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There will be no insue of the EVE-NING LEDGER tomorrow, July 4.

THE NATION WILL NOT STAND FOR EXTORTION

FTOMORROW all the great democracies of the world will celebrate the pro-Emigration of the Declaration of Independence, the modern charter of political liberty, the principles of which have dready destroyed dynasties and changed the fundamentals of government throughout the Western Hemisphere and in most parts of Europe. The political independce of which we boast loses part of its Germans had been sincere advocates of significance and much of its privilege if It is not translated into economic protection against ruthless profit-taking on the part of any great industry. Such proection we have not had in the past. We tre beginning to get it now, under the pressure of war. We have, in fact, stered a new era, and there seemed to be abundant cause for rejoicing when the announcement came from Washington last week that soft-coal producers had made price concessions which would Europe, is beaten." save the public virtually \$200,000,000 a year, almost enough to pay the interest on two billions of Liberty Bonds for three years.

It appears, however, that the public's sigh of relief from the extortion which has been practiced against it is a triffe premature. Ordinary citizens naturally wonder why the robbery of them to the tune of \$200,000,000 a year was permitted. Their indignation will grow when they are finally shown that Secretary Baker is dealing only in facts, and very hard facts, when he asserts that even the General Gage scornfully pronounced our lower prices proposed constitute highway robbery, bordering closely on theft. A price of \$3 a ton for soft coal at the which any other industry of which we have knowledge would dare try to get The cost of coal is not hard to discover. The volume that can be taken from any mine is known. What the removal of every ton means in the way of impair ment of the capital investment is determinable. Every owner knows at what figure his profit begins to run. We believe it to be a fact that everything over \$2 a ton for soft coal in the Pennsylvania fields is profit. It is likely, indeed, that in most cases everything over \$1.50 is clear profit. As a matter of fact, until recently \$1.50 per ton at the mines was enough to assure a big profit, and there are industrial establishments in this territory paying that much as a basic price right now, although adding a bonus in some cases on account of extraordinary conditions.

doing its bust to give complete satisfac-CONGRESSMEN tion. An extremely pedantic international lawyer might deny that Brazil is at war with the Kaiser. None other could dispute the plain fact. The Brazilian navy s co-operating with the American fleet in patrolling the South Atlantic.

Greece is reported to have recalled her Minister from Berlin. It is said to be the bellef in Athens that a state of war with Germany exists. Once again it is mere quibbling to stand out for the formalities. Even more striking, because more unexpected, is the new attitude of Spain. Alfonso XIII has signed a decree excluding belligerent submarines from Spanish waters and threatening to Intern such vessels should they enter a Peninsular port. This is a clear abrogation of the once-accepted international law permit-

ting a brief call at a neutral port. And now, after less than one year of itanic events, neutrality in general is becoming a fiction. Germany has made such a status intolerable.

RUSSIA GRASPS THE THUNDERBOLT

DETROGRAD'S report of \$500 Teuton prisoners captured in twenty-four nours of fighting should no doubt be dissunted. Berlin admits the loss of a vil- war to feel at liberty to make positive enage, declaring that at other points the gagements for the national holiday. Many Russians were defeated. But accounts of them will remain in Washington to catch from both sides agree that a great offen- up with their office work, while those who sive has been begun by the troops of the go home will go for a much-needed rest. Republic, and, no matter what may be the It is not expected that the House will do mmediate fortunes of our friends and much work during the week, anyhow, since focs, this is the cheering news that we it is ahead of the Senate and is waiting can believe: After three months of truce, for that body to eatch up. When the Senate Russia is again a belligerent.

