRITER,

The literary theory of Mark Twain s set forth in his recently published letters, seems to have been that the worth writing. It is interesting to read, among these letters, which have just been collected by Albert Bigelow Paine and published by Harper's, his view of the opinion of some critics that his work was "coarse," or common. It is a striking coincidence that his letter on this particular topic should have been written to Andrew Lang, who was one of his sincere admirers, and who could not possibly admire anything that was either coarse or common. But we may be thankful should make special efforts to "enlist to the critics of that day, if for no other reason than that they gave Mark Twain a text for the letter he wrote in reply. It was his view that "the thin top

crust of humanity-the cultivatedare worth pacifying, worth pleasing, worth coddling," but that the job of catering to that faction was "no very dignified or valuable occupation." was not the minority who are already saved that he regarded as worth trying to uplift, but the "mighty mass of the uncultivated who are underneath." This letter is, perhaps, the most illuminating of the entire collection. In it Twain goes on to say: That mass will never see the Old Masters-That mass will never see the Gld Mastersthat sight is for the few; but the chromo
maker can lift them all one step upward
toward appreciation of art; they cannot have
the opera, but the hurdy-gurdy and the singing class lift them a little way toward that
far light; they will never know Homer, but
the passing rhymster of their day leaves them
higher than he found them; they may never
even hear of the Latin classics, but they will
strike step with Kiviling's drum-beat, and even hear of the Latin classics, but they will strike step with Kiplings drum-beat, and they will march; for all Jonathan Edwards help they would die in their siums, but the Salvation Army will begulle some of them up to pure air and a cleaner life; they know no Scripture, the Venus is not even a name to them, but they are a grade higher in the scale of civilization by the ministrations of the plaster-cast than they were before it took its place upon their mantel and made it beautiful to their unexacting eyes.

Twain could not read George Eliot or Hawthorne with patience, and Sir summed up in the expression "a man's Walter Scott was anathema to him, regard it as honest to pretend to like an author just because he was popuup to this standard would better stay lar in the upper literary circles and it was "the thing to do." church in general, is the opportunity will account for a large measure of his universal popularity. showed that he wrote, as he read, for is over. It is conceded that our new the joy of doing it, and without hypoc risy; that he put his real self into

every line. It will be remembered that when "A Connecticut Yankee at King Arthur's Court" was offered to the British public, the book was coldly received because of its irreverent attitude toward accepted institutions. It s not so well known that the author' London publishers suggested revision of the book to meet the popular taste He replied that he had shown the "Yankee" to William Dean Howells o Edmund Clarence Stedman and to Mrs. Clemens, and that Mrs. Clemens had persuaded him to strike out several passages and to soften others But further than that he would not go He may have had in mind the storm caused on this side of the Atlantic by the caricature of Americans by Charles

Dickens, particularly in "Martin Chuzzlewitt," when he added: We are spoken of by the Englishmen as

But, even then, no doubt, Mark Twain was enjoying himself. It is one thing to be a humorist and quite another to be always in a good humor. When one thinks of the long list of modern authors who take their lives-Double-breasted coats are to essentially not a pot-boiler sort of writing. His letters and his books breathe the same spirit. He made whimsically that he had been when The classical Atlantic. It seems clear that he was as much of himself into his letters to

Letters that he wrote but never The ing to a good many others. Among which reveal that Twain and General Grant, son of the President, planned attractiveness of a life of shameful center of the textile industry, notes ciation, at which Twain was to be one

Dear General What shall I talk about? My idea is this: To instruct the audience about Hobert Fulton . Tell me . was that his real name or a nom de plume?

It is customary to say that a man's private letters are interesting because they reveal the "real man." be as near the truth to say that Mark Twain's letters reveal the fact that the "real man" is in his books, too. He stands out as the most natural, and utterly sincere, of men, who wrote because he liked to write and who made a joy of his profession no less In more romantic days men were than his casual exchanges of amenities. It seems possible that there is a Changest were the favor of a public that has raised

The problem of immigration, which

has given some concern in the past, may give place to a problem of emigration after peace is declared, in the opinion of experts of the Government, The flood tide was reached in 1907. when 1,285,000 foreigners came to the United States, nearly all of them from ously to foist the same conditions upon Europe, but this dropped in the fiscal year 1916-17 to less than 295,000, of whom 105,000 came from Canada, many of the latter being returning Americans: In the same period 66,000 aliens sailed for Europe, making the "crimes" enumerated clearly did not what lengths the designers would have smallest since the beginning of the century. Prior to the entry of the United States into the war, an official survey indicated that 3,000,000 aliens were planning to return to their homes which would offset all the immigration of the four years from 1913 to 1917. It is impossible to say whether this prospect still holds good, but it is seen that readjustment of industrial conditions is certain to follow, and that production by labor-saving machinery on a larger scale than ever will be necessary if the United States is to hold its position of pre-eminence in trade.

