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PORTLAND, SUNDAY, DEC. 22, 1918. of optimism.

THOSE GERMAN WARSHIPS.

The suggestion that the allies should them on peace terms. If they are to despair so easily of agreement on dlvision of this booty, how can they exmore controversial matters?

Great Britain's naval supremacy is secure, even if all the German warships served. should go to a single other nation

The United States would scorn to take them, for by so doing we should throw to the winds the renunciation of unselfish ends with which we entered the WRT.

But the allies are about to set up several young nations in business for If custom should be followed, they will start with a heavy functionary of the city a large sum of load of debt, for they would assume share of the debt of the country from which they were separated. All of these countries having a seaboard supposed to confer upon the household of these countries having a seaboard will need some warships. Why should not the big allies settle the matter by some trifle, like a solid gold cigarette dividing the German ships among the little ones which are just starting life? case, or a pearl scarf pin will do for

Jugo-Slavia will have a part of the each. Adriatic coast; Albania, to which Italy has pledged independence, will have it is recalled that when President another; Poland will have a strip of Poincare visited Petrograd in 1914 he the Baltic coast; Armenia may have left with the minister of the imperial seaboard on both the Black and Mediterranean Seas; Arabia fronts on among the domestic servants. the Red Sea; the new states of Palestine and Syria will front on the Medi- he left the royal household was richer terranean; Mesopotamia will have an outlet on the Persian Gulf. These states will have work for navies on a small scale, and if all the captured ships to have gone as high as \$30,000. were divided among them, none would have so many as to constitute a danger to anybody.

LAND FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS.

established the work. of a battle fleet, having a far wider Farms for those who want them, range of vision than any ship. and work for those who want it, and neither compulsion nor undue induce-

ACTS OF HEROISM. ment in either instance place the new Among the many acts of extraordiprogramme upon a high plane in both nary heroism which are described in the utilitarian and the social sense. The returning soldier is to remain a orders citing the recipients of the dis-

be work at the current rate of wages. An irrigation project, for example, would require to have great dams con-structed, miles of canals and land to be leveled, fenced and broken. This would mean work at good wages, "and at the end a piece of land," as the Sec-reitry points out, "on which would be created a house and barn, a farm homes." For this, the constantly assisted for an subset of an barn, a farm homes." For this, the constantly assisted for an subset of an barn, a farm homes." For this, the sensitive for an entire created a house and barn, a farm homes." For this, the sensitive for an entire created a house and barn, a farm homes." For this, the sensitive for an entire created a house and barn, a farm homes." For this, the sensitive for an entire created a house and barn, a farm homes." For this, the sensitive for an entire created a house and barn, a farm homes." For this, the sensitive for an entire created a house and barn, a farm homes." For this, the sensitive for an entire created a house and barn, a farm homes." For this, the sensitive for an entire created a house and barn, a farm homes." For this, the sensitive for an entire created a house and barn, a farm homes." For this, the sensitive for an entire created a house and barn, a farm homes." For this, the sensitive for an entire created a house and barn, a farm homes." For this, the sensitive for an entire created a house and barn, a farm homes." For this, the sensitive for an entire created a house and barn, a farm homes." For this, the sensitive for an entire created a house and barn, a farm homes." For this, the sensitive for an entire created a house and barn, a farm homes." For this, the sensitive for an entire created a house and barn, a farm home wounded, he constantly assisted for the sensitive for an entire created a house and barn, a farm home wounded. The constantly assisted for the sensitive for an entire the winnowing process has been com-the sensitive for an entire the winnowing process has been com-the winnowing process has

in a group of farm homes." For this, indeed, he must pay, but he ought to have saved out of his wages the neces-sary first installment of 10 or 15 per cent, and the balance with interest he sary first installment of 10 or 15 per cent, and the balance with interest he gaged in a highly prosalc occupation, can pay in forty annual installments, who won his spurs by simply sticking in history. or scoper if he can. to his guns (to employ a justifiable

