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Ignoring the President's recommendations that the house naval committee has adopted a resolution declaring that the appropriation this year shall provide a five-year program to be completed in eight years, stating the maximum number of ships to be undertaken each year and depriving the President of any authority to suspend the program in the event of a disarmament agreement. This gives it every appearance of having been engineered by the ship-building interests.

It is rather curious that, with the United States at peace with all nations, congressmen should suddenly provide a building program exceeding that during the war period. This particularly questionable in view of airplaus developments and the fact that all these ships will be obsolete in 20 years. It seems to be an easy matter to spend the other fellow's money—even when the other fellow's begging for a reduction of taxes—especially war taxes.—Marion (Ohio) Republican.

It is said in political circles that R. S. Hamilton representative from a flock of counties east of the mountains, is seeking to be the next speaker of the house. There are others looking for the same honor among them being Herbert Gordon of Multnomah county.

Science and invention have contributed much to the joy and comfort of mankind, but they may also conjure up new terrors, one of which was recently reported in the press dispatches. A man in Honolulu has invented a ukelele which can be heard for half a mile.

Prof. Cheney of New York University declares coffee in moderation is beneficial to 90 per cent of adult persons. At the present price the other ten per cent are coming along nicely, too.

The agricultural situation in the state is considered excellent at the present time and gross farm incomes higher than at any time since the peak in 1919-20.

The community house idea is very much alive and all civic clubs that have subscribed certain sums to the project are going merrily on and raising their pledges.

The political pot began to boil down in Portland Monday. The only thing to do now is to see that it don't boil dry.

Miss Lizzie Akers of Bellwood, Pa., has been county correspondent for the home town paper for 24 years.

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**For Hoover Supporters Only**

Supporters of Herbert Hoover for president may take whatever comfort they can from a prediction by one Ed Bodin, an alleged seer of Plainfield, N. J., who gives some reasons for his forecast that Hoover will certainly be elected. This is how it is figured out:

The year is 1928, a number divisible by 8. The last figure, 8, is also the year's "destiny number," which divided into the remaining figures 192 gives 24, and 2 times 4 is 8. All of which should be plain enough.

Now, the 8th letter of the alphabet is H, so during the year the H's will be prominent. Already we have seen the front page largely monopolized by Houston, Havana, Hearst, Heflin, Hickman, and Ho. teling, not to mention Henry, the flivver king.

Consider that Herbert Hoover has two of the potent H's as his initials, and you have your answer.

Even if the idea doesn't work out, Mr. Bodin may express his disgust in one short word beginning with H.

**Some Facts on Railroad Rates**

Freight rates on American railroads are the lowest in the world.

The average rate on a ton of freight carried one mile in our country is approximately 1.1 cents. For an equivalent service English railroads receive more than three times as much, and French and German roads about four times as much. Despite these facts, demands for still lower rates continue.

Crippling railroad service would cost the people far more than they could hope to save by reducing rates, for freight rate reductions which would bankrupt many railroads, would hardly affect most prices to the consumer.

A case in point is the recent investigation of the bread and flour industry by the federal trade com-

mission. While the American family pays an average of 85 cents for a pound of bread, railroads receive but 6 cents for transportation.

Instead of making great profits, the railroads in 1924 actually paid \$1.06 in taxes for every dollar paid out in dividends. Yet they went steadily ahead bettering their service to the public, and it is estimated principal railroads spent \$750,000,000 in 1927 for permanent improvements.

**The Children's Friend**

Eugene Field's love for children and his beautiful poems of childhood are recalled by news that a memorial such as he himself might have chosen is to be established near Chicago in his name. It will be the Eugene Field Memorial Cemetery for poor children.

Although a sophisticated man of the world, with a touch of that cynicism which so often characterizes the satirist, Field's tender and sympathetic heart was revealed in his charming childhood poems, among which "Little Boy Blue" is perhaps the best known and best loved.

Field was the first journalistic "columnist" to win wide fame, his "Sharps and Flats" column in the Chicago Daily News having gained for him a high reputation as a humorist and keen observer of life in its various phases. After drifting about among newspapers of the middle west for several years, Field joined the News in 1888 and remained with that paper until his death in 1895.

But it is as "the children's poet" that he will be longest remembered, and it is fitting that the weary bodies of unfortunate children may find rest in a beautiful cemetery which bears his name.

In the event of a deadlock at Houston the Democrats will have a confident dark horse to fall back on. Rev. Alonzo Workman of Dan. Okla., declares that he

"feels it in his soul" that he will be the next president. He is said to have wired the Democratic national headquarters: "I choose to run for president in 1928."

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