> to the ministers of more than 50,000 churches to requests for direction what they can best do for enlisted men and to help win the war. burden of the answer is that they the men in the pews" who heretofor have not been active, to do the work of the church formerly in the hands of those who have entered the Na-tional service. These are to be told that the home base must be strong, and no door closed for lack of men. Other things recommended are the preparation and dedication service flags, keeping in touch with all members at the front, co-operation with reform agencies and "constan presentation from the pulpit of the general cause of Christian democrac for which the war is waged." councils of many denominations are establishing bureaus to give specia emphasis to these points, to answer inquiries and to foster the organization of all desirable war-time ac tivities.

A joint answer has just been sent

Reports that the Krupps intend to establish a new plant at Munich, Bavaria, indicate that they are preparing for the possibility that their main plant at Essen will fall into the hands of the allies, as it is only sixty miles rom the Belgian frontier, and only 150 miles from Verdun as aircraft would travel. If the allies should reach the Rhine in Westphalia, Essen would be only fifteen miles from the battlefront and might be bombarded so frequently from the air as to untenable for the civil population Munich is farther toward the interior of Germany, near the foothills of the Alps, and in a more secure position Location of the Krupp works there would please the Bavarians, who have The fact been restive under Prussian control works would be an aid to militarism.

The otter failure of the doctrinaire to comprehend the practical side of a problem is illustrated by the proposa of a New York Alderman that the city purchase 75,000 tons of coal to relieve the fuel shortage. But if the city could purchase that much coal, there would be no famine to relieve.

There is a fine symbolism in the planting of acorns on the campus of a state university. No student now at Eugene will live to sit in the shade of the trees, but it is pleasing to think that some may perform deeds that will be remembered as long as the oaks endure.

The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeiting says that our Army in France consists mostly of doctors, woodcutters and railway men. Even if that were true, we have never heard that the professions mentioned disqualified nen from making good on a march to Berlin.

Until those ships, loaded with supoles for our allies, have succeeded in filling their bunkers, Dr. Garfield will have a long way the better of the argument in support of a fuel embargo. Despite the mistakes of the past, condition and not a theory now con fronts us. _

It would be a serious mistake to neglect the war garden in 1918, and the state campaign proposed by the Cross nurse: Oregon Agricultural College deserves encouragement. Not only well-doing, but persistence in well-doing, will be needed in every department to win the war.

The libraries are still calling for good books for the soldiers. If every one would contribute the books h owns but does not read and never wil read, the call would be not for books but for a lot of big buildings in which to house them. Democracy may be not quite so effl.

demonstrated that people who have tasted it prefer any other brand of government. Those young people who are plan ning to call off their dance early to

cient as autocracy when it comes to

preparing for war, but it is yet to be

save fuel should cultivate some of the old-fashioned steps, which furnish plenty of exercise to keep one warm. Wouldn't it be a good idea for the style makers to decree that overalls

The Bolsheviki are long on talk and short on effective administration. While they are planning a workless life for the proletariat, it is next to impossible to get food in Petrograd.

The less a dollar will buy the more we want one.

The Peripterous.

Peripterous-A Structure Having Rows of Columns on All Sides.-Dictionary.

(Synopsis of preceding synopses)
The Oregonian, a great morning newsper, employs a distinguished literary trichitect to construct a peripterous.
He does it, it has rows of columns on ast, west, north and south.

The Period The Peripterous becomes a Free Audito-fum for the expression of incompetent, ir-elevent and immaterial opinion, new force and anecdores.

A Pacifist Icpartment of Scientific In-cestigation is established and solves many ascinating problems.

The Society for Suppression of War Poetry stublishes headquarters and offers anti-otes for war poetry polsoning.

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Organization within these portals of s chapter of the Ancient Order of Vociferous Objectors has created almost inheard of enthusiasm.