The Secretary approaches the finan- metaphor in describing pots and pans), cial phase of the question in the spirit and who proved his "extraordinary How great will be the heroism" by no more complicated The wail that one must possess a partisan preference for its own unit don't ask us to admit too much. cost? Less than many a strike has process than simply doing the thing great name to find a publisher comes cost the country. As much in two nearest at hand in the best manner mostly from those whose literary

years as it has cost to conduct the possible. Others trained their weapons product is not worth while. In this war for a single week. Would a peo- on the boches, or threw their grenades respect there is more hope than ever avoid all possibility of dissension in ple who gave out of hand, he asks, or made the enemy feel the touch of for the writer who really has a mes-regard to the disposition to be made \$500,000,000 for the entertainment and cold steel, while Cook Johnson preof the surrendered German warships care of these boys hesitate to buy pared the mulligan and beans, kept Real excellence seems to be the standby sinking them does not speak well bonds of this country for a like amount the coffee hot and saw to it that there ard rather than synchronism of the for the prospect of agreement among to provide peace work, home work and homes for these same boys? among his comrades.

To stand paralyzed in the presence Yet Cook Johnson, it will be conof a debt, as Mr. Lane observes, is to ceded, deserved every honor that has discriminating public taste. We may pect to agree on far weightier and become its victim. Plainly, the ques- come to him. How greatly by his not be favored with a surpassing tion of cost is not the chief considera-The big belligerents may have small tion. But Congress must act promptly others to deeds of valor it is imposreinforce their navies with or the plan will fail. So, too, must sible to estimate accurately, but the spoil of Germany, although France the Legislatures, of the states. The know that by keeping the pot boiling certain to fail. The apparent financial and Italy have suffered loss out of need of state and National co-opera- he almost inestimably aided in preproportion to their naval strength. broadest interests of both are to be dispensed in the form of well-prepared must have contributed in no

WHAT WILL HE DOT

the enemy. Cook Johnson was a man with pride La Marquise de Fontenoy, who writes in his profession, and a standard to for several newspapers on European maintain, and he was not to be turned customs and events, presents the abaside by all the shell fire in the world. sorbing information that when the He deserves his cross as much as if he ruler or chief executive of a nation had slain a score of Prussians, and we visits a European capital it is custhink he is the kind of soldier who tomary for him to leave with the chief will make a success in civil life after the demobilization, because he knows money for distribution among the poor. the importance of doing plain things Nor is that all. When entertained well.

BOOKS AFTER THE WAR.

asking themselves in all seriousness-

bread and butter side of the businesswhat kind of books will be most read not peculiar to the publisher, that of tions of our men. determining the direction of demand. household \$20,000 for distribution Then he went over to Stockholm and when so forth. There is not a commercial by \$10,000. Such distributions vary conclusion of the armistice has left with the importance and means of the ruler, and in other instances are said than that which was precipitated by It must be conceded that President our entry into war.

Wilson is important. Also he is Presi-Those not familiar with the me- to develop the spirit of camp singing dent of a people generally reputed in The last thing to do with the ships Europe to be rolling in wealth. Yet to appreciate the losses which may is to sink them. The war has caused a world-wide campaign against waste, yet by sinking the ships the allies on thing and that is something no a world-wide campaign against waste, yet by sinking the ships the allies would waste the great quantities of steel and other metrial which they steel and other material which they has done. He also has pronounced fore us. It had taken time, of course, that in our earlier war the songs were contain. It would be a spectacle to make all Germany laugh. Will it seem democratic to him to the war people would read chiefly Tramp, the Boys Are Marching" could the beginning scatter largess in England, France and books about war. That it was unsafe not have been written in the beginning.

satter largess in England, France and books about war. That it was unsafe not have been written in the beginning. to generalize even upon this topic is Still, we have heard that buried now realized, but meanwhile many inspired by conditions behind the lines with the use of brine, refrigeration or tributors to the revenue of a port Italy? omewhere in the war revenue bill is books have been edited and even sent with which we have not yet had to any other artificial agency, and the provision for a large fund which may to press which it is unlikely will ever contend in the present war. Trials no be expended by the President without see the market. Perspective has been less than victories, and perhaps more restriction or accounting. Also, while amazingly transformed. Mental atti- than they, seem to be necessary to war having no official decorations or orders tude toward reading has changed no minstrelsy. to confer, a badge signifying honorary less, perhaps, than the geography of membership in the Third House would the world.

