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GREAT BRITAIN SHOULD BE CAREFUL.

Queen Wilhelmina and Holland generally is in sympathy with England in the present war, but this sympathy is rapidly being killed by the British actions in interfering with her shipping. One case is especially galling, that of the ship Noordam, which was stopped by a British cruiser and taken to Queenstown for investigation, and the Dutch captain was ordered from the bridge of his ship by the hull-headed English captain. The British admiralty admits this was in violation of ethics as well as right, and woeful lack of tact. It is also claimed by Holland that officers of British ships stopping neutral vessels do not hesitate to interfere with international mails. At Rotterdam the Hollanders were asking themselves the question as to what would happen if the British treated an American officer on his ship as they have treated the Holland officers. The intimation is that the British simply impose on Holland because they think she cannot resent it, and they are probably right in their conclusions.

The United States will do everything possible to maintain strict neutrality, but will not stand for England or any other nation rifling her mails on neutral ships and helping herself to what she likes best.

England has made several breaks apparently to feel the American pulse and see how far she can go. It is an experiment that had better be left untried unless she feels that Germany is not making it lively enough for her. The first American ship searched as the Holland ships have been, she will get in trouble sure. She should remember a little event of this kind happening some 102 years ago, and profit by it. It is proverbial that it takes an Englishman a long while to get a joke through his hair, and he should commence trying to decipher this one at once.

THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

Leading New York business concerns report a marked improvement in general business conditions, which have been more or less disarranged since the opening of the European war. All agree that commercial disturbances following the war scare are gradually being adjusted to meet the unusual conditions. The National City Bank has already established three branch banks in South American countries, through which American exchange will be handled as a substitute for Bank of England exchange heretofore used exclusively in the South American trade. Large American importing concerns in New York report that they are beginning to receive shipments of coffee, hides and other South American products and that they believe that within a short time this trade will be almost normal, as previous to the war. New York financial men say that the action of the National City Bank providing exchange facilities through their new branches in South America is very likely to make New York exchange as acceptable to South American men by the time the war is ended, and they predict that this will mean that New York is very likely to be a financial center of equal importance with London, through which for many years the commerce of the western hemisphere has passed.

Wheat exportation last week was three and one-quarter million bushels in excess of that of the same week last year. Price continues steady. Foreign exchange declined last week and general foreign export trade shows a betterment. Bank clearings contracted somewhat, but the weekly movement of cash was more liberal and pronounced. Dun's Review for last week shows that while business generally is abnormal, due to the war conditions, yet there is a significant growth of confidence.

Considering that the retort courteous came from a German and was directed at an Englishman, the statement that "Militarism is no worse than Navalism" is entirely too delicate. The war will be over before the Englishman discovers what was meant.

In the river and harbor bill congressmen have reached that stage of astonishment that unnerved the colored gentleman when he found the pork had all leaked out of the barrel left with him by a confiding friend, and had left the brine intact.

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Senator William Alden Smith, or words to that effect, of Michigan, got on his hind feet in the senate Saturday and roasted the administration because it was proposed to place a war tax on automobile horsepower. He claimed it would rob one Michigan town of \$14,000,000 a year. Smith is so hard a standpatter that he has never learned that the consumer, not the manufacturer or importer, pays the tax. He does not know that the Michigan manufacturer would simply add the tax to the cost of the machine and pass it along. Anyway, from the showing made by Ford and the immense fortunes made by auto makers generally, they are in better shape to bear a little of the war tax than any other class or industry. They have made money so fast they hate to quit piling it up, even a few dollars' worth.

It has been known for years that the troubles in Mexico were caused and financed by mining men. Of late years the oil interests have fomented the trouble and put up the coin for revolutions and counter revolutions. Among these, in fact the leader in the fight against Standard Oil to secure Mexican oil lands, was Lord Cowdry, family name under which he did business, Pearson. It is according to the ethical fitness of things that he who set the Mexicans at each others throats and made many a Mexican widow, should be one of the first to feel the effects of war. His son, Lieutenant Harold Pearson, who had been captured by the Germans, undertook to escape and was shot and instantly killed. He knows how it is himself now.

