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RELIEF FOR RUSSIA.

If Herbert Hoover were disposed the manner in which the soviet government of Russia accedes to his demand for release of American prisoners before relief will be given to lead on to negotiations for trade and tions. Such a proposition is repellent to a man of Mr. Hoover's character, though famine and the horrors of prison life are familiar tools of holshevist diplomacy.

In this matter Mr. Hoover acts association, therefore lacks authority for diplomatic intercourse. He demanded as a condition of a mission of humanity to Russia, that the soviet itself should display a small modicum of humanity. But he is man to hold out on such points. No conference is necessary. If the soviet sets the Americans free, relief will go to Russia as soon as they are safe out. The occasion calls for acts, not words, with which the bolshevists are too profuse.

Senator France uses Russia's need of relief as an argument for a trade agreement between the United States and soviet governments, and implies that through some action of the United States trade relations are The government of this country does not forbid or obstruct trade with Russia; it simply refuses assume any responsibility in the matter, but leaves Americans free to trade or not at their own risk. Trade agreements between governments are founded on observance of the ordinary rules and customs of commercial intercourse. They would require that this country send an ambassador to uphold the rights of its citizens, and consuls to facilitate siness transactions; also that Russia have a government which would observe the principles of honor, justice and humanity accepted by civilized nations. A trade agreement implies assurance of all these things. Our government can give no such diplomatic or consular appointments under present circumstances. The best the government can do is to let Americans take their chances in trade with Russia, as they would in trade with the cannibal islands.

MEXICO'S ANTI-AMERICAN LAWS. Mexico shares with Germany and Russia the distinction of not having conference on the list of nations engagements, and it persists in the policy which caused it to be pro-Obregon assumed power of their surname. with loud professions of friendship for Americans, and cultivated the impression that he would reverse the anti-American policy of Carranza. All that he has done is to protect the persons of Americans from assault and murder; he continues to confiscate their property. All appeals to rescind the confiscatory article 27 of the Carranza constitution have been fruitless, and the strongest parties in the Mexican congress recently affirmed their purpose to maintain it. Yet Obregon expects the United States to accept promise that Americans will be squarely treated, and he pretends to be unfairly treated when recognition

is withheld Robbery of Americans under the Carranza policy is not confined to mineral land, to the claim of the government to oil or to the 25 per ent export tax on oil. It extends to agricultural land, of which large tracts had been bought for cultivation, development and sale under the security of the constitution of 1857. One provision of article 27 reads:

owners to be held as common prop-erty by villages. Compensation is the owner must accept bonds in cloak, the mud puddle, and payment, Each state must fix a approved by the state. states have passed laws accordingly. Durango has imposed a graduated land tax which increases as holdings murphy—of which more anon— act was taken into court and depainstaking study and, if they did grow larger. The state gives any citicomes of a royal line itself, and is clared unconstitutional, and that zen the right to acquire idle land for cultivation and requires the owner to furnish working machinery at a of the same family have attained culties, including a strike of long This right has been perverted to the seizure of cultiject was to remove livestock and to the potato. It is first cousin to Then Gandhi turned again to India current that we cannot but believe | mad singer flouted adversity and other personal property, then aban- tobacco, can owners who were farming small the revolution and are unable to re-

drive out

can consul, told the senate commitmeters of the frontier or fifty kilometers of the seasonst.

The prohibited zone comprises and a larger percentage of the agricultural land, and within it are most for development and irrigation and for sale in small tracts. They are now forbidden to sell to any but Mexicans, who are unable to buy, to be punctilious, he might object to so the result is confiscation. The on the titles of Mexicans also, and they exclaim loudly against its ruin-

Obregon, like Carranga, tries to famine sufferers. The soviet treats make Mexico a hermit republic. Like the affair as a diplomatic bargain. Lenine, he makes it a country where evidently with an ulterior purpose to the elementary principles of justice do not rule. The least we can do in cesentment is to leave Mexico to its 1919 7,144,549 tons, including over ultimately for full diplomatic rela- resentment is to leave Mexico to its isolation.

