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 NOW THEY ĆAN PAY.

- Cornell professor has an ingenious suggestion for enabling the German people to meet their war obligations. He assumes as a matter of course they must pay for all the damage they have done in other countries. But how?

Ger national wealth. This fact would seem to preclude the payment of the desired billions to Belgium, France and
other wronged nations. But as the professor points out,
that debt is almost entirely owed by Germans to Germans.
It is a matter of domestic bookkeeping. It does not mueh affect the actual, material wealth of the country. It migh therefore be wiped out by the simple method of repudiation, leaving a clean slate on which to write the post bellum indebtedness of Germany to her self-made enemies This debt, which the peace terms will impose, might be taken care of, the professor thinks, by the following plan: The big fortunes and the landed estates of Germany could be seized by the new government. The money and securities so obtained could be used directly to help pay the indemnities. The estates could be broken up and sold to the people on long-term payments, after the man ner of the Irish land distribution, except that in this case the money would go mo

The idea is submitted to the German people for what it is worth. It seems drastic, but there is at least neasure of poetie justice in it, inasmuch as the big capital ists and junker land-owners were primarily responsible
for the war which made Germany liable to these indem for the
nities.

We always thought that the sleeve of the old red flannel undershirt was tied about the throat to cure it Bu No! One of these young doctors tells us it is to warn other folks to keep away.
vances of medical science.

The king business is getting so risky that even so modest and harmless a monareh as King George must be developing a habit of reachin
er his crown is on straight.

The supply of loganberry juice is likely to fall shor before it can be replenished next fail. The delightful Salem beverage is being drunk the world around.

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## RIPPLING RHYMES

## By Walt Mason

## NO HELP.

In olden times I paid oat mon to have my chores and errands done. I paid one man to mow the grass and ho the growing garden sass; another came to prime the pump and take the tin cans to the dump; I paid a man to
wash my car, and dope the kitehen roof with tar. While wash my car, and dope the kitehen roof with tar. While
there were men who worked for hire, I just sat 'round and pawed my lyre, with hands as white as driven snow-.. no sort of labor did they know. And I had last my appetite, and couldn't get mueh sleep at night; and I was fat and short of breath and looling for an early death. Then all the fellows went to serap and shoo the Prussian off the map, and none could come to do a chore or run an er-
rand any more. I was obliged to shake my sloth, and, as rand any more. I was obliged to shake my sloth, and, as
a toiler, cut a swath. I milked the cow and groomed the hen, and mowed the lawn, like other men; and when my car was out of whack I lay beneath it, on my back, and
tried to remedy the wreck, while slimy tried to remedy the wreck, while slimy grease ran down
my neek I painted fences green and blue, and found my neck I painted fences green and blue, and found
a hundred things to do; and now my health is out of sight a hundred things to do; and now my health is out of sight,
and when I go to bed at night my slumber is so calm and deep it shows new curves in balmy sleep, and savants corme from miles away to see just how I hit the hay. Three women cook by day and night to cater to my appetite. A three.

## DULL TIMES NONSENSE!

The authorized statement comes from Washington that France is ready to spend $\$ 10,000,000$ in the United States for goods of all kinds, manufactured and in the raw state. French economists and government officials estimate that no less than that will suffice to rebuild the evastated sections of their country, replenish their depume normal production.
ume normal production.
That is about twice
That is about twice the amount of our total export trade in these abnormal war years. The needs of France alone would suffice to keep all the factories and work
shops in the United States busy for many months to And France is only one of many countries that need our And France is only one of many cons and insist on having them.
goods and for domestic markets, their demand, too, will be greater than ever as soon as the readjustment of peace s well started. The Building Age of New York estimate country. That is only one item in the long list of unpre cedented economic needs that must be supplied.

What thinking man can read facts like these, and ex pect dull times?
"Many are the afflictions of the righteous", but they are nothing compared with the afflictions of the wicked The plight of the Hohenzollern family is a good example point.
After all there is nothing like a world-war to stimulate a healthy interest in geography.

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