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OUR OPPORTUNITY

After the treacherous murder of our soldiers at Carrizal, the government, expecting war with Mexico, called for the mobilization of the National Guard. Oregon responded nobly and hundreds of her sons are now at the Mexican border. These men were members of the National Guard, and when duty called they answered. Many of them left families behind who were not well provided for, and who must suffer if aid is not forthcoming. Remember, a private soldier's pay is \$15 per month, barely enough to buy him a few luxuries of life, to say nothing of the necessities for those he left behind. The men at the front have answered their country's call and are there to guard and protect us. Certainly we do not wish to see their dependent families suffer because of their patriotism. The Daughters of the American Revolution have opened patriotic headquarters at room 616 in the Journal Building, Portland, where all contributions for the needy families of the enlisted men are received and disbursed. Those of us who are following our usual vocations in the business life of our community should remember this and forward to this organization just as much as we can possibly spare for the relief of the families of the enlisted men. We should not allow them to be more patriotic than we, and even if we are not at the front, we can aid the loved ones of those at the front by contributing to their support. Do not forget your patriotism. For a starter, the Mist will contribute \$2 towards this cause, and invites its many readers to either send to the Mist their contributions, which will be duly acknowledged and published, or else send it direct to the D. A. R. headquarters, 616 Journal Building, Portland, Oregon. Some of the men at the front might be your boy, or the wife he left in need might be your daughter, if not, they are someone's sons and daughters and they need help. And, when you read this, sit right down and make out your check or postoffice order to either the Mist or the D. A. R. Now is the time for we who have remained at home to show that we are patriotic.

PATRIOTISM AT HOME

Sometimes it takes a crisis to find out "who is who," and in these days when the professional trouble maker and the paid walking delegate is always inveighing against the corporation greed, it is most refreshing to note that the so-called "heartless corporations" are directed by men who have some heart and their hearts are fired with patriotism. Just one example: The president of the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Company has issued an official bulletin to all employes stating that if they will enlist to protect the flag, the company will pay for three months the same salary as the employe received before enlisting; moreover, for the nine months following the telephone company will pay to the enlisted man the difference in the salary he was receiving at home against what the government pays him. Many concerns throughout the United States are making the same offer, which goes to show that patriotism is in the hearts of all, no matter whether he be common laborer or high official of some large corporation. And, when we come to think of it, a corporation is only a group of people banded together for some definite purpose. Perhaps, and it is more than likely, that many of our boys on the border are stockholders in numerous corporations. These men have answered their country's call and are ready to protect us, while the corporations and individuals left at home are doing their utmost to furnish comforts and necessities to the loved ones at home. And, after all, we are all Americans who will support and protect the flag, and we will do our duty no matter whether it be on the Mexican border or as a member of the home guard.

GERMANY'S GENIUS

We marvel at the latest maritime achievement of Germany. The world wonders. Under extreme exigency the navy department converted a new type of destroyer into a freight carrier, and this craft made the astounding dash from Bremerhaven to Baltimore, a distance of 3000 miles, in 16 days.

It is a triumph for mechanical art, a dazzling victory for navigating skill, a monument to German bravery. The world takes off its hat to the commander and to the nation he serves because the errand of the U-liner Deutschland was an errand of peace.

This submarine voyage transcends the vision of Jules Verne. Its audacious reality is more romantic than the author's unreality. It is eminently the most moving romance in the annals of the sea. It is the marine epic of the twentieth century.

Wherever our sympathies in the present world struggle may lie, we must admire the constructive genius of Germany. The new submarine offers more convincing testimony in that regard. We hope that Germany, after the war is over, will devote her stupendous energies to the conquests of peace.—Evening Telegram.

GUARDSMEN NOW AND THEN

In many respects the soldiers who volunteer for service this year will be better cared for than those who went out in 1898. In the matter of sanitation they will have the benefit of revolutionary discoveries and processes. Since 1898 yellow fever, the scourge of the tropics, has been conquered. Vaccination will render the troops immune to typhoid fever, which took a heavy toll from the volunteers eighteen years ago. The care of camps and of hospitals and the organization of the medical department have made enormous progress in recent years. Along with these changes have come radical shifts of thought concerning the duty of the government to encourage its fighters to live clean lives. It was once thought necessary to put temptation in the way of the men by providing drinking places and other resorts for them. An administration that would now permit the soldiers to be exploited in the interests of commercialized vice would be blown out of Washington by an outraged public sentiment.