Several wise ones have broken loose in the magazines and elsewhere and have shed considerable ink and spoiled much white paper in demonstrating that the recent high prices of foodstuffs are artificial. Wonder if they ever had the groceryman present the month's bill to them? They will have a hard time convincing the thrifty little housewife that the prices were not real and that real money was not required to pay them. The really queer part of this is that the wise guys who draw big salaries as managing editors of magazines allow themselves to be buffeted by these scribblers, and at the same time the intelligence of their readers be insulted.

With fifty-eight generals scheduled to take part in the Mexican peace convention, how can there be any battle on Mexican soil? The scattering privates and camp tenders would get drunk together on anything there was to drink if left alone. The only Mexican interested in fighting wears epaulettes and bears a title nothing short of general.

All plans for the peace convention at The Hague have been called off for the year 1915. This seems quite a sensible move, for the discussing of peace in the abstract just now is like shearing a pig for wool, sheer nonsense.

The British censors would be doing good work if they used their blue pencils on the remarks of some of their diplomats and put a few clothes pins on the lips of some of their statesmen.

* THE ROUND-UP *

Bad weather is predicted for the north Pacific states during the week as the effects of the storm now raging over Alaska are expected to sweep down this far south.

The Clackamas County grand jury will investigate the Hotel Belle, the Friar's club and other nice resorts in that neighborhood.

The Willamette Valley Southern had its first accident Saturday night when a car broke loose and ran away crashing into an engine and wrecking it. The damage is about \$2,000.

Henry Martindale, for fifty years a resident of Canas Valley, died suddenly of heart disease at his mines on Cow Creek, Sunday.

A move is on in Ashland to merge the Presbyterian and Congregational churches of that city.

An eastern syndicate represented by Judge Burney, of Kansas City, is negotiating a \$60,000 land deal at Grants Pass.

Detective Kirkwood was taken custody at Grants Pass Friday on the charge of tampering with the mails. He was placed under \$2,000 bonds which were furnished.

A CONVICT'S EXHIBIT.

(Roseburg Review.)

According to people who returned from the state fair this morning, Ray Diamond, committed to the penitentiary for burglarizing the Glendale State bank, at Glendale, about a year ago, had one of the best exhibits on display there. The exhibit included a number of drawings and attracted wide attention. He was awarded several prizes by the judges of the exhibition in the drawing department. Ray Diamond, it will be remembered, held up Cashier Smith, of the Glendale State bank, and appropriated about \$2500 from the vault of the depository. He later surrendered to the Gold Beach authorities, and most of the money stolen from the bank was recovered. He was sentenced to an indeterminate term in the penitentiary.

JUDGE IS CRIMINAL.

San Francisco, Oct. 5.—Two years in San Quentin for stealing a pair of trousers was the sentence imposed today by Judge Dunge upon Harry Lewis, George Barrett was the victim of the theft.

Fall Rain

The torrent pours down from the sky, and moistens the earth level and dry; and the farmer cavorts in his barnyard and snorts, "Why didn't it come in July? Ah, then we were praying for rain, for baked was the meadow and plain; and the corn and the oats lost their several goats, the husbandman suffered a pain. Then Pluvius sent not a drop, to rescue the perishing crop; but now when too late, it comes by the crate, and falls on the cornfield kerflop." And that is the species of thanks that Pluvius gets from the cranks, when the faucet he wields and refreshes the fields with the moisture he keeps in his tanks. The pastures are glowing and fresh the cattle are putting on flesh; but the farmer is sore and he raises his roar, and sorrow his spirit enmesh. The soil is in shape for the wheat; the outlook is cheerful and sweet; but the husbandman weeps as he stables his sheep, and kicks up a fuss and repeat. Oh, why should we grumble and whine, and shed sundry firkins of brine, over things that are dead? Let us all look ahead, for the weather is sure to be fine!



Senator Chamberlain has been a consistent supporter of the best policies of the administration and has also been a factor in the popular government measures in the state. He has been in public life for many years and knows the ins and outs of affairs in Washington as no other man who aspires to the position of Chamberlain is going to have. His support of not only members of his party in this territory but also those who believe in the Wilson policies and wish them carried out. During the incumbency of the governor's office in this state, Senator Chamberlain showed his sincerity of purpose in serving the people to his utmost and they feel he has followed the same course since he has become U. S. senator, therefore will show their appreciation by voting to return him to the place.

