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upon by German soldiers, says and does pretty much what he pleases, and the despoilers of Belgium, who have not held back from every other crime, dare not do more than growl at him. This splendid priest holds aloft the banner of his faith for the world to see, and there is more force in the little finger of such a man than in all the explosives in Germany.

WATERWAYS IN WASHINGTON Congress Slow to Realize the Military and Commercial Importance of Inland Channels. Special correspondence Evening Ledger. WASHINGTON, June 15.

Tom Daly's Column THE VILLAGE POET When June is sweet sixteen (An' she is that today) Her latest lover's seen Abroad with her at play.



BILLIONS FOR DEFENSE WHEN William Hohenzollern, after many years of patient and skillful preparation, decreed that the time had come to spread the glory of German ruthlessness to the far corners of the earth and exterminate democracy from the face of the globe, he forgot, it appears, to consider in his calculations the inscrutable God whose omniscient functions he has sought to usurp.

Western Opposition Analyzed It is not difficult to analyze western opposition to the bill. The Mississippi boomers have been careful to bring \$10,000,000 flood-control bill, and they have been underwritten for a \$5,000,000 appropriation this year in the sundry civil bill.

ONE of the several high hurdles that spring up unexpectedly in the way of Reformed Spelling and throw it out of its stride is the word "whither." A morning contemporary, committed to the reform and apparently aiming to be consistent, printed it "whither" five or six times in one poem on its front page on Thursday. Another troublesome word is "where."

DECISION PLEASES FANS LOVERS of baseball will rejoice that the effort to bring the great national game under the anti-trust laws has failed. The public was nauseated by the lack of discipline which prevailed during the existence of the Federal League. It may be doubted if the management of professional baseball is entirely perfect; but it is a management resulting from long years of experience, during which, on more than one occasion, chaos instead of order reigned.

Attack on Chesapeake and Delaware Canal The attack on the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal proposition was at times violent. The merits of this waterway connecting the North and the South along the Atlantic coast did not appeal to its western opponents at all.

Bethlehem A. D. 1 A sky where blazes one resplendent star; A hush upon the world, then from the sky The voice of angels from the great Afar; And in a whisper, one faint child-like cry.

THE DANGER OF INDIFFERENCE

"America is Making Precisely the Same Mistake That England Made During the First Year of the War," Says Marcossion

By ISAAC F. MARCOSSION American magazine writer and publicist, who has just returned from a month's stay in Europe. I LEFT England thrilled with the thought that I would find America aroused and at work. I had watched an American destroyer flash its flag in the van of a British ship, its sole protection; I had heard American troops and American jacks cheered to the echo in London streets.

RED FIRE OR RED CROSS? AS THE Red Cross campaign starts it is reported that many towns and villages in the vicinity of this city are scoring great successes in another campaign—the collection of contributions for Fourth of July celebrations. One New Jersey community, comprising two or three hundred families, is going to raise \$200 for fireworks!

Wartime Freight Supporting the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal improvement were statements by the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of Commerce, all of whom at one time or another have urged the taking over of this important connecting link between the Chesapeake and Delaware bays.

Bethlehem A. D. 1917 The crash and far of fortune and fate and drill; The roar of furnaces that belch and choke Until their white-hot molten floods they spill. Ten thousand workers tolling day and night.

FINANCING THE REVOLUTION "It must be done," said George Washington; and the house of the War Committee of Congress added, "With money, everything; without it, nothing." He looked anxiously at Robert Morris, Philadelphia banker.

Modern surgery brings men back from the brink of the grave. Thousands of men died in our Civil War who would have been saved today, notably Stonewall Jackson, whose death, if it had occurred in this war, would have disgraced a field hospital supplied with proper equipment.

Waterways Men Confering Apart from the general agitation, there were several waterways conferences in Washington this week. The waterways advisory committee of the Council of National Defense, which George E. Burton, of Philadelphia, is a member, talked over plans for relieving railroad congestion by water traffic.

SOMETHING RIGHT AND SOMETHING WRONG The Loan came to life in Towns, hamlets and thorpas, But what struck the knife in The poor Marine Corps!

HAIL TO THE CHIEF MURDERER Hail to the Chief who with poison advances, Poison for trench and for river and well. Hail to the War Lord who postures and prances, And hostages gives to the Legions of Hell.

RELAXATION FOR MISSIONARIES In a letter which arrived recently from Kluksburg, China, a missionary wrote: "Some people have a conception of the missionary as a person set apart from humanity—pedestaled, as it were. Others remember that he is human, with likes, dislikes, wants, passions and a soul to satisfy, just as any other creature."