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PREDICTS END OF WAR
Colonel S. S. McClure, publisher of the magazine o that name, was in Portland recently and lectured on "The Relations or Japan and the United States." He has just returned from the Orient and speaks from personal the European countries and studied conditions pertaining to the war. He predicts the war will end within a year or 18 months, basing his prediction on steady failure the Central powers. He also quotes Count Terauchi, whom he classes as "the ablest man at the head of any ing west, who said: "The war will be won when America has $2,000,000$ men on the west front unless Germany should throw up the sponge before that time." These predictions have much to bear them out. Germany has
but two things on which to base any hope and these are but two things on which to base any hope and these are
of doubtful value except as something with which to deceive the German people. They are the submarines, which have not proved a success, and the failure of Russia to hold fast until American forces are available in France. The submarines will not win and the leaders in Germany
know it. As to Russia, the elements are with us, for winter is due which will put an end to military operations for six months at least on the Russian fronent a chance to get itself together; and at new government a chance to get Aself toget troops being made ready and placed on the ground.
made ready and placed on the ground.
Undoubtedly too, the placing of an embargo on foodstuffs to neutral countries has been a severe blow to the The kaiser and his leaders know they cannot win and so are playing for any kind of a peace that will still leave them in power. That is all that prevents the war ending How. If the allerns still in power, the kaiser will not haggle about the surrender of Alsace-Lorraine, or anything that may be done in the way of making Bulgaria let go of what she has grabbed. His troubles are personal and he is not his own.

Benjamin C. Reed, 68 years old and former tax collector and treasurer of the town of Whitman, Massachusetts, who was generally known as "Honest Ben," after of $\$ 25,000$, is doing time in the house of correction, being sentenced for two years. He was surely a good fellow
with a heart tender for the feelings of others, and a hand willing to help all friends in distress. He stated he took the money not for his own use but "to pay taxes for his
friends." Could generosity and friendship go further? He simply marked their taxes paid, not getting the money but trusting those he accommodated for it. Like most
other good fellows he discovered, too late, that the other other good fellows he discovered, too such only to themselves, supposedly "good fellow" were such oniy to themselves, has two years to think it over in, and to muse on the unreliability
rest of being a
It was the open season for zeppelins in France Sat raided London and was on its way home. This brings up the question as to what should be done with the survivors, if any, from one of these raiders that had just been dropping bombs on non-combatants. It would seen
should be treated the same as any other pirates.

Reports from the American army somewhere in France indicate that the subscriptions to the liberty loan will be such as to make many at home ashamed of their sluggishness. It is indicated the boys at the front are not afraid to trust Uncle Sam and that the total of their subscriptions will run into the millions.

## LADD \& BUSH, Bankers

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THE MONEY SPENT FOR MOVIES
Now that the movie pietures have become a habit with so many, the announced raise in admission in Portland theaters, which it is supposed will be followed throughout the country will prove a hard jolt to many, especially the
little folks. With all prices soaring the movie will be one of the things that can be gotten along without; for while it is a pleasure it is not a necessity, and it will most likely
be one of the first things to be cut out in the interest of be one of the first things to be cut out in the interest of
economy. The raise in price will probably be followed by a falling off in attendance. As showing the vastness of small things in an aggregate, it is expected that the ten
per cent tax on admissions to the movies will yield the per cent tax on admissions to the movies will yield the
government $\$ 60,000,000$. If this is correct the United government $\$ 60,000,000$. If this is correct the United This would build a fleet of thirty super-dreadnaughts a
The year. It would almost build two Panama canals. would, at $\$ 50,000$ a mile build and equip 12,000 miles railroad, or it would build and equip a railroad clear around the border of the United States. It would pzy as army of a million men $\$ 00$ a month for a year. It illus country when this vast sum can be spent on just one comon amusement. Bringing the matter closer home ould build and launch a fleet of
, 000 each build for the Souther. It would at a cost o ars which at fifty feet to the car would reach $15,000,000$ eet, or from Portland via Los Angeles in a continuous
string to New Orleans, or by cutting out fifty cars would allow the Southern Pacific to erect a $\$ 100,000$ depot at Salem.
It is cheering to note that among those whose lives vere sacrificed in the sinking of the American transport Antilles by a Germai submarine, were many whose birth place was Germany, and who were loyal to their oaths of
allegiance. It is pleasing despite the death of the gallant lollows, because it shows that the great masses of Ge mans in America are as loyal as though born here. It is the supreme test when renouncing allegiance to the
country of their birth these brave fellows were called upn to take up arms in defense of the country of their doption and against that of their birth. It-is pleasing urther because it shows that though born under the mo
lespotic government, they understood the blessings liberty, appreciated American institutions and the spir of equality, and were among the first to respond to th
call for service. They went down to their deaths, sen there by the act of their countrymen, and while bravely working for the freedom of all mankind and more than all of the freedom of the German people themselves.
Americans consume sugar at the rater
Americans consume sugar at the rate of seven and
alf pounds per capita a month. The French are gettin long with about two pounds. There is enough sugar in his country to supply the regular amount until the next ur full quota and let others go without, or cut our ratio and let our allies over in Europe have some. By cutting rance in as good position as we are as regards sugar By cutting off one-third of our consumption we would ave $250,000,000$ pounds, 125,000 tons a month for the Germany is also having a coal famine. Like America has plenty of it in her mines but is unable to get it out some satisfaction to know the other fellow is no bet The Russian government is moving to Moscow and th kollow it there. Napoleon tried it, but the way back was eset with many dieffulties, and it was "never again" for Bony.

## Rippling Rhymes

by Walt Mason

## HEARTRENDING

It must be trying to the soul to do at home one's peaceful stunt, and hear each day the
 query droll, "Why aren't you fighting at the front?" Perhaps the stay-at-home can spring a reason why he spills no gore, but it o'er and o'er. The matrons view him with disdain, as for the soldier boys they knit; their glances say, "Your life is vain-wwh
don't you try to do your bit?" The blooming damsels coldly gaze upon the friendless outcast wights, and sigh, "We'll have no
truck with jays who stay at home when truck with jays who stay at home when
brave men fight." The children see him pass their school, and cry, aloud, a ribald horde, "The dy the swor"" He may stool, while other young me ply the sword." He may have reasons good as wheat for staying home and baing hay, while martial neighbors go
to meet the prune-fed Prussians in the fray; but who will listen while he tells the reason why he doesn't go? Men say, "If you'd


Margaret Garrett's Husband
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