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COLLECTING DEBTS FROM GERMANY.

There is not going to be any difficulty about collecting American claims against Germany. They have already been collected, through the seizure of German property under the federal law by Alien Property Custodian A. Mitchell Palmer.

The property already seized, and sold or in process of being sold amounts to about \$750,000,000. This is said to be enough to offset all American property seized in Germany and to leave enough to satisfy all American claims, private and public, for property destroyed by German acts of war. There is even likely to be a balance left.

This estimate pre-supposes that there will be no indemnity imposed on Germany over and above the various claims for damages which would have been presented even if we had not entered the war.

There is no apparent intention on the part of the United States government to unload its actual war expenses on Germany, as our Allies talk of doing. This policy may change before the peace conference ends, and a bill may be presented for at least a part of our expenses, to harmonize with the policy of Britain, France and Italy. Such payment would necessarily have to be enacted from Germany with some difficulty, over a long period.

However, if the present plan of no indemnity is maintained, the whole business of settling accounts with Germany will be simpler and easier for the United States than for any other belligerent.

INTERNATIONALIZING LABOR.

It was somewhat surprising, and not all displeasing, to learn that the peace conference at Paris recently give a session to the discussion of international labor. It appears that the conference wants to establish a commission to deal with world-wide labor questions. There may be an international conference, representing both labor and capital, called soon to formulate a general program. Ultimately, it is suggested, there may be a permanent labor commission responsible to the League of Nations.

There would be a broad field for such an institution. It could deal better than any existing agency with such a problem as the pay and working conditions of sailors, straightening out, for example, the inequalities now existing between American standards and those of other nations. It would not interfere, of course, in the internal affairs of any country. It could doubtless promote

RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walf Mason

SNOW.

The snow is deep as thunder all round me, as I write; the landscape's buried under a dazzling robe of white. And harshly I berate it, and wish that it would go, for I detest and hate it, the dreary driven snow. I view the snow with loathing, it gives me dumps and blues; it gets into my clothing, and slides into my shoes. It hides the slippery places upon the concrete walk; I fall and bust my traces, and slide around a block. It brings back old diseases, the worst that ever grew; it stirs me up to sneezes, and resurrects the flu. It is because I'm aging, my hour-glass running low, that I am vainly raging against the wholesome snow. I'm getting old and cranky, and fits I often throw; that's why I blink the blanky and blitzen-gasted snow. I'd give a million dollars if I could be the boy who whoops with glee and hollers in wild ecstatic joy. He thinks the snow a blessing, he burbles with delight, as down the street he's pressing, neck deep in spotless white. And once like him I liked it, and wished 'twould never melt, and through the drifts I hiked it, and didn't freeze my pelt. But now my brains are k nky, from years and work and woe, and so I blank the blinky and everlasting snow.

good relations between capital and labor, disseminating useful information and bringing uniformity into industrial standards in many lands.

The Marion county delegation in the lower house seems to be in favor of moving the state capital to Portland. Representative Martin has fathered a bill moving the insurance commissioner's office to the larger city, and has got it through the house; a bill to move part of the accident industrial offices to Portland has been introduced and probably has the support of the Marion county members. Some years ago the fish and game department was moved away bodily and located in Portland and the intention is no doubt to gradually make Portland the real capital of the state, a large majority of the officials in the state house who hail from that city being on the job every minute to bring this about. It remained for a member from Eastern Oregon to protest against the precedent of moving the capital away from its constitutional location and the extravagance of maintaining offices in different parts of the state. Too bad Marion county can't send men like that to the legislature!

The boats are back on the river again and this time we hope they have come to stay. Salem and all the other river towns need water transportation and our businessmen should remember this when they have goods to ship, which will be the surest way of keeping the line in operation.

That worry over peace conference censorship seems to have been entirely unfounded. Pages and pages of newspaper stuff is coming over the cables every day that a censor might have cut out to the eternal benefit of the American reading public.

A few weeks ago the League of Nations seemed in danger from lack of interest. Now it is in danger because the peace conference delegations are crowding so as to put it over that they are getting in each other's way.

Is there anything more futile than for members of the house of representatives to spend their time discussing the duties of the Paris peace conference?

The state highway commission seem to be working on the principle that the way to build good roads is to build them.

The old state capital looks natural again this session. The lobby has recovered from its influenza scare and is back in all its prestine glory.

The grand old republican party is about to play in big luck again. Senator Hi Johnson threatens to leave it.

It's an off-day in the peace conference sessions when President Wilson doesn't gain a point or two.

The peace conference ought to impose an indemnity on Spain for this influenza epidemic.

Just a touch of winter now to keep us from getting the spring garden fever too early.

