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THROWING AWAY THE VICTORY.

According to a statistical report, the entire cost of the world war, direct and indirect, has been about \$200,-

That is the amount which civilization has invested in the business of licking Germany and dislodging Prussianism. It is the amount which the United States, Belgium, France, Italy and many other liberty-loving nations have paid in order that they may hereafter live their own life, in their own way, safe from hostile attack, and freed from while the opposition is pretty much up in the air. the grevious burdens of defensive armament.

Germany and her confederates have been put down. But this is only half the task. The peace conference at Paris is busy with the other half. It is necessary to realize the benefits which that tremendous expenditure

In other words, the peace delegates are trying to get, for us and our allies, the worth of our \$200,000,000,000. So far, they seem to be making an excellent job of it. But it is the hardest job ever tackled by any set of men---far harder than creating the original American federation or American constitution. They need all the help, all the constructive suggestions, and particularly all the encouragement and moral support, that every man and woman in America can give them.

And yet a lot of men in the United States senate and elsewhere are doing their worst, by sneers and obstructive

efforts, to block the work of the peace conference and prevent humanity from getting its two hundred billion dollars worth of security and peace.

The park commission should not carry out its idea of removing the maple trees which border Willson park. These trees are old and are very dear to the pioneer residents of the city who have seen them grow along with These trees are old and are very dear to the ploneer resi-dents of the city who have seen them grow along with the Capital City, adding to its beauty and attractiveness with each succeeding year. And Willson park, the civic with each succeeding year. And Willson park, the civic center of Salem, is one of the beauty spots of the United States, and as such it should not be rendered less attractive because the maple trees may add a little expense to its upkeep, which the park commission is said to be anxious to eliminate.

If Abraham Lincoln were alive today be would any being any heart was and the saked tree ornances, I longed more for these expressions of friendship from Neil Altho I neglected none of my duties, helped mother, join ed in all the little uffairs at the church, and at the homes of my young satisfactory letters. And in reply I friends my heart was not be reply in any heart was a rule Neil wrote nice, long, church, and at the homes of my young satisfactory letters.

If Abraham Lincoln were alive today he would undoubtedly stand for safe and sane government, true to the ideals of American democracy. He would be the strongest opponent to the Russianizing of the United States.

It may be necessary to hold a nextra session of the legislature in order to get all the salary increase bills

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RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason

BLUE LANGUAGE.

The war has made us more profane, which gives my gentle soul a pain. In olden times we used to swear when sick or burdened down with care; if in the darkness we arose, and on the door jamb broke a nose, we'd spring some redhot parts of speech which made the weary welkin screech. But when no stern occasion called for language that would scorch and scald, our speech was soothing and refined, the output of the placid mind. But now we cuss the whole day long, and no one seems to think it wrong. The stories in our public prints are full of words of lurid tints, an e'en the pastors shock the pews, the sort of adjectives they use. Profanity was always coarse; and now it's losing all its force, when it is sprung in constant flow—it lacks the pep of long ago. In war it may have been all right, this damning everything in sight, for we were racked by dread and doubt, and cusswords seemed to help us out. But now that peace is come again, let's be polite and godly men, and quit this foolish, stupid stunt of pushing swear words to the front.

HOW TO LOWER PRICES.

There is no panacea for high prices. There are so many causes contributing to them that no single remedy the simplest, but they were all I had been accustomed to wear, and I had can be more than partially successful. But if there is one thing, which, more than any other, is bound to effect a cure, it is the old home-made remedy, thrift.

By thrift you can lessen the consumption of goods, making the existing supply more nearly equal the demand. That lowers prices. By thrift you enable yourself to pay your debts, and your creditor to pay his debts, and so on indefinitely. That helps to deflate credit---it puts the commodity more nearly on a cash basis--- and that lowers

Thrift is the word. And with a majority of people, thrift stamps are the way.

The local morning paper takes the position---and only seldom does it take a positive stand---that the returning soldiers are justified in becoming Bolshevists if they were not paid regularly while in service. We must say that a standard of patriotism and citizenship as low as that defended by the morning paper is responsible for the prevalence of bolshevism. It is a disgustingly mer
Monmouth."

