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"Chinese troops are robbing Rus-There's one thing certain: They can't rob the Russians of their stability.

ing to determine whether Japan is a nearly all the Allied nations have problem some years ago.

the war." announces the Kaiser, in discussing the present great offensive. That's about the only thing he ever said that we could agree with.

Since her arrival in town or Thursday, Miss Spring has conducted herself like a perfect lady. She still, however, possesses the feminine attribute of doing the unexpected thing any moment.

A "well-known politician" is quot ed in the Toronto News as saying: "To hell with Union Government. better endorsement of Union Government could be made.

A German peace would not be a Sydney Harbor Trust built a conlasting peace. The tiger would re- crete pontoon 119 ft. long. A contire to his jungle only to recuperate crete barge built for use on the Manfor a fresh spring. The time to put chester Ship Canal has been found an end to him is now. Peace talk is extremely economical. That confoolish until the Allies can dictate crete bridges can successfully witha peace on their own terms.

Mayor Lavigueur, of Quebec, on of the new members of the House of Commons, spoke in the House o Thursday. Inasmuch as he is the are using concrete motor boats father of twenty-one children, he probably doesn't get many chances to talk at home and so can be pardoned if he overdoes it a little at Ot-

on board, but he gets wrathy when ed. the Allies seize Dutch ships with the promise to return them after the war or pay for them if they are lost. This they term "an unprecedented act of violence against a neutral nation." What hyprocrisy!

commended upon their announced has at last commenced in real carnplan of aiding returned soldiers, est. The coming of spring, earlier in They will canvass all employers of Europe than in Canada, has made it labor in the city with the object of possible to launch an offensive on a finding suitable employment for large scale. The ground is now in a these men. The Whig is confident fit condition for heavy fighting. The that Kingston employers will gladly opposing forces have been hard at co-operate in the movement.

'Hon Charles Murphy applied the whip of honest criticism to the back of the Union Government," is the way the London Advertiser refers to his impassioned and unfair attack upon the press and Hon. N. W. Rowell, during the latter's absence from the House. "Hopest criticism," forsooth! It was the veriest balder-

A PUNISHMENT TOO MERCIFUL plans and dispositions, So these The doors of Portsmouth peniten- raids have been a nightly feature of tiary will shortly swing open to ad- the work all along the line. But they mit Harry Bryant, of Toronto, who were only preliminary to the larger was this week sentenced to serve two operation now under way. The Geryears for seduction. The punishment man attacks near Ypres and on the is entirely inadequate, and not at all American sector of the line, although in keeping with the dastardly crime repulsed with heavy losses, foreshad- food in these days, but let no outperpetrated by this designing villain. owed the present offensive. A sixteen-year-old girl, innocent and | The opposing armies are to-day unsophisticated, whose mother is more evenly matched than at any we are likely to. dead and whose father is serving in previous time. Divisions transferred France, was seduced by Bryant un- from Russia have raised the strength

der promise of marriage, which was of the German army to an equality,

to be performed in a Toronto church if not a superiority, with that of next day. The bride-to-be, the the Allies. In gun power and in the waiting till next month, you will clergyman, attendants and friends air the Allies stil predominate. The save \$1.15. But who the dickens assembled at the appointed hour, but superiority in aircraft is a vital facthe expected bridegroom came not. tor, both in attack and defence. The An investigation revealed the fact aeroplanes are the eyes of a modern that the man, who had gained the army, and so long as the British, girl's love and confidence and who French and American aviators can had represented himself as a single hold the supremacy of the air, surman, was married and the father of prise is most improbable. The martwo children. The lawyer for the gin which the Allies have in guncomplainant was unscathing in his power, while not so great as it was a denunciation of the perpetrator of year ago, is still sufficient to put such a crime, and asked that severe confidence into the hearts of the

Magistrate Dennison sentenced the support. The present German atman to two years in the penitentiary! tack, however successful it may be, There are men in Portsmouth will be made only in the face of the penitentiary to-day serving terms of tremendous losses. trivial article. They would pro- morale of the German troops has bably be ashamed to be associated been greatly improved by the succonfiding girl, and well they might. of 1917, and by the elimination of tance of the foe, Men have been sent to prison for Russia from active participation in longer terms for stealing a loaf of the war. They now hope to inflict F.R.Northrup, 225 Fifth Ave., New York They are princes compared with Bry- Allies, and thus end the war. They F.R.Northrup, 1510 Ass'n Bldg., Chicago ant. Times are when justice should have been thoroughly drilled in ofbe tempered with mercy, but certain- fensive tactics. The Hun has now ly this is not one of the occasions.

NEW ERA IN SHIPBUILDING.

days ago, there was launched last week at Redwood, California, the largest concrete ship to show the Germans, ever built. The launching was such a success that the work of installing the engines, etc., was at once begun. Not only have shipping men kept in touch with this great undertaking, but for months its results. There will be reverses, tors and should direct their opera-The United States is just now try- consular and diplomatic agents of Portions of ground will have to be tion, the farmer paying the expense. menace or a comrade. Great Britain, been at Redwood anxiously watching and which now marks an epoc in the oner. These things are the natural history of shipbuilding. This vessel result of any well-prepared and deis 336 feet long, with 45 ft. beam. termined attack on either side, and Its sides are 4 in. thick. It weighs the Allies will have to face that. over 3,000 tons and has a cargo The Allies will hold fast, and with an capacity of 5,500 tons. It has two elastic line, such as exists in France, decks, and will be propelled by en- they will be able to hold the German gines of 1,750 h.p. The estimated in check until the American forces cost of this big vessel is \$750,000, a are strong enough to co-operate in large part of this sum being due to a great counter-offensive. Thus,

The history of the use of concrete 1887 concrete boats were built in Holland, and so' successful were and 14 ft. beam, of 55 tons capacity. forces of democracy, and the final were built. German shipbuilders downfall of Prussian autocracy. constructed in 1909 a concrete ship freighter of 220 tons. In 1914 the stand rough usage has been proved by a barge in use on the Welland Canal. Such barges were also built in 1911 and used on the Panama Canal. The Chicago Naval Reserve which are rendering good service.