The Oregonian and some of them tenant farmers. But for these, and others who seriously contemplate becoming farm-but so contemplate become so contemplate becoming farm-but so contemplate becoming farm-but so ers under the most approved modern system, might receive agricultural edu-cation while still in foreign camps. In patroling. The Navy had sixteen them have been a waste of paper and available in present day in that neither of the available in present day in the present day in the present day in the available in present day in the present da This is in line with the policy already announced by our so-called "Khaki University," and borrows from the experience of Canada, which has already perience of Canada, which has already of a battle float beying a for which as already the work. broader vision with their coin. There Boys Come Home" was written by and dissent from some of his conclu-

have been, on the other hand, some John Hay in Civil War days, but was along should not be construed as a noteworthy successes by books which not set to music until 1917. It is knock of any particular interest or lotouched lightly upon, if they did not altogether ignore, the war. perhaps the only link between the two wars which has survived in verse to minimize Portland's manifest ador song.

There is a certain class of literary critics who harp upon the "decadence" of literature in their time. They con-Tree agent. He may, if he chooses, the inguished service cross it is difficult that the compare the surviving classics who prefer an outdoor life, there will be work at the current rate of wages. The figures given by Mr. Ward show-ing the inguished service cross it is difficult the casually chosen works of the pres-the work at the current rate of wages. The figures given by Mr. Ward show-ing the inguished service cross it is difficult the casually chosen works of the pres-the cas

> tion of the multitude than ever before There continues to appear a sur-

prising number of names of authors of whom we have never before heard. great name to find a publisher comes mostly from those whose literary product is not worth while. In this respect there is more hone than ever is being function. The new "Army Song Book" which is being function of the relative business conditions of Seattle and Portland is their bank clearances, in which Seattle leads us only 15 or 20 per cent. Her

is being furnished to men in the serv-ice contains some stirring reministhe passing day. In this respect, the encouraging factor is an increasingly

coolness and devotion he inspired genius in the coming year, but the average will be higher than formerly and the unworthy book will be more success of sundry new ventures at Camp Music is still continuing its publishing classics in popular form work. It is hoped that still more songs may be writtetn for the occasion, alindicates that good reading will be in small measure to the discomfiture of

> regarded as the most that can reason-SOLDIERS STILL WANT SONGS. ably be expected.

More than a year ago the National Art Club offered a prize of \$250 for

the best song suitable for camp sing-There were about 4000 coning. testants, and the award was made to a bard named Arthur M. Henderson for his "The Road to France." Re-

cently Brigadier-General Monson, the morale branch of the General Staff of the Army, began making a collec tion of songs in all the camps which A good many publishers are now had proved popular. It would be interesting to know why "The Road to for the question deeply concerns the France" is not conspicuous among those which are actually being sung by soldiers, and why others of the 4000 after the-war. It is, indeed, a problem failed to make headway in the affec-

Now, however, that an effort is bethe source of raw material, the extent ing made to collect the songs of all and absorptive power of markets, and the camps, it is possible that we shall have reliable data for purposes of enterprise of magnitude in which the comparison. The composer of a song issue had not arisen. The sudden which has set his whole camp to singing stands a chance even yet to acbusiness in a situation not less critical quire more than local fame. Some of them, it may be, have not had a fair chance, for the war had only begun

chanical details of publishing will fail when the armistice was signed. There

Cargoes Will Take the Water Here.

BY CHARLES B. MOORES. At a luncheon of the Realty Board callty. Any suggestion of an attempt to minimize Portland's manifest ad-vantages is a legitimate subject of dis-And her hair is silver white, There is no telling the lengths to cussi which the official song of the Great The figures given by Mr. Ward show-

right through to Berlin." The Coast nothing but her train night. Artillery was inspired by its promise of duty in France to adopt a song that had real music in it, and there are many other divisional and regimental many other divisional and regimental

custom-house prosperity is sometimes cited as showing her to be as great a seaport as San Francisco, but the San censes of former days. "The Star-seaport as San Francisco, on the star-spangled Banner." "America" and Francisco waterfront tells a different for San Francisco's bank clear-Spangled Banner," "America" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" are included, of course. In France our soldiers are now singing "La Marseil-laise," "La Brabanconne" and the "Garibaldi Hymn." That they are singing makes it plain enough that they are not apt to be cast down even