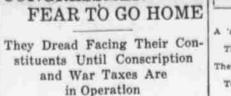
If ever there was an opportunity since ference on the important bills, and very little the war began for the German Government to prove to the world that its pursomes were honest, non-aggressive and favorable to democratic ideas, that oppor- deal with independent legislative matters tunity was afforded by the outbreak of the Russian Revolution. Germany had for a generation preached that Russia was a barbarous land of slaves, ruled by a despot who would not permit his subjects to advance one inch on the path of progress. Pro-Germans in this country asked pro-Allies if it were their purpose to assist a murderous Czar to overrun cultured Germany with his Cossacks. If culture and progress they could well have rested on their arms when the Czar was overthrown and have sought a just peace. They could have said: "We Germans have brought about the overthrow of the world's greatest tyrant, we have freed half of Europe and half of Asia.' So great will be the effects of the Russian Revolution for the good of the world that progressive nations can now unite in peace to preserve this triumph of humanity. No longer will a Czar seek to spread his dominions to east and west. Imperial Russia, cause of the war and menace of

But the Germans were incapable of seeing anything in this magnificent revolution but a chance to keep Poland, Serbia and Rumania! Verily, they have their reward.

"SAMMEES" FILLS THE BILL

$A^{\rm CTING}$ on the cheerful principle that

n the army and navy. Certain commend-Sticks and stones may break my bones, atory letters are sometimes effective, but as they pertain to the character and experi-ence of applicants, the indersement of busi-But calling names won't hurt me the American army has stood for some ness men goes as far as that of Congresspretty hard appellations. Valorous deeds, men. It is difficult to make certain appli-cants who are accustomed to political meth-ods clearly understand this, and some of them do not until they actually run up however, have invariably converted such reproaches into terms of praise. British against the gentleman in shoulder strains. liberty-loving revolutionists to be "rebels." Both departments have regulations on this subject which they pretend to observe. The men in the regular service understand it and have long since learned to keep within The original content of the word was scorn. Our "Continental" heroes soon grew proud of their title. Rebellion the lines. It is the volunteers and arly those who have entered the against the stupid Hanoverian tyranny of branches of the service, who bump up against the regulations. Here is a sample who bump up George III bécame a glorious enterprise. Mexico in '46 professed contempt for sump; it pertains to attempts at promotion the embattled "gringoes." The word had in the naval reserve force: a harmless origin in the Spanish mispro-"The bureau receives dally numerous ommunications from politicians and men nunciation of a popular song, but hissed from the enemy's lips the syllables had a of influence requesting advancem signment to duty of members of the reserve force. In each case such sneering sound. As usual, wholesome rereserve force. In each case such com-nunications will be forwarded to the imme spect succeeded such disdain. The same tale was repeated in the Cuban conflict. diate commanding officer of the reserviet and notation will be made on the record to the effect that political influence has been sought to secure advancement or assignment to duty and the reservist will be informed that repetition of such cases The Confederacy called our Union legions mercenary "Yanks," Once again skill and courage effaced the slight, and the name was accepted with exultant satisfacwill be sufficient cause for disciplinary tion.



Special Correspondence Evening Ledger WASHINGTON, July 3.

CONGRESS is no respecter of holidays and sometimes it meets on Sunday, but owing to the demand for public speakers at various holiday celebrations it is seldom that boilday meetings of Congress are well attended. It is an old axiom that Congress is a law unto itself, which means that Congress can do as it pleases, since no one Congress is responsible to another. But Congress is generally patriotic on the Fourth of July, if only to permit some of its orators to appear at public demonstrations where the Declaration of Independence is read and where the story of the

Constitution is told anew to applauding multitudes. This year, however, there will be fewer Fourth of July addresses by membern of the national body than usual Senators and Representatives have been too busy with the work made necessary by the does catch up, the House will go into con-

new legislation not relating to the war will be enacted. It was decided by the Demo cratic caucus early in the session not to such as are usually found clogging the calendar at this time of year, but to confine the work to measures asked for by the President and then adjourn.

Members Going Home to Trouble

With hot weather here most members are longing for adjournment, although some of them are suspected of having a desire to remain away from their constituents until the tax question is settled and concription is in force. It is apparent that the country at large is not fully aroused sengers' even yet to the stern necessities of the war in which we are engaged. Members are aware that the awakening will come when the tax collector begins to make his rounds under the new revenue laws. They are pre-pared to hear complaints about taxes, but what is uncertain in the minds of many of them is the effect of conveription. Ap-peals from home, and excusses of one kind or another, are met in the daily correpondence of most members, which lead to the belief that questions affecting enlist-ments, exemptions and discharges are going to increase during the summer. As these matters have to be taken up in Washington, some members feel that they might as well stay here to look after the inter-ests of their constituents as to go home. To a certain extent, however, all these matters are being adjusted, as the departments are getting their war business working order.

