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## NO ORAL FIREWORKS ON LEAGUE

If stumping tours are resorted to in the case of th reace treaty，it will be the first time in the history of this taxes accruing from the profits on inereased business due country that such a thing has been done．In all previous to lower postage．
cases the senate has been left to the work of accepting or
rejecting the proposed terms without direct appeal to opular opinion．
It is perhaps a good thing that this most importan treaty in the world＇s history should be presented directl to the people．The people are vitally concerned in all it rovisions，and they are the real judges

There is－one great danger however，in this public ap－ peal，and that is that crafty political purposes may be hidden under the eloquent and stirring language，and people may be led by fiery and catching speeches to make alse deductions．This has been done in many a cam paign on less important issues．

To guard against this it is most dsirable that men o clean views and purposes should be chosen to present ar－ of Nations，and that audiences should be on their guard gainst specious，misleading oratory．The man who against specious，misleading oratory．The man who understandable to the plain people shocid be driven from the platform by popular disapproval．
Great issues are at stake，and it
politics can enter．But if every voter will make that party poffort to inform himself on the League of Nations，which is of course the stumbling point，and will subscribe to no is of course the stumbing point，and will subscribe to no
argument which is not manifestly free from party or per－ sonal prejudice，a minimum of harm will be done by the mere speech tricksters．
What the country now wants is information，not pol－ itics，nor oral fireworks．

Prohibitionist warriors in congress may find ，handi－
 RIPPLING RHYMES

## By Walt Mason

SUMMER

The summer time is here once more，with scented winds from far off shore，suggesting eastern drugs；the
zir＇s voluptuous and sweet；the summer time would be ${ }_{4}$ a treat，but for the beastly bugs．The earth is carpeted with green，the smoothest color ever seen，a brilliant blue
the skies；sometimes there is a golden haze，and one might love the summer days，but for the nasty flies．A strang er bird has ceased to soar，and pauses singing by my door its melody enchants：and I could listen to its song． in ecstacy，the whole day long，but for the noxious ants． And I could take my pienic pail，and have an outing in the vale，and roam sequestered brakes，inspiration for a rhyme，and have the blamedest kind of time，but for the slimy snakes，Now on her way prond summer struts，
and but for sundry ifs and buts all man－kind sho would please；＇twould be a blessing to repose where yonder elm Is shadow throws，but for the wasps and bees．Oh， would take my lyre in arms，and sing of summer＇s gor－
geouss charms，in most exalted termis，and celetrate her cueenly ways，her starlit nights and sunny days，but for


## LADD \＆BUSH

## BANKERS

The war rates on first－class mail matter have now been lowered，and letters may be mailed for two cents a ounce as formerly．Post cards are likewise reduced from o cents to the old one－cent rate．
It may seem a trivial thing．Many people say they care little what the letter rate is－－they spend so small
part of their income on postage．But it is no trifle to the government．That extra cent on letters and post cards increased the postoffice revenues $\$ 126,000,000$ in
less than two years． less than two years．
ally paid more than others．It bore with special watur－ on business coneetns that use the matls freely weight respondence and advertising．
It resulted in some useful improvements and forms，such as stopping the wasteful old practice of al－ ways sending receipts fer small payments，even when they
are made by checks，which，when endorsed，are good enough receipts for anybody．It also stopped cluttering the mails with some useless correspondence．But in the main，it was a tax on useful communication and thus a tax＇on intelligence and constructive business．So it is ell abolished．
The government still needs money，but it can raise it

According to E．F．Dunne，former governor of Il－ nois，the statement of Sir James MaePherson regarding the British government＇s stand on the matter of Trish in－ dependence was a failure if it was designed to serve a propaganda purpose in America．Likewise，we might cite other propaganda failures in connection with the Irish situation，such as the attempt to interest the United States enate in taking up the Sinn Fein issue．

Mayhap there is something in the assertion that the women who should be allowed the ballot do not want it．
Down in California the anti－suffragists are calling upon Down in California the anti－suffragists are calling upon
Governor Stephens to resist the appeals being directed hovernor Stephens to resist the appeals being directed at he foderal a suffrage amendment becanse of the rexpeng neident upon an extra session，a matter of $\$ 12000$ ．

The nation can get out of the League of Nations in two years if it disapproves of the League．The nation can get one－third of the United States senators out of the

A man may be insane without being a murderer an yet，to all appearances，the reverse is seldom true．
Hunting a Husbana

## By MARY DONGLAS

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