The success of the launching of the new ocean-going yessel on the Pacific coast will lead to the construction of hundreds more of the same style. A new era in shipbuilding has been inaugurated, and the The Hun has no compunction vessel tonnage at the disposal of the about sinking Dutch ships with all Allies will now be greatly augment-

THE GREAT OFFENSIVE. Is the long-heralded German offen- WALT MASON, work preparing for the coming struggle for supremacy. In the training camps behind the lines divisions have indergone a period of intensive training in attack and defence. All the newest devices of war have been brought into use. Both sides have burried on these preparations. Of the steps taken by the Allies we may say very little, but we may be sure they were adequate to meet any emer-

While the troops in reserve were training for the fray, the men up in Sir Gilbert Parker's estimate of the fighting line were busily engaged Premier Lloyd-George will meet with in raids, the purpose of which was to approval everywhere except possibly secure information. These raids, inin Germany. He says that "his vast stituted first of all by the Canadians, gifts tremendously outweigh his are now a feature of the work of both faults, and give the impression. not sides. Their main object is to gain unduly or unfairly that he is a man information. A prisoner under kind of decision, of vigor, of driving force treatment (in British, not German and of power." Those are qualities hands), often discloses valuable facts. in a leader that the Allied nations and thus a certain amount of knowstand greatly in need of to-day. | ledge is gained of the opposing army's

## PUBLIC OPINION

tritain is Not Starving.

(Westminister Gazette.) We are bound to talk about our sider imagine we are starving. that on the present showing, and with anything like good management,

No Hull Across The Water! (Ottawa Citizen.)

If you buy a railroad ticket from

No Half Way House.

(London Times.) There is, in fact, no half-way lead straight to the lamentable and ignominious goal to which the Bolsheviks have drifted infantry who depend upon them for

> Enough of Them at Home. (Brantford Courier.)

five years or so for stealing some | Another point to remember; the ed "unusual oratorical ability." That's the kind who generally talk people to death, so that in reality he should be very valuable in a front with the betrayer of this young and cesses in Italy during the latter part line position, within speaking dis-

PROVINCIAL AID

bread to feed their hungry families. a crushing defeat upon the Western Given by the Government for Greater

The Dominion Government has mote greater production by approcopied the British tanks, and yesterday's reports noted their presence in the disposal of the various provthe battle lines. With eighteen inces. This will enable the provinmonths' experience of tank warfare, cial government to take effective direction of food production and the men of the British tank corps utilize farm labor and land with ashave, probably, a few tricks in hand surance of successful results

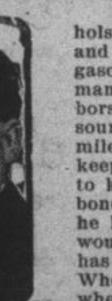
The ability of many farmers What concerns the public in gen- respond to the national need is limeral most of all is the possible result ited by their domestic and financial of the new offensive. The people obligations and in other cases by the were well warned that it was compartment of Agriculture is now ing. They must also be prepared for position to assist by providing trac-

given up before the onslaught. The casualties will be heavy, and some by a treaty of alliance, solved the the work which has upset tradition thousands of men will be taken pris- ried out under the supervision of an facilitating the distribution of seed. Lack of organization and efficient direction would result in loss of val-

to the soil. Never before has so much depended upon the farm and doubt, it is only temporary, and the never was farm produce in such deenemy will find that all his hopes mand. The demand will in building ships is interesting. In will be crushed against the impene- for many years and the profit to trable barrier on the western front. thoughtful consideration of all young In this his last great offensive, he men, or Canada can be made a these vessels of eleven tons capacity will bring about his own defeat and veritable garden. Never in her histhe result will be a triumph for the tory has opportunity so smiled upon devastation of war, orchards clad in The death took place Wednesday stretch to the setting sun, and the at Perth of a former well-known resi- golden harvests, awaiting but the dent of Brockville, in Mrs. Sarah hand of man, call forth hosannas

# Rippling Rhymes

THE HELPFUL AUTO



'You ought to cut out riding round in your upholstered boat; for thus you're wasting many a pound and many a bone and groat. The coin you blow for gasoline, as o'er the roads you run, might sink a German submarine, or spike a German gun." My neighsour, when I've been scorching o'er the lea, at forty miles an hour. But nowadays the loyal lad should keep in proper form, to earn the shining silver scad, to keep his strongbox warm, so he can always buy a bond, or help a Red Cross fund, nor have it said that he has pawned his Sunday cummerbund. And if he be at his best, and make each motion pay, h have his hours of rest, his little slice of play, When I grow tired of labor's pangs, I take my fourwheeled car, and scoot some nineteen parasangs, out

where the hayseed are; I rush along, and never stop. sive now on? The attack against the through valleys sweet and cool, and sometimes maim a rustic cop, again British forces in France along a fifty run down a mule. And when my little spin is done, I homeward jog along, mile front, as announced in yester. and I feel fit to write a ton of redhot, deathless song. And when I've put the car away, and changed the busted tire, I then proceed to knock the whey day's despatches, would indicate that from my immortal lyre. Don't dodge all kinds of play and glee while you The Great War Veterans are to be the threatened big drive by the Huns pursue the rocks; he is not wise who tries to be a brother to the ox.

—WALT MASON.

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