Political Influence Discounted

For one thing, it is coming to be understood that political influence does not count in the matter of appointments or promotions

Tom Daly's Column Jimmy-O' the Squad

A 'appy bunch o' blighters in the Yankee Haero Squad; The heagle cynt their fam'ly bird for

nought. They flies an' fights as if they'd fixed some contract up with Gawd To keep 'em syfe from dying when they fought.

"I guess I'll hag a few today,"---as calm as if they said They'd shoot some 'armless pigeons just for fun. An' hup the bloomin' youngsters go as if on pleasure bent

A-whistlin' ragtime songs-to kill a 'Un.

Poor Jimmy! 'E was one of 'em. 'E'd got 'ls fourth machine: Larat week 'e went and tried to myke it five.

They got 'im—right above our lines—'is back was broken clean; We fahned 'im where 'e fell an' just alive.

'E smiled-the sweetest sort o' smile; 'is heyes were open wide. 'E smiled, though 'e was nearly mad with

"You write me girl in Cambridge, Mass.— just tell 'er 'ow I died. An' s'y as 'ow I wan't be 'ome agyne."

An' then 'e rambled: "Come on 'Arvard' Smash 'em! 'It 'em lau!" "But, mother, I must go-think o' my

-"Good-by, girl. Kiss me-yes, An' 61". It's tough, but ""There's a little

'E' ming a line an' then 'e stopped. 'Is

breath was nearly gone: "Where is the flag____the Stars an' Stripes____ah! there" in 'and went up salutin', an' 'is blue eyes fairly she

An' that was all; poor Jimmy died, the bryvest in the Squad Where hevery bloomin' man's a 'ero

An I know some who never pray who spoke that night to Gawd

For 'im we 'elped to bury in 'is gryve. VARLEY.

The Tale of a Dog

This is the tale of a dog brought here by Edward Corbett, San Francisco. It con-cerns Alaska Jack, ploneer, of Fairbanks, Cerna Alaska Jack, pioneer, di Fairanaka, Alaska, and a thorough Irish terrier in strain and character. Corbett was bringing him to New York to his master, Dr. James E. Fuller, San Francisco, who is walting to go abroad with a Red Cross unit. Just out of Albany Alaska Jack, who had been lying quictly on the deck watching with tenie eyes the lickering rays of the searchlight that played about for the pas-sengers' amusement, suddenly rose and aniffed cagerly. Then over the deck rall he went into the

river. Mr. Corbett and other passengers begged the captain to send a beat off to pick up the dog, but the captain would only slow down and the engines and follow the dog with the searchlight. The terrier swam a straight course through the still water toward a launch whose lights gleamed on the port bow about 260 feet away. Then, Mr. Corbett mays, he realized that

all was well. Doctor Fuller is an enthusi "Aboy, Jim Fuller." he yelled. A voic from the launch answered back in amaze

ment: "Yes; what is it?" "I thought so." Corbett said. Then cried. "Hey, Jim, that's your dog, Alaska Jack, swimming to you; pick him up." And the passengers liming the rails saw Alaska Jack's bedraggled form lifted to safely by his master—so Mr. Corbett and others say. -Milwaukee Journal.

A good story that, and it may be true Here's another one that's as true as gospel, for a tablet at Haines's Falls, in the Catskills, attests it and gives the names of master and dog, which have slipped our memory. For our present

> Call him "Jack the Lionheart" Or call him "Jack the Fool."