by the tedium of life with an Army of Occupation. And it is to keep up the injustice of lifting freight over their spirits that the Department of Camp Music is still continuing its work. It is hoped that still more songs may be writtetn for the occasion, al-though there is no reason for expect-ing a "Battle Hymm" or a "Bennic" demand, and that if present-day authors cannot produce it people will Blue Flag." Another "K-K-K-Katy" Blue Flag." Another "K-K-K-Katy" is now mountain lift or of the extra 200 miles to Seattle, or the extra 100 miles to As toria, is not absorbed by the carriers except in a purely technical sense nebody is paying for it, and when the ducer and consumer finally wake up It will be generally agreed that the London banker's estimate that the bill and find out what it is costing them

against Germany will be about \$7,500,they ought to be able in some way to end the iniquitous abuse. 000,000 is an exceedingly conservative one. It at least leaves no margin for

The suggestion that ocean liners will ome to Astoria, but not to Portland, is of wanton damage done which was not necessary for the accomplishment of military ends. In the case of Belgium, in passing, though it is not in point. fallacious. The best authorities tell u half a billion is merely a return of money taken from the Belgians in the form of forced levies and fines im-posed upon various flimsy pretexts. In both Belgium and France there was an organized effort to destroy industry for the purpose of crimpling the people for the purpose of crippling the people as competitors after the war. If, as a matter of fact, the levy upon the Ger-bips, presumably because after figur-that a subject of fact. ing on the items of machinery, fuel, speed, cargo capacity, etc., they are more profitable than larger ships. Notwithstanding the remarkable devel-

prment of the last 10 years, the number The British mercantile marine in 1910

Origin of Playing Cards

A DREAM

Have you ever sat in a dog-out In the cold, blurred black of night, When you couldn't even light a fag. For 'twas death to strike a light?

And all around was rain and mud,

And you sat in front of a glearning hearth, And harked to soft, sweet music tones,

And you blessed the eyes Where the lovelight lies, And you're glad you are home tonight.

any, bearing on the relations of Port-land and Astoria, nor indeed upon the real relations of Portland and Seattle. As characterized to be sitting there. And a little lad with locks of gold Sits tightly on your knee.

For the war is o'er, and you're home again. And the deeds of strife are past. mak-

Though they were hard in the mal-ing thereof. You find pleasure in them at last. And—"Come on you, roll out of that, We're moving, come, atir your bones!" "Say, what the hell Do you"—"Oh, well,

you"-"Oh, well, Say fellows, I thought I was home." -LIEUTENANT R. E. DANIEL, 148th Field Artillery. September 8, 1918-In front of Verdun,

TO MOTHER MINE.

Mr. Ward rightfully protests against Sweet mother mine drive grief away, 'Tis false to tell thee I Am over there in Flanders grave, That I, thy loved, didst die. Twas but a body-not a life-Returned to earth whence came; Whilst I have hastened back to thee, And live with thee the same.

> weet mother mine I live and know, The thing called death by thes is but release of that called life. To realmy where life is free. Tis but a point, which measured from, Life's earthly work is o'er divorced from selfish mind, And soul. Directs thee evermore.

All soul is truth and good and love, Unchanged by time or clod Of earthly clay-sweet mother mine, It has its like in God. s will is his, so is the way, Undimmed by false bellef, It leads my life in freer sphere, To walt for thy relief.

If void there seems, it doth but seem To erring, human sense-But leave thy soul speak truth to thee, And take thy recompense Of happy peace, fixed in a faith, That's given those who hark, To guide them through the night that is, To those unheedful, dark.

Thy soul will tell thee mother mine. To brush away thy tears-Thy heartache is my only pain. I suffer through thy fears. was but a body-not a life-

Returned to earth whence came; Whilst I have hastened back to thee, And live with thee the same. -GENE SMITH.

AT THE PEACE TABLE.

