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The sunshine affords growin' times for the crops.
 The Germans will find hard work getting clemency out of Clemenceau.
 The man with the shovel will be needed in Germany to gather up the pieces of the old empire.

So slight a thing as a butterfly caused an automobile wreck on a Vermont road recently, in which several persons were badly shaken up. The butterfly flew into the face of the chauffeur and caused him to lose control of the car, the vehicle going off the road and being suspended in a dangerous position. Vermont roads cannot be blamed in this instance because it would have needed a 10-acre field for a momentarily blinded chauffeur to run his car safely. But a car going at a moderate rate of speed might perhaps have been stopped on a Vermont highway providing there had been instant resort to the brakes.

Secretary Lane's project for reclaiming swamp land for occupancy by American soldiers and sailors discharged from service is not making great headway in all parts of the United States, one reason being, perhaps, that there is so much vacant and workable land already available that people cannot see the wisdom of spending an immense sum of money to reclaim land now covered with water. The natural course of action would seem to be to fill up the land already available and, that done, to turn attention to the swamp land. But there is so much land of the former nature that it is not probable there will be a serious need for reclaiming the swamp land for a long time to come.

The time was when the United States would have been glad to sell her obsolete battleships to some small nations which possessed a seacoast and a desire to keep up naval pretensions, and such a sale brought far greater returns than the process of reducing the fighting machines to junk. With the change of sentiment following the war there has come a new feeling in regard to the disposal of warships after the U. S. navy has finished with them, that feeling being that no other nation should be assisted, be it ever so little, in maintaining a warlike attitude through the requirement of our battleships. That feeling necessitates the reduction of the warships as they are taken out of the active ranks of the naval armament. Therefore, plans are being made to "junk" 12 vessels which are considered as having passed their usefulness to the United States navy.

William Hohenzollern is reported recently to have stated that he cared nothing about the results of the peace treaty conference other than to know about his own status. In other words, he cares nothing for the welfare of the seventy odd millions of his former subjects whom he led into the terrible conflict—his only concern is to save his own precious skin from the hand of justice. That attitude of mind represents quite truly the whole career of the former kaiser of Germany. He may have helped his subjects along certain lines but the whole purpose back of the seeming kindness was to increase his own power, to make himself more wealthy and to make his name stand forth in the world's history as the Great I Am. Now in defeat and disgrace, the same characteristics stand forth prominently, shutting off all decent human considerations. William Hohenzollern is stamped forever as a man of utmost selfishness.

BUTTING THEIR HEADS AGAINST A STONEWALL.

The radicals who were back of the concerted effort in many cities of the United States to kill prominent persons and to destroy their property seem to have a meagre comprehension of what the United States government is founded upon. That comprehension is evidently the development of the European idea, or the idea concerning monarchy; and the exponents of that idea believe that to strike down those seemingly in authority means a weakening of the structure of government, if not the overthrow of that government. So they (the radicals) operating in the United States think that the structure of government is founded on the people who happen to be in office rather than that the officers are merely incidental features of the government which, in turn, is based on the people, themselves. They overlook the fact that in order to overthrow the government of the United States they will have to subvert or corrupt a majority of the people of the United States, an impossible thing to accomplish, by the way. In their ignorance of the real spirit of the American government, as well as of the American ideal, these bomb-throwers and firebrands of society keep pecking away at the visible evidences of government in the persons of officials and in the buildings which house government departments, foolishly thinking that by so doing they are undermining the government itself. Instead of undermining the government they are

The Balance of Power

Old World politics has been for centuries directed and sustained by secret treaties, with a view to the maintaining of what is known as "The Balance of Power." The brief intervals of Peace which followed wars among States were the result of the shifting of this "Balance of Power." Present-day civilization asks for a more stable guarantee against the aggression of selfish and designing government, and so we are endeavoring to formulate an international code of ethics, called "A League of Nations," which shall bring diplomacy into the open and have proper regard for the rights of weak nations. Whether this idea can be worked out successfully and to the permanent good of mankind is a question which only time can answer, but if it can it will be a matter of universal satisfaction. There is another balance of power which should have our consideration, and that is the bank balance. Nations and political sub-divisions are only strong and prosperous as the people save. All capital has its origin with the savings of the people. Come to this strong National bank and open an account to-day. Grip the strong hand of this service-giving institution. It will help you over the rough places.

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simply wearing out their own weapons and butting their heads against a stone-wall. The United States government can never be overthrown by hurling bombs at officials or by destroying buildings. Not until the American spirit of independence and of high ideals is overcome can there be hope to overthrow the government; and, we repeat, the radicals are going about that hirculean task in the wrong way entirely.

