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FRIENDLY NAVIES.

An interesting British view of the American plan for a larger navy is that of the London Morning Post, which says:

"The proposal of the United States government as announced by Secretary Daniels to build a more powerto this country.

"When Secretary Daniels talks of a supreme American navy being necessary if the peace conference fails to agree on the limitation of armament, he is quite right. We would go furstand the expense, she would be well advised to keep a strong navy in any case. For the United States navy like the British navy, never has been be used, for purposes of aggression. it.

"This country would be glad to see America relieving Great Britain of part of the heavy cost of insuring the safety of sea communications for the world; and whether that relief is afforded by the general limitation of armaments or the increased naval power of the western republic is comparatively immaterial. With our ex- revealed in the fixing of odd prices for perience of the cordial and vigorous commodities and in the claiming of help of the United States during the war, we feel that its increased strength would provide the most powerful guarantee of peace."

This frank and friendly utterance puts British sea power in quite a new light from that in which most Americans have been wont to regard it in the past. It appears that Britain has really been maintaining her naval supremacy not from pride, and not merely for self-protection even, but as a sort of "white man's burden," in behalf of civilization. This, Amerieans now generally admit, has at least been the result of her naval supremacy in recent decades, whether so intended or not. And now there is an unusual appeal to American selfrespect and American ideals in this encouragement of a plan which would abolish the supremacy of the British fleet by making ours its equal or superior-on condition that we share its responsibilities.

It is urgently to be hoped that the peace conference will end in a universal agreement to limit armament which will make unnecessary the endless spending of vast sums on competitive navies. In that case we might well bring our navy to equality with Britain's, in order to enter the international league and take up the job of policing the seas on equal terms. If such a consummation fails, it might still be possible, by friendly agreement with Britain, to have two equal navies cooperating in peace as they have in war for the safety of the world.

SOCIALIST "PRINCIPLES."

Victor Berger, former congressman from Milwaukee, convicted of violating the federal espionage act through conspiracy to obstruct the government's war program, declared in

been living up to these principles for ple in this country, the attacks upon 37 years-those principles the jury the service of the Y. M. C. A. abroad account for the verdict."

more striking than usual, of the mendous service to our boys is unstrange blindness which seems to have come over so many Socialist leaders Of course there were mistakes, and

during the war. ing its military purpose. And yet he dent to plumber. United States to raise an army to de- who suffered from Y. M. C. A. blundfend itself against such German at- ers were guilty of blunders themand lives.

an attitude is evident. The curious high standards and the success of thing about it is that Socialists, of its great majority in maintaining all men, should have thus champion- them? ed German aggression and viclence. Before the Y. M. C. A. is adjudged Needless to say, neither Victor Ber- guilty it is entitled to a fair hearing. ger nor any other Socialist of any to the testimony of all the thousands repute preached for a generation be- of boys who found home in its huts. fore the war, the right and justice of help in its diversions, who have stories and the sinking of the Lusitania.

because it preached a gospel of broth- whom they came in contact. erhood, justice, peace and good will to The confession of Bill Smith, whose men. It is one of the strangest facts feet it deterred from straying, should

have been suddenly perverted, in this no watching. and various other countries, to a sy; em of political and military ag- derstood before decisions are made. gression which is the diametrical opposite of what Socialism had always professed to represent.

Socialism as a theoretical plan for reconstructing society still exists, and without much success, to learn precommands support among many cisely what Bolshevism stands for, thinking men as one posible solution may derive enlightenment from the for political and economic problems, statement of Dr. Oudendijik, Dutch But any intelligent non-Socialist must minister in Petrograd. As interviewwonder how men holding such views ed by the London Times, he says: as those of Victor Berger and other like-minded Americans can still call points of Bolshevism really come to themselves Socialists.

THE CONQUERING PENNY.

The American people consumed last year, 307,614,000 pennies. That is the number minted and thrown into circulation, to add to the quantity already circulating. The total, if there were any way of finding it out, would certainly be an imposing figure, inasmuch as no less than 1,000,000,000 pennies had been minted in the preful navy should be entirely welcome vious ten years, and most of them are probably still in use.

