

"You've bit the nail on the head," replied Mr. Peters admiringly. "She's uick. She's like lightning. She won't ive me any time if she can help it. That's why I'd like to have a wonderfal speech all ready-something that would hold her spellbound and tongue ied until I finished. It would take a iterary classic to do that." "What you want," laughed Magee,

to a speech with the punch." "Exactly," agreed Mr. Peters. uces I won't go over to Brooklyn the minute I bit New York. I guess I'll study the lights along the big street and brush elbows with the world a bit before I reveal myself to her. Maybe

if I took in a few shows-but don't think I won't go to her. My mind is made up. And I guess she'll be glad see me too, in her way. I got to ax it with her, though, to come back to my postcard trade in the summers. wonder what she'll say to that. Maybe she could stay at the inn under an soumed name while I was hermiting up at the shack."

Then Mr. Magee went forward into the smoking car. Long rows of red plush sents, unoccupied save for the mayor and Max, greeted his eye. He strolled to where they sat, about halfvay down the car, and lighted an after reakfast cigar.

He laugh ' softly.

Max slouched in the unresponsive ompany of a cigarette on one side of he car; across the aisle the mayor of leuton leaned beavily above a card table placed between two seats. He vas playing solitaire.

Magee looked on, only half interest-1. Then suddenly his interest grew. He watched the mayor build in two

miral's game of solitaire?"

"Exactly what I was going to ask," said a voice. Magee looked up. Ken- third reading and passage. drick had come in and stood now above the table. His tired eyes were upon it. inscinated; his lips twitched strangely.

"Yes," answered the mayor, "this is have me there. But once I took the admiral on a public service board with me-one time when I wanted a lot of dignity and no brains pretty bad-and be sort of come back by teaching me his game in the long dull hours when we had nothing to do but serve the public. The thing gets a hold on you. somehow. Let's see-now the spadenow the heart."

Kendrick leaned closer. His breath ame with a noisy quickness that brought the fact of his breathing insistently to Magee's mind.

"I never knew how it was played,"

Something told Mr. Magee that he might to rise and drag Kendrick away from that table. Why? He did not clearly that the proverbial wild horses could not do it then.

Kendrick, trying to be calm.

"You must be getting old," replied the mayor. "The admiral told me the young men at his club never took any It's a great game, Mr. Kendrick."

"A great game," repeated Kendrick. "Yes, it's a great game." His tone was dull. "I want to know how it's played." he said again.

"The six of clubs," reflected the mayor, throwing down another card. Bay, she's fine now. There ain't great! You lay the cards down here play for the championship, just as they come, like this"-

giddy pasteboard. A troubled look were too cautions in their strokes to report at the Saturday meeting. ply and went on in triumph.

he said, "the reds and the blacks. You 6-4. Then-say, what's the matter?"

For Kendrick had swayed and almost fallen on the admiral's gamethe game that had once sent a man to

"Go on!" he said, bracing. "Nothing's the matter. Go on! Bulld, dash ft, build!"

The mayor looked at him a moment in surprise, then continued.

going strong. There, it's finished. It's teams are practising every night. come out right. A great game, I tell

smoker door and sat down. Cargan leaned br yellowed face was nke a bronze mask. can companies.—Advt.

His eyes were flercery on the tabie and the two decks of cards that lay there. "And when you've finished," he point-

Mr. Cargan picked up the deck on "All black," he said, "when the game

ed. "When you've finished"-

comes out right." "And the other?" Kendrick persisted softly. He pointed to the remaining deck. A terrible smile of understand-



What else could it be? All red." ing drew his thin lips taut. "And the other, Mr. Cargan?"

"Red." replied Cargan. "What else could it be? All red."

He picked it up and shuffled through it to prove his point. Kendrick turned like a drunken man and staggered back down the aisle. Magee rose and hurcled after him. At the door he turned. and the look on his face caused Magee to shudder.

(To be Continued.)

TEXAS COTTON LEGISLATION.

Warehouse Bill.

intended to facilitate the marketing secure legislation that would cut out of the present cotton crop in Texas the crop entirely next year I believe was advanced toward enactment to- we could sell right away half this crop way to compel Texas and some of the piles; he saw that the deck from which day, when the State senate agreed to at 14 cents, and next year we could be built was thick. A weird suspicion substitute the emergency warehouse sell the balance at 16 to 20 cents. But is all very well to secure the bill already passed by the house for if we can not secure such drastic Tell me," he asked, "Is this the ad- measures pending in the upper branch legislation we should strive to reduce of the assembly. Adjournment was the acreage to 15 million acres in the taken before the bill was called for its

As adopted by the house the bill provides for State supervision of private owned warehouses, making rethe admiral's game. You'd hardly ex- ceipts more readily negotiable and an pect me to know it, would you? I amendment added by the senate fixes don't hang out at the swell clubs the maximum amount of interest to where the admiral does. They won't be charged on money advanced on warehouse receipts to 10 per cent.