The Portland chapter is being estabished by the Most Extreme Vociferino of the Grand Lodge. In a statement ssued to the public the Most Extreme Vociferino announces that ability to object vociferously to things that are is not the only test of eligibility. To qualify for membership one must be wholly unable to suggest means of correcting the things to which he vociferously objects.

This announcement has created more satisfaction than anything that has appened since the resignation of Bryan as Secretary of State. Applicaions for membership have been comng in bales and it is now believed that the new lodge will be the largest in the

It has already been made known that at the first monthly meeting of the order speakers possessing special qualifications will vociferate.

Not only will there be several who will object with choicest expletives to the 6-cent fare, but an Eastern manufacturer of clay pigeons and other war ime necessities has been engaged to vociferate against the fuel shortage shutdown.

A renowned astronomer has also been engaged to explain the evils that may rise from the total eclipse of the sun next June and to object vociferously to this forthcoming outrage.

The members of the order are asured by the Most Extreme Vociferino that none of the deliberations or usiness of the meeting will be disturbed by presentation of relief measares, which, as everybody knows, lead only to profitless discussion and illfeeling

This is a strictly vociferating order.

Progress of Civilization.

Skull Spring Sentinel.

This thriving village takes nobody's ust-figuratively speaking-this being sagebrush country. It now boasts session of one of the best and busiest self-kidders east of Wagon Tire Mountain. He is Sim Flicker, son of S. S. Flicker, proprietor of the Skull Spring Mercantile Emporium. Sim, by staying away from the

novies, acquired enough money to buy what was left of Pike Disher's tin lizzie after the New Year's party-in other words, the running gear. Sim has put an extra large coal skuttle over the engine and has installed a sort of reclining seat and a muffler cut out, When Sim steps on her he has no difficulty at all in kidding himself that he is a Speed Demon from Some-

where. Some folks have no trouble at all in setting pleasure out of life.

The Society for the Suppression of War Poetry, which meets exclusively n the Peripterous, as will be noted by

he most_casual inspection of the Pubc Forum, is about ready to "" up Its prose andidotes for war poetry poisoning do not seem to allay the epidemic. The society has expressed a esire to submit its problem to the Pacifist Board of Scientific Investigation, but has found that organization

warwhelmed with a corelated problem. The Pacifist Board is now feverishly engaged in preliminary organization for a census to determine which has the greater output, the war knitters or the war versifiers.

On return from its errand of inquiry at the headquarters of the Pacifist Board of Scientific Investigation the Society for the Suppression of War Poetry was further discouraged by finding that that sweet singer of symphonious pseudonym, Alyce Rosalyce Rustung had been stricken by the epidemic. This is hern:

Caged Bill.

The poets are chanting "Old Berlin" To drown the deaf ning cannon's din; Chere's naught we want in old Berlin Except the Kaiser's tough old skin.

But why not trap him-safe and Then cage-exhibit him around? On this green earth nor Satan's ground.

War loans and bonds could cease to be For billions would be paid to see "AGED BILL—we know his pedigree— Throughout this country of the free.

Also, the physician and surgeon in harge of the campaign against the war oetry epidemic found this right on his nstrument, where it was left, it is believed, by the now well-known post of mystery, disguised this time as a Red

A Tip to Wilhelm. When Billy Bryan starts to booze,

When Pershing gets cold feet, When Billy Sunday prays for you, When Woodrow starts to cheat-When Spreckels starts to Hooverise, When Teddy put will stay, When you look like George Washing-

You'll lick the U. S. A.

You'll lick the U. S. A.

When Sahara winds start freezin', When sky ain't sky no more When the sun gets cold as Iceland, When three times six is four-When the stars quit shinin', Willy, When apple trees grow hay When Uncle Sam ain't worth a d-m-

When John D. dies a pauper, When us folks is all dubs, When boys and girls stop spoonin', When we make war with clubs When the moon elopes with Venus, When lambs with tigers play,

When you've licked ev'ry Yankee lad-

You'll lick the U. S. A.

How to Get Family Allowance, PORTLAND, Jan. 18 .- (To the Editor.)—About one year ago my son, aged 18 years, enlisted in the regular Army. Before enlisting he gave me \$25 per month toward the support of myself and three other children, all younger than him, I being a whiew. Since enlisting he has only been able to send \$10 each month. I am told that the Government pays an additional \$15 per month. To whom should I appl A SUBSCRIBER.

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