Mr. Wilson what you done Over in Old Gay Paree? Aint you skeered 'twill be your ruin, So much aristocracy? Please remember this December Is the date set that must see Consummations by the nations In the cause of liberty,

punitive damages, and it is doubtful whether it actually covers the amount matter of fact, the levy upon the Germans does not exceed the amount stated, the allies will be showing commendable repression by comparison with the Germans in 1871. On that

damages besides. The profession of chemical engi-netring has newly justified itself with announcement of the perfection of a process of dehydrating master which the British registry of the same time there were about 5000 tons gross, and 20 exceeded 15,000 tons. At the same time there were about 5000 steel ships in the British registry of the same time there were about 5000 steel ships in

living.

occasion they insisted upon being re- of ships of extremely large dimensions imbursed for the entire cost to them is relatively few. of the war, and exacted huge punitive

process of dehydrating meats which the British registry of from 2000 to overcomes former objections that the treatment coagulated the protein and over 6000 ships of from 100 to 1999 readered it unpalatable. The new agree that the bulk of the maritime process removes all of the water and business will be done by ships of rela-

Secretary Lane is not mistaken in supposing that the subject of making provision for our returning soldiers is of paramount interest in any discus of the problems of the Department of the Interior and this, therefore, fitly occupies the place of honor at the beginning of his annual report. But even more significant is the emphasis which he places upon the need just as useful as a European decoraof an immediate programme, and his suggestion that there should first be order.

offered "an opportunity upon our present irrigation projects for all who ish work at clearing and leveling the land not now cultivated but for which water is available, or to which water can be brought under the present irrigation system." Let us hope that Congress, upon whom will fall the task of working out the construc- This day is commonly set down as the

one of the chief benefits of prompt action. Speedy conclusion is neces-though this does not quite keep pace sary if public land improvement is with its later setting. There are sevutilized, as it ought to be, as a kind eral days in the latter part of Decemof labor safety valve during the period ber the length of which is to all inof demobilization

tents and purposes equal. Only an astronomer is competent to make the Rour things, as Mr. Lane points out, constitute the essence of an enlight- nice calculations necessary to demonened land programme, having due ref- strate that December 22 is, indeed, the erence to the situation created by the "shortest day of the year." war. First of these is that there shall But to the average man in the street, be work ready for the men on their return. As to this, it will be observed some time ago. Probably not one return. As to this, it will be observed some time ago. Probably not one In 1866, for example, 23.1 per cent that time already is flying. The second man in a hundred takes account of of the entire number of books pubis that the work shall contribute to the rising of the sun. All mornings the making of America, a requirement are apt to be dull and gray. We are which is fully met by the policy of aroused from slumber by the alarm making homes for Americans on the clock at a fixed hour, dress, breakfast land, of checking drift to cities, and and hasten to work according to a

of contributing to reduction of the schedule that does not vary much, cost of living. The third, that the We are sensible, however, of We are sensible, however, of the money expended shall be returned approach of dusk, which finds us wide with interest to the Government which awake to observe its coming. The day, advances it, is essential if it is to be in actual experience, is long or short made plain that the soldier is receiv- accordingly as the sun sets, and not ing no "charity," as such, but only as it rises. And, by this standard the the plain due of a real man; and the days have been growing longer for fourth condition mentioned by the nearly three weeks. On December 2 Secretary, that the land shall be the sun set at 4:28 P. M. On December platted as part of an organized com- 122 it is scheduled to remain above the munity, goes to the very root, we think, horizon until 4:31. The latter day the foot of the list, suddenly loomed of the fallure of many land projects is mathematically thirteen minutes These took no account shorter than the former; in its conin the past. of the social requirements of the day; scious effect upon us it is three minthey ignored the gregarious instinct utes longer.

which has populated cities and created But either way one may reckon it. slums; they failed to consider the the worst is passed. The northern sense of interdependence which is hemisphere once more is inclining manifest everywhere. "The farm to toward the sun. Longer days mean be a going concern as part of a com-munity that is a going concern" is an actually have only just begun, but we ambitious, but not impossible goal for shall bear it more and more cheerfully because there will be increasing light. which to strive.