> AMERICA FREE TO LEGISLATE Bar Harbor, Maine, Sept. 4 .- Declaring that President Wilson and the Democratic congress had kept all platform promises, Secretary of the Navy Daniels in a campaign speech here tonight added that the president had set America free to legislate without fear.

"Greater than the tariff law itself, greater than the currency itself, greater than all the needed constructive legislation of the record making administration," said Mr. Daniels, looms up this fact: That the people may legislate without any longer know. Still, it ought to be done. But fearing that our business is going to this matter up in earnest. I am writthe look in Kendrick's eyes showed be checked or our prosperity destroyed. The right to enact such laws as they conceive is best for them "Tell me how it's played," went on at last has been restored to them.

"Under Wilson, the ideals of Jeffersons' first inaugural have been realized. Business no longer stran- the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance interest in bis game, 'Solitaire,' he gles government; privilege no longer Company of York County and am says to me, 'is an old man's trade.' holds it up on the highway and rifles its pockets."

Levi and Bryan in Finals.

tourney have been eliminated except lowest possible safe rate. Levi and Bryan, who will play off their final match for the championship ly alike, shuffle 'em together-the eight The defeat of Moses by Levi on Friday the small farmers toward Pudding that a general convention of govern-

He paused. His buge hand held a on Friday was well played, but both districts in the county will be able to election. put up a good exhibition of tennis. "And then you build, Mr. Kendrick," Levi won in straight sets. 7-5; 6-2;

teds on the right. Do you get me? played off now, and will probably be completed next week.

Marriage License Record.

structor at the Y. M. C. A, and the side cotton and its sale, "Now the king," he muttered, "now coming of fall, basket ball has been the ace. We're on the home stretch, taken up at the Y. M. C. A. again and

FARMERS' UNION NEWS

Practical Thoughts for Practical Farmers.

(Conducted by E. W. Dabbs, President S. C. Farmers Union.)

Some Random Thoughts.

The county union is to meet at Sumter court house next Saturday in special session to hear reports from school district canvassers and from the national union. I regret that I will not be able to be present on account of being appointed to go to Washington as the advance guard of a big national committee to press upon congress the need of immediate aid from the government.

I accepted this mission in the hope that I may yet secure such government control of acreage as will be fair to everybody that is in the cotton growing business, and as will also protect the government in its purchase of cotton, or advance upon cotton. I do not mean that we should not do all we can to secure pledges to reduce acreage. We can not afford to let up on this, but I wish to see these pledges made effective by law.

The best thing I have seen since I left home is the move that is well under way in Georgia to have every one who can do so purchase a bale or more, according to hist or her resources at 10c per pound from farmers who are so situated that they must sell. And to hold this cotton off the market for one year. This can be made to take 4 million bales, and will be a strong argument for securing frow the government the purchase of 4 million bales more or the advance of 40 or 45 dollars per bale on that much direct to the farmers.

We ought then not have any trou-State Senate Agrees to Substitute ble to sell for 10 cents and maybe 12 1-2 cents the remaining 6 or 7 Austin, Texas, Sept. 5.-Legislation million bales of this crop. If we could entire country that not more than 5 million bales be added to this crop for the two years' supply. This would mean that the government would be absolutely safe at 10c per pound.

> Unless something that will be effective to really reduce acreage is done I think getting the government to lend money on cotton, or to buy cotton is not an "irredescent dream."

> Among the matters we have under consideration, mutual insurance of the cotton we will hold under either the direct purchase plan or under any loan system, is a most important one If we today were carrying our own insurance or if we had the money in South Carolina that we have invested for us outside the State to make good our losses from fire and death, we could retire so many bales of our cotton that it would be no trouble to handle the balance.

