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A Crucial Test for the War Machine. WHATEVER may be the ultimate outcome of the war, every impartial observer must be marvelling at the wonderful perfection of the German military machine.

Up to "Ed". THE most politic thing "Ed" Vane ever did was to get on the Brumbaugh bandwagon early in the last campaign.

The Disappearing Villa. VILLA is not proving himself to be the hope of Mexico, even if he were for a time the hope of the Administration at Washington.

Can't Club Inspiration Into a Man. THERE will be no conscription, says Lloyd George, speaking for the Government, and that ought to settle the matter.

Collapse of Railroad for Speculation. THE primary purpose of a railroad is to carry passengers and freight. If the American railroads had been used for no other purpose they would be in much better condition today.

Governmental commissions that, when it says it needs to earn more money if it is to keep out of bankruptcy, it actually does need it for a legitimate purpose.

Wanted: A Barnes Conscience in Philadelphia. POLITICIANS are thin-skinned in New York. Mr. Barnes has played the game a long time.

Foss as a Barometer. THE chief use of Eugene Noble Foss, of Massachusetts, is as a barometer to tell the state of the political weather.

What 10,000 Cars Mean. AN ORDER for 10,000 freight cars, such as has just been given by the Pennsylvania Railroad, seems to the person unfamiliar with the enormous freight business of the country big enough to provide cars to carry almost all the products of the East.

His enemies keep Mr. Roosevelt in the limelight. Diplomacy, at any rate, is giving Italy ample time in which to get ready.

Frank is technically guilty, but what the public wants to know is who murdered Mary Phagan.

JOHN W. WEEKS FOR PRESIDENT

Victor Murdock Thinks That the Massachusetts Senator Is a Second McKinley—He Is a Courageous and Conciliatory Statesman.

By GEORGE W. DOUGLAS. WHEN Victor Murdock, in a moment of enthusiastic admiration, said that John W. Weeks was more like William McKinley than any other public man who had emerged from the mass of inconspicuous citizens since



JOHN W. WEEKS worked in hearty sympathy with Speaker Cannon while he was a member of the House of Representatives. He was for years a banker and broker and has made a fortune through his connection with what the Kansans like to call the money trust.

Friends With Extremists. So when the Kansan radical says nice things about the Massachusetts conservative, he is putting on record the important fact that Kansas radicalism is less extreme than it used to be.

As there are men who say that the Western speaking tour on which Senator Weeks is now engaged is for the purpose of letting the citizens of that part of the country take his measure so that they may know what he is like when they are asked to favor his nomination to the Presidency next year, it becomes important that the rest of the country should know the kind of man he is.

A Good Word for Cannon. And he did not suffer, either, because of his support of Cannon at a time when all the radicals were denouncing Cannonism in unmeasured terms.

THE narrow doors. The Wide Door into Sorrow Stands open night and day. With head held high and dancing feet I pass it on my way.

THE narrow doors. The Narrow Doors to Sorrow Are secret, still, and low; Swift tongues of dusk that spoil the sun Before I even know.

SETTING BATS TO FIGHT FEVER. SAN ANTONIO protects bats by law. From this example it seems that the housing and protection of the domestic bat may develop into a civic activity elsewhere.

General W. C. Gorgas, of Panama fame, the foremost sanitary expert of the world, said of Doctor Campbell's work: "It seems to me this field has great possibilities, and I would gladly recommend it in all cases of malarial work."

"H-LL, THAT AINT LIBEL; THAT'S A COMPLIMENT!"



gress. He forgot that he was a Republican in a Democratic Senate, but remembered only that he was an American citizen with some practical knowledge of banking, and he gave to his colleagues the benefit of all his knowledge and experience in framing the bill.

Winning Attention in Congress. And it was because he had something to say that he won the attention of the House the first time he got up to speak.

He is in the prime of life, as he was born in New Hampshire in 1859. He was raised on a farm and was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1881.

Prayer. Prayer is more than the mere outburst of desire or sorrow of the soul, seeking satisfaction or consolation which it does find within itself.

AFTER THE WAR. We kept the peace, though East and West were out, held forth with acid stores; We have endured the acid test; Having, we have not grasped for war.

BEST THOUGHT IN AMERICA DIGEST OF THE MAGAZINES

- (1) Hearst's Magazine—"Making a Criminal." (2) Harper's Monthly—Editor's Easy Chair. (3) New Republic—"Prisons as Pleasure Resorts." (4) Century—"Maggie Martin's Friends."

CASTING THE FIRST STONE

"OFF" with his head" was the favorite remedy of the White Queen in "Alice in Wonderland." In this she was not a fantastic person at all, but a very consistent prototype of our own modern theory of punishment.

Woman as the "Protected Sex." Madeleine Doty, a New York Prison Missioner, a year ago voluntarily served a short sentence in Auburn Prison in order to learn conditions for herself.

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Death as a Lesser Evil. However mistaken it may seem for a man to defy the police in attempting to help on a strike, at least it does not disqualify him as a reporter on prison conditions, after a year in Auburn.

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