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The visit of the Mexican editors to the United States s one of the most encouraging steps toward a mutua understanding between the two peoples. The intelligent Mexican knew better, but German propaganda made the peons believe the Americans were af raid of them, and this was the reason the Americans would not fight them,
though so many provocations were given. The visiting though so many provocations were given. The visiting editors will return home with not only a true conception
of America's feeling toward their country but with a deep of America's feeling toward their country but wh it refusing to go to war with them. After seeing the tremendous preparations this country is making for war, and realiz ng that while refusing the gage of battle tendered her by Mexico, she unhesitating entered into war accepting the challenge of the most powerful fighting machine the world has ever know. crushed Mexico had it so desired and America could have crushed Mexico had it so desired, an that it was sympathy for their bandit-ridden condition, heir local troubles, their struggle to get their own afrair into livable shape that caused the United States to with raw her troops from Mexican soil so soon as her object, that of preventing lawless raids across the border was accomplished. Our visitors know now athat respect for neighbor's rights and property. When they get home and neighbor's rights and property. When they get home and
impress on their readers these things which they have learned, our relations with our soutliern neighbors should be greatly improved, and those of the Germans who have be greatly improved, and those of the Germans most the troubles between the countries b correspondingly decreased

It is a timely visit and will bear good fruit.
One reason the kaiser is slow about exchanging prisoners with America or arranging to do so, is that the American prisoners have been so treated to have the Americans get the facts concerning it lest it stir them to real war madness. Besides German prisoners taken by the Americans sire being fed up in made. Naturally the kaiser may hesitate about havin these prisoners tell the German soldiers of the treatmen they received. This would have a tendency to make them all want to be captured.

In the passing of "Pitchfork Ben" Tillman, for 24 years senator from South Carolina, one of the most
picturesque figures of modern American politics disappears. From his entrance into the senate to his las service therein he was the especial advocate of the farmers, not only of his state but of the entire country. He was a born scrapper and some of the most fiery speeches
made in the senate fell from his lips. The farmers of the made in the senate fell from his lips. The farmers of the entire union have lost a sincere friend and an able
cate in the passing of the South Carolina senator.

The motto of the American soldier seems to be "what I get I keep". While our boys have not engaged in an
of the greater batles, in every one they have taken pait in the same story is repeated. What they have under
taken they have achieved, and what they have acquire taken they have achieved, and what they have acquired
they have held. This kept up will land them in Berlin eventually.

It will be but a short time until the more than 500 acres of flax contracted by the governor will be ready for pulling. As there are not men enough left in the prison to finish the governor's wood contracts, the out
look for sufficient flax pullers is not encouraging. In the meanwhile there are 80 tons of st

Every bomb dropped in a German town is an advertise ment in understandable language even for a Hun, that the medicine he has been prescribing for his enemies is of a kind far from pleasant to take. This fact should be borne
home to them by giving every town possible a taste of the dope.

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## THE RUSSIAN SITUATION

The situation in Russia is a delicate one to handle, for he reason that the Russian people having been betrayed with whom they made a peace only to see it violated, have become suspicious of every one.
The bolsheviki are in their last legs and would have The down and out long ago had it not been for the hav ing of the German armies. However there is a ray of ope coming from Siberia, where the two governments have united and are determined to resist the further en roachments of Germany. The Don Cossacks are in full accord and sympathy with them, and it is possible that by another year the new government will be able to put up uch resistance as will cause the kaiser much trouble. It s undoubtedly true that if any showing of strength can e made by the new Siberian government that will give the peasants of Russia a reasonable hope of throwing oft the German yoke which is galling their shoulders so iberian brethren and put up a fight again. Ukraine ha had an entire suffieiency of a German-made peace, and chance of winning their liberty again. Apparently the inal result depends largely on whether there is in Russia man strong enough to control the situation, and who
This in command.
solve counts to help Russia but is so far unable iberian puzzing question of how to do it. If the new , this difficulty would vanish. The Russian proletariat as confidence in the United States, and it is because it do anyth so difficult to deal with it. We do not wan
do anything that will destroy that confidence. Given a
easy, and the United States would the solutuion would nd mofiey. The allies would stand help with both men ny mofiey. The allies would stand solidly behind us in any thing we can do to solve the problem and assist in
putting Russia on her feet again peech today, it is claimed, will outline aident in his eech today, it is claimed, will outline America's osition not only as to Russia but as to all the nations of he earth. It is hoped the president, usually so clear and o correct in interpreting the heart beats of the world, lifficultie able to show Russia the way out of her lifficulties.
Congress is getting ready for a summer vacation which the members seem to think they need as badly as their constituents do. If they could be induced to adjourn "for hand they would be doing a truly patriotic act.

The civilized world is helping Uncl
Thdoy annis ejoicing, and well she may for the big is sharing in the ong ago has come back to help the old folks and to protect hem against the deadly foe

Aboat every business in the city is closed today except he newspapers, which the people demand shall furnish hem the news daily. They want to know about the

The governor was not satisfied until he was given full ontrol of the prison, and now that he has it he is in the ame condition as "Meddlesome Mattie" who cried for her grandmother's snuff box--until she got it.
All the peoples of the world, except the German, Austrians and Turks, are celebrating the American 4th of July today in good, old-fashioned style

## Rippling Rhymes

UMMER WEATHER
The days are growing hotter, although they're hot enough, and as I ply my swatter I'm feeling pretty tough. The solar rays and I am slowly melting and swimming in and am slowl melting and swimming in four months ago, and marrel at the curses I handed sleet and snow. Oh, I we curses nutty, when I such language tossed; his head is stuffed with putty, who rails at snow and frost. For winter's wholesome are no flies and chiggers on human limbs to feast. Men sit before their heaters, while loud the blizzard rants, and there are no moskeeters, no worms or bugs or ants. From germproof Athabasca the comes down the healthful snow. And yet when winter', flinging its blessings all around, when we should all be singing, we raise a doleful sound, Because some ears are frosted, because a nose is peeled, the language is exhouct ed, so biterly we've spieled. The days are growing hotte and hotter still, my friends; as to my tasks I totter, the mercury ascends. The flies, in countless legions, are roostbuild my home.
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