CORINTH

Lewis True and family and Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Heath went to Tilton, N. H., last Thursday to visit Charles Wiggins and family. Mrs. Wiggins is Mr. Heath's daughter. Mrs. Roscoe Williams held an auction at her late residence last Tuesday. She is to spend the major part of the summer with her daughter, Lena, at Berkshire and later will keep house at Montpelier so that her daughter, Carrie, can board with her. Otho Williams has taken out the agency for life insurance. He has resigned as clerk and treasurer of the Orange County Telephone company, to take effect the middle of June. It is expected that it will remain in the house and Mr. Kingsley will be his successor. H. W. Chalmers reduced his force of help by five Saturday night, as he has nearly completed the board sawing and does not need as many when turning bobbins. H. W. Chalmers has exchanged his truck for one of much larger capacity and his seven-passenger Buick for a five-passenger Oldsmobile. The pre-Memorial exercises were very good at the academy hall Thursday afternoon and were attended by a goodly number of citizens, after which the teacher and her scholars marched to the Center cemetery and decorated the soldiers' graves. Last week the following stones were erected at the Center cemetery: One for Miss Maud Patrick, for little Alton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Morse, for W. E. Woodcock's son, one for little Clyde, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sevens. This would be a good example for others to follow who have friends there that no one knows their location save those who are constant visitors to the cemetery. Some of the roads were so badly washed during the continued rain they are deemed almost beyond repair. Frank Lackey is on the road to recovery. Eleanor Chalmers is improving from her lameness of several weeks so she rode out on Sunday. She has to use one crutch still. Mrs. David Sargent returned home last Thursday from her visit at Springfield, Mass., with her son, Roy, and at Boston visiting her cousin. She was absent 11 days. Rev. Sylvester P. Robertson and wife of Sunderland, Mass., are spending their vacation at Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Dow's, who live at South Corinth on the Charles A. Washburn farm. Rev. Robertson preached at the Center last Sunday afternoon and those who were present had the privilege of listening to a very able discourse. Your correspondent was misinformed in regard to his coming as a candidate for the place, for such is not the case. Mrs. F. J. Hutton and Mrs. A. W. Eastman are attending grand chapter, O. E. S., this week at Burlington. Amos Dickinson's widow spent last week at her brother-in-law's, Melvin H. Dickinson. She runs a large lodging house near Boston. She is spending this week at C. A. Dinsmore's at Chelsea. She was accompanied by her little grandchild. John Munroe is at Lisbon, N. H., to see his brother, who has lately been discharged and returned from France. Henry Green of Woodsville, N. H., came to Wallace Chalmers' on Sunday. Mr. Chalmers went after him with his car. Most of the schools in town close this week on Friday. W. S. Sevens has moved to Dearborn hill to the Pearl Darling farm. Otis Page of Hyde Park is in town. Aaron W. Eastman has resigned as road commissioner and G. Bert Hastings has been appointed as his successor.

WASHINGTON

The Washington Farmers' club and the Washington Creamery association cordially invite the members of the club, the patrons and stockholders of the creamery and all farmers at the school-house hall Friday evening, June 6, at 8:15 sharp. A good program has been arranged, including music and speeches. V. B. Jones, dairy manufacturing specialist, will give an illustrated talk. Social hour after the program. Bring the whole family and the hired man. Don't bring your money as you won't need it.

ORANGE

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CURRENT COMMENT

Vermont Farms That Are on the Market.

The agricultural department has been trying to learn what farms in Vermont are for sale in order to describe them in a booklet to be widely distributed. It seems that the listers have been asking the farmers if their property was for sale and the farmers for fear that the selling price of the farm might be asked and as a result the assessed valuation of it jacked up have been inclined to be reticent. There really ought not to be any difference between the selling price of any real estate and its value assessed for taxes, but there often is a great difference. However, there has been in this case no intention to get the farmers to disclose information that would lead to their increased taxation. It has simply been the desire of the state commissioner of agriculture to give the farmers whose property is for sale considerable valuable advertising. The commissioner is in a position to act as selling agent for Vermont real estate or at least to bring would-be sellers and prospective buyers together.—Rutland News.

Geneva and the League.

Grand indeed will be the work of the league of nations if it fulfill the hopes of the state council of Geneva. In a proclamation to the people the council rejoices that the peace conference has chosen Geneva as the seat of the league, thus elevating that city to the rank of moral capital of the world, and promises that the ancient home of freedom and reform, the cradle of the Red Cross and the first seat of international arbitration,

will endeavor to be worthy of "the magnificent task assigned to her in the future." That idea of the moral capital of the world is in fine harmony with the conception of the league itself as a union of the world's peace-loving nations for the attainment of the highest moral ends.

Much has been said of the physical force which might have to be used against some recalcitrant government, but it is in moral force commanding the respect of the world that the real power of the league will consist. The Genevaans are asked to demonstrate their "gratitude to Him who holds the nations in His hands and who has guided them to an achievement that is without example in the annals of the world" and to "greet with acclamation the dawn of this newly born era of far-reaching reconstruction." That is a fitting spirit in which to receive the league as it comes upon the scene of its labors. If it has imperfections they will soon enough show themselves as things to be remedied, and all the more does it need the help of fervent hopes and friendly wishes.—Boston Herald.

The League-of-Nation-al Hymn.

"Why do you object to the league of nations?"
 "On musical grounds. After singing 'My Country, 'Tis of Thee,' all these years, I don't want the mental effort of changing to 'Our Countries, 'Tis of Those.'"
 —Washington Star.

Genuine Parting.

Mrs. Bridey—Jack, dear, do you remember that you didn't kiss me when I started out shopping this morning?
 Husband—No, but I remember that I kissed my money good-bye.—Boston Transcript.

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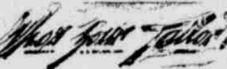
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