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## WAR AND IMMIGRATION.

There is considerable discussion of the effect the war will have on immigration. Of course, it is all guess work and those who point to the great rush of immigrants following the German-Franco war forty-four years ago overlook the fact that conditions are greatly changed. Then we were just recovering from a devastating war ourselves; the vast country west of the Mississippi was only first fairly opening and the transcontinental railroad, the first, was building. Conditions are different now. We no longer have vast areas of unlocated lands awaiting the plow. While there is still an immense public domain it is such that it requires money and time to put it in shape for production. The attraction at that time was the lands so easily made productive. On the other hand conditions for countless years to come will be almost unbearable in the old country. Taxes will be a burden on all industries and these will bear heavily on the workingman.

That there will be a general movement to get away forever from autocratic government is certain. That it will be hard for this to be accomplished is also certain. Times will be hard following the war, no matter how it results, and if there is to be a big inflow of people from Europe it will be only when the money is sent from this country to pay fares. That everyone who can get away will do so seems pretty well assured. What effect this influx will have upon the American workingman remains to be seen.

In the light of conditions that were suddenly brought to the public attention as to our dependence on other countries for so many things it is probable new industries will be started and those familiar with them in the old countries will be brought over to make here the same things they formerly made at their old homes. This alone should furnish employment for a vast number and it in turn would make other employment for those already here or who may find a way to come across the pond. All this provided there are any left to come over.

## THE PATRIOTIC SUGAR TRUST.

The examination into the cause of suddenly jumped prices, started by Uncle Samuel, has brought the sugar trust out of its hole with an explanation. It says, or its sales manager does for it:

"We went to \$7.50 to discourage speculative buying by persons whose imaginations had been inflamed by newspaper talk of a coming sugar famine."

Of course the trust did not expect to profit by the raise which was at least 50 per cent, on one of the staple food stuffs, but simply wanted to discourage speculators. It succeeded in that part of its object for there was no chance for others to speculate when the trust jumped the job. It is encouraging, however, to know that the much maligned trust has shown so great-heartedness, and such a keen desire to protect the public morals even at the expense of its pocket book.

The investigation has also disclosed that when the war broke out the trust had an abnormally large supply of raw sugar on hand and there was no reason whatever for the raise in sugar prices, other than the fact that the trust had the public at its mercy, and its supply of mercy was abnormally small, even for a trust.

It is claimed the receipts from tolls on the Panama canal are already sufficient to pay its actual operating expenses. From this it would appear that when the cruel war is over and commerce again picks up the broken threads and begins to transact business that there would be a surplus that will in time place every dollar the canal has cost back in the treasury. It might be a good thing to keep this as a fund for other works of a similar character.

"Lend A Hand," the prison paper, has just issued its September number which is an unusually good one. It is pathetic that such bright fellows as its editors are deprived of their liberty, and they are no doubt no worse than thousands on whom the laws have not laid their heavy hands.

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## DREADING THE DISAGREEABLE.

Many people fail to get on in the world because they will not do the things that are disagreeable to them. They gladly pick the flowers in their vocation, but will not touch the weeds or thorns. They like to do the things that are easy and agreeable, but shrink from the disagreeable or laborious. They go around the hills of difficulty instead of over them; they leave the enemy half conquered, and he is always coming up to attack them unexpectedly from the rear.

The best way to overcome this dread of drudgery is to determine resolutely to do the disagreeable things first. Take hold of them with vigor, as we would grasp a nettle, if you would avoid the sting, and after a while you will find what seemed so difficult in conception is really easy in execution.

Naturalists say that, when examined minutely with a microscope, it will be found that no creature or object in nature is positively ugly; that there is a certain harmony or symmetry of parts that renders the whole agreeable rather than the reverse. So the most disagreeable tasks in life, when viewed in their proper proportions, reveal a poetic, an attractive side, hitherto undreamed of. Turn on the sunlight of good cheer, the determination to see the bright as well as the dark side, and you will find something pleasant even in the most dreaded task.

You have seen men working under the most trying condition, amid the most repulsive surroundings, who found light in the shade, poetry in the dull prose of their environment, and happiness and content in spite of all unfavorable circumstances. On the other hand, you have seen people occupying desirable positions in the professional and business walks of life, with every inducement to cheerfulness and happiness in all their surroundings, who were gloomy, disagreeable and discontented. They saw nothing but clouds.

For once Europe is not glad to see the American tourists. Their money is as good as ever and as badly needed, but still the food they consume is of more value just now than their coin. They are being politely but firmly told their company is no longer pleasing and are invited to "move on" just like their fellow tramps at home.

Carranza is discovering that it is a pretty tough job to invalidate currency that has been received by his own people for goods sold and delivered. When a Mexican is hit in the pocket the wound is as painful as it is to other folks.

