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only supplied her own needs but the world's demands. More than a protective tariff, American manufacturers need the lesson of German painstaking methods.

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THERE was once a golden age of newspaper humor in this country. It was a time when publications comparatively obscure became nationally known through the wit and humor in their columns.

At Laramie, Wyoming, was a newspaper under the classic name of "The Boomerang." A writer on it was that genius who in his time made all the world laugh with him, Bill Nye.

Some years earlier, but overlapping Nye's season at Laramie, there was published in a then little town in southeastern Iowa another country newspaper that was lifted into national prominence by genial humor and gentle philosophy.

The merriment, the smiles and the pleasure that these men gave contemporaneous society contributed immeasurably to the happiness of the time.

But there is such a problem. By the census returns, there were 2,522,730 unemployed persons in the United States in 1890. In 1900, the number had risen to 3,456,964.

It is less than 20 years ago that the people of this country first began to give a grudging recognition to the existence of the problem of unemployment in good times and in bad.

On this theory, the German government has done more than any other nation for reducing the number of unemployed. Alarmed by industrial and business depression, that government in 1894 took measures for relief.

GENERAL WOTHERSPOON, chief of staff of the army, says the United States needs more soldiers. He declares we are unprepared to resist invasion by a first class power, in no position to defend the Panama canal, the Philippines, Hawaii or Alaska.

The retiring chief of staff asks that the standing army be increased from 105,000 to 200,000 men, and that in addition there be a mobile army of 500,000 first line and 300,000 second line troops.

Congress has taken the first step toward an investigation of the national defenses. The question will be aired when the national lawmakers reconvene at Washington.

Events indicate that militarism is to be a live issue in this country. It is something that affects everybody. General Wotherspoon may be right in his recommendations for more soldiers, but another question is would the demand for still more soldiers cease, if the more soldiers now asked were supplied.

REFORMING LAWYERS HIS address before the State Bar Association, Judge Robert S. Bean gave some wholesome advice as to the best means of counteracting the growing criticism of lawyers and courts. He said:

comes of the relation of mutual esteem and confidence between counsel and client when the formulation of one of the most sacred and solemn acts of life, the making of the last will and testament, is turned over to the clerk of an incorporated commercial company instead of to the old friend, who is the repository of family secrets.

THE striking characteristic of government today is the rapidly increasing and complex mass of legislation. Speaking on this subject recently former United States Attorney General Wickersham said:

No more valuable service can be rendered by the bar of the country than to ascertain and point out to the public the evils and incidents of convicting the public that the social well being of a people cannot be achieved by laws alone, but through a spirit of toleration and fairness and a general devotion, not to the advantage or interest of a class, but to the common weal.

FROM the battlefields of Europe there come long lists of dead and wounded which excite our sympathy and protest against a governmental policy that makes such condition possible.

Attention to this is called by a bulletin recently issued by the federal public health service which discloses that more than 200,000 persons die in the United States every year from so-called degenerative diseases.

An important factor in this great sacrifice of life is the indiscriminate use of drugs. Census figures show that from 1879 to 1910 the value of patent medicines and druggists' preparations increased nine fold while the population was less than doubled.

This marked increase from diseases that are characteristic of senility appears to have been the greatest in persons between the ages of forty and sixty. From an economic point of view this is the period of life that should be the most productive.

Just as the vigor of Europe is being destroyed by the sword so is our vigor being destroyed by diseases that can be prevented. Just as the manhood of Europe is enlisting for the national defense so should the manhood and womanhood of the United States enlist in all movements looking toward the conservation of health.

THE residents of the Willamette Heights district who are seeking by court action to still the noise of an adjacent boiler factory have a different view from the old lady who lived in Boston. After a visit to the country she declared "I am glad to get home to the noise."

There is also on record the experience of a night watchman who was accustomed to sleep during the day next to a boiler factory. One day the factory burned down, causing the man to suffer from insomnia. It would be a peculiar world if every one had the same idea about things.

Yet, how much lovelier the city would be if many of the useless and excruciating noises could be banished!

THE First Clubwoman's Work. From the San Francisco Call. "The women's club has ceased to be a joke in itself, though some of them still may be unconsciously humorous. On the whole, they are engaged in a noble and practical work."