Not for me to judge the brute



THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

'Germany Over All"-Uncollected Garbage-Vice in Prussia

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SMITH FOR GOVERNOR

to a haughty aggressor, inspired with the delusion that his Kultur must engirdle the earth through the medium of torpedoes and Now that nominations for Governor Krupp's are drawing near, and, inannuch as we has not Europe been fighting our battles must have a people's man on every ticket for nearly three years" And we have just to correspond with the Administration at Washington, why not nominate Mayor is that we are now united with our fel-Mayor Smith on the Republican ticket? Mayor Smith as shown himself to be a people's man. The other day, when it we would have been compelled in a few we would have been compelled in a few brief years to face a rain of fire and shell on this side, perhaps all alone. Will not this war lead directly or in-directly to the universal brotherhood of many is not this carnage the price we decision of the State service commission, Mayor Smith laid down his pen, put on his man? Is not this carnage the price we hat, took the train, arrived in Harrisburg, rolled up his sleeves and within a few moments convinced the committee and Jim McNichol, in charge of that emancipation of heaven, one Creator. Are we not reachbill, that unless certain measures were adopted the people would be robbed and kind will be blessed with one ideal; namely, to find his own happiness in the happiness I liked the way the Mayor went about worship through the medium of the guid-ing conscience which lies in every man's this. He was in earnest and showed he was honest clear through. He is going to fight for the people's interest, and his terms re-marks were driven home straight from the The The soldiers fighting under the Star shoulder.

What Do You Know?

QUIZ

Who was William Winter? 2. What is the greatest inland fresh water sea on the globe? 3. Who was Mazzini?

How many German merchant vessels were recently taken over by the American Shipping Board?

5. What is the meaning of Buenos Aires? 6. What Frenchman planned the city of Wash-ington?

What was the real name of George Sand?
What was the "Virginius" case in American history?

What famous American Secretary of State wrote a popular novel whose authorship was not definitely disclosed until after his death?

10. Who is the present Sultan of Turkey?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

purpose let's call the dog JACK

Who may tell the twain apart? There is no certain rule.

Or analyze his acts;

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

ties too horrible to mention, the only just-fication of which is the exasperating "mili-tary necessity." "Vaterland Ueber Alles" obviously implies that the "Vaterland" must dominate over righteousness, morality and even God. Germany's dehumanization means her downfall; ancient Sparta paid

all her attention to becoming powerful; she did so by severing her humanity, and died of the amputation. On first thought, we have asked, "Why

on first thought, we have asked, why must we fight Europe's battles? Why sacrifice men and wealth in this mad up-heaval?" As long as "Vaterland" and "military necessity" dispose in so whole-sale a fashion of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, what nation is safe? In the present age of inventive ingenuity what is a mere 3000 miles of ocean-a mere pond-

The daring effrontery and downright heartlessness of many coal operators en title them to the epithet of "barons." They are "barons" of the medieval sort. pillaging right and left, levying whatever toll the traffic will bear, and conspiring. the evidence seems to show, to mulct even the Government itself in a period of war. It was a clever thing, of course, to drive general prices to an unheard of level and then patriotically agree to a reduction that would save the public tens of millions. "I could take everything you've got," seems to be the argument, "but I'll

be charitable and leave you your shirt." It is reported from Washington that the President is backing Secretary Baker In this fight. We do not doubt it. No man has a clearer grasp than he of the econamic evolution now under way, and a Chief Executive who has commandeered the resources of the entire nation to combut injustice and ruthlessness abroad is

nut likely to sit still and complacently watch equally infamous commercial ruthmaneas at home.

Let every citizen get this fact firmly fixed in his mind: Selling coal at from to 100 per cent profit is not legal busineas; it is extortion.

MORE FOES FOR GERMANY

CERMANY'S wassall cup of pride must be brimming over. "The more eneas the more honor" is said to be a favorite slogan in the Imperial regim. peace can keep right on the job withing these the outside world in prilinent victories in spite of war,

But now in France we start immediately with an asset of affection. Our boys there are the "Sammees." The term is

frankly endearing. It is comprehensive, free from sectional taint. From north, east, south and west pour the namesakes of Uncle Sam. At last our army has no rude name to disprove. The burden is, indeed, all the other way. We begin with a heartiness of title which heartiness of action will parallel though it can scarcely better its glowing inspiration.

Congratulations to the chap that in cented "Sammees!" Even French lips can master it, which is more than can be said for our own when we tackle "Poilu." Our valiant allies have pronounced "Sammees" well at the outset. That they will concunce us better still as time goes on is the best we can hope for an army renamed with a fitness that makes us thrill.

Berlin asserts that Russian attacks broke down before Zwyzyn. No wonder!

So far as the Cabinet is concerned. soft coal seems to be a pretty hard proposition.