THE DISTINGUISHED MR. THEOCRITUS We who are blithe to quibble, to catch up the mistaken statement not on behalf of the United States and thrust it in the teeth of its pergovernment but as head of the relief petrator, must let a lot of splendid opportunities slip by us through the the total on June 30, 1914. haze of ignorance. Witness the Literary Digest, a most particular publication, which some months ago. lapsed for but a moment and spoke of Theocritus as a great Latin poet The ink was not dry on its pages before the editors realized that they were in for it. Theocritus, it seems, was a Greek. "We braced ourselves for a deluge of corrections," comments the Literary Digest in a re cent number, "but after two months only one protest had reached us,

and that from far-away Honolulu." Gravely confronting the publication with its fault, eighteen students of McKinley high school, Honolulu, subscribed themselves to a letter of correction. The cream of the situation is that, but for three or four half time, and the United States is exceptions, the class roster runs riot with such names as Goonzo Yamashita, or Edith Ah Chung Ing, or full capacity and exchange their Kam Dai Ching. Where in the name of the American states, may we ask, were the William Smiths, the John conquered colonies and mandated Browns, and the Albert Johnsons of the many McKinley high schools A few years will effect an expanhere at home? Theocritus was nothing in their young lives. It remained for all existing tonnage and more for Sueko Okita and his schoolmates into the bargain. to admit a passing familiarity with the greatest of Grecian bucolic bards. Where, for that matter, were our

learned professors? Had the Literary Digest erred in for the New York Giants? Let's assume that it had ventured the sprightly assertion that Charlie Chaplin made his histrionic debut in Kokomo, Iwdiana; or that when Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote "Three Weeks" she found herself on the Mahdi into his native desert, she is butter down the shirt front. Clasphigh seas of fame. The instant efwould have been horrendous.

After all, and however, Theocritus has been passe for quite a while: been included by the Paris peace whereas the gifted Babe is still at bat. Charlie at his capers, and that could be trusted to keep their Elinor at her writing desk. They are not yet to be found entombed in the encyclopedia, under the initials

PURSUING THE POTATO. If a prophet be without honor in his own country there is ever the of its projects, or to in the least parsuspicion that he has fallen down on ticular recognize the duties incumthe job, that his auguries have gone bent upon those who accept and awry, that he neglected to mention a total eclipse of the sun, or some thing of that sort. Yet this process often preached by radical dreamers, of logic does not apply to the po- and strange it is that this most tato, for whose relief the governor of California recently proclaimed find its testing ground in India. "potato day," on which all loyal citizens were exhorted to buy the tubers and consume them freely. that a great industry might empty its bins. For of all the garden ficial impulse of human pride, and family, prophetic of health and the begging bowl of the beggar rotund happiness, the potato never priest typifies something more than has failed to hold the confidence and appetite of folk in general.

the potato, perforce, in the urgency goods and comforts to seek spiritual of his effort to reduce, did so with purification through lives of rigorous tears unfeigned, and as one who self-denial and prayer. Kipling, who knew in bitterness and regret the knows and loves that country, gave deprivation thus involved. Not many all outlanders a picture of just such of us would care to asume the spar- a priest in the lovable old saint that Settlements, hamlets, situated on private property and communes which lack land or water or do not possess them in sufficient quantity for their needs shall have the right to be provided with them from the adjoining properties, always having due regard for small landed holdings.

The appeal of that the may serve. The appeal of such a character is powerful in a sety's colony of Virginia, brought Under that clause great tracts of back to Queen Elizabeth nothing land that exalts and extels the land have been taken from their quite so acceptable as that native spiritual. American tuber. Indeed, we grow impatient with history, to be paid only on the value fixed glorified the gallantry of Sir Walter, the actual proof of practical achievefor taxation plus 10 per cent, and through the story of his last year's ment. Educated in an English uniroyal predicament, while it has condividual, and the excess must be to that afternoon when he called at approved by the conditions court with a buse restriction. court with a huge potato in either who had settled there and who were

send them out to her kitchen. The potato, miscalled the Irish royally deserving of specific his- the Hindus in South Africa were glimmering of light. torical attention. Several members organized. After protracted diffi- surface of merriment and jesting, more or less renown, but none of duration, the mahatma succeeded in to have been the proof of misunderthem has that reputation for gen- gaining recognition for the Hindus standing, a great deal of serious vated land by men whose only ob- erous philanthropy which adheres as equal citizens of South Africa. study was flowing, in an intellectual About 3000 Ameri- plant and pepper. Of the first, let The ways of this revolt s tracts have been driven out during itself been conducive to reflective vexatious. It is said that the Prince fessor did not understand an Amer- templation of great gifts cast in the

thought that gave birth to an in-spiration. So prolific a producer, of barbarous feudalism. reasoned the lords, ought to be fine scornful rich were reluctantly compelled to order a portion of hashed-browns and determine just what the half devil and half child." magic was.

LOSSES OF SHIPS MADE GOOD.

Not only the loss of ships during the war but the deficiency in normal boom in building. There were launched in the year 1918 through-4,000,000 tons in the United States, and in 1920 5,862,000 tons. The total for the three years was 25 per cent greater than for the 29 years ending December 31, 1920, according to the Commerce Monthly. The world's tonnage now exceeds 000,000 and exceeds by 11,000,000

There has been a great decrease in shipbuilding this year, both because of depression in the carrying trade and because high cost of production and strikes have discour aged new work. This country's output has shrunk enormously, many yards are closed or working to only part capacity, or have been dismantled, but its capacity has certainly been permanently increased. On the ability of American builders and workmen to reduce cost will depend our ability to contend with Britain for first place.