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pistol are protests against the whole theory of prevention of crime. If people are to be supplied with this handy instrument of death, why throw safeguards around poisons? If it is a wise policy to keep people from taking their own lives, why is it not wise to prevent murder? Why have pentitentiaries, the noose and the electric chair? Some instruments of death must be tolerated because actually useful. But the revolver has no legitimate use. It ought not to be manufactured.

Letters from the People

(Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on only one side, be brief and must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender. Those not so accompanied will have the same published, he should so state.)

"Discussion is the greatest of all reforms. It rationalizes everything it touches. It throws them back on their reasonableness. If they have no reasonableness, it sets up its own conclusions in their stead."—Woodrow Wilson.

Thanksgiving Reflections. Portland, Nov. 19.—To the Editor of The Journal—After reading our presidential Thanksgiving message, I have been trying to think how many things we have to be thankful for.

First of all, at this present time of need, a peacemaker is of great importance, which we have in the person of our president, Woodrow Wilson. He is a peacemaker, for which we are very thankful, and surely appreciate his efforts.

Also the success we have achieved in regard to our debt is also a cause for hope, in capital punishment. Our very unfortunate people who are so low in the scale of humanity we hope will have time and a chance to reflect in the past life thereby causing them to become better, and choose to live to be of benefit to their families and to the state.

While we are thankful that many in America are prosperous, and can have a fine feast to enjoy, yet our happiness is not complete so long as our neighbors are in sorrow and our country is a famine for many. What is the remedy? Peace, as our president has tried to instill into the nations, and the way to get peace on a permanent basis, I think, lies in our own hands.

"In Lieu of the Saloon." Kalamazoo, Wash., Nov. 19.—To the Editor of The Journal—I, B. S. of Corvallis wants to know what is to be given in lieu of the saloon. The incapacity is that of the people, and the remedy is to do it for themselves. This I do not believe. Speaking for myself, I will say I intended by voting dry to give the workingman a good chance to stay sober.

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Philosophy and Hate. From the Chicago Tribune. The immoderation of the philosophers, from Eucken to Bergson, has, from the beginning of the war, caused astonishment. One after another, the intellectuals have gone pop, like corn in a hot skillet, and the judicious have grieved to see fury controlling where reason was supposed to rule.

Alberta Bears Strange News. From the Edmonton Journal. R. B. Randall, the business manager of the Portland Oregonian some information regarding conditions in western Canada.

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A FEW SMILES

A man tells of a dinner he once had at a farm house, on which occasion the piece of resistance was literally a very tough chicken.

De Crop—Gwendolyn, an intensely feminine girl. Miss Ryder—More so than the rest of us? De Crop—Well, she asked a blacksmith the other day if her horse couldn't wear shoes a size smaller.

"At the battle of the Modder River an officer observed Pat taking shelter from the enemy's fire. After the engagement the officer, looking down a peg, asked Pat, 'Well, Pat, how did you feel during the engagement?' 'I felt as if every hair on my head was a band of music, and they were all playing 'Home, Sweet Home.'"

her in some instances more self-sacrificing than in others. It has broadened her humanity. It has given her a wider culture. It has contributed much to her social improvement.

"Grand" is Philadelphia Ledger. "Landslide" divides honors with "sweep" in newspaper headlines. Those two words seem to denote better than any others a political overthrow.

"Slush" fund" has superseded "boodle," which was born with the Two ring exposures. For some years following the Cleveland-Blaine election of 1856, the name of the universal name given to independent or bolting voters, but it is dead as Hector now.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. Anyway, peace is worth fighting for. It's a hard for a learned man to love a learned woman.

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OREGON SIDELIGHTS

The East Oregonian quotes authoritatively that the tax on Pendleton will be lower next year. Pendleton's levy may be a mill lower.

The Eugene Register pronounces the city's new water supply both pure and palatable. Eugene's water works recently completed in a form that insures purity at source, as well as abundance.

Salem's new fire whistle, which was given to the city by the fire department, was found unsatisfactory because it required too great a steam pressure. The authorities have turned the offer down.

