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The Administration is working so quietly in outfitting of its armed forces that few people realize the extent of this important factor and its effects upon the supply of household commodiles. The freight situation is sure to become more and more congested, and we are facing a market, short on goods and long on price.

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THOUGHT WILL RULE WORLD

entist Asserts Ships at Sea Will Be Controlled From Shore and Gasoline Will Be Grown Like Corn.

In the lobby of a big Fifth avenue one evening recently, a group of scientific men were discussing the war as being the necessity that will bring about some startling inventions, notes a New York correspondent. If the sprinkling of intellectural luminati were not stamped by genius, it is probable that an ordinary bystander would have tapped his forchead knowingly,

One of them was telling about a scientist who is already telephoning to airplanes without wires. And another quoted a famous inventor who said that it would only be a short while until all telephone wires would be abol-

"The fact is," he said, "that telephone wires do not in reality carry our messages. Every scientist knows that. Back of it all is the great process of thought which we are only beginning feebly to understand.

"The more we delve into this proc-ess of thought-whatever it is-the more we come to the conclusion that the material phenomena is the pro-jection of thought. We know that ev-ery material thing comes from a thought or an idea.

"We are arriving at the conclusion that even space is thought, for we are annihilating space every day through a thinking process. It will not be many generations before every ship at sea Is controlled by thought from shore. Our trains are going to be run without fuel, and we are going to grow gasoline just like we raise corn."

BUTCHER CITES BIG PROFITS

Meat Dealer Points Out Pills, Mineral ducers of Immense Margins.

"Talk about food profiteers!" growled the butcher, as he charged up a two-pound rump steak at 60 cents a pound. "Why I know people whose profit has been from time immemorial 6,000 per cent and more. Yet you don't jump on them. Why, then, jump

"Take Junck's liver pill, for instance. I know Otto Junck's bookkeeper, and the man tells me that this Junck pill sells wholesale at exactly 6,000 per

cent profit.

"Take mineral water—plain soda.
You can make and sell plain soda at a profit of 40,000 per cent. And, mind

you, no kicks.
"Take false teeth. They used to make false teeth out of learn, and in those days it was right to charge \$100 a set for them. But now false teeth are made of porceinin. They cost 10 cents apiece. Dehtist's profit, 76,000

per cent.
"So I could go on. And you ask me if my conscience i at sore about this 60-cent rump stead Oh!"

Center of Paris, the center of no, has no fewer th dressmakers, not e designers, who sketch in pen and ink or prevail throughout the easily over four figures

serves a correspondent. Good mannequins are the most cult to obtain. Some of the larg Parisian houses employ twenty or this ty, whose whole time is passed in try ty, whose whole time is passed in try ing on dresses before the eyes of fash ionable French women. Saturally aumorate are fewn howadays, many of the most famous manne of Paris are now nursing in b-pitals or employed in the French ion works.

Forty Miles of Jam. So enormous has the bush jam making become in Dundeland, since the great firms ther ganized to supply preserves to British army and navy that, accor-to a report sent by E. R. Pottle, U. vice consul there, to the department commerce, the tins in which they put up one week's supply alone "would, if stood end on end, form a column fully 40 miles high. It is no unusual thing for this firm to deal with 100,000,000 oranges, and all kinds of fruit s dealt with on a similar scale."

The Dundee manufacturers about to give up the use of ware, glass jars and tins, f-cardboard container is made and experiments proved highly succes

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COMPREHEND IF THEY WISH

oreigners Reluctant to Admit Knowl-edge of English, but Understand When It is Advisable.

Many of the foreigners are extreme ly bashful about admitting their ability to speak and understand English. when there is work to be done, according to the officers, observes the Boston Herald. On the other hand, if they desire a pass or any similar official boon, their comprehension becomes ex-ceedingly acute. On one occasion, a

"Kabibble, you are on fatigue duty;

"No spik Engleesh," murmured the conscript, with a blank look at his "Hm-wait a minute."

The officer whispered to one of the "Sure, he understands all right," the The captain returned to the still un-

emprehending Kabibble.

"Look here, if you don't sweep this mess hall quickly, you'll lose your pass for the next month. Do you under-

"All right; where the broom?" the private replied with astonishing facil-

WOMAN LOVED HER CANARY

Matron Charged Brother With Theft of Bird and He Narrowly Escaped Being Sent to Prison.

Mrs. James Farmer was the complainant against her brother, George Clark, in special sessions recently, writes a New York correspondent. She ives at 302 West Fifty-ninth street, in excellent style, and on the witness stand was fashlombly dressed and cul-

"My brother called with a friend," she said, "and stole my pet canary—the best one of the thirteen I keep, and the sweetest singer you ever heard." "Do you want me to send your own prother to the penitentiary?" asked

Justice Bixby. "Vell, he is in bad health," she replied hesitatingly; "he's had chills and fever for a long time; but—"

"But you think more of the bird do of your brother?" suggested the justice. "Well, your honor," said the lady half-reproachfully, "this canary was a

brother escaped, however, The through a technical error in the com-

Declares Fish Sunburnt.

A patient angler was fishing from a jetty at a senside resort, and two visi-tors were watching him. Most of the fish caught were flat fish, and the two watchers began to argue why the fish-were brown on one side and white on the other. One suggested that the fish were originally all white, but that, sleeping on their backs in the mud, had become so solled that it

AIRPLANE ROUTE TO SWEDEN

Trelleborg and Sassnitz to Be the Termini of the Proposed Line Con-necting With Germany,

The following bulletin on Trelleborg and Sassnitz, the termini of the pro-posed Swedish-German airplane route, which assumes special significance in the light of recent developments in the diplomatic relations between Germany and Sweden, has been issued by National Geographic society.