General revival of ocean merce must be trusted to bring into use the large surplus tonnage. Europe probably is working only working far below capacity in their industries. When they get up to wares, many idle ships will come into service. Development of the

THE STRANGE REVOLT IN INDIA. The "white man's burden" is yet an irksome one, and the cares of a revolutionist, not by the bare bru- ing ear. tality of bomb and torch and tulwar,

The revolutionary methods of to aid the Indian government in any any chicken in the flock. recognize a government. It is the doctrine of passive resistance so

singular revolution in history should It is rather a simple matter to get a reputation for holiness in India, one gathers from reading; yet the desire to attain merit is not a superthe spirit of the mendicant. Indian princes of station and wealth have Mr. Cobb, who bade farewell to before now given up the world's

Mahatma Gandhi, however, adds has to this record of saintly self-denial versity, he became a leader of native thought in his youth, and in 1893 went to South Africa as the cham-pion of 150,000 low-caste Indians Several pocket and advised the queen to to be deported and excluded by the government. It was through his the school room to the college facleadership that the Asiatic exclusion ulty-gave to his theory the most

contentment; of the second, that it of Wales did not visit India during ican joke, and thereby the scientific mire. turn, but are forbidden to sell except to Mexicans.

These laws are plainly intended to

The serious forbidden any Hindu to look upon the face of the English heir. And

Nevertheless we are pleased to of putrescent romance that we have foreigners, especially no one; of the third, that the tomato when the Duke of Connaught came know that he left our shores without flung, or permitted to be flung, over

take their property, were not going overseas, early in the 16th century; and against liquor and drugs. From to allow them to buy any more" and that it did not appear in Ireland these latter reforms India, in any

toward foreign speculators, espe- history are vexatious. What said ideals. But would India become a cially Americans and English." In the queen? And were they boiled, free nation through mystic, religaccord with it, Carranza's constitu- baked or fried? The cook must have lous idealism? It is not so long ago accord with it, Carranza's constitution declares that "only Mexicans
have the right to acquire ownership
in lands, etc.," and that "the nation may grant the same right to
foreigners, provided they agree to
be considered Mexicans in regard to
the same," under penalty of forfeiture, but no foreigner may acquire
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the the English forbade the suttee.
Famine and pestilence no longer
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failed to meet the emergency, for
that the English forbade the suttee.
Famine and pestilence no longer
through the land, nor do the tyrant
princes tax and torture as they were
wont to do. The occupation of India
by the English has had its compensations for the Indian people. direct ownership within 100 kilo- cattle. Indeed, it was this happy who would today, but for a civilized government, be dwelling in a state of barbarous feudalism. All peoples should and will be free, but it were per cent of the area of the republic food for the poor in time of famine. madness to tempt the return to It*came to pass that the poor took barbarism by removing all restraint on such well-fed proportions, so from a child-like people. In time to of the lands bought by Americans frolicksome an aspect, that the come it will be different. But for the present the Kipling definition

Zealots have said that the government of uncultured peoples by the white race is tyranny, however we condone it. That is not so, and has not been for many years. new sense of obligation, transcendproduction for the war years has ing mere commercialism, has arisen been made good by the phenomenal in the world and brought with it tasks that civilization may not shirk -or f it does, then at its peril.

> GREEN CORN AND THE LUXURY TAX. Browsing through an advertisement, a-shopping with fancy, one encounters the information that silver-plated green-corn holders bear a 5 per cent luxury tax. Most amazing. What would granddad have said to even suggestion of such a device, let alone mention of a special federal tax on its purchase? He was a man of fixed opinions, largely derived in Indiana, where the corn grows tall and luscious. His denunciatory gifts were surprising.

