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completed during forty years of peace, but they are not the greatest results of German initiative and industry. The reason why Germany is strong in comparison with some of her neighbors is because the German's efficiency on his daily job makes a better soldier of him when he is called upon to bear arms.

There is food for thought in the Nation's suggestion that a country's strength does not lie alone in the size of its army. There is a peace efficiency which can easily be utilized in war. That is Germany's chief resource. Forty-two centimetre guns furnish the spectacle, but it is the men who are able to devise and make those guns that are Germany's strength.

THE advance sheets of the Pacific Reporter is a California decision that annihilates the arguments of those who opposed the tidelands legislation in the recent Oregon election.

THE California supreme court holds that a riparian owner on navigable water has no right to obstruct a public dock constructed on tidelands in front of his premises, that he has no riparian or littoral rights that entitle him to claim unobstructed access to deep water.

THE exact contrary of this principle was claimed in the Oregon election by those who fought the tidelands legislation. They insisted that even if the waterfront measures should carry they would be held unconstitutional, as depriving the upland owner of his riparian rights to have access to deep water.

THE theory under which appellant framed his complaint is that as a littoral or riparian owner of property fronting on the bay, and irrespective of whether he is subject only to the tidelands lying between highwater mark and its deep waters, plaintiff by reason of such ownership of the upland property has the right to prevent therefrom, including the right to free and unobstructed access over such tidelands, to construct suitable landing thereon and to enjoy exclusive occupancy thereof, subject only to the paramount public right of navigation, that the city has no right to erect structures, such as it contemplates, which will cut off access from the lands of plaintiff to the deep waters of the bay and destroy its right of navigation over them.

THE court denied plaintiff's contention, reasoning that any rights he had as riparian owner were subject to the paramount right of navigation vested in the state and the United States. The decision adds: "When the public authorities see fit to make improvements on the land below high water mark for purposes of navigation, the riparian owner must yield thereto, as his right is subordinate to the public right."

THE decision is exactly in line with that of a federal court recently which ordered the buildings of a riparian owner torn down to make room for an improvement by the public, and that no compensation should be given the riparian owner.

THE London Nation says the European war has established two great facts. Discussing Germany's ability to stand off with 800,000 men Russian armies of 2,000,000 men, the Nation says: "In the first place, we have learned that efficiency in the modern sense is today a consequence of efficiency in peace. The French and the Germans, not to mention ourselves, have reaped the fruits of a high organization and a different situation in time of peace. The Russians, in less degree than the Turks, are handicapped by their more primitive civilization. In the second place, it is proved that forty years of peace do not corrupt a nation's courage."

Mr. Grimballis—One would think that Kalkington had had enough of his wife's tongue, but he had to make her a lot of phonograph records, and runs them over every day while she's away. Mr. Mx—But think of the pleasure he gets in talking back when they run down.

Letters From the People (Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written in plain English, and must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender. If the writer does not desire to have the name published, he should so state.)

THE BLOOD ROLL ONE night recently in Atlanta, a lawyer heard a noise in his home. Suspecting the presence of a burglar, he seized a revolver and went in search. He fired three shots, after which the burglar fired one. The lawyer was instantly killed, and the burglar escaped unhurt.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND MONEY. Portland, Dec. 25.—To the Editor of The Journal:—The country today is a mass of unemployed men, and the direct result of a money system that makes no provision for connecting the moneyless man through a job with money. Our money system ignores all the world except the man who has money to deposit and the man who has the collateral on which to borrow.

AUTOS IN PORTLAND NEWSPAPERS throughout the country are saying that in Portland no one has been injured, let alone killed, in an automobile accident in the last nine months. Comment on this statement by the Cedar Rapids Gazette is reprinted by a Chicago paper as "The best editorial of the day."

HARD TIMES AND PROSPERITY. Amity, Or., Dec. 19.—To the Editor of The Journal:—In the past few weeks I have read articles on the question of the unemployed of our state. Yet right at the bottom of one of these articles one never fails to come across the word "prosperity" in this state during the past few years.

CONCILIATION COURTS CASE AND COMMENT, a publication for lawyers and judges, contains a number of articles suggesting court reforms in the United States. Courts of conciliation are discussed and approved. Denmark's experience being used to illustrate how such tribunals operate.

WAR ORDERS IN THE UNITED STATES. Necanicum, Dec. 24.—The president has declined to permit the building of submarines for the warring nations of Europe. So far, so good; but what about the same thing for our own thousand rifles from the Remington Arms company; the 200,000,000 cartridges for same from the Union Metallic Cartridge company; the 200,000,000 rifles and 200,000,000 cartridges from the Winchester Arms company; the whole production of gun ammunition of the United States?

ARROWS AND GRENADES. From the Chicago Post. War, they say, is a throw-back. It makes things as they were in days of old.

ADOPTING BELGIAN CHILDREN. From the Detroit News. A Belgian priest in this country has effectively checked the movement which had been proposed to bring Belgian children here for American adoption. His reasons have proved convincing.

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF. SMALL CHANGE. Even one enemy is one too many. Immigration is the mother of most of our small troubles. Ever meet a girl who was as pretty as her own picture? A misdirected search for happiness is the stepmother of selfishness. And sometimes a word to the wife is sufficient to start something.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS. The management of the Central Point Herald has passed from Haasler & Hebb to Royal E. Hebb, who took over the business December 13.

DISARMAMENT. From the Omaha World-Herald. An anonymous correspondent sends to the World-Herald the following argument in favor of militarism: "Disarmament has never been tried, but every one of our cities could try the experiment for itself by taking away the clubs, guns and other weapons from its policemen. If we have not the courage to live in our own home cities in time of peace among our own citizens without an armed force to protect us, what nonsense it is to speak of disarmament for nations!"

"BLUE SKY" LAWS AND NEED FOR CAUTION. By John M. Oskison. Generally speaking, the various "blue sky" laws passed in the states of fraudulent schemes in killing off unscrupulous "financiers." One reason is that the organized investment bankers have found a way around them.

THE UNWRITTEN BOOKS. From Collier's Weekly. Sometimes we wonder about the books our favorite authors did not write. Here is a great poem about King Arthur and the Round Table which Arthur Bryn had written other poems as good as "Thanatopsis" if he had not condemned himself to the dull respectability of editing the New York "Evening Post" then.

ANY WAY YOU WISH. From the Kansas City Journal. "Yes, I can assure you a divorce. And without publicity, too." "You don't understand. I am an actress." "Pardon me, I understand. All the publicity you want."

THE OREGON DAILY JOURNAL. Samuel Bowles, who visited Oregon and Washington territory in the summer of 1855, writing to the Springfield Republican, says that the Oregon and Washington territories gave an interesting account of 50 years ago. Speaking of the Columbia river, he said: "The navigation of the Columbia river is in the hands of a strong, energetic company, who have the capital and the foresight to open and create new ones."

HOOD RIVER NEWS. Not for many years has Hood River and this part of the state enjoyed such a long season of peace and quietude. The slough north of the station has been swarmed early and late Sunday by the thousands of anglers who have over the smooth surface, while local ministers, it was remarked, preached to suspiciously "sin" congregations.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY. The management of the Central Point Herald has passed from Haasler & Hebb to Royal E. Hebb, who took over the business December 13.