The fact that last year's production is three times the previous ten-year average shows what an important place the one-cent piece occupies in ther and say that if America will our present coinage. If the humble copper was scorned in pre-war years, and in the early years of the war, it is scorned no longer. Mounting prices used and, we are assured, never will have only increased the demand for

> The principal cause of the greatly accelerated demand of late may have been the payment of the many small war taxes running into odd cents; but a still stronger influence has been the growing spirit of thrift, small change by many who used to scorn anything less than a nickel. Even on the Pacific Slope the penny has won recognition at last.

> "The Soviet form of government is the ideal form; only men have to be angels to work it successfully," says one political economist. At the rate at which they are killing one 21other off in Russia there soon should be angels enough to turn the trick.

> "The attitude of Germany toward the war," says one writer, "reminds us of the small boy who puts a tack on his grandfather's chair and then, when reprimanded for the results, says with an air of innocence and affection, "Tack? What tack?" "

> There are not so many fat Germans as formerly, according to some reports. Well, we understood that the course of exercise prescribed by the Allies in the last four years had thinned them a little.

The principal New York crops are or own pocket firearms. so commonly supposed to be chorus girls and lobster palaces, it comes as something of a shock to hear that over \$800,000,000 worth of farm produce was raised in New York last

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"Don't spoil a good meal with a bad stomach," says an ad. That is all right; but it's better to get back to first principles, thus: "Don't spoil a good stomach with a bad meal."

Uncle Sam will soon be singing that good old song, "How dry I am!" And nobody will know how dry he is. because it will be beyond the power politics. of human comprehension.

THE Y. M. C. A.

"I have done no wrong. I have To the great mass of thinking peohas seen fit to condemn. I cannot will be a matter of indignation and regret. That the Y. M. C. A. both Here we have another evidence, here and overseas rendered a trequestionable.

since the undertaking was a colossal Mr. Berger has repeatedly defend- one, the mistakes may loom up with ed the sinking of the Lusitania. He proportionate bigness. But like every regarded it as quite justifiable, ap- other institution in this country, it parently, for Germany not only to entered war service without opportake up arms against her neighbors, tunity for preparation, it had to learn but to assassinate helpless noncom- as it worked and learn in many cases batants when the German govern- by its mistakes. The same thing is ment happened to consider them as true of every other institution and instanding in the way of accomplish- dividual in this country from presi-

has insisted that it was wrong for the Undoubtedly the men in the army tacks on American property, rights selves before they fully learned their soldier business. Yet who would The absurd conflict of logic in such judge our army by anything but its

th acts as the invasion of Belgium to tell that would thrill the heart of the courtesy, the bravery and the ger Socialism made headway precisely erosity of the Y. M. C. A. men with

in political history that such a move- be heard, as well as the indignant ment, in theory so idealistic, should avewal of Bob Jones, that he needed

The real character of its problems, practical championship of a German' personal and financial, should be un-

PRINCIPLES OF BOLSHEVISM.

People who have been trying.

"Translated into practice, the five this: (1) High wages; (2) don't work: (3) take other people's property; (4) no punishment: (5) no tax-

He speaks from long acquaintance and careful observation of the old regime and the new. He has known Russia for 30 years. And as a result of more than a year of Bolshevism, Navy in getting men restored to ac- history. It ranks with the desiruc-Russia suffered as they are suffering at the present moment. I have never such corruption, tyranny and the absence of all semblance of freedom as chance to help." there are in Pussia at the present

sooner or later, the origin of the evils they suffer, and repudiate the system themselves are utterly destroyed. If ly to congress. not, we are tempted to lose our faith not merely in human nature but in that common sense which is supposed to be the heritage of all races.

BOYS AND REVOLVERS.

A bill has been introduced in congress to prohibit the shipment of explesives and firearms to minors. It is meant primarily to prevent the purchase of revolvers from mail-order houses by lads likely to misuse them. This is a step in the right direction. Such legislation, if it proves legal and practicable, should be supplemented by State and municipal laws calculated to keep certain types of firearms out of the hands of minors and also of adults who have no business with them.