There is, in an eastern city, a newspaper which once upon a time was transported with delight in the green corn, editorially speaking, and celebrated its ecstacy by half a column of tribute to the Golden Bantam variety. One might write learnedly of the Einstein theory, might discuss with gravity and sense the theory of inhabitation profound sagacity any number of appreciative furore that followed. occasional lapses, and they are By request of constant readers that nevertheless welcome, into the swing with each returning summer,

affection for a seasonal delight. At that time, however, the luxury though it partakes of both, has re-tax slumbered in the fertile fancy placed the frankly unstudied appeal holders and the federal toll. He dered in its democratic attack on the cult of amateur elocutionists which cob. Perhaps the silver-plated succeeded the "Face on the Barroom dingus was not yet conceived, and Floor" addicts, now almost obsolete. empire as fretful as ever they were the tactics of the day were still of a more popular particular its mails when the raw lands were won. There pioneer simplicity. However that treatment we have been privileged assurance, knowing the character of would have doubled overnight. Sup- is in India a mahatma of the peothe soviet government and that it may be overturned any day or cause civil war. It is doubtful whether fit may be overturned any day or cause civil war. It is doubtful whether fit may be overturned any day or cause civil war. It is doubtful whether fit may be overturned any day or cause civil war. It is doubtful whether fit may be overturned any day or cause civil war. It is doubtful whether fit may be overturned any day or cause civil war. It is doubtful whether fit may be overturned any day or cause civil war. It is doubtful whether fit may be overturned any day or cause civil war. It is doubtful whether fit may be overturned any day or cause civil war. It is doubtful whether fit may be overturned any day or cause civil war. It is doubtful whether fit may be overturned any day or cause civil war. It is doubtful whether fit may be overturned any day or cause counting the fit of the interior of the luxury to flow the luxury to flo perplexing problems. For Gandhi is never heard of a holder for his roast-

Green corn on the cob should be but by the spiritual weapon of non- lifted with that artistic precision at loss for stratagems and policies ing the ear firmly in the one hand, counteract the influence of by the nub that once linked it to the Mahatma Gandhi-a mystic of In- parent stalk, and with the apex of of the other, the viand should be its physical manifestation, do not way. In a surprisingly short time teach hatred of the English, nor op- a matter of moments, the green-corn position to them as a people, but expert will so denude an ear of require merely that those who fol- Golden Bantam, or any other valow him shall without passion refuse riety, as to puzzle and disillusion

A MUTUAL MISUNDERSTANDING.

As a people we were deeply pained when it was reported that Professor Albert Einstein had weighed us in the balance and found us wanting lacking in poise, in purpose, in cul-ture, and in scientific comprehen-We rather liked the professor. He brightened a dreary world by the inexhaustible possibilities of his unique theory of relativity. Every jokesmith in America sprang to the forge without delay-and if we jest with a visitor it is always the sign that we are interested in him and his opinions. But when the professor was said to have said that he found us impossible the joy momentarily went out of life. Now that he has denied the words attributed to him, and spoken with warmth and good will of America, we are constrained to resume our previous belief that, as scientists average, this relativity theorist is an excellent fellow, relatively speaking. I am very much shocked (said the herr

I am very much shocked (said the herr professor) at the utterances attributed to me concerning the American public. That the sensational interest in the theory of relativity manifested by the general public is for the chief part founded upon a misunderstanding is, to be sure, only too true. What impresses me most when I recall America to memory is the feeling of gratitude for the warm and cordial reception which I received from all professional colleagues. I I was struck by the plain comradeship and harmless, sociable nature of the Americans—who are free.

What Professor Einstein evidently.

What Professor Einstein evidently does not know, concerning Americans, is that thousands of individual thinkers, in all walks of life-from which the professor falsely assumes

Americans, At a banquet given to is honored by the relationship; of in his stead he entered without na- that patronizing air of superiority the soiled fame of certain goets has let them alone,

Carranza at Vera Cruz in October, the fourth, that the potato is a more tive welcome, while 75,000 people which was attributed to him in the no allure for Service. Rather he is 1914. Luis Cabrera made a speech reliable missile, when accurately escorted the mahatma on that day. published interview. When he comes of all the foreign consuls, who afterward drew up a report of the speech on which they agreed. W. W. Canada, the American public regarding his when accurately escorted the mahatma on that day. Published interview. When he comes add with the thought of inspiration dragged to such lowly depths. His is merely contrived by nature for use the hand loom, so that they may for a reciprocal understanding. Let when accurately escorted the mahatma on that day. Published interview. When he comes add with the thought of inspiration dragged to such lowly depths. His is merely contrived by nature for use the hand loom, so that they may for a reciprocal understanding. Let welcome, while 19,400 and 1914. Luis Cabrera made a speech reliable missile, when accurately escorted the mahatma on that day. Published interview. When he comes add with the thought of inspiration dragged to such lowly depths. His is merely contrived by nature for use the hand loom, so that they may for a reciprocal understanding. Let we were their own garments and yield him appoint a committee to enlighten the foreign dragged to such lowly depths. His would be well to provide the mahatma on that day. Published interview. When he comes add with the thought of inspiration dragged to such lowly depths. His would be well to provide the mahatma on that day. Published interview. When he comes and which they have a such a committee to such It is beyond controversy that the dustry. He has declared against re- theories, while we appoint a com- a trio for you! Wilde, who died in tee that Cabrera said "they were Spaniards were the benefactors of ligious antipathies and quarrels, a mittee to diagram for him the great shameful exile; Baudelaire, who going to drive the Americans out. Europe in introducing the potato ban never before ventured in India.

