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## $\$ 10,000$ WORTH OF KISSES

John Doe has been acting naughtily again. This time Miss Eva Gifford alleges in a suit against the proprietors of the Biltmore hotel of New York City that while she
was on the nineteenth floor of that famous caravansary recently she was kissed by a person unknown to her, but whom she aileges she believes to be Join Doe. She atatas the aforesaid John kissed her $\$ 10,000$ worth at one sitting, and as she does not know just where Johnny is, she brings suit against the hotel proprietors, whom she
blames for the unsolicited kissing bee. It is possible the lady is of the opinion that the kisses she alleges John absorbed were of the value she places upon them, but still it strikes us, though it is really none of our business, that
the bill should be itemized. The number of kisses should the bill should be itemized. The number of kisses should
be stated and the class or kind. Whether they were the short smacky, which are not worth talking about; th perfunctory like a fellow keeps for his stepmother; the adolescent tasting of taffy and bread and milk, the
lingering-sweetness-long-drawn-out kind the poets write lingering-sweetness-long-drawn-out kind the poets write
about, that are accompanied by symptoms of heart failure, or whatever old kind they might have been, should have been set out in the lady's complaint. It must be remembered that kisses are among the few things that have not gone up in value since, apd on account of the
war. If Johnny garnered $\$ 10,000$ worth of sweetness from the lips of Eva at one brief meeting and before she could even learn his name, we submit he must have been "going some." Then too the defendant hotel keeper
chould ask a bill of particulars. The lady should show whether she fixed the value of her kisses at what she placed on those of John Doe, the nai:ghty. She should be placed on those of John Doe, the naizghty. She should be compelled to state whether she should not give consider-
able credit to John for kissing her. A fellow kissing female stranger in a public hotel these days is taking good many chances as many at least as the female, and
it requires a brave as well as a gallant man to tacke the job. However John Doe has the nerve for it if anyone Byron in the exuberance of youth wished that all the girls "were but one rosy mouth" so that he could kiss all at once. If that combination could be worked a fellow
might get $\$ 10,000$ worth of kisses in an eight hour day without working over time, but he wouldn't have any time off for lunch even then.
West's candidacy for the senate is causing some of the republican politicians considerable worry. It is rather amusing too, to note the effect it has on the candidacies of his republican opponents. MeNary's supporters say it forces the republicans to vote for him because that
will cause West to refuse to make the race as he and Mc Nary are close friends, and this woild insure the latter' election if nominated. At the same time Stanfield's supporters are of the opinion that West's candidacy should
drive every republican to his support. They claim this is due to the party for the reason that if MeNary is elect ed it will be the same as electing West--and there

The two Hindus, Ram Singh who was killed by the marshal after he had killed Ram Chandra in the court cremated yesterday and their ashr s scattered on'the bay It is all right of course, but still it makes a fellow feel that the innocent victim should have a little different treatment even after death from his murderer. Scattering their ashes on the bay at the same time looks too much like burying them in the same grave.

President Konenkamp of the telegraphers' union says that in case the strike occurs, as proposed, it will not affect the United Press news service. The union has a con-
tract with the United Press and as that association has tract with the United Press and as that association has between them will be kept. Capital Journal readers can depend on getting the fuil press dispatches even should the telegraphers's strike materialize.

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## HOLLAND WILL FIGHT

Holland will fight if her sovereignty or independence re threatened says Dr. Henry Van Dyke who was United sates minister to the Netherlands for four years. He ays the Hollanders are above every thing else loyal to heir country and will scrap anything or any nation that undertakes to destroy their autonomy. They are great fighters too and once entered into the war they will go he limit even to breaking the dykes and flooding great areas of their country. It is unfortunate that the allies are not at the moment ready to throw half a million men into Holland to assist her. If this could be done Holland would turn on the kaiser at once. She knows that the kaiser has his eye on, and only awaits the opportunity to
benevolently assimilate her. It is only because she is small and feels unable to cope with the Hun that she hesitates at all. If the kaiser however attacks her he will
ure start something. sure start something.
Governor Withycombe's maragement of the peniten-
tiary presents some unique features, and the "blind pig"
maintained there is probably the newest departure in
rison "reform." The intention no doubt is to keep the
of the booze that law-abiding citizens outside the prison alls are prohibited indulging in.
Benjamin Rowdy, perhaps just to be true to name, though 80 years old, held up the storekeeper at Garberim near Eureka, California, a few days ago and robbed e was, he did not know enough to prevent him putting a pair of the stolen boots which enabled the sheriff to n a pair of
rack him.
When a sheriff is caught violating the laws he is sworn enk orce the ofiense seme private cilizen in taking is a danger and a menace even when it is denied permis sion to enter the state.
Speaker Clark has refused the senatorship from Misouri tendered him by the governor to fill the vacancy aused by the death of Senator Stone. He evidently
prefers his position as head of the lower house to a posi ion in the ranks of the upper.
S. B. Huston announced yesterday his withdrawal from he senatorial race. This makes the fight a straight one etween MeNary and Stanfield for the republican nomnation, although Huston's vote would have cut but lit-
in efigure.
It may be carrying loyalty to the extreme, but it is a act just the same that sauer kraut that used to sell at
rom $\$ 40$ to $\$ 50$ a barrel is now on the market at $\$ 14$ the arrel and but little sale for it at that. And yet some

The best evidence of the uneasy condition of the militarists in Germany is that they force all the newspapers to print what they know to be lies as to the fightZeebrugge.

It is stated by those in authority that those going to training camps now may expect to be in France with re to be sent over as fast as ships can take them and sup.

## Rippling Rhymes

## by Walt Mason

DUMB ANIMALS
The young colt kicks and capers, enchanted
with its life: the cows cion't read the papers with its life; the cows dion't read the papers
which tell of deadly strife. I see the chesty horses, they paw and neigh and prance
they've heard not of the horses and bleach they've heard not of the horses and bleach ing bones in France. How glad should be the critters which draw their loads all day
and take their oats and bitters as an abund and take their oats and bitters as an abuni
ant pay; their backs may well be aching when evening rest hours come, but heart are never breaking, among the critters
dumb. I wonder what they're thinking the dumb. I wonder what they're thinking, the horses in their stalls, the mules out yonde
drinking, the cow that sadly bawls! Hav they no sense of humor, no cogent line of thought, an have they caught no rumor of this sad world distraught?
All men are in a lather when this or that side wins, but All men are in a lather when this or that side wins, but the fight out yonder, discuss it with a will. Men watce the nght out yonder, discuss it with a will; but porkers
seem to ponder on nothing but their swill. The beasts have been around us since Adam made his churn, and ye when woes confound us they do not care a dern. The they eat our grain and fodder and let it go at that. Un they eat ourgrain and fodder and let it go at that. Un-
thinking and unseeing, their world is all their own; the

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