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## at the hour of of its greatest financial Fiancee, precariously existing under a steadily increasing, on d

 ax rate and with a steadily mounting budgetdeficit, should deliberately set out to construct
the most formidable navy afloat while the other powers were doing nothing in this line, is al.
most incredible. Guaranties of security for the
French nation against German or other invasion
are freely given, not only to reassure the people
but to give them a chance to recover by re-
educing the expense of a defensive army and navy, unjustified extenage them in an unreasonable and their armament.
Germany has no navy, Russia and Turkey are powerless when they reach the water's edge.
Whom do the French far? Certainly not the
United States, or England, or Japan, who were
alongside the French in the terrible days of the
late World. War. What possible enemy can
menace the great republic? menace the great republic?
Lloyd George has just awakened a new note
of interest by his proposal that the British gov.
erament is contemplating the cancellation of all debts owed to it by other nations, which amount
to almost $\$ 10,000,000,000$. This will relieve France the payment of a large sum of money. Not
little pressure is being brought to secure simi-
ar action on part of the United States, and it some such basis. Can France, in the face of
his and of other powerful reasons, proceed
solemnly and deliberately to arm to the teeth, It is beyond belief.
Or do the French dread being forced to
oc cent a place as a second -rate power? Or, is
the move simply a trading proposal to give lie
and vitality to the moribund Wilson-Lloyd
George.Clemencean treaties? Some further de. Gailse-Cust be forthcoming before a definite con-
tais mun
elusion set down. It the French insist on their
present plan, then the work of the arms con terence will h
go for naught.
$\qquad$ It is quite to be expected that improvements ing will increase the average length of life. In
fact, a high official of a great insurance company, speaking at a national convention of his dared
ness, lately quoted statistics which he cons id nay Indicate "the dawn of a material lengthen-
of the span of human life in the United These and Canada. "were 153,000 fewer deaths in 1921 than
There in 1920 in these two countries, he asserted, and from natural causes, it is a matter for concern
that violent deaths have increased. Suicides, that violent deaths have increased.
homicides and fatal automobile accidents have
taken a heavier toll. It is said that 10.000 persons will be found to have been brought to oreloss estima Such is the blind way of man; by science
reduce the number of premature deaths from disease, while by use of scientific inventions of doing more to death. There is irony in the ought of science saving a man's life after weeks
months of are, only to have science, in the
mon a second,

## On the Last Lap.

The final week of Christmas buying is under Ty, and before next Saturday night the bolididy hop early has had any real effect, the stores are shown uncommon activity for many days:
all the display of Chritymar wares variety had it wive range for the exercise of choice in




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## ARTHUR C. SMITH says:

The anticipation of a future competence takes away have a vision of what you want to have or be work and save now and you can accomplish


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