THE COTTAGE AT SHALLOWFORD.

is flies and overhauled his tackle, of spiritual squalor one knows why to judging the amount of floor space. before he walked forth into the Wilde, in agony of spirit cried out, Our old friend, the Chamber of Comoyous rain and sought some river "Surely there was a time I might ddy where the trout were leaping, have trod the sun-lit heights, and joyous rain and sought some river or the pike lay in wait for its appointed frog. Likely enough it was clear chord to reach the ear of God!" inted frog. there that he drove the quili to its As these three were great, de-delightful duty of writing "The Complete Angler," and to the penning of and their curve will never be celethese lines:

space within its walls, it has over the drinks from fresh, sweet springs
these lines:

that, for the passing hour, as-Of the gallant fisher's life.
It is the best of any;
'Tis full of pleasure, void of strife,
And 'tis beloved of many.

We have all but forgotten how to pull the long bow, and hunters risen bird. Much that was common in the sport of Izaak's day is done of angling we have kept so close a by pedantic authority, we may when yet she has been there for years.

We choose ance to learn that the Shallowford cottage is in imminent peril of utter decay. It needs another thatch, for shingles wouldn't do at all, and it must have new timbers if the roof that sheltered such kindly philosophy is to remain intact. calamity it would be were Walton's home to go to the wrecker, never

to welcome another pilgrim. The English are agitated about the prospect. The cottage is a part of the foundation of the Stafford grammar school, but the board of education quite plausibly complains permit of repairs. There are, unresents more than the cost of the true angiers, as they must be, Walton's rooftree has already been regentleman himself were waiting to a seventeenth century week-end.

THE SONGS OF SERVICE.

Service has drawn a strange and intriguing picture for us in his latest verse-"Ballads of a Boof Mars, might, indeed, treat with hemian"-depicting the fancles and adventures of a young poet in the scientific topics without creating the Latin quarter of Paris. Aside from paper is now condemned to reprint, of his Yukon poems, there is little its in the book to remind the reader epic on green corn. This, we think, of Dangerous Dan McGrew or his testifies to the peculiarly national creator. An assured philosophy of life, more happy than cynical, congress, so that the eastern to dramatic instinct and that alone. pundit did not dwell upon green-corn an appeal that was voiced by his "Speil of the Yukon." could not, by the wildest flight of Dan seems, most assuredly, to have imagination, vision a day when an been pumped full of lead and left American appetite should be hin- to the wolves of the past-viz, that In this transition of theme and modern poets, and which is pecul-iarly lacking in the verse of those style themselves modernists. co-operation. Where England would which, while seemingly careless and For Service is first of all a poet of not be at loss to cope with another insouciant, permits a maximum of the old school, refusing to treat with Sepoy mutiny, or to chase a second efficiency with a minimum of melted scorn the obvious and matter-offact, but preferring rather to touch them with the wand of fancy and perform a transfiguration. There is no ennervating scent of sickly dia, whose gospel is "India must be the cob resting in the joined fingers phrase and morbid introspection about his poems. There never was. slowly revolved before the face, let- They are easy to read, easy to under-Gandhi do not countenance force in ting the natural instinct have its stand, easy to appreciate. In brief, they are natural, and the world is his debtor.

Few who love poetry for itself. and not merely for the thrill of dramatic declamation, or for pose of one who patronizes the muse, would have guessed some years ago that the young fellow who wrote of Dangerous Dan had possi-bilities beyond that hectic effort. They were disillusioned when Serv ice found himself through the world war, and gave us his "Rhymes of a the Wire," he perceives that here is a poet who mixes no feeble colors for his work, no pigments of futuristic fancy, but is content with the death. One would wager a volume of Keats against a penny dreadful that Amy Lowell, with all her art of verse libre, couldn't arouse in a blue moon the instinctive hatred of war

that Service stirs within us. The imagined poet of the Latin quarter, through whom Service sings, is a tender, tearful, happy scalawag, who has chosen to leave America for the joy that youthful artists find in the French capital-and who counts the dearth of faggots and the infrequency of food and wine as little enough to pay for the privilege of freedom. He tells of "the newly captured linnet" he saw in a brothel, and of the dinner he denied himself, that his last shill ling might purchase the bird and give it freedom. He is, as he says, a fanatic for freedom. He has no master save his own will, no craft save the gift of song, this boy of the Latin quarter. And so-