Another cause of failure of back- The child's dread of the dark survives to-the-land movements in the past is in the grownup in depression which sympathetically interpreted by Mr. he does not always struggle to over-Lane through the emphasis he places come. It is easier for most persons upon the furnishing of opportunity to be optimistic when they know that think, to discriminating taste on the particularly to men who are fitted by the sun is shining. It is a wise pronature and experience for farm work. vision which gives us twenty-three it is not intended hashily to dump a days of lengthening afternoons as a large number of men possessing no preparation for Christmas time.

agricultural experience upon farms and then to leave them to their own The important part which aviation resources. Reference to the fact that plays in naval as well as land wars more than one-third, probably nearer is indicated by the fact that the Aviaone-half, of the men who are in France tion Division of the Navy now comhave come from farms" shows that prises 42,584 officers and men. of preparation. Those who assumed that there is plenty of promising material from which to draw. These are not, 4729 are detailed to flying duty. This experiences would suffice to make the given it. it is true, farm owners principally; latter number is an increase from 600 book attractive, regardless of technical

probably be highly prized, would be tion and could be prepared on short

.We shall wait with interest to learn what the President is going to do about it.

THE SHORTEST DAY.

The sun, according to the calendar tedium of leisure hours. for this latitude, rises on December 22 at 7:26 A. M. and sets at 4:31 P. M. details, will not procrastinate shortest day of the year. It is true By furnishing new outlets for those the rallying song, the first stanza of swears all its members to secrecy, and until the time has passed for reaping that the sun will continue to rise later who formerly made the market for which is:

flimsy literature they have doomed a certain class of books to the scrap heap which it will be quite generally agreed ought to have been sent there long ago. But this process has bee gradual and was noticeable even be fore the outbreak of war in 1914. Its

continuance was accelerated, however, by the events which followed.

Figures of book production are available for comparison in three periods, each separated by a decade lished were classed as fiction. to 19.5 per cent; in 1916 it was only 8.91 per cent. Meanwhile, however

than kept pace with increase of population. The total number of titles in 1896 was 5703, of which fiction was represented by 1114; in 1916 the total number of titles had almost doubled. reaching 10,445, while the number of fiction titles had fallen to 932. A noteworthy development of very recent years has been the rise of poetry and drama. This classification, formerly

occupying an unobserved place near into prominence near the top. There were \$60 such works two years ago figures for the current year have not

en completed, but there is promise that the number will be even exceeded in 1918. It seems inevitable that works on sociology will continue to and theology appear to be having their a satisfactory conclusion from the

fluctuating figures of production Failure of a great many war books during the present year points, we part of the public rather than to lack of interest in the war itself. There was a tendency on the part of publishers to print anything, of even

But the result has vindicated the judgship, after all, is a matter for careful

Still, the war has developed a num per of songs, which, although they

It is nevertheless reasonably safe to followed no rule, have served greatly predict that the decline of hammock to raise the spirits of our men. The literature which was observed in the marines took one of them, with its boast that the streets of heaven al-

years immediately preceding the war will continue. There are definite rea-sons for this, which do not imply that which might have served as a rallypeople have lost their taste for enter- ing cry for all branches if it had had

wider application. It is possible tainment, but indicate that other fac- a that there is no mere coincidence betors are competing successfully with

the book as means of relieving the tween the recent statement that with The motion more than 4000 casualties out of \$000 picture is probably chief of these; the men in action only fifty-seven marines automobile has contributed its share. were taken prisoner and the words of sions. That highly secretive body

From the halls of Montezuma, To the shores of Tripoll, We fight our country's battles On the land and on the sea. First to fight for right and freedom And to keep our honor clean, We are proud to claim the tile Of United States Marine.

And the concluding lines:

If the Army and the Navy Ever look on heaven's scones, They will find the streets are guarded By United States Marines.

But songs, as has been said, grow with occasion. This is even true of however, they are beaten before they "The Marine's Hymn," which had no sooner been tried on the battlefields the spruce divisions, was just beginyears later the proportion had declined of France than it came in for amendment. The halls of Montezuma and mistice was signed. the shores of Tripoll seemed far, far book production as a whole had more away from the brim realities of modern trench warfare.