"Yo ho ho and a bottle of rum!"iong in Stevenson's "Treasure Island." "Yo ho ho!"-New American version of the same chantey. .

The American people should know the worst as well as the best-Lord Northcliffe.

No advocate of censorship has ought to suppress the Congressional Record.

Count zu Reventlow declares that the story of our troops landing in France was "intended to depress the Germans." He is right. The truth of the tale only sharpens its point.

Critics of Secretary Daniels for having ordered abroad our destroyersthe so-called "eyes of the fleet"-must now admit that he is utilizing this keen vision precisely where it is most needed.

The New York Health Department's announcement that Gotham may now regard the danger of an infantile paralysis opidemic as virtually past shows that peace can keep right on the job with her

Discharges for Married Men

Some very hard cases are reported to the departments which receive sympathetic treatment so far as the exigencies of war permit. Many lads who are under age list without the consent of their parents enlist without the consent of their parents. They listen to their friends in the service, or are inspired by patriotic speeches or lurid advertisements, and then sign up, misstating their age and other material facts. Parents make the discovery after the boy has gone to camp and then trouble begins. In most of these cases the depart-ment is lenient and upon proper information orders the discharge of the boy and sends him home.

The married man with a dependent family a a little more troublesome. He enlists nes to satisfy his patriotic in and sometimes to serve his own purposes. The departments have enough reasons for the enlistment of married men to fill a book. But when it is known that the book. But when it is known that the married man has left a dependent wife and children behind there is a disposition to re-lieve him from the service. The adjutant general of the army has given notice that married men with dependent children can be dispensed with in the National Guard, although the desire to fill up the ranks has led to a disregard of this rule in certain cases

canez.

Exemptions Worrying Officials

Exemptions from service are giving the

Exemptions from service are giving the departments much concern. Small scandals are already brewing, because of the alleged political complexion of exemption boards. All this was foreseen when the conscription bill was under consideration. The tendency then was to hold everybody of an eligible age to the service, but certain discretion was given in the matter of exemptions, as in the case of farmers, government officials and others supposed to be necessary in their respective jobs to back up the men at the front. The farmers' exemption idea came investor from the southern and western to be? respective jobs to back up the men at the front. The farmers' exemption idea came largely from the southern and western States, which have the strongest voting power in Congress. Now that exemption boards are being created in the various States the troubles anticipated by Congress are developing. Iq Pennsylvania the Dem-ocratic leader, Mr. Paimer, charges that Re-publicans dominate the boards. In South-ern States, where the Republicans have no voice, the situation is reversed. It is charged that the Texas Governor is actually build-Then as my soul and senses seemed to Whether he lived or died I do not know voice, the situation is preveneed it is charged that the Texas Governor is actually build-ing up a State machine through his ap-pointments on these war boards. In cer-tain doubtful States like West Virginia fear is actually expressed that the influence of the exemption boards will be so great that future elections will hinge upon the will which they exercise their "dis-He stopped the traffic but a moment, so cream than for powder tomorrow.

skill with which they exercise their "dla Whether some of these "war boards" may be approachable in a political sense or not. It is certain they will be in a position to play favorites. If they dare to take the risk. I HAMPTON MOORE,

Human sages may dispute-I merely tell the facts. Jack upon the forrent's rim-

A hundred feet or so-Ease his master watching him From the rocks below.

"Jack!" The master spoke the word To bring him to his side;

The brute upon the high ledge heard And straightway leaped and died! . . .

Call him "Jack the Lionheart" Or call him "Jack the Fool," Who may tell the tucain apart? There is no certain rule.

nap.)

Our Own War, News (Special from Fort Leavenworth)

It gives me pleasure to report, and this s upon the best of authority, that two lads my department of the signal corps are Charlie and Lonnie

sergeant. Good! And may we ask those

who favor changing the name of Ger-

mantown how much more patriotic would

this lad have been if his name had been

Washington, Adams or Hancock instead

AN ACCIDENT

scheel-

reel,

they bore.

we lose.

saw him fall beneath the wagon's

Poor lad, whom I had never seen before.

Out of my sight his huddled form

CHARLES HANSON TOWNE.

Lord, love the silly weatherman;

With "fair and slightly cocler."

