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### DEATH VISITS THE WHITE HOUSE.

**"M**RS. WILSON died today at five o'clock." This was the brief message that flashed over the wires yesterday afternoon, and told an anxious nation that but a few hours before had first learned of her sickness, that the end had come. The dispatches of the day before, announcing that the president's wife was dangerously ill, came like a lightning flash from a cloudless sky, and the news of her death following so closely, scarce gave the people time to realize the terrible blow that had fallen so heavily upon their chosen leader.

To him, it came not unexpectedly, for he knew and had known for months that the end might come at any time. This is what makes the tragedy so pitiful. With a tremendous responsibility resting upon him, President Wilson performed the onerous duties of his office and met the trying situations that have crowded on each other so rapidly, with a cheerful optimism and a buoyant hopefulness that robbed of their terrors the dangerous conditions that for some time have surrounded us. We realized and understood the public burdens he carried, but the heavier load of personal suffering, of poignant sorrow and heart-rending hopelessness that was with him always, and which he bore silently and alone, we knew not of. This is indeed pitiful. And yet the putting in the background of his own affairs is but in keeping with the man, and characteristic of that finest creature of our civilization, the simple, unostentatious American gentleman of which he is so splendid a type.

But, two days ago, sitting beside his dying wife, her hand clasped in his, for all he knew for the last time, and gazing with eyes dimmed by tears at the wasted and emaciated form of her who had traveled life's journey with him to this, the point whence he must walk on alone, his great heart still found room for the suffering of others, and here, with the shadows of the fluttering wings of the angel of Death quivering over the counterpane above his best loved one, he dictated an offer of mediation to the warring princes of Europe, offering his own services and those of the American people, that death and sorrow, hunger and want, suffering and woe and all the other red vestiges that brim the cup of War might be turned from the lips of the toiling millions of unhappy Europe before they were more than tasted. A declaration of peace, not war, and one that well might make the mighty of the earth pause and crowned heads bend low in shame.

Somehow there is little to be said when Death touches with chill fingers and fainting pulse, and that which was is not. Language seems cold and words meaningless. And so today, regardless of party or creed, the whole nation opens its great heart to its stricken leader in silent but profound sympathy. It knows now just as he knew months ago, and sees as he did not the pathetic picture as he sat by his wife's bedside, and Memory came flooding his soul with recollections. It can fancy these even as he recalled them. The gentle, trusting girl, her eyes aglow with love, who at the altar gave those vows so splendidly kept, the young mother whose generous breasts gave his children sustenance, who made their little cottage home; the mature and refined woman who walked so proudly by his side into the high place to which the people of his state called him, and later still rejoiced when the greatest honor that can be given any man, the presidency of the United States, was awarded him by a hundred million people. It can see and understand all this, and seeing and understanding, mourn with him the passing of God's finest creation—a loving and tender wife and mother.

### CAPITAL JOURNAL GIVES LATEST NEWS.

**M**ORE people of Salem are finding out every day that the Capital Journal gives them the best news service of any paper in this field. With a full leased wire telegraph service, and its own operator in the office, it has all the news of the world at its command up to the time of going to press at 3:30 p. m. It sweeps the field clean, due to the difference of time between the East and West. When the Journal's forms close here at 3:30 p. m. it is 5:30 p. m. in New York, and about midnight in

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London. Thus we are enabled to print all the news events of the day in the evening paper, leaving only a rehash for the morning papers next day.

The so-called evening editions of the Journal and Telegram which reach Salem at 4:30 are put to press two hours or more earlier than the Capital Journal, and are simply extra editions, hurriedly made up to catch the mails, and are not the same editions they deliver to their Portland subscribers.

For instance, the Capital Journal yesterday told of the death of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, while the Portland Journal and Telegram carried only an account of her serious illness.

When Ritchie and Welsh fought in Paris at 10 o'clock at night, the Capital Journal at 3:30 p. m. gave the result of the fight by rounds complete. The two Portland papers, arriving here that day at 4:30, had nothing about the affair at all except speculation as to the outcome. The same thing was repeated when Gunboat Smith and Carpenter fought in London.

Every day in war news and all other matters of real interest the Capital Journal is distancing its competitors because its facilities for gathering and printing the news are unequalled in this field, and when it goes to press the day's work is over in the East, and across the ocean, and all the news sources have been drained dry.

It is a complete newspaper, both in a general and local sense, and not a hurried, cheaply constructed extra edition like that sent out to the valley towns by its Portland competitors.

