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## encouraging but not decisive

It is encouraging news from the Western front, but that is all that can be said of it. General Haig's army and the French have made a hard drive and gained some 30 square miles of territory, but it is still a long way to
Berlin. The dispatches say if the allies can break through far enough they will endanger the German base of naval supplies on the North Sea. This is no doubt true but the there is that "if" in the way. It is sincerely hoped they may do this, but showing gains and one "strategie retreat," does not give confidence in the ability of the allies to break through give confidence in the ability of the aines to break throug still outnumber the allied troops on this front, and it only the control of the air and the superiority of the British guns that make any advance possible. For the past week an artillery due has been waged along the
British front greater than any since the war began, and the result shows that at last the allies are better equipped than their opponents. In this respect the situation has been reversed since the war started, as has nearly everything else. One of the greatest gains is in the inGermans that they are not invincible. At the start they sivept everything before them and thought they could do so continuously. They have learned their mistake and What ever the result of the present drive, it has pushed the Germans still further back both from their trenches and from their sureness of victory. Such drives also tend to weaken the hopes of the German people who will find it hard to believe they are marching to vietory by re treating, and bringing the battlefields that much nearer
home. The moral effect is as great as the physical gains home. The moral effect is as great as the physical gains
and if it should happen the naval base on the North sea was it should happen the naval base on could be a vive. While this defeat was taking place the kaiser wa making his address to his people on the beginning of the fourth year of the war, handing them the same talk hi henchmen have peddled, to the effeet that the allies, an
England especially, were hungering for German land, an England especially, were hungering for German and, ant
desired to take possession of the country. This is getting to be an old story but it still passes muster and perhap will continue to do so for some time yet

President Wilson Tucker of the Washington bar association at a recent meeting of that budy said among other things that the profession was over crowded and that "if 50 per cent of the lawyers were engaged in some, $\rho$ ther
occupation general welfare would be improved, the public happier and the lawyer better off". No well informed person will disagree with him except as to the per cent
Most laymen would be disposed to place the per cent of those who should be engaged in some useful pursuit considerably higher than Mr. Tucker placed it. It is rather more remarkable
the professions, and when the courts begin deciding cases according to their merits, rather than because sone it wil be still more crowded.

The engines and machinery for the pile driver and
the bridge work that went to the bottom of the river the other night have been fished out and are on the barges again. One bent for the approach is also in place at the and the start was what was causing so much worl
cause without it the finish was so remotely distant

The hot wave still waves in the eastern states, York getting an especially large lot of breakers
Washington too had plenty and was still having it night. Further west rains cooled the atmosphere and at the same time helped save the crons. Chicago reported a breeze starting up at noon and apparently the backbone the hot speli is

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One would think that with his experience in Idaho an he trouble he had following the murde Steunenberg, that Haywood would not get in the lim light again, and especially in a manner that may bring him into another lot of trouble that might not turn ou as luckily for him. Just now with this country engaged in war the people are not in a mood to stand for much
monkeying with its affairs. This was shown by some of the eitizens of Butte Tuesday night in their dealing with ceased his agitating in a manner highly who suddenly ceased his agitating in a manner highly unsatisfactory
to himself. Mob rule is not to be commended, but when to himself. Mob rule is not to be commended, but when
one insists there shall be no law, that anarchy is the cor. one insists there shall be no law, that anarchy is the cor-
rect thing, then there can be but little sympathy with or or such an one when the absence of and the over-riding
of the law proves fatal to him. But a week or so of the law proves fatal to him. But a week or so ago this
man who was the victim of a mob, wired Governor Tom Campbell of Arizona: "We will take the law in our own ands." He met his death because others did exactly word and that he died by it quite in accord with the eath instead of sobering his misguided followers only tirred them to threats. They openly stated following the
ynching of Little, that "there is going to be hell to pay or this." Perhaps they are right but it all depends on vhat course they take, the only question being as to who to do the paying.
It has been some months since the blue prints of the ine new depot for Salem were completed and the glac o have a depot that was not an utter disgrace. It seems he Southern Pacific exhausted its resources in making he blue print and publishing the fact, for there is no ven a hint that work on it will commence this year. The eople of the city, the business people, have it in their own
hands to compel the road to treat the city fairly, but so ar no concerted effort has been made along this line and until there is such an effort, the new depot will consist largely of blue print and nothing else. There is an old saying that a bird that can sing and won't sing must be nade to tune up. If the Southern Pacific is determnied
ignore Salem, Salem should show a little civic pride to ignore Salem, Salem should sh
and ignore the Southein Pacific.
The way of the slacker will be full of bumps and stumbling places. It is so already. If he undertook to hid behind a skirt and chased himself along with some un fortunate woman to the hymenial altar to avoid the draft he will be punished as a slacker just the same and as one
of the most despieable kind. The punishment for all classes of them is to be one that fits the crime. As found guilty they will b egiven the numbers of the first men exempted and so be right at the head of the drafted ones By undertaking to dodge they get a seat in the band
wagon and a certainty of having to serve. This is a genuine case of making the punishment fit the crime.
Portland believes in advertising. It very sensibly lets the I. W. Ws. know the rock pile is ready, a good supply
of hammers provided and the large bunk house cleaned or hammers provided and the large bunk house cleane dismisses the bunch from its mind realizing there wil few if any show up to take advantage of the opportunity
Marion county having furnished men enough to supply r full quota for the first draft, is still busy and sending Samuel's armies and the navy. If the gait is maintained until the second call comes there will be few if any needed he second draft.

## Rippling Rhymes

MOUNTAIN LIFE In Colorado hilly, from city life remote, 1
 write these verses silly, which get the reader's goat. With snow-capped peaks be-
hind me, and snow-eapped peaks in front, the strolling tourists find me hard at my daily stunt. Oh, silent, solemn mountains,
down which bright streamlets roll from down which bright streamlets roll, from
snowy springs and fountains, you soothe my ancient soul. The days are warm and sunny, the evenings cool and gray; the sumny, the evenings cool and gray; the
climate's worth the money, however much you pay. The nights are great for sleeping you pay. The nights are great for sleeping;
when to his couch man goes, at onee he All night the cool breeze loose is, it murmurs and it whines, among the nodding spruces, the cedars and the pines. The slceper does not hear it, no wordly sound he Man sleeps in Colorado as when he was a kid, before old Worry's shadow on joy clamped down the lid. It seems a thousand pities that I can't well afford to bring from siza ramble among these mighty hills; Pd like to, you may gamble, but cannot foot the bills. Oh, here the sad and
weary might find surcease of pain, the locoed and the weary might find surcease of pa
leery might soon again be sane.

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