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THE UNREASONING MOB
The sequel of the hanging by a mob of Robert $E$ Praegonfesses he was drunk and irresponsible, has told the story. He had been a soldier and as such was made a sort of leader. This he says swelled his head. He says Praeger denied being a spy or of pro-German proclivities and that his last request was that he be given the Amer ican flag as a shroud. He died without a whimper, the which make mob rule, or rather the rule of the people justifiable and necessary, but they are is no excuse fo mob violence. The law should be relied on, and while it is sometimes exasperatingly slow, it is pretty sure in the long run. At any rate if it is slow its work than can be done in such cases as that of Praeger. That is one trouble with the mob plan, its work can never be undone and an innocent man made its victim, cannot be recalled from the grave to which unreasoning collective anger has assigned him.

## IRELAND DEGENERATING

There was a time when any Irishman would figh liberty of mankind no matter where the battle staged. Apparently the Irish people them or some other inexplicable thing has happened them, since they now openly refuse to fight for their own liberty. They wan freedom but are as dense as the Russian peasant about seeing that their liberties will be very short lived if the kaiser has the control of them. Ireland, if she really wants to be free will stand in now to help create conditions under which freedom, once attained, can hope to exist. If she obtains her freedom now and at the same time allows the balance of the world to lose all its rights her newly acquired liberties will not last long enough for her to get acquainted with them. There is one thing though the little island can depend on and that is, that the German emperor once gets coll
The oominision crated by the legeidature last yeat or the purpose of consolidating such offices of the state as could be profitably joined, reported progress yesterday makreed upon. Under the plan cutlined the governor secretary of state, state treasurer and the members of
the supreme court will be elective, and the balance of the affairs of state will be conducted by eight departments which are designated as law, finance, education, public
welfare, public domain, agriculture, industry and comwelfare, public domain, agriculture, of each of these commissions and subordinates.

Portland may have its women policemen, but Salen will manage to get along as it has in the past. When Mayor Keyes was approached on the question as
wheher this city would follow in the footsteps of Port wheher this city would follow in the footsteps of Port-
land, he intimated that so far the men were holding down the police work all right and that no woman need be sending in application for a police job. The policewome in Portland are to be mostly assigncd to dance halls and places of amusement, a
war emergency squad.

Last year it was urged that war gardens be cultivate n order that other foodstuffs could be conserved. Thi year the same reason exists with the added one that not only may the products of the gardens conserve other food, but may prevent a fellow going hungry, Anywa the wise person who has or can get a little plot of ground will be foolish if he or she neglect the litte gar storm an as an an
stress.

## LADD \& BUSH, Bankers

The Third Liberty Bond Sale Will Begin April 6th. One of our Tellers will be stationed in our Lobby to explain to those wishing information and to receive Liberty Bond Subscriptions.

## HENRY CLEWS' OPTIMISTIC

The weekly letter of Henry Clews is brimming over with optimism. Being in close touch with all the great money kings and centers as well as with all the great in
dustries of the country, including agriculture his opinion dustries of the country, including agriculture, his opinion
is looked upon by those in high authority as being abso itely reliable and later facts almost inver redictions as to business affairs are corre reason it is heartening just now when the liberties he world are the stake of desperate and doubtful battle to read his calm review of conditions and be strengthened
by his cheerful optimism. His opinion of the ultimate result is contained in a few short sentences, in fact in on where he says: The longer Germany delays submission
and the more damage she inflicts upon others the more and the more damage she inficts upon others the mor
severe will be the terms of settlement and the worse he ultimate breakdown." Then he adds uitimate breakdown." Then he adds
cernin's latest peace talk is merely camouflage intende est answer to which is the presidents call


Mr. Mason the mliitary expert, who furnishes an arti Hindenburg as being afraid to let his soldiers rest a minacks first in one place and then another vainly hoping to break through some place. Mason likens him to a caged vainly. seeking a weak spot. He infers from Hindenburg' actions that he is about at the end of his resources an knows not which way to turn or what to do. At the same
time he calls attention to the fact that the old Hindenburg persistency of attack has vanished, and instead of hammering at one spot his blows are being widely scattered.


Councilman Ward would kill two birds with one stone
in the ordinance he intends introducing at the next meet ing oft he council. Under its provision every person, rich or poor, who is able would have to work, or at least
keep busy at something. It also provides that the chief keep busy at something. It also provides that the chie
of police keep in touch with farmers and ascertain who of them are in need of laborers. The proposed ordinance nd the suggestion as to the keeping track of the farmut at work.
Oregon went over the top with her third liberty loan ascription yesterday, first of all the states, putting up uota. Portland is responsible for half the large surplus her banks yesterday subscribing $\$ 2,25,000$. This is

## Rippling Rhymes

SMALL TRAITORSSome skates are thinking treason, and
others talk the same; in due and proper}
 government's interning some spielers every
day, who seolish game. The day, who seemed to have a yearning to go
the Teuton way; our Uncle Sam them until his patience balks, and then p rocks. One cheap and phoney traitor wil crater, than ninety loyal boys; so whe hi one wheezin' and pawing up th circulating round. But when you'd our traitors they're mighty hard to meet, and they hav fellows who sympathize with Tuts, who like hear their bellows like traitorous galoots; but when I go to find them and read the riot act, to chide them and remin them of many a loyal fact, their patriotic manner dis arms me right away; they love the spangled banner a he swerves, it keeps a fellow busy to follow all he curves. She points to Dick and Harry, and says they'r traitors foul; for facts we do not tarry; at once we star to howl. To blast man's reputation by charges idly made won't help preserve the nation, or make the foe afraid.

## The Woman Who Changed



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