Congress is wrestling with the proposition of changing the laws so that a foreign ship may be purchased by Americans and admitted to register with their foreign officers. It is America's greatest opportunity to again get a merchant fleet, and there should be no hesitancy in passing whatever laws are needed to make this possible. American ships were driven from the sea in the interest of the American ship builders who had laws passed that gave them the sole control of building all the ships engaged in trade between local ports, but in doing so, owing to cheaper labor, and in those days of wooden ships cheaper material and rigging, they could not compete with the foreigner, and as foreign built ships could not be brought under the American flag, our ships faded from the oceans of the world and our flag became a curiosity in the ports thereof. Now all of Europe is anxious to fly the stars and stripes over their vessels, as that is about the only one under which they are safe. It is Uncle Sam's opportunity, and he should not stutter in taking advantage of it.

The military experts in the East, commenting on what would happen if Germany invaded Canada, and how the United States would be drawn into war by such an invasion, is of the "painting-the-lily and gilding-refined-gold" sort of business. It would be as sensible to discuss what would happen on Mars if the moon should turn to green cheese. With Germany facing practically all Europe and trying to start trouble with Italy, it is evident she is not in condition to invade anything. Besides there are no ships to bring her armies across the Atlantic even if she was in position to attempt the invasion of Canada, and the wading is bad and swimming worse. However, the wise ones have little else to do, and might as well speculate on that as anything else. They might, though, travel down into southern Oregon and assist the talent of Berkeley in investigating the habits of the original wild man as presented in that moving picture being filmed for the Oregonian by one Knowles, the only living descendant of the owner of the skull found at Calaveras.

It is extremely difficult to understand the effect of war news on industries and just how it manages to hit them. For instance, the news of the European war and the statement that the shipment of salmon to Germany would be stopped caused a sudden drop in the price paid fishermen for salmon, but did not cause any drop in the price of the fish to the consumer. Who is it these war scares hit, anyway, and where, and why?

### The Markets

#### LOCAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Hay, timothy \$11.00  
Clover, per ton 7.00  
Oats and vetch 8.00  
Chert 8.00  
Wheat, per bushel 50c  
Bran, per ton 26.00  
Shorts, per ton 29.00  
Oats, per bushel 27c@28c  
Chittim bark, per lb. 4 1/2c@5c  
Potatoes, per cwt. 1.00

**Butter and Eggs**  
Butterfat, per lb., f.o.b. Salem 28c  
Creamery butter, per lb. 30c  
Eggs 23c  
**Poultry.**  
Hens, per lb. 11c  
Roosters, per lb. 8c  
Fryers 14c

**Steers.**  
Steers 5 1/2c@6c  
Cows, per cwt. 50c@52c  
Hogs, fat, per lb. 7 1/2c@8c  
Stock hogs, per lb. 7c  
Ewes, per lb. 3 1/2c  
Spring lambs, per lb. 4 1/2c  
Veal, according to quality 10 1/2c@12c

**Pork.**  
Dry, per lb. 8c  
Salted country porks, each 60c@81c  
Lamb porks, each 25c

#### SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

San Francisco, Aug. 7.—Eggs—Extra 31c; firsts, 27c; pullets, 27c.  
Butter—Extras, 25c; prime firsts, 24c.

23c; firsts, 22c; seconds, 21 1/2c.  
Cheese—California fancy, 14c; firsts, 12c; seconds, 11c.

#### SEATTLE MARKETS.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 7.—Eggs—Fresh ranch, 31c@32c; orientals, 15c. Butter—Country creamery cubes, 27c; bricks, 27c@29c; Oregon cubes, 25c@27c. Cheese—Limburger, 17c; Wisconsin, 18c@19c; Swiss, 21c; Washington, 17c@18c. Onions—Green, 20c@25c per dozen; eastern Washington, 1c@1 1/4c a pound; California, 2c@2 1/2c. Potatoes—New local, 1 1/2c@1 3/4c per pound; California, 1 1/2c@2c.

#### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Portland, Aug. 7.—Wheat, club, new, 84c; bluestem 87c. Oats, No. 1, white feed \$21.50; gray 21c. Barley, brewing \$21; feed \$20. Hogs, best live \$2. Prime steers \$7.50; fancy cows \$6.50; best calves \$8.25. Spring lambs \$5.50@6. Butter, city creamery 30c. Eggs, selected local extras 25c. Hens, 13 1/2c@14c; broilers 15c; geese 10c@11c.

#### CAPTURED A STEAMER.

Buenos Ayres, Aug. 7.—The British cruiser Glasgow captured the steamship "American" today, according to advices received here. The German steamer Polynesia has arrived. It reported passing the British cruiser Panther off the Brazilian coast.