When the Nebraska soldiers went to the Philippines they were armed with old Springfield rifles with less power than the Mausers in the hands of the Spaniards and the Filipinos. It was months before the high-powered Krags began to arrive, and then the companies were equipped with the new arm on the installment plan. The army officers received splendid material into the ranks through the national guard in 1898, just as they are receiving splendid material now. The advance in methods and equipment is so great that the present day troops have a much better prospect of doing effective work and getting through with a minimum of loss than those who went out at the earlier call.—Nebraska State Journal.

THE MARRIED MAN

The married man gets a home. And, according to the Toledo Blade, he also gets out of a lot of other things. He gets out of being a filler-in at dinner parties where he's not particularly wanted to be. He gets out of a score of boresome invitations, because he has a wife and is expected to be at home, where he belongs, at least seven nights out of the week. "I have married a wife," explains the bridegroom of the parable, "and therefore I cannot come." Lo, it is excuse enough. It is accepted at face value today as it was nineteen hundred years ago. There are a thousand tiresome things that the world is ever wanting done. There are committees to serve on and Sunday school classes and fraternities and associations for the uplift of something or other. The unmarried man generally does the work. He is the universal ever-ready server. What possible excuse has he for getting out of anything? He has no wife. He can come. So he comes—even to the threshold of the sanitarium.

A PAIR OF FOLKS

Folks do a lot of guessing in their spare time nowadays. Contriving all, both great and small, to think the thought that pays. We figure out in dollars the value of a smile. And by commercial standards we appraise a fellow's style. But there's one think we're forgetting in our chase of modern hoax. The whole world's future rests upon just this: A pair of folks. We play an everlasting game of keeping in the swim. We watch our neighbor's every move and try to be like him. We change our taste in dress each summer, winter, spring and fall. We swim in wake that others make, and never swim at all. And all the while we stake our pile on this sad modern hoax. That tells us we've found something that can beat a pair of folks. There's surely something gone from our philosophy of life. When we think there's aught so great as just an honest man and wife. With hearts aflame with honest love it matters not a bit. E'en though their statures represent the long and short of it; And high or low, or great or small, no matter what their cloaks, You'll find the biggest thing on earth is just a pair of folks.

—Anonymous.

A man has sent a West Virginia farmer \$3 for a melon he stole many years ago. As we were a boy ourself once, we hope such a custom will not become compulsory.

If it requires hundreds of millions of dollars in war stamp taxes to run the free-trade government in time of peace, what will we be forced to hand over to the treasury-depleting politicians now in the saddle, in case of war with Mexico?

The high cost of living is still much with us, and getting more so, notwithstanding the campaign slogan of the free-trade party in the last presidential campaign: "Down with the robber tariff and reduce the cost of living!" The free-traders may have fooled a few into voting their ticket with this slogan four years ago, but they cannot fool them again.

Hughes and Fairbanks enter the campaign as unqualified champions of patriotism, protection and prosperity, and the conservative voters of the country are going to think seriously before voting against them, as it is universally understood, even by the enemies of protection, that the election of the republican ticket in November will assure the American people that the nation will be prosperous under protection rule, as it has always been.

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COMMISSIONERS OF WATER MEETING

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the St. Helens board of water commissioners was held on Thursday evening, July 6. All commissioners were present except Van Orshoven.

Superintendent Lope made his final report on the construction of the 4-inch main from Winter street to Columbia Park addition. The main is completed and was built at a cost of about \$530. It is about 800 feet long, and in addition to furnishing adequate water supply to the many residents in that section, also gives fire protection.

As to the establishment of a main to run from the present main line to the Crouse addition, the commissioners decided to lay this on the table pending an investigation as to the necessity of its establishment.

Bills in the amount of 182.07 were ordered paid.

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