He surely is a fooler. His forecast for today began

HE.P Kicklighter. Skilled observers here assure me that, although the bugle of strangers and enemies; howled at bealthough the bugie calls for Mess and cause he happened to be in a bonding busi-ness which bonded employes of the city, he was called things; but nobody said he was dishonest. He has been able, in spite Fire do not sound the w same at all, the resame at all, the re-sults produced are of dissensions in his party, to cement yery similar. This morning Friend Rookie was rich. Well, so do Billy Sunday and Roose-

veit and Joffre and all other prominent men. But being friends or doing business with the rich does not necessarily say you are caught with a broom in his hand on his way to sweep out the "revaille room." Yes-terday he was decrooked. norder to get wise to transit he must tailed to the pantry

converse with transit popla. "He gives contracts to certain political people." He doesn't do anything of the kind. You and as "bread sergeant" and later he was sent to the quartermaster depot to draw a bread sergeant's chevrons. (See accompanying can bid and be awarded these contracts If we can show the goods and underbid our competitors. He hasn't squandered any money and he isn't robbing the city of her As we remarked before, our special correspondent at Fort Leavenworth was moral position in this State. His s of his cabinet has shown great skill the first of our contribs to enlist. He reports now that he is acting first

of his caonet has shown great sain in municinal government. He is an American first, last and all times. He has advocated, worked and fought for the protection of American rinciples and American citizens. If a man takes care of his family, he will

take care of you. If he can bring order out of chaos in a city like Philadelphia, he can of Carl C. Shanfelter, which it happens easily assume the duties of Governor. He has known what it is to be poor. He has social and political enemies. He is human. He was misunderstood at first, but not now. As he grows older in this office he be-comes broader in his views. He is the best candidate for Governor the Republicans can find and the safest they can put up for the ROBERT B. NIXON, Jr. Philadelphia, July 1.

"GERMANY OVER ALL" To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

Sir-"Germany over all" is not a senti-ment of patriotism of the German people; it is the vicious expression of an autocratic circis-so-called diplomats whose fiery elo-Thus in New York the core of life circle—so-called diplomats whose flery elo-quence has placed their enslaved charges in the bollow of their hands. These peo-ple are sacrificing life and soul in support of the systematized delusions with which their masters are suffering. It is this "Vateriand Uober Alles," a didiment or which the sympton class queries the second He was not even mentioned in the news, Better let "a sixpence go bang" for ice "Vateriand Geber Alles," a sudiment or vestige of the group or clan morality, that has set he world aflame and created vast orphan asylums, infirmaries and grave-

It is this principle which led to such acts as the violation of Beigium, such scholesals murder as the sinking of the Lumianis, the unrestrained massages of the

Spangled Banner are fighting a battle to place God "ueber Vaterland." What man would not happily give his all, his life, to When he entered office nobody envied him his job. Hounded night and day by office-seekers, jumped on because he took care of his relations and particular friends instead ISRAEL BRAM care of the Almighty?

daily.

Philadelphia, July 1. GARBAGE LEFT IN STREET

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-Just a word about the collection of garbage in this neighborhood-Second and Federal streets. The collector round about three times a week, and on the days he does not come we are devoured by files which infest the garbage left in he street. Sometimes on collection days the collector goes on up Second street with out emptying the cans, if it happens that he does not feel like doing his work. happens that

As for street cleaning, the street is leaned every day, but the traffic is great at this point and the dust gathers qu ckis However, we cannot expect to dust-but the garbage should b we cannot expect to keep fro

E. M. MAULL. Philadelphia, July 1.

VICE IN GERMANY

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-You print a letter on "Frightfulnes at Home" which discloses ignorance of con

ditions inside the German Empire. Having traveled and resided in that country for twenty-eight years, I can give some in-formation. Official returns show that over 11 per cent of the population are born out of wedlock.

There is no country in the world where vice is more commercialized than in Ger-many. There are \$0,000 women in Berlin registered by the police as leading a pro-fessionally immoral life, besides thousands of others unregistered. In Hamburg and of others untracted are dozens of streets other cities there are dozens of streets officially inhabited by unfortunates. They are virtually imprisoned there and are are virtually imprisoned there and are strictly forbidden to promenade the streets. As a good Prussian assessor once bitterly complained to me, the only freedom in Germany is the freedom of vice.