### BIG NAVAL BATTLE REPORTED BUT DENIED

London, Aug. 7.—A North sea clash between British and German fleets was reported today from many sources. Some claimed a glorious British victory, but these stories could not be confirmed.

Rumors were current that from seven to 19 German warships had been sunk. Other accounts were that they surrendered.

The admiralty was besieged by inquiries but refused to discuss the reports. From many coast cities came messages saying sea firing, heavier than Thursday's, had been heard.

Trawlers which reported Whitty reported seeing destroyers in action. One trawler was authority for the statement that 15 German warships had been sunk, but the source of the information was refused.

#### Story Is Denied.

London, Aug. 7.—First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill denied in the house of commons today that a general engagement had occurred between the British and German fleets.

### REFUSE TO SEND SHIPS TO ATLANTIC

San Francisco, Aug. 7.—Believing that their first duty is to the people of the Pacific coast, owners of trans-Pacific liners refused today to offer their vessels to the government as a nucleus for a trans-Atlantic line. Orders to the federal authorities here from Washington called for an early answer from steamship owners as to whether they would offer any of their vessels to the government for use on the Atlantic. Not a ship was offered.

The Pacific coast, the owners contended, already is badly enough off by having its grain and fruit export business temporarily suspended, without having its original, Australian and Hawaiian business and its freight lines to New York knocked out.

### BURGLARS RAID STORE AT STAYTON

The Mayo general merchandise store at Stayton was burglarized last night according to information received by Sheriff Esch this morning. When the proprietors checked over their losses this morning they found 18 blue flannel shirts, such as are generally worn by loggers, missing, 4 and one-half dozen pocket knives, one dozen pairs of scissors and \$9.50 in cash comprised the loss. The city marshal phoned that he was at the rear of the building at 11:30 last night and at that time there was nothing amiss. The robbers affected an entrance by cutting out a panel in the rear door. There is no clue to the culprits.

### SPAIN MOBILIZING AS MATTER OF PRECAUTION

Madrid, Aug. 7.—Spain was mobilizing a considerable force of troops today. It was stated this was merely "a precaution." The authorities admitted that they thought it better to have a government uprising possible under cover of the general European confusion, though Spain is not directly involved in it.

### BRITISH AND FRENCH TO ATTACK GERMAN PORT

Tokio, Aug. 7.—A combined British and French naval attack was momentarily expected here today on the German's China coast port of Tsing Tschau. All foreigners had been ordered to leave there. German and Austrian reservists from all over the orient were hurrying there to aid in its defense.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Salem Bank & Trust Co. to J E Snyder, lot 4 B 5 North Salem. \$1500.

### The President

The President has lots of troubles, all kinds of grief he knows; and every day that passes doubles the number of his woes. Unselfish friends are few around him—plain is the reason why—but patriots fore-  
handed him, and think of naught but pie. What'er he does kicks up a rumpus, and makes some statesmen mad. "If he," they say, "thinks he can bump us, his figuring is bad." And to the grindstone they go weavin', to grind their scalping knives, and to the work of getting even devote their useless lives. And all the bores are ever watching for him, throughout the land, around his pathway wrestling, Gotching, to shake his weary hand. And all the freaks who think conditions are worse than ever before, are ever standing with petitions before the White House door. And silly dames who want the ballot are camping on his trail; methinks he'd like to take a mallet and that weird host assail I'd rather be a humble carter and run the garbage van, than be the presidential martyr, the goat of every man. Not all the glory or the honor would tempt me to that game; 'twould wear me out, I'd be a goner before the pay day came.



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### WILL MAKE ANOTHER STAND AT NAMUR

It Finally Driven From Liege Belgians Will Pull Back on Namur, a Still More Strongly Fortified Position.

Nancy, France, Aug. 7.—Belgian engineers were still engaged today in strengthening their fortifications at Namur, according to advices from across the frontier.

The town was already strongly fortified and with the additional defenses provided since the attack on Liege began it was declared it would prove an even more formidable obstacle to the German advance than the one they already face.

Military men here expressed the opinion that Liege itself will continue indefinitely to make good its resistance against the kaiser's troops, but should it finally fall, it was stated the Belgians would simply retire to Namur and there would be a repetition on a still larger scale of what has already transpired.

Not only at Liege but all along the Belgian-German frontier, it was learned today, have the Germans been checked. At Liars, to the north of Liege, they were completely beaten. From Spa, to the southward, they were driven back to Popinster.

