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GERMANY'S PROPOSALS.

Another week has begun with Germany's counter-proposals still under discussion and with only an indefinite prospect of early settlement. Germany is requesting conditions of peace which would satisfy no nation but Germany, and while the Allied powers are not inclined to make the concessions which Germany asks, they lean to the belief that terms accepted by the present German government and fulfilled by the German people will be more advantageous than harsher conditions which Germany will be inclined to fight later on and which might mean the overthrow of the present government. While the existing administration in Germany is a poor affair it is

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possible period of years.

Besides these four principal requests. Germany asks the use of marine tool nage, the privilege of purchasing coal from the Sarre area, the return of all colonies to German administration under supervision, of the League of Nations, a neutral inquiry into the origin of the war instead of a concession of Germany's guilt, a plebiscite for Alsace-Lorraine and the re-occupation of the bulk of those territories.

With Branches.

THE TRILLIUMS.

There's a beauty in the springtime woodland 'Mid the basswoods where the trilliums grow; There's a beauty in the dark-skinned hemilock in the shadows where the trilliums blow; There's a beauty in the leafing maples on the hillside where the trilliums blow; There's a beauty in the leafing maples on the hillside where the trilliums of all the ginks I truly hate Is he who thinks strenuous pastimes which appeal to maples on the hillside where the trilliums which have already been disposed off to the Polish Republic. These concessions of course will not be considered, and it is intimated that should the first four requests be met by the Allies ether conditions will be imposed not previously demanded which will max; any to the victorious nations what they may grant in this particular respect

ILS MADINE

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U. S. MARINE.

Until three years ago the United States government refused to contribute anything in the way of subsidies towards shipbuilding industries. Now that government is spending hundreds of millions of dollars in the construction of government-owned vessels in the hope of recreating the American merchant marine. Mr. Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, speaking at Hog Island Shipyard the other day when a number of vessels were lisuanched, said among other things:

"We will not quit the shipbuilding findustry, we will put to n a solid and firm and sound basis. We will build big ships and bigger ships. One of the chief compensations for participation in the great struggle is the restoration of the American merchant marine, or, rather, its rebirth."

Mr. Daniels evideutly inclines to this opinion that government construction and government ownership will solve the problem and eliminate foreign competition in the carrying trade. Yet the United States Congress is even now at a loss to know what should be done with ships as they are completed. It is apparently the intention to retain these vessels under American register and to permit their operation by private concerns and individuals, for there is no intimation that the government intends to engage in this hipping business on its own account. Yet in view of the process the proper in the government intends to engage in this hipping business on its own account. Yet in view of the process the proper in the government intends to engage in this hipping business on its own account. Yet in view of the process the process on the part of the dairy in- the government intends to engage in this hipping business on its own account. Yet in view of the process the process the process of the process the process the process the process of the process that the process the process that the process the process that the process the process the process that the process the process

But Exercise Benefits.

Detroit News—Much of our moders education is sheer waste, and a gir will learn at college to clear the high jump bar at four feet three inches, only to wear a skirt measuring a scant half yard around the ankles in early lifter life.

Oh! the manigolds they sing the alto, And the pussy willows all compete, The pines sing the basso profundo, And the trilliums sing the air so

Ohr there's music 'mid the tall white poplars,
Where the singers entertainments

thickets
Where the solo-singing trilliums live.
But there's sadness 'mid the glooming
cedars,
'Mid the mosses where the trilliums
sigh.
Oh! there's sorrow 'mid troubled hemlocks,

In the shadows where the trilliu

A BIT OF FUN

Those Mad Wags,
"He has fishing on the brain."
"Fishing tackle, you mean. I have
en him when his brain reeled."

Little Benny's Note Book

Down With Him.
Of all the ginks
I truly hate
Is he who thinks
No man is straight.

MERCHANTS' BANK CLOSES SUCCESSFUL YEAR

ew Records in Deposits, Current Loans and Assets.

Shareholders of the Merchants' Bank of Canada have every reason to feel satisfied with the statement presented at the annual meeting of the bank held at the Head Office on Wednesday,

at the annual meeting of the bank, held at the Head Office on Wednesday, the 4th instant. Gains were reported in every department of the bank's activities. The net earnings, amounting to \$1,383,900, are the highest on record, while the deposits, current loans, quickly available assets and total assets also make new high records. Total deposits in Canada now stand at \$178,000,000 a year \$25. This in itself is a very large \$2110 and furnishes striking evidence of the confidence placed in the bank by the public. Quickly available assets, amounting to \$62,750,000, are \$5,000,000 greater than they were a year ago and bear a very high ratio to the bank's total liabilities to the public. At the same time the statement shows that the bank has been doing its full share in catering to the business requirements of the community, as current loans now amount to nearly \$95,000,000 as compared with \$76,000,000 in 1918. Total assets amount to 166,725,000, or an increase of nearly \$26,000,000 during the year. Further

BY LEE PAPE.

well, heers our Benny, I was beginning to think we mite never see him agen.

Being sourcastic and ma sed, I was beginning to give him up for lost myself, but Im naturally optimistick, and then of corse it izzent the ferst time that he has bin away for a grate length of time.

Meening last nite and the nite before and also being nourcastic, and my sister Ghaddis sed. He duzzent seem to of changed mutch, ne looks about the same as the last time I saw him.

Meening me and being the most sourcastic of all, and I sed, Well G, no wonder Im late, gosh, dident I help a poor soldier home because he wasent hardly able to wawk.

Mother, sed pop, we owe the boy an ippology, we have bin induldging our so called sents of humer at his ixpense wen we should of bin praising him for doing a kindly acktion and helping a wounded hero. It serteny was patriotic of him—did you help the poor fello far, Benny? sed ma.

About 5 blocks, I sed, and Gladdis sed, Well I surely must hand it to enybody for stopping to be patriotic wile they're hungry—ware was he wounded, Benny, did he have a krutch?

I dident say he was wounded, I sed.

The mischiff you dident—dident you say he could hardly wawk? sed pop.

Neither he couldent he was grunk I sed.

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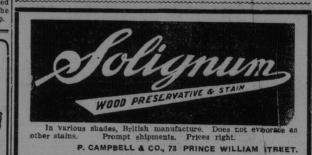
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Yesterday morning at five o' Conception, Rev. Wm. Duke, rewith nuptial mass, united in mar with nuptial mass, united in mar Bernard Joseph McGovern and Florence Regina McCarthy. The is a daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth the late Dennis McCarthy. The g is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Govern, 18 Clarendon street. breakfast was served at the hon the bride's mother, 247 King s east, after which the happy coleft on the early train for P. I where their honeymoon will be a

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