M. S. Philadelphia, June 3.

HOW MARK TWAIN STARTED

Among the interesting atories about Mark Twain unearthed by Albert Bigelow Paine, his biographer, is one relating in Twain's own words how he started on a writing **career**

The first paragraph which Mark Twain wrote when he began his editorial duties with the Virginia City Enterprise was this: "A beautiful sumset made Beranger a post, a mother's kiss made Benjamin West as artist, and \$15 asweets makes us a jour-mailet."

Aniswers to restering a square - Pasitch is the present Serbian Premier, he "Noyades" were executions practiced during the Preuch Reign of Terror by Carrier, the revolutionary agent at Nantes. The condemned persons were drowned in the river Loire. The Preuch word means the action of drowning. undailaira, with a population of about 120,000, is the second city in Mexico.

120,000, is the second city in Mexico.
J. Kubb Kalambanuole is the present Hawadian Delegate in Courress.
Benedict XV is the present Pope.
"Tout vn bient" (all goes well) is the nearest French equivalent to the Enclish "all right."
George Bryan Brummell was an Enclish leader of fashion. His dates are 1778-1840.
The magnetic North Pole is theoret to be

1810.
The magnetic North Pole is thought to be somewhere in Hudson Buy. The subject was investigated a few years ago by Cap-tain Amundsen, but his observations have not yet been published by the Norwegian a mathorities.

authorities. There are nows six republies in Europe-France, Russia, Switzerland, Portugal, San Marino, a tiny State near the Adri-atic entirely surrounded by Raly, and An-dorra, another miniature nation in the Pyrences between France and Spain. "One today is worth two tomorrows" is in Benjamin Franklin's "Poor Richard's Al-manac."

FIRST BATTLE OF IRONCLADS

STRANGE naval battle occurred in A March, 1862, in Hampton Roads, a batdestined to inaugurate a new era in val engagements. The Confederates had naval engagements. The Confederates had raised the sunken Merrimac and had con-verted it into an ironciad ram, which they called the Virginia. She had gone down to Hampton Roads and destroyed the wooden sailing frigates Congress and Cumberland on March 8 at the mouth of the James River, and it was expected she would an aphilate other transports there the next morning.

Anxiously the Union army and navy offters passed the night of the Sth. for there appeared no competent human agenc ther vessel of novel form and aspect had ech constructed at Greenpoint, L. L, under the direction of Captain Ericsson. It was a dwarf beside the other ironclad. It pre-sented to the eye a simple platform, sharp at both ends, and bearing in its center round tower twenty feet in diameter and ten feet in height, made, as was the rest of the vessel, of heavy iron. It presented bombproof fort (called derisively by the

a bombproof fort (called derisively by fife Confederates a "cheese box") in which write mounted two eleven-inch cannon. This was the Monitor. She was in command of Lieu-ienant John L. Worden. Worden reported to the flag officer of the Union fleet in the Roads and was ordered to aid the Minnesota in the expected en-counter with the Merrimac in the morning. It was a bright Sabbath morning. Before sunrise the dreaded Merrimac came down from Norfolk. The stern guns of the Min-

from Norfolk. The stern guns of the Min-nesota opened upon the Merrimac when the little Monitor ran out and placed herself by the side of the Confederate ironclad. She was like a pygrny beside a glant. Suddenly her mysterious tower began to revolve, and from it her guns hurled ponderous shot is ulck succession. The Merriman answered with heavy broadsides, and so they struggled, for some time without injuring cach other

The Merrimae drew off and attacked the wooden ship Minnesota. Seeing the latter in great peril, the Monitor ran between them. A remarkable duel followed, the little vessel dodging in and out, keeping the huge Merrimae from her prey. Finally the Confederate vessel was so much disabled Confederate vessel was so much disabled that she field up to Norfolk and did not renew the battle. Worden was severely wounded and for several days it was be-lieved he would die. Had the Merlinae bee

Had the Merimac been successful, had the North failed to invent a warcraft to defent the new type of vessel, the blockade would have been broken and the length of the war greatly increased.

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