Bob Fitzsimmons, arrested for thumping Mrs. Fitzsimmons, claims he only "touched her lightly," but then what is light in the way of touch, to Bob, might seem like a pretty hard jab to common folks.

The Germans have so far shown no objection to receiving checks, provided they come in sizes of \$40,000,000 like the one given by the Brussels bankers as the price of salvation for their city.

All the warring nations ask or expect of the United States is that it will supply meat, bread, beans, and other stuff needed to fortify and protect each army's center.

An official statement about a battle is not so dependable as official election returns but about as satisfactory to the fellows who lose.

## THE ROUND-UP

S. B. Crouch, of Roseburg, a hardware dealer, says he did more business in August, 1914, than in the same month of 1913, and adds that the outlook in that part of the state was never better.

The second annual fair of the Children's Industrial league at Ashland closed Thursday night. More than 50 entries were made in the different departments.

The main street improvements in Oregon City have been delayed three months by the city council accepting the remonstrances against it. The petition lacked a fraction of one per cent of having enough names to make it legal.

Preliminary arrangements for a public health exhibit have been made in Portland. It will be held in the Yeon building September 15 to 19 inclusive.

Senator Burton spoke seven hours Thursday against the river and harbor bill. His chief attack was on the items for the improvement of the Columbia.

Miss Myth Hannan, one of the most daring horsewomen in the Northwest, has signed a contract to take part in the relay running races at Walls Walls this fall. She is from Roseburg.

Several colleges have their eyes on Associate Professor V. R. Gardner, of Corvallis, and have made some favorable bids for him, but he has decided to stay with the O. A. C.

Two crates containing 24 Chinese pheasants were received at Echo Thursday from the state game farm, and the birds were liberated near there.

Hayes Perkins, of Bandon, Oregon, writes from some place back in the Belgian Congo, shut off from the world just now, for the baseball scores.

Hermiston Herald: Why not form an organization the members of which will set out from five to 20 acres of

grapes suitable for juice? We have bearing vineyards and better quality of fruit is not to be had. We should have 5000 acres as soon as the land owners could get the vines growing.

The construction of the three and a half mile logging railroad for the Big Creek company, of Astoria, it is expected will be completed in ten days.

An attempt to organize and place all the Portland civil service employees in affiliation with the American Federation of Labor is being made.

The mileage of paved streets in Portland this year will not exceed 24, the smallest for some years.

Two men were fined \$25 each and costs at Albany last Monday for using profane language on a public highway. A Macomb citizen was the complainant.

Kansans, Oklahomans and Missourians of La Grande and vicinity have united in an organization for social purposes, with 200 charter members. A reunion will be held each year.

An eight-room school house has just been completed at Imbler. It has been built for future growth, as only four rooms are needed now. The others will be finished and fitted as needed.

## BUTTE IS QUIET SALOONS CLOSED

Butte, Mont., Sept. 5.—A letter was received here today from "Maciek" McDonald, president of the new miners' union. It said that he and Vice-President Bradley were safe, but would not return to Butte until the militia leave.

"The boys know," the letter said, "that I am not yellow, but I don't intend to stand for false imprisonment. I shall return when I know I can get a fair trial."

A warrant was issued here recently for McDonald's arrest on charges of inciting to riot. Butte was quiet today, but all saloon keepers were ordered to close their places indefinitely.

## The Better Day

When the world is sick of killing and the nations tired of gore, man will draw his daily shilling, as a butcher, never more. He'll get down to useful labor, softly saying, "Why the deuce should I shoot my next door neighbor, with no reason or excuse?"



When this graft of wholesome murder, relic of dark days, shall cease, man will use his strength to further all the gentle arts of peace. Then disarmed will be the legions and the sun will smile at morn on the quiet, fertile regions where we'll raise our kaffir corn. Then the gun, which like a crater, belches fire and fury now, will become a cultivator, or, perhaps, a three-horse plow. Captains then, who "give no quarter," kings with terror in their looks, shall convert the gun and mortar into scythes and pruning hooks. Then no more shall foolish trifles call the nations into fray, and we'll turn our quick-firing rifles into tools for pitching hay. So this present cataclysm, shocking though it be, and vast, we may view with optimism, since it's apt to be the last. When the soldiers have dismounted from their chargers, secured and slain, when the corpses have been counted, and the blood has measured been, drums of war will throbb no longer, flags of battle will be furled, and the weaker and the stronger hand in hand will walk the world.