The tiny door I open threw,

As down upon the grass I sank me;
Poor little chap! How quick he flew

He didn't even wait to thank me.
Life's like a cage; we beat the bars,
We bruise our breasts, we struggle

at least saw a

Beneath the
t. and jesting,

We strain with flutterings ungainly.
Our wondrous wings are arched for fly-

In Paris itself, where that first would compare most favorably with quite likely went to the gibbetplant and pepper. Of the first, let The ways of this revolt are vari-it be said that the modest spud has ous, but thus far have proved merely ened in Germany. The herr pro-quarter finds sadness in the con-Was it not Swinburne who of Francois? no matter. The glamor Nevertheless we are pleased to of putrescent romance that we have

decadence; Verlaine, the modern Villon, a drunken libertine.

flesh, Service will never be celebrated. But theirs was a tainted ground floor besides the banks and legacy, and never a tribute rises that is not stamped with apology for their do not send the falcon after the their memories with tongs. Service will leave us joy of life, belief in our-

> . . Seek the sunit roads that lie beside the sea.
>
> We'll know the jey the gipsy knows, the
> freedom nothing mars,
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> freedom nothing mars,
>
> tongues of doubt;
>
> The priest, the monk, foresworn to
> solitude and saintliness,
> rants, barber shops, bootblacks, cigar,
> Yearn o'er the printed page for some The golden treasure-gates of dawn, the mintage of the stars.

EFFECTS OF DROUTH IN EUROPE. Drouth throughout Europe threat-

ens short crops when not only is the any ordinary need. supply formerly drawn from Russia cut off but that country is the scene of famine on the scale hitherto elevators daily and it is 'estimated known as peculiar to China and India. The American crop, though that its funds are far too limited to smaller than those of recent years, must provide a surplus both to requestionably, any number of anglers lieve Russia and to make good the in England whose tackle alone repdeficiencies of the rest of Europe. The natural economic effect will

work and material. And if they be be high prices for the American and that both it and the Pittock block Canadian crops of wheat, for on them Europe must subsist until the crop to get accurate figures on this phasstored and a new thatch laid, and of the southern hemisphere is har- of city life, but it may safely be said all made ready as though the old vested. In expectation that the that both the Northwestern Bank and price would not rise above the low Pittock blocks handle about 20,000 welcome a trio of city friends for level of last fall and might decline persons daily each in their elevators further, American farmers have with the Morgan building, the Yeon conomized in its cost. prices should continue, they should lenged, for it is rather a delicate sub make a good profit. If, as is pos- ject in these days of high rents. sible, the old world shortage should cause a material advance in price, they may also recoup a large part of

last year's loss.
Drouth is so serious in Europe as to assume the proportions of a have been drawn there to spend their calamity. In England the ground is leisure time and cash. The consequent His long-furled sails towards far aldry and baked hard, fire sweeps the advertising of the sights they saw moors and the streams are so low aroused a feeling among their friends that the cities are short of water to visit the same places, and thus was and strict economy in its use has created popularity. It became the been enjoined on the people. France and other countries similar way, to the Riviera, and then came conditions prevail. There may be the awakening, with the world war as great necessity to save food as lending great assistance to America there was during the last years of in the campaign to see your own

Toward the close of this month the ZR-2, giant American dirigible, will cast off her English moorings and sail for home. May providence grant that, ere her days of usefulness are done, she will be carrying the mails rather than dropping

the prospects of his haunt becoming the 1925 fair site. The trouble with ever happens along to lend a fellow | only one of the sights of the state. a chew.

The men who should be "wanted" in a tong war are not the Chinese created a new departure in merchangun-toters alone-but the respective heads of the tongs. The white man's law treats with odd consideration Oregon, her sister state, and British the actual principals.

The soviet assures us that all American prisoners have been released and are leaving Russia. This last advice seems a waste of cable tolls. Why would they linker? A newspaper airplane is to be

used in searching for a missing preacher. Even a newspaper might be mistaken. He may have gone in the other direction.

Old King Kleagle was a merry old wen; O, a merry old wen was he! Red Cross Man." When one has He called for his paper, he called read that graphic and ghastly in- for his pen-and he called on the proving a success in this state.

The government is almost certain to impose additional taxes on cigars, tobacco and cigarettes. Something crude, raw elements of life and always comes along to take the joy absorb the atmosphere, place himselout of life.