I trust our next meeting will take ing to ask Commissioner McMaster to meet with the county union next Saturday and discuss this matter with our people. Maybe sometime our people will see the importance of doing something. I have letters from by the company if needed. writing that they send a man to our meeting next Saturday. Proper insurance is a vital part of any loan system or any purchase and holding sys-All of the players in the tennis tem. And should be secured at the

E. W. D.

session at Fort Worth, Texas. The he would insist on the plan of Ayutla, delegates came from every State south to the effect that he should become of the Potomac and Ohio rivers and Provisional President, but was willing west of the Mississippi, including IIIi- to share the executive power equally A license to marry was granted this nois. There being so many from with Carranza. The latter has demorning to Mr. Jessie Smith of Shiloh States that do not grow cotton, and clared the proposal absurd. and Miss Nealie Logan of Columbia. therefore cannot appreciate our con- Efforts of the American government

cure legislative control of next year's pedition to the south.

acreage. We farmers are prone to cry out against lawyers for saying "unconstitutional" about measures we may propose but I find farmers are just as Final Step Taken in Opening Amer- operate fleets of foreign register loud in their call on the constitution as anybody when they think it would trench on some of their supposed

They finally agreed to call on all the farmers, merchants, and bankers to work for a reduction of cotton acreage, but I fear it was not as hearty as it should have been, and that there were some mutual reservation. It seems hard to make some people see that the powers of the government are limited in money matters, but they are quick to say that the powers of government are limited when it comes to restraining them from doing as they please.

They are constantly harping on the privileges of the national banks, in fact all banks, but they never think in saying anything about how those banks are regulated by law and inspected to see that they comply with the law. The farmer wants all the privileges of the bank, but immediately resents any legislative regulation of his business or government inspection to see that he complies with the requirements of safe farming.

* * * It is because I believe that governmental aid carries with it governmental regulation and inspection that I acepted the appointment to go to Washington on Thursday as a member of the National Union's committee to secure the former. We are face to face with such disaster that no power short of the national government can give us adequate aid, but we must not demand that aid unles we are willing to so regulate our yield as to make it safe for the government to

From all that I heard and read in the papers of the west, (I have not seen a home paper in ten days,) 1 think that we should have national legislative action for uniform and equitable reduction of acreage. Unless it is done in that way governmental aid will greatly embarrass the administration, and will lose to the Democratic party some districts in the other States "to be fair" with us. It pledges we can but we should not let up on the idea that we should have legislation to prevent the men who will not join with us from nullifying our pledges.

I could not begin to give an idea of the scope of the discussions of farm and governmental policies, for whenever there was no discussion of cotton on the floor of the convention, I was engaged in wrestling with the committees on legislation and the price of cotton. I met some fine men, men of broad views, and open winds, and some that were narrow and ex-E. W. D.

MERCHANT FLEET BILL.

Carries Amendments by Naval Committee and Agreed to by Wilson.

Washington, Sept. 5 .- The administration bill providing for the creation of \$10,000,000 corporation controlled by government to purchase merchant steamers for the relief of American commerce halted by the European war was reported to the house today, carrying amendments proposed by the naval committee and agreed to by the president. These would make the company's fleet available for naval auxiliary use, and also provide that present naval auxiliaries be employed

Chairman Alexander, of the merchant marine committee, who reported the bill, said he did not know when it would be called up for con-

MEXICANS CONSIDER ELECTION

Washington, Sept. 5 .- Administra-One of my canvassers for holding tion officials expressed satisfaction tomuch to it. You use two decks, exactof hearts, the jack of-say, that's afternoon having left the latter in to Swamp resolved not to sell, and their ors, military chiefs and delegates had tobacco has enabled them to be in- been called for October 1 to arrange The match between Moses and Levi dependent about selling. Hope all the a programme for a constitutional

The only dark spot on the Mexican horizon is the attitude of Gen. Zapata Official reports say he refuses to meet The Meeting of the National Union. Carranza unless the latter goes south build the blacks on the left and the The consolation matches are being For three days the union was in to Zapata territory. Zapata also said

ditions, it was not unexpected that to bring Zapata and Carranza into With the arrival of the athletic in- many things would be discussed be- harmony continue, but the outlook is

Officials here are confident, howev-The union stood for United States er, that if the Carranza and Villa fac treasury aid in this emergency and tions agree and maintain a strong censent a big committee to Washington tral government, the Zapata problem Phone 404, or write the Citizens to secure assistance from congress. It will be disposed of without difficulty, Insurance Agency for cotton or any rejected by overwhelming majorities as there would be thousands of Consti-Kendrick's fever other kind of insurance—all Ameri-

PRESIDENT SIGNS NAVIGATION tion and measurement for registry ORDER.

ican Registry to Foreign Ships,

step in opening American registry to 200. foreign-built merchant craft was taken at the White House tonight when President Wilson signed an executive order suspending from opera- Tien Tsing, Sept. 7 .- The German on American ships and that inspec- draw,

shall be made by officials. Several American companies which

steamers have signified their intention of flying the American flag here-Washington, Sept. 4.-The final after. Their ships number more than

Force Jap Ships to Retire.

tion sections of the navigation laws, forts at Tsing Tao opened a heavy fire as authorized by the new registry bill, upon the Japanese warships in the These require American watch officers harbor today, forcing them to with-



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