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How To Increase Taxation

(Medford Mail-Tribune.)
Taxes are high in Oregon primarily because of the extravagance of the legislature. This year four mills of the ten-mill levy fixed by the county court was paid to the state. It had to be made up the six millions of taxpayers' money spent by the legislature. Many of these appropriations were vetoed by Governor West and as promptly passed over his veto. The legislative machine never missed an opportunity to take a slap at the governor, regardless of the merits of the issue involved.

In the previous legislative session, that of 1911, the governor vetoed some seventy odd items, saving several millions of taxpayers' money. The vetoes were returned after the legislature had adjourned, hence were effective. Last year, in order to prevent similar economy, the legislature recessed until all vetoes had been returned.

This legislative machine was championed by the Portland Oregonian, Captained by Maloney in the senate and McArthur in the house, and directed by standpatters, the public service corporations had easy sailing and land and appropriation grabbers secured what ever they wanted. The opposition of the governor alone prevented a still greater raid on the public treasury.

In the effort to injure and discredit Governor West, nothing has been overlooked. His reform prison policy has been constantly assailed, his law-enforcement efforts derided, his road-building plans and his program of economy belittled. He has been the victim of unrelenting and unscrupulous newspaper hostility and mendacity. His sincere and honest efforts have been distorted. Abuse without stint has been heaped upon him. All this because he did what he conceived to be his duty to the people.

The state institutions are managed by the board of control, consisting of the governor, state treasurer and secretary of state. Since the present board took hold, there has been an increase in work of 20 per cent. For the first time, all state institutions are being conducted on business lines and with in the appropriations provided. There are no deficiencies to be met. The administration is excellent, but it is in spite of and not because of the legislature.

The political machine that is responsible for the legislature and high taxes is the same machine that is seeking the election of James Withycombe as governor. The Portland Oregonian and all the standpat, corporation-controlled forces back of legislative extravagance are doing their utmost to elect Mr. Withycombe so that there will be "harmony" between the legislature and the executive—so that there will be no vetoes to curb extravagance and head off graft—no business man to expose crookedness—only a smiling, affable old gentleman to nod approval to his political sponsors.

The governor of Oregon should not belong to the same political party as the legislative majority when the majority is dominated by the sinister motives that it has been ruled by in Oregon. The governor of Oregon should be a man of nerve and backbone, a good fighter as well as a good business man, to stand between the people and the predatory interests. Dr. Withycombe is none of these things.

God help the taxpayers of Oregon when they turn the state completely over to the Portland Oregonian and its corrupt committee members, for there can be no surer way to increase taxation than to vote for Withycombe!

SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN.

(Burns Times-Herald.)

The many friends and admirers of Senator Chamberlain and the Wilson administration feel that it would be a mistake on the part of the voters of Oregon to make any change at this time and for that reason are going to support him at re-election. His important committee assignments, the strongest ever held by a senator from Oregon, gives Mr. Chamberlain a prestige that could not be gained by a new man for some time. His faithfulness to duty at present at a time when it would be the natural thing for him to return home and look after his political campaign has gained him admirers.

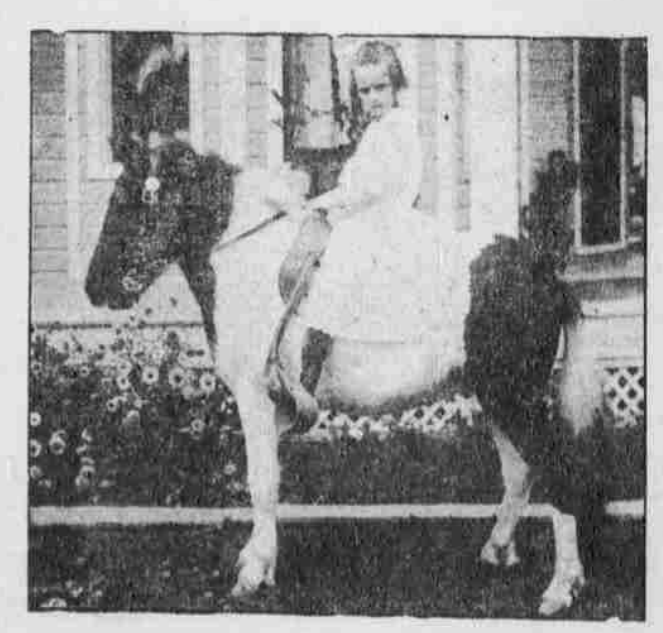
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