Everywhere their losses have been enormous. The Belgians were heavily outnumbered but their defenses were impregnable, and, fighting behind them, they have suffered but little, while training lead and steel in to the invaders' ranks.

Along the Franco-German frontier, from the Luxembourg to the Swiss border, there have been dozens of petty skirmishes between French and German scouting parties. In the aggregate, the number of casualties has been considerable but no single engagement has been of much consequence.

At Nancy, lying close to German territory, considerable alarm was felt when the war first broke out. So effective has the French and Belgian resistance proven thus far, however, that uneasiness has passed and the townspeople are full of confidence.

The streets are filled with the soldiers and the hospitals with French and German wounded.

### Ready for the Fray.

Messina, Aug. 7.—Cleared for action, with all gunners at their posts, with battle flags flying and with their bands playing "Die Wacht Am Rhein," the German cruisers Breslau and Goeben steamed from this port today—presumably to certain destruction.

The British Mediterranean fleet was known to be awaiting them.

Italy, a neutral in the European war, having ordered hostile shipping from its ports, the two cruisers had no choice but to leave or disarm and remain at Messina, interned, until the conflict was over.

They chose the former course, though all were sure it meant they would soon be at the bottom of the sea.

Their commanders' forlorn hope was a dash for the Austrian coast.

The Breslau and the Goeben took refuge in Italian waters after their companion ship, the cruiser Panther, had been sunk, and they had been routed by a superior French naval force off the Algerian coast.

### MEXICANS MAY WAR AGAIN.

Mexico City, Aug. 7.—Preparations were being rushed here today to resist a constitutional attack.

The activity followed official advices received by President Carbalja that General Carranza had rejected Carbalja's plan for transferring the government, and had broken off all negotiations. Government officials expected an immediate attack on the capital.

It was reported that the United States had suggested that Carbalja surrender to the constitutionalists on the latter's own terms.

### NEW TODAY

One cent per word each insertion. Copy for advertisements under this heading should be in by 2 p. m.

PHONE MAIN 81.

WAR NEWS at Fred Night Lunch.

WOOD FOR SALE—Oak, 45; fir, \$3.75. Phone 2249.

PRACTICAL nurse would like maternity case. Phone 69-F-2.

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GOOD paying cigar store for sale. Address "Owner," care Journal.

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SPLENDID furnished housekeeping rooms at The Lincoln, 633 Ferry.

FOR SALE—One hundred ewes. Inquire box 355, or L. Brandt, R. F. D.

WANTED—Lady for soliciting. For particulars call at 647 Center street.

ASH AND SECOND-GROWTH FIR wood, four foot. Star Wood Co., Phone 426.

WANTED—Two men with teams to unload wood. Apply at 910 North Capitol.

FOR SALE—Big bargain two-passenger automobile. Salem Auto Garage, 246 State street.

LOST—Bay horse, weight about 1100 pounds, white star in forehead. Finder please phone 631-R.

WANTED—Girl for general housework, Yew Park district; sleep at home. Apply 754 Ferry.

1913 INDIAN MOTORCYCLE in fine condition; fully equipped; cost \$300; price \$150, easy terms. Phone 785M.

FOR RENT—Best 6-room flat in the city; new and close in. 663 North Liberty street. Phone 386.

LOST—Near State and Liberty streets, gold necklace, small cameo and pearl setting in penant. Phone 1913.

WANTED—Girl to take care of children, no cooking. Inquire between 2 and 5 afternoons. 497 N. High.

WE HAVE grain and vetch hay for sale, \$12 per ton on ranch; \$12.50 delivered. Geo. Swedge, Garden road.

FOR SALE—Painter's outfit, two complete sets of all roof jacks, ladders and staging. Inquire W, care Journal.

FOR SALE—Indian motorcycle, fully equipped, bargain at take-up at once. Inquire Salem fire department.

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FOR SALE—Ponches; fine quality Crawford for canning. Louis Lachmund Fruit Ranch, Kaiser Bottom. Phone 29-F-3. Delivery.

WANTED—Modern house of at least six rooms. Inside property to trade for fine country home, close in, on rock road. H. S. Belle, 124 North Liberty. Phone 498.

FOR SALE—Two four-step cone pulleys 12-16 inch diameter; 16 feet 1 1/2 inch shafting and hangers, almost new; cheap if taken quickly. Inquire J. R. M., Journal office.

WANTED—SMALL RANCH—Wanted to lease, a small ranch, not over 40 acres; must be good soil, well drained. Dairy, hog or chicken ranch preferred. Address W. O. Tuttle, 329 Beach street, Ashland, Ore.

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