Between Trelleborg, the most south-erly town in the Kingdom of Sweden, and Sassnitz, a summer resort on the northeastern shore of the German sland of Rugen, express steamers in times of peace make regular trips across this arm of the Baltic in four hours. This is the chief water link in the 24-hour express service between Stockholm and Berlin. Neither town would be of any importance were it not for the fact that they are the termini

of this steamer service.

Trelleborg is a quaint old town of some 10,000 inhabitants, lying 20 miles southeast of Malmo, capital of Skane, teh most populous province in all Sweden. It is only 16 miles from Malmo

to the Danish capital, Copenhagen. Sassaitz is one of several popular easide resorts on the Island of Rugen, the largest insular possession of Germany, having an area about equal to that of Cape Cod. Only about 2,500 people make Sassnitz their permanent home, but during the bathing season in home, but during the bathing season in times of peace the village is visited annually by more than 20,000 pleasure seekers.

The water trip from Trelleborg to Sassnitz is 60 miles. Thus the rail-and-steamer distance between Stockholm and Berlin is 415 miles.

SALMON THRIVE IN ATLANTIC

Humpbacked Variety From Pacific Coast Retain Their Habits When Placed in Eastern Waters.

Many thousands of humpback salon, native to the Puget sound, where they were collected by the government two years ago, entered Pembroke, Dennys, Penobscot, St. Croix and other rivrs in eastern Maine as part of the fisheries bureau plan of stocking the east with the pride of the Pacific coast

bureau's investigation shows that the humpback in its new environ-ment retains its Pacific coast habit of proceeding to the ocean shortly after it begins to swim and returning to the rivers to spawn and die when two years old.

The government has made annual shipments of eggs of the humphack salmon across the continent for the last five years, drawing the consignand Alaska.

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POPE PLAYS JOKE ON ARTIST

Quotes Bible Verse to Verify Genuins ness of Potrait of Himself Executed by an American Painter

Pope Benedict is known to have i een sense of humor. It has lately been expended upon an American resi-dent in Rome who thinks himself a portrait painter, says a Rome corre-

This gentleman, with the best intentions, asked the pope for permission to paint his portrait, which would later grace the walls of the Vatican, alongside of the masterpleces of the universe.

The pope granted the request, but stipulated that he should give only one sitting, and that the portrait should be finished by help of photo

The portrait was finished recently. The artist found it so good that be longed to have it shown first in Am ica, lest his fellow citizens should reproach him for hiding such a work of art in Italy, without giving them a chance of admiring his genius. To this the pope graciously agreed. But the artist went further.

As there are so many spurious por-traits of the pope, would his holiness write a few lines to prove to skeptical Americans that the artist had really painted the masterpiece? The pope promised a few words in a few days.

They arrived. To the painter's aston ishment—and chagrin—they proved to be from the Gospel of St. Matthew, chapter 14:27. They ran: "It is I; be

PRICES DURING CIVIL WAR

Sugar \$58 a Barrel, Rice \$31,38 a Barrel, Tobacco, Tea and Coffee Much

High as prices are, it may be some consolation to know that they are still below the Civil war records: Sugar then sold for \$58 a barrel, rice at \$31.38 a barrel, tobacco at more than double the present price, and ten at over \$100 for a 25-pound chest as compared with the present price of about \$20. Coffee was then four times as high as it is at present, says Les-

If the difficulty in getting hold of sugar makes the American people real-lize we are at war, and inspires in them a willingness to follow Mr. Hoover's suggestions as to economizing in the use of certain foods, it will have

while complaining of food scarcity, it is well for our people to know how little food others have. The German ration contains 41 of a pound of body building protein as compared with 1.08 in the standard ration. The German ration is not sufficient to main-tain bodily health and vigor, but the civil population in the occupied dis-tricts of France and Belgium have

home. A long row of husbands sat in a finated mess hall and a sergeant was on the other side of the table with

BOARD HOLDS NO MEETINGS

NUMBER 1

President Decides All Questions for Members, but Never Calle Them In for a Conference.

There is no more familiar title among government departments than the board of trade. It seems to be responsible for all kinds of things and all sorts of undertakings and happenings. It will find you a chairwoman or negotiate a commercial treaty. It consists of a president and a large number of members among whom are reckoned the Archbishop of Canterbury and the speaker of the house of commons, a writer in London Tit-Bits

By law these members have a right to be called to discuss questions of trade and to help the president to shape his policy, yet the fact remains no me ings are ever held! The president never dreams of calling his committee together. He does much as he likes, comes to his own decisions, and then announces that "the board thinks so and so,"

One wonders what would happen if the archbishop or some other member were to insist upon being consulted,

this this surprising method of doing business should cease.

The board of trade does not stand alone. Every school-teacher in the land knows that "my lords" say this and "my lords" rule that. Their full and "my lords" rule that. Their full title is "the lords of the committee of the privy council of education;" but they never meet, and the vice president would probably be puzzled to name a half-dozen of them. Mr. Fisher and his predecessors rule without "my lords," but in their name. Thus do they get credit for the good they do and are a refuge in the day of storm.

HIGH COST IN WASHINGTON

Houses and Apartments Rent at Fabises Ordinary Wear and Tear.

Two women sat at a local theater the other night. They were dressed "fit to kill," in the good old Hoosier idiom, and were diamonds galors, writes Charles E. Tracewell in Wash-

They were talking about the subject of rents, a topic of absorbing interest in Washington just now, when a hours or apartment of any tind is to obtain for love or money.

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