THE WIFE

By Jane Phelps

RUTH ENTERTAINS MOLLIE KING

CHAPTER CII.

Mollie accepted Ruth's invitation at once. She arrived a little before the major, and was so radiantly happy that Ruth couldn't help really liking her for the first time. She fairly exuded joy. When Ruth congratulated her, she said: "The war has done a lot for many men and women, but I think, sometimes it has done more for me than for any one else. I was just a silly girl rather priding myself on having temperment, and so understanding men better than their own wives did—or could. I even tried to pity Brian because you made him comfortable in spite of himself. You should have heard him talk of you overseas! There was no virtue you did not possess. You had no vices, not even a fault. I often used to wish he would talk of something else. But after I met Major Williams I knew just how he felt. Why, I wanted to talk of the major to everyone I met. You see, when one cares very much I imagine they can't help wanting to discuss that person."

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told of his new office, its location, and that Ruth had selected the furnishings. "I'll bet it is all right if she attended to it," Mollie said appreciatively. "I wish I had your artistic ideas, Mrs. Hackett. When we get married, you'll help me fix up a home, won't you?" "I'd love to," Ruth answered, sincerely meaning it. "You see, I have changed my ideas somewhat about a home. I think I would like a little apartment like this. I used to think studio rooms with a kitchenette—the rooms decorated with posters and old theater programmes—were artistic. They seem so cheap and tawdry, now, especially beside such a home as you have."

Ruth was always delighted when anyone praised her artistry before Brian. So Mollie's praise was very welcome, especially as she—Ruth—well knew her husband had agreed with Mollie in thinking a studio apartment the no plus ultra of home keeping. "I shall be very grateful if we can have such a home," the major broke in with a fond look at Mollie that sent the blushes to her cheeks: Tomorrow—Arthur Mandel Makes Ruth a Proposition

Open Forum

THE OCTOPUS NO. 1—THE OREGON STATE SCHOOL TRUST

Mr. Editor: In The Journal of date Dec. 24 last I find a state budget by Mr. Olcott compiled and submitted for the benefit of the members of the legislature. This budget of estimated expenditures totals \$14,551,649.00 and being \$1,297,214.00 in excess of all revenues in sight. Now can items of this budget be so reduced that all can be met by the income from tax sources of \$14,551,649.00. I have carefully gone over this budget and have cut out needless items and made reductions in estimates totaling the huge sum of \$1,975,922.12. This meets the deficit and still leaves a surplus sufficient for penitentiary needs. About a year ago I mailed to the Portland Journal six propositions upon which there should be legislative action. The third question for action was as follows: Repeal of all extension departments of state schools. Many years ago a state university was established at Eugene, Oregon, for teaching the liberal arts and the various branches of learning and conferring degrees and provision has been made for its maintenance. The location of the university is fixed at Eugene. No provision is made nor is authority given for the establishment of other universities or branches at other locations by this state institution at will. Its functions and benefits should be at the place of its establishment and not a portable caravansary over the state. Hence, the conduct of a medical department of the state university at Portland and at a cost of \$15,167.00 is without warrant and the state should not support it. Now I submit that cutting out this Portland school and operating only at its location the huge expense of \$1,175,670 can reasonably be reduced by \$575,970.00 perhaps more. Some years ago a millage tax was voted to the university which tax should be ample. Of course, Mr. Editor, these institutions will ask the earth. The people must judge.

Again: There is hatched out our state university a religious denominational school, a divinity school. At the special legislative session of 1896 Dr. Driver introduced a bill in the senate to hang this divinity school upon the state university. This bill was read and referred. At the 1897 term Senator Keckland of Eugene introduced a bill and referred. At the 1899 session Senator Kuykendall again introduced a bill—Senate bill No. 50—which was passed by both houses and promptly signed by Governor Geer. There is also an emergency clause! I do not have the bill from my secretary at McCoy, but the meaning and import of the emergency is as follows: "Whereas the manufacture of Campbellite preachers is of great benefit to the state, therefore this bill shall go into effect immediately upon its approval by the governor." And thereby this divinity school was loaded upon the state university upon the state. Some two years ago I read that Dean Sanderson of the faculty of the state university at Eugene was in attendance or lectured before the teachers' institute at Spokane, Wash. And, too, we must concede results.

I note in the press in the last few years that at the closing of the secular schools the public schools throughout the valley the Rev. Curtis, or the Rev. So-and-So, Campbellite preachers invade these schools with baccalaureate sermons. You see they are state made. Confine the activities of state university to the place of its legitimate location and great relief will inure to the burdened taxpayers. General education is the basis upon which our gov-

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