Klamath Falls Herald: A new way to, while away time in the county jail has been discovered by the convicts and Al Meador, two men who are awaiting hearings before the grand jury.

Cottage Grove Leader: While great efforts were being made to get the southward last Thursday night, the birds were caught in a dense mist about Eugene. Sprung and flying wild. Quite a number were killed the next morning about these places after having gathered about the towns all night.

Well, let us not quarrel about that—not this year. For if there was ever a time when the birds came into the Thanksgiving spirit, that year is 1914.

It was different when, in 1621, the Pilgrim fathers started their solemn giving of thanks for the first harvest wrung from the sterile soil of Massachusetts.

But they did not suspect how goodly. We who are their heirs in possession of it are so accustomed to its peace and plenty that we are prone to neglect the duty of thankfulness.

What if the investors say then? Something like this according to this veteran observer: There is no precedent for this situation, no banks are insured, every one of them is scrambling for real money, and there isn't a cent to be had.

Of course, when things did look more settled the prices of good securities began to go up, and for two years the upward progress was almost uninterrupted.

In 1910 another flurry caused a drop in prices, but they didn't go as low as in 1907, and investors waited for them to come lower. They began to go up instead.

Again in 1911 came an opportunity to buy at low figures; but Mr. Average investor wouldn't buy because he was afraid of the government's proposal of a big business was so bad that lower quotations would be made. They weren't. There's a moral—buy now!

on the top of all this, declares that in northern Alberta the crops are wonderful. As Edmonton draws its economic strength mainly from northern Alberta, it must strike out a peculiar that things in the city should be as described.

In common with all places of any consequence in America, we have been affected by the general financial situation, and in certain lines of urban industry some of the worst conditions there has stood up under it better than our own, and we have reason to be thankful to the statements of Mr. Randall.

WHAT NATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WAR?

Was Austria justified in declaring war against Serbia? Was Germany justified in declaring war against Russia and France? Was England justified in declaring war against Germany?

These three questions are of universal interest. Since the war began they have been the subject of a world-wide dispute.

In seeking a fair answer to any and all of them one must have recourse to the diplomatic correspondence between the several nations that preceded the outbreak of hostilities.

James M. Beck, formerly United States Assistant Attorney General, makes replies to all three of them in the manner of a lawyer presenting a case in court.

He cites passages from the British and German White papers, the Russian orange paper and the Belgian blue paper in support of his contentions.

His comprehensive argument constitutes a compelling article entitled "In the Supreme Court of Civilization, The Case of the Double Alliance," which will appear in the next Sunday Journal Magazine next Sunday.

Professor Albert Bushnell Hart of Harvard, the eminent authority on American history, writes of the inevitable downfall of Turkey, declaring that the present situation means the end of the once powerful Turkish empire in Europe, regardless of the outcome of the war.

Mrs. W. H. Taft recently has written a book setting forth her recollections of what she properly calls "full years" in which she records her personal observations of men and events that have been making history in recent years.

Four pages of new photographs from the war zone show the progress of the epochal conflict. One page is of especial interest, being devoted exclusively to the activities of the Germans and the Japanese in the Far East.

A page of miscellaneous matter including reproductions of striking newspaper cartoons, literary stories on the lighter side and a cartoonist Murphy's thoughts on Thanksgiving invites attention.

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NEXT SUNDAY The Ragtime Muse Cheap Substitute. Some talk delight in working. But others joy in shirking. Some are busy with their hands. Where sighing lovers walk. To me the greatest pleasure. The joy that most I treasure. Is to talk, talk, talk!

Let each lay down his sabre And eke his bayonet of labor. Consider, ye who are engaged. Of money, marbles, chalk. With fruits of toil, I deem him. His own, the best of men. With food like beasts beside him, For his talk, talk, talk!

A Real European Partnership. From the Westminster Gazette. The ground must be cleared by the definite repudiation of militarism as the governing factor in the relation of states and of the future moulding of the world.

No War Among Friends. From the Philadelphia Ledger. It was at the quarterly meeting of the Friends yesterday that a mission was considered, the way must be Christian standards had not been realized in social relations because of a lack of personal conscientiousness.