From the shores of the old U. E. A. To the sunny clime of France, We are going to get the Kaiser If he gives us half a chance.

may not have been an improvement in a literary sense, over the original, but it was one of those inspirations of occasion which serve their purpose, and it is likely to be sung in honor of the marines who fell in battle long which sailed from there only a few months ago. from the scene of action.

There is a curious coincidence be tween "Joan of Arc," which has been one of the most popular songs of the Be a Soldier," which was so prime a favorite among the pro-Germans beincrease. This is a topic which de-rives heightened interest from the Bryan wrote both of them. "Joan of problems of reconstruction. Religion Arc" was greatly helped by its music, which Bryan did not write, and it ups and downs. It is not easy to frame might have lived longer as a song if the words had been less commonplace

Cohan and Irving Berlin still stand as the best-remembered song writers of the present war, although there are few others, and neither of these won success in a formal competition. Critics probably are overenthusiastic in rating "Over There" with the "John Brown's Body" of the Civil War, bu

passable quality, on the topic which it is a good song nevertheless, and was uppermost in the public mind. might have risen to even greater heights of popularity. "Keep the there would have been no war. ment of those who believe that author. Home Fires Burning" was not primarily a song for this war, but it was

so well adapted to the purpose that States fisheries commission, will be whom 20,113 are abroad and of whom novel, or even tremendously tragic, it deserves all the credit that may be Friday by and by.

The losing .side of our Civil War many of them have been farm hands in one year. Aircraft have done skill of presentation, have learned produced two really great songs, "My the people will tolerate no substitute.

two chief economic arguments in its favor are that it saves about eleventweifths of transportation space now equired and calls for no especial pro visions for its preservation. The scientists point out that these factors would

make the new product especially deline at one time undertook the experisirable for relief work in Europe, that ment of dispatching its vessels from Cuxhaven, at the mouth of the river. it would be ideal for vessels on long voyages and that by avoiding refrigerbut gave it up after one year's trial. The present depth of the Elbe channel to the sea is 26% feet at low water and ation costs it ought to contribute something toward reducing the cost of

Possibly the discussion about secret. sions of the Peace Congress will be ended by adoption of the Senate's practice with regard to executive seswhen its proceedings are fully published in next morning's newspapers all the Senators abuse each other for breaking their pledge. A man-even breaking their pledge. A man-even a statesman-cannot keep a secret any better than a woman can. tions are among the least of her trou-bles. Ten or 15 years ago our wisest the statesman woman can.

Germans who have already begun to talk about the next war say that it will be won in the air. They are the same ones who a few months ago realize, develop and utilize the indus-trial resources of the Columbia water-shed, the Willamette Valley and Souththought that this war was going to be won by the submarine. Either way, start. Our aviation section, including ning to get its stride when the ar-

can go 100 miles down the river in the hold of a great liner cheaper than they The spirit of Christmas will be lost by those who confine their good cheer can by rail. to the day alone. Let there be a holitiny without our attempting to her way. She may take some day feeling also with the coming of the cold, gray dawn of the morning business, but her help in bringing

ditional commerce into the Columbia will end in additional ships finding their way farther up the channel. The stream of transports arriving The stream of transports arriving at "an Atlantic port" is exceeded only in the unpublished reports of those which sailed from there only a few months ago. Without doubt President Wilson will Without doubt President Wilson will

war, and "I Didn't Raise My Boy to all the necessary trimmings of hospi-

long before he succeeds in writing a ter than, if as good as, the channel convincing justification of his misfrom Portland to the sea.

deeds.. Even without that distinguished vice medal for Pershing, Americans know that he has done a good job.

We shall now be treated to a demonstration of what a lot of shopping can be compressed into a single day.

World.

Since 1899 the lengths and depths of Bravely stand upon your platform trans-Atlantic steamships have been increased about 50 per cent, the breadth nearly 40 per cent, but deep-Show them that you're not afraid, water draughts only 10 per cent.

Of the Prussians or the Russians, Of the Germans or the Dutch; Hamburg, the greatest port in Eu-rope, is 85 miles from the mouth of the River Eibe. The Hamburg-American Though they clamor over much.