> The Clackamas county club leader says that brains are needed on the farm. She is right, of course, but why restrict the necessity to agri- mood. It was all a matter of train-

> If the Ku Klux Klan is representative of 100 per cent Americanism, decks and go into action," was the then a good many persons will prefer the brand that is only 99 44-100

The original honest advertiser was the man who advised not to "go elsewhere to be cheated-come to us," but he did not know it. If the body makes alcohol, as an

osteopath declares, it is easy to understand why a camel can endure so long without a drink. As their next move in the railroad rate case we may expect a campaign

the Cascade mountains. Secretary Mellon faces a big deficit in the national expenses. Eviiently there won't be enough melon to go 'round.

by the Seattle newspapers to abolish

The belated comeback of the Beavers moves the fan only to sad they move swiftly to the camping reflections on what might have been. place for the night.

About the only way that national taxes can ever be appreciably reduced is to abolish congress. Armistice day is a fitting one to

When in doubt about mushrooms, as large as cranberries.

should end warfare.

The Listening Post.

Largest Office Building Described.

DINGY exteriors do a great deal to He is the Great Dispenser, though he city office buildings. In Portland city office buildings. In Portland they have a style all their own in that most of the structures in the center of the city are given an anto allow them to buy any more" and "said something similar to the English and Cubans." That was known landed a few by way of experiment. Sir Francis Drake, as well, saw the dranath Tagore, has said: "I shall 1565, when the signer Hawkins is the Lindian poet and scholar, Rabin-from some well remembered place dranath Tagore, has said: "I shall from some well remembered place was large and fat; and one was small and crapulous, and one was saten up with vice and verminous at that one was small and crapulous, and one was large and fat; and one was small and crapulous, and one was small and crapulous, and one was small and crapulous, and one was state up of the memorable features of the city. In search of lore that it is a tumble-down, tattered one was large and fat; and one was eaten up with vice and verminous at that the landed a few by way of experiment. Sir Francis Drake, as well, saw the dranath Tagore, has said: "I shall from some well remembered place was large and fat; and one was eaten up with vice and verminous at the lindian poet and scholar, Rabin-from some well remembered place was large and fat; and the lindian poet and scholar, Rabin-from some well remembered place was large and fat; and the lindian poet and scholar, Rabin-from some well remembered place was large and fat; and the lindian poet and scholar, Rabin-from some nual bath. To strangers this is one The student, with his thirst but new-Not a pretty picture, yet near to a nearby structures, yet it is small turies ago, that Izaak Walton tied true one. Catching its fluorescence compared with others when it comes merce building, built back in 1891, is the peer of them all, covering half a Scans the insentient page for endless city block, 100x20) feet and being ten stories in height. This means that stories in height. This means that it has 200,000 square feet of floor

> And all this big business is manunbridled excesses. Exile, madman aged by a woman, "N. D. Silva, Manaand libertine, the world touches ger," is the legend on the door, and (Thus visaged to impress upon a inside, at a businesslike desk with a vase of golden glow nearby, sits the selves, and sane, unsullied songs. one who has charge of this largest of Comes searching still for some new for and may not return. But with With Service doubtless doomed to Portland's office investments. Think Walton himself and the gentle art be known as a "minor" poet, at least of the detail, of the responsibility. In the Chamber of Commerce build-

businesses there.

rants, barber shops, bootblacks, cigar, tobacco and candy stands, manicure and all manner of accommodation including messenger and telegraph service. It is not really necessary for the tenants to leave the building for

that 35,000 people either transact business or enter its doors every 24 hours. The two upper stories were added in 1910.

The Northwestern Bank building possibly has the greatest number of visitors daily, though a check shows are nearly on a par. It is difficult produced a smaller crop and have and the Spaulding not far behind If present Even these estimates might be chal-. . .

> Selling scenery has been a highly successful business in Europe for decades. Tourists by the thousands country first.

Belated it is true, but amply able to offer wares that have no superior, the Pacific northwest now steps into the field. A recent visitor to Oregon

Leon Hirsch christened this bit of road "The Golden Highway" and the name bids fair to stick. But this is cally one of the sights of the state.

The formation of the state tourist association and the co-operation of the state of hermiting, he says, is that no one name bigs fair to stick. But this is the interests of this district have The fancies of a mind that was im dising-the selling of scenery. California has been at the game for years Columbia are just stepping into it. As in any other sales scheme trav eling men are out to interest the purples shown from this district is exceptional, and photographers who know and love their state and visi the beauties off the traveled roads I watch the Great Dispenser at his are lending their co-operation. The reports from the travelers who are telling of what is to be found here are to the effect that other sections of the country are greatly interested. This is borne out by the rapid inprease in tourist travel. Selling scenery from samples seems to be

> writers described yesterday how he managed to "train" for his stories. According to his method he tried to With which to feed the cravings of in the right frame of mind, so that he could do his assignments justice.