The chatean is a very beautiful place, situated in a small vale in the heart of the Marne valley, I am longing for a trip to the far west, to visit the scenes of my boxhood around dear old Monmouth." cenary standard, and if generally accepted would A letter from Lieut. Frank E. Butquickly cause the fall of any government that exer existed. We regret to see any reputable newspaper take such is

It's pretty hard to tell just what all this paving fight in the legislature means, but somehow we are inclined to place our wagers on the paving combine having got what they want, whatever it may be, when the smoke of battle clears away. The combine has the advantage of thorough organization and of knowing precisely what it wants, while the opposition is pretty much up in the air.

French children. He visited Tours, a city of 150,000, which covers a space about 1-3 as large as an American city of the same population.

Monday morning marks the beginming of the second semester of the school year. Most of the February sontions have secured positions and have begun work in the various schools. The registration for the new term is not yet known but the registrar reports a good many new arrivals at the Normal. Most of the S. A. T. C. boys have returned home and have re-enter appreciated.

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You won't waste your time by any means if you go down to the armory and take a look at the automobile show. It is Salem's first attempt in this direction but it is a splendid exhibition just the same, and shows that the Capital City is fast becoming a very important auto-

a needle," so mother and the girls said And I put all my ingenuity to work so that I might look attractive to Neil. ot even wished for anything better. (Tomorrow-Neil tells Barbara of

Two Mcnmouth Boys Tell **How They Spent Christmas**

(Capital Journal Special Service) Monmonth, Feb. 12-In a letter from lorporal Stanley Evans, dated Jan 3 at Chaumont, France, Stanley says, in

"I am still at general headquarters American E. F. Our company doing guard duty at the post, guarding gener al headquarters buildings, General Pershing's chateau, etc. I was one of. the 14 men chosen as guard of honor for President Wilson on Christmas President Wilson on Christmas at Gen. John Pershing's home.

ler, dated Dec. 29, tells of Christmas spent in a French hospital where he is an acting physician. The officers at the hospital had a tree for about 50 French children. He visited Tours, a

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Normal. Most of the S. A. T. C. boys have returned home and have re-entered high school for the second semestar's work. Both the Monmouth and Independence training schools have a full attendance now and all are glad to be back after so many interruptions. At last we can say that there are no cases of influenza in or near town, so far as is known.

Prof. L. P. Gilmore of the Science rough. The paving will certainly be ed States.

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spartment at the Normal, represent of ex-President Roosevelt, Sunday afed the faculty at chapel recently in a termoon in the Normal auditorium, was very interesting and informational fairly well attended. The program was very interesting and informational carried out as follows: Hymn by audi-manner, taking for his subject, the ence, scripture reading, Rev. Conklin;

THE PROMOTER'S WIFE BY JANE PHELPS

Neil sent the books and the picture. Once he said:
'There is no one like you, Bab. No He answered my letter almost at once,

church, and at the homes of my young friends, my heart was not in any of also told him of everything I thought them. Neil was constantly in my thoughts.

At Christmas he sent me a set of O. Henry. He was a great admirer of that writer, and had said in one of that writer, and had said in one of his letters that he wanted me also to become familiar with his works. I was surprised and delighted, but when in addition I received a wonderful box mimost fainted from sheer joy. Neil of American hearty roses I was so was coming! of American beauty roses I was so was coming!

THE TONE OF NEIL'S LETTERS checks, Neil's letters grew a little more affectionate. Now he often caid something about other girls, comparing them to me, always in my favor.

happy I cried.

"Looks pretty serious to me," father and the refrain; "Noil is composed in the flowers. I recall now what a time I had finding me that the soft winds whispered it; holders for them. I couldn't tear to cut the stems, as mother suggested, so I placed them in the big water pitchers we used in the bedrooms. The only resceptacles in the house deep enough to hold them.

Was coming!

I went about the house einging in my heart the refrain; "Noil is coming!" It seemed to me that the soft winds whispered it; that the birds caroled it. Nothing else could possibly engage even their attention, save the one wonderful fact that Neil ("my Neil" I called him blushingly) was coming.

It was the last of May when he ar-

o hold them.

One, a beautiful half opened bud, I rived. The village never had been pretenried up stairs and pressed it betier, the flowers and shrubs never tween the leaves of my bible. That I bloomed more bravely. I had been sewwould keep always.

As winter waned and the spring pear bravely attired. I den't know winds blow softly and warmly over my that I have mentioned my one accom-

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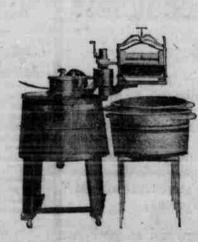
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