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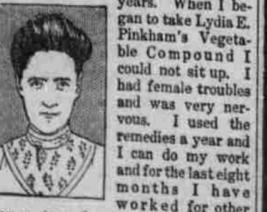
(From the New York Evening Post.) From a number of German sympathizers among our readers have come criticisms or appeals. Cannot the Evening Post, which has invariably urged fair play for Germany as against the attempts, for instance, to stir up strife between her and England, come to her defense without reservation now? The Evening Post of Carl Schurz and Henry Villard, it is asserted, is in duty bound to stand by the Germans. One of our German contemporaries even goes so far as to call upon its readers to burn every copy of this newspaper they happen to run across. We are assured that this is a holy war into which Germany has been forced against her will; that she is the only bulwark between the rising tide of Slavism and the endangered civilization of western Europe, and, therefore, enlightened sentiment the world over should side with her as against the aggressions of the powers, like England and France, whose real motives are jealousy and envy of the wonderful commercial growth of the kaiser's empire.

To this we reply that the Evening Post's loyalty to the Germany of which it has so often expressed admiration has never for a moment wavered, but that this has not been the Germany of the kaiser. We have never believed, and cannot now, that in this day and generation a noble people should be in the hand of a king or emperor, enlightened though he may be, or however ardent a guardian of peace during a long period of years. Never have we upheld the Germany of the mailed fist, of the autocracy of militarism; against its claims, its excesses, its encroachment upon civil rights, its assertion that it constitutes a sacrosanct caste superior to any other, we have protested in season and out of season. We have long seen in this swashbuckling, overbearing attitude of the militarists, and particularly in the activities of such a

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body as the German Navy league—we are cursed with one of our own—a grave menace to the peace of Europe; and it has now brought the very worst to pass that the human imagination can conceive. We have never taken the slightest stock in a kaiser who vows that he rules by divine right, and not by popular consent; and we cannot now uphold a form of government which denies to masses of its population the right to one vote to every man.

It is another Germany which we have been proud to recognize and acclaim—the Germany of high aspirations and noble ideals, the Germany of intellectual freedom, the Germany to whose spiritual leadership every nation the world over is deeply in debt. Its flag has meant to us the flag of scientific knowledge planted farthest north in more fields of mental and governmental activity than is perhaps any other. It is the country of Fichte, Kant and Hegel, of Schiller and Goethe, of Korner and his fellow champions of German liberty in the wars for freedom just a century ago; of Carl Schurz and Siegel and Kinkel and their revolutionary comrades of 1848; of Schubert, Schumann and Wagner; of Lessing, of Mommsen, of Helmholtz and Siemens and all the rest of the intellectual heroes who have been and are the real glories of the Germany for which we have entertained such profound respect. We have realized, too, the splendid qualities which have made of Germany a foremost trading nation, and have watched with amusement, like all the world, her rapid commercial conquest of the seas and the four quarters of the globe. Yet, after all, it is to the Germany that has done more for our own university life and our intellectual and artistic development than any other nation that hosts of Americans have been so profoundly attached.

Against this Germany the war into which it has been so recklessly plunged is nothing short of a crime. Whether victory or national disaster come out of it all, the intellectual and spiritual growth of the nation is checked for no one knows how long. The fine flower of its youth is to be immolated by a ruler whose signature to a single order signed their death warrant—without even asking the consent of the people's parliament or taking time for angry passions to cool. In war, every evil passion is let loose, as every pain and torture known to man is inflicted on

man and women and children—out of this war can come only sorrow and suffering. The commercial edifices erected by the enterprise and toil is already tens of thousands. Rain already on the sea is being swept off the land. Her internal development is of the whole nation is being halted, and, through the hot haste of the war, Russia and France and Italy as well. From now on the thought must be to shoot and kill people with whom a few weeks ago to be for years to come the hated nation in Europe.

Is it any wonder that true the of Germany cry out against all from the depths of their affliction? That they protest against sophisms of a Munsterberg, and those who would suddenly see in horrible slaughtering of the many a new crusade against the en? For ourselves we are sure that to us the one consolation is that, if humanity is not to grade unacceptably, absolute pay for this denial of Christianity place of the kingdoms there are the republics of Europe; out of ashes must come a new Germany which no one man and no group professional man's shall have power to plunge the whole world mourning. If this be treason to many, our readers must make of it. To our minds, it is of profound significance that so many Americans are saying today: "We wish the kaiser might be beaten and the man people win!"

## CHINA TO STAY OUT

Shanghai, Sept. 5.—Chinese military commanders in the vicinity of Chan have received orders, it was learned here on official authority, not to interfere between Japan and Germany. It was considered that this was the danger that China was most involved in the Kiao Choo affair. The Marshfield Record in its Saturday issue excels itself with a page special edition that includes four-page section, profusely illustrated devoted to the recent exercises of the chess men of Portland.

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