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 A DOUBT--AND AN ANSWER.

## A man who questions the usefulness and efficacy of

 League of Nations has this to saycannot see any benefit to be derived from the mixup with all sorts of nations and peoples. Better keep out tay at home and attend to our own business.

This seems to be the point of view of most of those who onbose the League idea. It is rather
"The three problems presented by Germany, Russi? and the intervening border states do not exhaust the perplexities which victory has brought to the victors. One has only to mention Turkey and China. But these problems do indicate how pressing and practical is the need for
an international organization by which the world can be administered into an era of stability. No one who har grasped those problems as they press upon mankind can persist in the idea that peace consists in signing a treaty, shaking hands with the Allies, and returning home to gaze rapt admiration at the Monroe Doctrine.

I know this feeling quite well. I have shared it, an have wondered whether anything could be done with that jangle of memories which so often seems to be the mind of Europe.

Perhaps nothing can be done. Perhaps the memories and the appetites are too strong to save the world from a period of despair. Perhaps the men who are meeting so secretly in Paris are too much divided to use the isntrument of co-operation which they have framed. We shal know soon whether they have made a peace upon which ' league can operate. But they shall not be able to say that
they failed because America failed them, and that the disthey failed because America failed them, and that the dis
honor in hers. They shall not he able to claim that the honor in hers. They shall not be able to claim that the and safest of all was too timid to help them."

Was there not shee mpon time them.
Was there not, once upon
Idaho decided to take a new step in state governmen by placing the affairs of state in the hands of a govern or's caabinet of nine mambers, each drawing a salar
of $\$ 3600$. These new heads of departments are in addition to the regular state officers who also keep on draw ing their annual salaries tes nine $\$ 3600$ isholdation and re-organization that crepoliticians and it is to be be very popular with Orego when the legislature meets two years from now.

Four hundred millionaires were made during the war in the business of collecting rubbish, rags and
Will they refer to their wealth ns "iust rubbish!"

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## RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason

## HOME TO ROOST.

All evil things come home to roost, and cause much anguish and distress; so I give righteousness a boost, fair renown if he'd enjoy his journey here: must have figh credit in his town and in the country far and near A chap may think hell put across, unmarked, some little crooked game; but all his profits are a loss for he has crooked game; but all his pronts are a loss for he has
soiled his snowy fame. Some day when he would make soiled his snowy fame. Some day when he would make
the race for coroner or county clerk, his misdeed swats the race for coroner or county clerk, his misdced swats
him in the face, and spoils long years of goody work. I'm eld and full of virtue now, but never do 1 cease to hear of how I kidnapped Johnson's cow, upon a distant bygone year, I stand up in the Sabbath school, and hand out saws
and maxims fine, and while I thus expound and drool, and maxims fine, and while I thus expound and drool,
hear kids whisper, "Johnson's kine" I might be honored now I'm gray, and have a halo o'er my brow, but for that dark and fateful day when I eloped with Johnson's cow We say a man can live it down, if he should cheat or lie or steal, but better is the white renown that has no blem. ish to conceal. The evil birds are all unloosed in our old age, a noisome host, and they come flying home to roost, just when the blamed things hurt the most.


A letter from Secretary of Agriculture Houston has just been made public in which he advocates "such an ob servance of Arbor Day as will secure widespread plant
ing of trees dedicated to those whose lives have been saerificed in the great struggle to preserve American rights ad freedom and civilzation of the world."
He adds, "We may do this by adorning with yourg trees, each named for a fallen soldier
door-yards and our pleasure places."

Started in Nebraska soon after the Civil war, Arbor Day has come to be observed by almost all the states. Wit the growing sentiment in favor of planting trees as es pecialy suited to commemorate the young, growing hu-
man beings who lost their lives in this last year, the Seeretary's suggestion should meet with warm response.
It is suggested also that schools and public combine in observance of the day, and that a general interest be cirmulated in this simple form of memorial so well cal roundings.
The talk in the newspapers about Germany preparing mpire's ne Allies again is sheer nonsense. The forme alike has been dissipated, as everybody in the world except these European newspaper correspondents knows.
Linn county has started a movement to bond for a
aillion dollars with which to build good roads. When
million dollars with which to build good roads. When good-roads microbes get busy in that part of the valley,
we may expect a real epidemic of permanent highway construction all over the Northwest.

The packers have been released from all federal con-rol-.-which was an easy thing to do by presidential proclamation. To cause the packers to release their hold on
the markets has always been the big problem facing a meat-eating public.
The Sixth German eity in the world is voting for
mayor. And it is quite naturally presumed that Wil mayor. And it is quite naturally presumed that Wil-
liam $H$. Thompson will be re-elected over the protests of liam H . Thompson will be re-elected over the protests of
the comparatively few real Americans who live in Chicago.
Some 350,000 mules were shipped to France during the war. And we all realize that it was kick that America

## THE PROMOTER'S WIFE BY JANE PHELPS



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NEW WART TXXES MANIE BOW TO PIBILC TODAY Store Palrons Mleet Price I
crease 0 f Five To Ten Per Cent.

## Auction Sale---

Alexander Smith Carpet Company, the largest makers of Rugs and Carpets in the world announce a sale of forty thousand bales of rugs,
(Three in a bale), this first day of April, 1919, to (Three in a bale), this first day of April, 1919, to
start the Rug and Carpet business and get it on a normal basis agsin. This will establish a price on this line of merchandise for the next year, as it is
no secret in the Carvet Trade that the Smith peono secret in the Carpet Trade that the Smith peo-
ple set the pace. This sale is held in New York ple set the pace. This sale is held in New York
City, N. Y., and that it will not be kept a secret. We wish to tell you the junior member of our firm expects to attend this sale and while he does not intend buying the one hundred and twenty thousand rugs, he will buy all we can handle for some

## These two letters explain themselves:

Chambers \& Chambers,

## ew York, March 25, 1919.

 Salem, Oregon.
## Gentlemen:

Our fall lines will be placed on sale Tuesday April 1st, at which time we will announce prices and terms on our rugs and roll goods. We shall Very truly yours,
M. J. WHittall, Associates.

Chambers \& Amsterdam, N. Y. March 24, 1919.
Salem,
ntlemen:
Desiring to give our customers the advantage from now oning prices and Dating, goods shipped memoran on until the openiing will be covered by ing at Fall prices.

STEPHEN SANFORD \& SONS, Inc.

The point we are making, you can plainly see, is that the Rugs we have bought and are now buying will be at prices made to hold for a year to come, and we assure you of a saving over goods bought the last year, of from ten to twenty per
Several shipments of Rugs are now on the
way and should arrive about the 20th of this way and should arrive about the 20th of this about May 1st.

We are often asked if the Rugs made now are German dyes We made formerly when we used we firmly believe they will be even better. Do you know that in the year 1914 our exports of dyes thousand dollas was but a little over five hundred thousand dollars. Where in 1918 it had grown to over seventeen million. Certainly there must be
some virtue in them. FOR

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