> Of course, he explained, he often Of course, he explained, he often had to write in a hurry, but even then found it possible to get partly in the highway trails I like the best ing, and the result was that it did not take long to be "right." "I just unload the clutter, clear the

> matter-of-fact manner in which he talked. "To get a story over it must This member might have been ahead be right and if a fellow does not feel it there is little use in sitting down Upon it the rest may have tread at the mill. Of course sometimes a hard day will tire you out, but then In Portland the hills that lie west it is impossible to keep everything up to the highest standard. Most of the city editors I have worked with understand this, know that some of their men are better on some assign- A badge with the face of it white ments than others, and this gives a the error of getting out of with the game to such an extent that he will fail to be an all-round man."

Crossing a bridge we see a canoe It is late in the afternoon of a sultry day and each of the light craft seems loaded with blankets. The skilled paddlers keep their place in line as Larch mountain the sunrise to see

Good news for the ple fiends' Huckleberries have reported for Huckleberries have reported for their 1921 season in excellent condi-tion. This year's crop, judging from Maybe this badge one time did make their 1921 season in excellent condihe early arrivals, promises to be one of exceedingly large berries, first ones marketed, said to hall from Past Angels Rest in Cascade land choose for the negotiations that the slopes of Mount Hood, are fully Along the verdant ridge so grand Where nature capitivates the m

The Librarian.

By Grace E. Hall.

mar the architectural beauties of Of his own strange importance in the

In search of lore that had its mrst In brains that long since mingled

The born adventurer, and legion is his name, shackled by circum-stance of birth to an uncon-genial sphere and harnessed in the chains of servitude and duty, strongly merged.

his own imagination's widest that, for the passing hour, as-suage the fever of his all-con-

suming thirst. The clergy, with its quasi-melancholy heading world Its dire need for pause and holy retro-

thought, Some added weight, some fact alleged, with which to hush the clamoring tongues of doubt;

solitude and saintliness.
Yearn o'er the printed page for some more heartening thing
That shall be strong encouragement Their sacrificial pilgrimage;

The dredmer, with his crave that has any ordinary need.

The Chamber of Commerce building handles 15,000 persons with its six elevators daily and it is 'estimated' modulated into finer harmony: Queens, kings and courtiers pass in

regal promenade Before his glowing eyes; Their loves, their hates, intrigues and vanities,
And more than all, their seething passions,
ritten with their own life blood upon the page of history, to

remain-Yea, here within the bookshop does the dramer linger long.

And all his pulsing nature finds response And wondrous camraderie with these who went before him up the

grade, Leaving their songs of sorrow for a sign. The old sea dog, upon this narrow isle marooned at last Through grim conspiracy of age and pain, Comes to the desk in his bluff quesof tales that breathe of seas both vision-wrought,
And, lost in eager rapture, once again

luring shores; His fancy-craft drops anchor in an alluring southern clime,
And, youth restored, he revels greedily in time-forbidden dreams

In fashion to climb the Alps, go to Nor- Of bliss that shall, alast be his no more-no more. The hopeless derelict comes too; and In the magic lines
Penned by some hand that held a
magic torch, He drifts away from all the common, sordid ports Where he has come to be the thing

he is; He sails new channels 'neath a fairer from California, on viewing the miles of massed gold of the Scotch broom between Astoria and Seaside, exaimed:

Los Angeles would gladly pay a And e'en a faint, vague hint, perhaps,

The school boy, timid that his crave be known With quaint, fantastic pictures, brightly drawn, He quick absorbs, rich fuel to feed

That flickers, scarce a well-lit spark, as yet, Within his dawning intellect and eling men are out to interest the pur-chaser in the goods. The line of sam-And who shall prophesy where he shall sometime go-This lad with life's adventures in his grasp!

task Of dealing out to each a chosen part, And wonder what he garners from the store Of priceless gems forever 'neath his eyes? He must indeed be richer for the Of treasures passing daily through his hands; Be broader, too, because of what he tells One of the best of the local news Of beauty, worth and truth, to those who seek The largesse of his store for mental

FOUND-A TRAILS CLUB BADGE,

When ever I go hiking round. How long beside the path it lay

their souls.

Perhaps the owner could not tell From shirt or coat the pin gave way Unnoticed at the time it fell. Acting as leader as you know

Those now in use and others dir

ments than others, and this gives a fellow a chance to get into a special-ty line. But he must always avoid For their name is imprinted there,

Although the distance may be far The trails appeal to I and you For information where they are Ask Trails club and Mazamas, too.

parade. Thirty or so canoes in line. In timbered lands by meadows green The sturdy hikers routes we trace And where no sign of path is seen They manage to get by some place.

A trip that's known to hikers most Out on the trails where one is free By rocks and sands along the coast. Up Eagle creek to Wahtum lake

The summit of our own Mt. Hood.

-ORRIN O. SMITH