Don't forget the devastation to the sea is 26% feet at low water and 52.8 at high water, and vessels of the greatest draught now go into the har-bor at Hamburg, including the great Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, which has a gross register tonnage of 25,000. The tonnage of the Dakota and Minnesota. Jim Hill's great, unwieldy ships, was only 20,718 gross each. Ocean

And there'd be no peace to make. Had we dared not prick his bubble-The old egotist and fake. He found we'd fight: I guess that's

only 20,718 gross each. Ocean commerce has always sought the seat of production and the heart of industrial activity, and if universal precedent counts for anything it al-ways will. Portland's channel condi-tions are among the least of her trou-North Powder, Or.

THE RED CROSS STAR.

nce a star shone white at Christmas, Peace and joy it showered then: We now have it, with a 30-foot river channel, and if future needs call for 35 feet we shall find a way to get it. Portland's real problem is how best to a star glows red at Christman, Bringing still good will to men.

That white star in age departed. Hung o'er manger-cradle low; This red star o'er broken hearted Sheds today its welcome glow.

ern Oregon, with which she is in imme-diate geographical touch. An indus-trial empire such as her immediate hinterland is capable of developing will That white star, unto the Saviour. Wise men guided, at his birth: This red star proclaims that Saviourfurnish return cargoes for all the ships that choose to come, and those cargoes will take the water here because they The Redcemer of the earth!

Shine, O Red Cross Siar in beauty. Red as our Redeemer's blood! Teach our hearts to do their duty: Let Astoria work out her own des

THE STATION GATE.

Like the maw of a mighty monster is that gate a-swinging wide To the fretted, endless traffic that is

known as the human tide; And we yield to the ceaseless luring the ones that we love the best,

And we see them go in the pulsing flow of the tides that never rest.

Like an arch to enchanted gardens seems that wonderful swinging gate.

As we study its rusty iron bars and thrillingly watch and walt. We grasp our atom from passing tide and in ecstacy laugh or cry;

And a beautiful gleam is on the stream as we see it flowing by. --GRACE E. HALL

A PIPEFUL

When you're down and out and busted, And everything's gone wrong: When the tide is dead against you And it's running mighty strong: When your burdens seem too heavy, There's no relief, I ween, Like the old pipe's friendly fragrance, And the breath of nicotine.

How its warm breath calms you

here would have been no war. Every day, in the view of the United states fisheries commission, will be Friday by and by. For turkey at any price, it appears, he people will tolerate no substitute. For turkey at any price, it appears, he people will tolerate no substitute. For turkey at any price, it appears, he people will tolerate no substitute. For turkey at any price, it appears, he people will tolerate no substitute. For turkey at any price, it appears, he people will tolerate no substitute. For turkey at any price, it appears, he people will tolerate no substitute. For turkey at any price, it appears, he people will tolerate no substitute. For turkey at any price, it appears, he people will tolerate no substitute. For turkey at any price, it appears, he people will tolerate no substitute. For turkey at any price, it appears, he people will tolerate no substitute. For turkey at any price, it appears, he people will tolerate no substitute. For turkey at any price, it appears, he people will tolerate no substitute. For turkey at any price, it appears, he people will tolerate no substitute. For turkey at any price, it appears, he people will tolerate no substitute. For turkey at any price, it appears, he people will tolerate no substitute. For turkey at any price, it appears, her people will tolerate no substitute. For turkey at any price, it appears, her people will tolerate no substitute. For turkey at any price, it appears, her people will tolerate no substitute. For turkey at any price, it appears, her people will tolerate no substitute. For turkey at any price, it appears, her people will tolerate no substitute. For turkey at any price, it appears, her people will tolerate no substitute. For turkey at any price, it appears, her people will tolerate no substitute. For turkey at any people will tolerate no substitute. For turkey at any people will tolerate no substitute. For turkey at any people will tolerate no substiturkey at a people will tolerate no subs -R. E. SPAULDING.

WALTON, Or., Dec. 19.—(To the Edi-tor.)—Please publish something of the origin of the common playing cards. A SUBSCRIBER. Their origin is of remote antiquity. They were in use in Egypt in the time of Joseph, and in Hindustan and China long before they appeared in Europe. Some antiquarians maintain they fol-If Austria had insisted upon the principle of self-determination in 1914 lowed the invading Saracens into Europe in 711, while others claim the