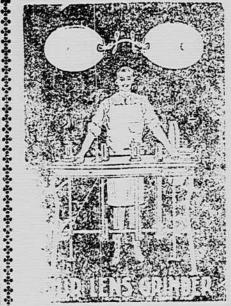
Rifles and shotguns for legitimate hunting or target-shooting are one thing; revolvers are quite another thing. It may be granted that even boys, especially in rural districts, may properly possess the former if they have skill and sense enough to use them properly. But the time has passed, in almost every American community, when it is necessary for anybody, young or old, with the exception of police authorities, to carry

Most of the crimes of violence nowadays are perpetrated by youths with revolvers. Most of the cases of accidental shooting are due to having loaded revolvers in the house. It is time to class revolvers with whiskey and deadly drugs, and restrict their distriution.

GOOD CIVING.

Congress is mostly reported by adverse criticism, and justly so, yet occasionally something gets done which can be approved by the American citizen without reference to party or

Of this nature is the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, by which the care of our maimed and disabled soldiers becomes a federal undertaking. A federal board is given charge of the details, with a fund of \$2,000,000 and power to cooperate with the Army and



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seen or dreamed of the possibility of good law and a giorious work. And and fostered by greed, with which the

Section 7 says: "The board is here- The folly of their destruction was the Russian masses will understand, be called the Special Fund for Vo- dying in 1914. cational Rehabilitation."

which is responsible before they ment of the fund, and report annual- gone unearned, and until this latest

When the casualty lists are finally existed had been abandoned. . completed, it is going to be unhappily evident that there was great breeding in some secret haunt, as need of this legislation, and that the has been claimed, and now are venfield for donations will be a large turing forth, tempted by whispers of retary of State and private secretary one. The suggestion is made that world disarmament or stirred by people who profited greatly in war jealousy lest man with his new found work may well contribute largely, but wings shall wrest from them their the donations should not be limited records for long and speedy flight. to this clas alone. Any patriotic Perhaps the laws destined for their American who has something to give protection were not inevain after all. should be glad to give part of it to this and continued safety has bred returnwork of restoring to usefulness the ing confidence. nan who gave his physical perfection for his country.

PASSENGER PIGEONS AGAIN.

coming to public notice that passenger pigeons have been seen recently in flight, or roosting sufficiently near for the observers to determine without question that they were specimens of what long has been mourned ; a vanished race.

The annihilation of the passenger

early lumbering days as one of the As Collier's Weekly says: "It is a colossal blunders rooted in ignorance section 7 gives all the rest of us a history of new lands is too often stained.

by authorized to receive such gifts recognized too late for the tardy game He concludes that the future of and donations from either public or laws to do any good. Attempts were Russia is hopeless. But surely there private sources as may be offered un- then made to breed the birds in capis hope even in the extremity of such conditionally. All moneys received as tivity, by they are essentially chilan evil situation. A social and po- gifts or donations shall be paid into dren of the open and perished almost litical disease when it becomes bad the Treasury of the United States and as swiftly under man's nature as unenough tends to cure itself. Surely shall constitute a permanent fund to der his gun fire, the last known pair

Rewards offered since then for the Mch . The board is to direct the disburse- discovery of passenger pigeons have news revived it, hope that they still

Perhaps they have indeed been

In any event their reappearance will and their protection now will be as their former destruction was of pub-

No Action by Committee.

Washington, Jan. 16 .- The house operation and money mously voted today to attempt no ac- could win the fight by cooperation in tion this session on the administra- holding the cotton that a naked world tive measure proposing government needs and that the mills must have

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Former Secretary of State Passes Away.

Columbia, Jan. 16.-Daniel Holland Tompkins of Ninety-Six, former secof Gov. Tillman, died at the Columbia Hospital yesterday morning at 9.30 o'clock.

NORTH GERMAN REPUBLIC.

Brunswick Takes the Lead to Form New State.

Copenhagen, Jan. 15 .- The government of Brunswick has issued a procbe, hailed with delight by a nation lamation proposing the formation of coming, though slowly, to an appro- central "North German Federal Reciation of the value of its bird citizens, public," with preliminary constitutions resembling Switzerland.

> price of cotton in the face of the done to cotton shows the power of co-

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