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MILITARISTS MUST ACKNOWLEDGE DEFEAT.
President Wilson has notified the German govern ment that it must apply to Marshal Foch on the battle field for armistice terms.

That means unconditional surrender was the
Prussian military leaders are hesitating to ask for
what they know in advance will be most humiliating terms. Their dreams of world domination are gone for-
ever and their armies are broken and defeated, but more than anything else perhaps, their pride deters them from asking the allied commander in chief for terms which wied representatives no doubt put the matter in this way in order to humble their pride by forcing them to acknowledge military defeat. Terms might have been transmitted to the German government just as drastic but even if they were accepted, Hindenburg and Ludendorff would always contend that their armies were not defeated in the field.

That is why the fighting will go on until the com mander of the German field armies sends his envoy can only be the preliminary step toward surrender:

Meanwhile the great armies go right on about their business of winning the war and reducing the Centra Powers to the smallest possible remnant of military powe and prestige.

On the western front the French, Belgians, British and Americans go ahead battering the weary Germans, in creasing rather than relaxing their efforts. And we not with special interest the fact that the American troops holding the most crucial part of the line, where the Ger mans are fighting hardest to prevent a strategic disaster are using bigger and more effective guns than have ye been used anywhere in this war. The Italians have utter ly crushed the Austrians and forced their unconditiona

There is inspiration in the example of our armies Let the people at home stick to their war tasks in the is ended, and then we shall soon have the peace we want.

## Forgiving our debtors

George W. Wickersham, former attorney general of he war obligations of our debtor allies. He would lik to see America send a receipted bill to Great Britain France, Italy and Belgium.
"We can afford to do it," he explains, "in view of al war to hold the line against the Hun and keep autocrac from crushing democracy

There is no question of the huge moral debt we ow the nations which, while fighting for self-preservation, have fought at the same time for free civilization everywere, and have stood between Germany and the United tates. They were literally fighting our battle for years much the war is costing us now, it would have cost u vastly more if we had been obliged to face German aggres sion alone, now or hereatter. And we should certainly have had to reckon with Germany some time, in any event

Whether the American people could be persuaded for all that, to make our allies a gift of the money the have borrowed and are borrowoing, is a question. amounts to several billions now. It may be $\$ 10,000,000,00$

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ably afford it, and it would be incomparably the most ready to decide the matter at present Tut we are hardly yet sufficiently certain. We can tell better what to do when the peace treaty is signed.

Our political editor wishes to be excused today from telling exactly why the elections turned out as they did-because it isn't just as clear as it might be yet what did faction at least, almost anything-after it has happened. Of course if they could explain it in advance they would not be experts, but prophets. For instance, if the demo-
crats continue in control of congress our political expert an explain very easily why the people voted that wa and if it turns out that the repubicans have gained ascen. dency, his explanation of why it happened will be just as ucid and convincing.
Apparently the people of Marion county voted very inteligently and independently. Therefore we should all accept the result, forget politics and turn agai
ing those boys of ours over in France sians.

Kissouri came Missouri came near neglecting to re-elect Champ Clark but Illinoios showed that the Joe Cannon habit is a

The Prussian eagle isn't the national bird of the empire at all. It's the dachund, judging from the way he whines and begs when he's beaten.
The Fourth Liberty loan went over the top by threequarters of a billion. We've got the ships, we've got the

Evidently all those who drive Fords failed to stan ogether. Henry seems to have been defeateed in Mich gan.

The Germans who are "willing to sacrifice the kaiser for peace" are driving a mighty shrewd bargain.

## RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason
DISORGANIZED.
The world's upset and out of plumb, all system has een shivered; the goods we ordered do not come, and o rend your hair and tear it; until a remedy is found ust simply grin and bear it. The price of everything is iigh, the outlook is distressing; the hens won't lay, the
cows go dry, and all our needs are pressing. Perhaps our neighbor has a grouch, but you should never shar ; rise whistling from your downy couch; and simply grin all their stunts are botches; the horny-handed farmer vorks repairing clocks and watches; the girls are at their rothers jobs-.-statistics all declare it--but don't repine 11 are doing what we can to keep the home fires burning and grandpa washes pot and pan, and uncle does churning; unwonted tasks upon us tossed, we take the comrade, grin and bear it


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By JANE PHELPS

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SHOULD BE PRESCRIBED by every doctor AND USED IN EVERY HOSPITAL.
Says Editor of "Physician's Who's Who."


