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DISCUSSIONS OF PEACE IDEALISTS.

Were not the events transpiring in Europe so appallingly tragic some of the discussions of them would produce laughter enough to last the world for a generation. For instance, gentlemen without a shred of power or an atom of influence sit calmly down at their desks thousands of miles from the scenes of conflict and propose terms of peace of which the fighting nations will never catch the faintest whisper. They parcel out with owlish assumption of wisdom the territories over which the smoke of battle rolls in ways which were they seriously attempted, would produce a war before which the present conflict would look like a convention dispute. They propose the revivification of long dead nations, the alignment of races which exist only as names, the alliance of foes and the separation of friends with a calmness which is amazing. And the listeners and readers discuss these impossibilities or certainties established on the word of somebody who may be unable to manage a private business successfully.

When peace comes its problems will come with it and they will be solved by compromises as such problems always are put to sleep. The idealists and their ideals will not be heard of in the conferences of the real peace-makers.

New City Recorder Named. Lebanon, Or., June 14.—At a recent meeting of the city council O. B. Wallace, councilman of the Third ward, was elected city recorder to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. W. A. Elkins. Mr. Elkins has accepted the pastorate of the First Christian church of Monmouth, Or., and has moved his family to that city.

Halsey District to Vote Tax. Halsey, Or., June 14.—Notices of a taxpayers' meeting for the purpose of voting a tax for school purposes have been posted here. The amount of money needed is estimated at \$8517, of which \$5730 will have to be raised by taxes. It is thought that a levy of 15 mills will be necessary. The meeting is to be held at the school house next Monday.

Aged Bohemian Hangs Himself. Spokane, Wash., June 14.—The body of Joseph Topinka, a Bohemian, 80 years old, was found hanging in his barn here tonight. According to his daughter, Topinka had been brooding over the European war, fearing that the struggle would not end in his life time and that his native land would be oppressed by foreigners.

Masque Ball at Yale Commencement.

New Haven, Conn., June 16.—A masque and costume ball will be a feature of the Yale commencement this year. The masque will be given as part of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the school of fine arts on Monday night, June 19. A preliminary performance, followed by the ball, in which costumes of the fifteenth century will be worn, will be given in the art school tonight. It is expected that guests who come here for commencement week will arrive in time for the opening ball and for the Yale Dramatic association's outdoor performance of "Troilus and Cressida" on the campus tomorrow night.

Women Conductors Not All Poor.

London, June 16.—Although the majority of London's female tram and bus conductors are drawn from the working girl classes, several are the wives of British officers and some are school teachers. The "conductress" has proved a decided success and promises to become a permanent institution after the war.

Will Not Try to Elect National Ticket.

St. Paul, Minn., June 16.—Pledges of Prohibitionists to vote against any presidential candidate or party not pledged to the abolition of the liquor traffic, rather than an actual serious attempt to elect a national ticket, seemed the possible keynote today of the national convention to be held here July 19. On July 18, a preliminary meeting will be held of the 5,000,000 voters league, which seeks to align 5,000,000 voters on the platform of a prohibition pledge, rather than for the prohibition ticket. It is claimed that 150,000 voters in Minnesota alone, will be secured. Eugene N. Foss, former governor of Massachusetts, and William Sulzer, former governor of New York, will be here during the convention, opening July 19. College men from the entire nation will hold an oratorical contest as a preliminary to the convention.

Insured Bread Supply by Novel Means.

Athens, June 16.—"This is the chief of police at d'Arta," explained a man at the other end of the wire when the telephone rang in the department of the interior offices today. d'Arta is a village of 500 not far from Athens. "We've held a mass meeting in our town this afternoon and decided that we will not allow the exportation of grain from our village. Five hundred of us voted to that effect." Inquiry developed that, when the British grain blockade began against Greece, the village banker in d'Arta laid in a large supply of grain and flour and today d'Arta is one of the very few villages in Greece that has all the flour it wants. The village folks determined to follow the plan of the great nations in similar situations but the small grain supply of Greece is so unevenly distributed that the chances are that d'Arta may be forced by the department of the interior to part with some of its hoard, in spite of the village resolution.

Bend Will Again Vote on Bonds.

Bend, Or., June 15.—The Bend city council has set August 3 as the date upon which the city will again vote upon the bond issue and city charter amendment to enable the city to purchase terminal sites for the Oregon, California & Eastern railroad. The proposed bond issue will be fixed at \$35,000. At a recent election a similar issue was passed by an overwhelming majority, but due to irregularities in procedure, it has been necessary to take a second vote on the question.

Caution

"Doctor, how's de way t' treat a mule dat's got distempah?" "You bettah treat him wif respect." —Puck.

BAKER GIRL ON BEAR.

Portland, June 16.—The fifth victim of the Bear wreck is believed to be Miss Helen Fish, of Baker, a school teacher. Her parents reside in Pennsylvania. Miss Fish came to Portland two weeks ago and visited Mrs. Frances Osborne. A description of the fifth body was wired to Mrs. Osborne today. She is certain it is Miss Fish.

Aztecnalities

We trust the pursuit of Villa will not extend as far south as Mexico's two mountains, Popocatepetl and Ixtaccihual. Typesetters of war-news have enough to contend with in Asiatic dispatches without an added burden of Central-American consonants. —Puck.

Will Protect Huckleberry Patches.

White Salmon, Wash., June 15.—Supervisor Brundage, of the Columbia National Forest, has returned from an inspection trip and says that he has taken up with his rangers the question of posting suitable patches of huckleberries against grazing by sheep, so that they will be protected this season.

Guests at Sommer Hotel.

John W. Wells, Mary Wells Alicel; C. W. Lubrick, Los Angeles; E. R. Balsinger, H. R. Marris, Seattle; R. F. Hill, D. Webster, W. Richardson, J. A. Wilson, S. H. Silkworth, Mrs. F. A. Moody, Portland; F. D. McCully, Joseph; Jay Lewis and wife, John Lewis and wife, Lorraine; W. S. Robertson, Seattle; A. W. Hallkell, Enterprise; W. L. Pollock, Spokane; A. C. Dawson, Zion; Mill W. Unger, A. P. Cady, Portland; Sam E. Van Victor, Heppner, H. A. McKeen, Hermiston; E. T. Bell, Los Angeles; J. D. Springston, Portland; C. W. Decan, Salt Lake; J. C. Evans, Union; C. Richardson, A. O. Gorman, Baker; H. H. McCurdy, Portland; Henry Jensen, Baker; Mrs. C. C. Keith, Kamela.

Foley Hotel Arrivals.

W. C. Taylor, Arlington; A. J. Grant, Harry Neer, M. T. Emmett, F. L. March, Dell Scully, C. A. Dawson, A. L. George, L. J. Thompson and wife, O. F. Jordan, W. K. Hall, Portland; Edna Smith, Spokane; N. E. Bandon, Joseph; C. A. Barrett, Athena; W. A. Rockefeller, Seattle; B. McGranahan, St. Louis; J. L. Russell, C. B. Larson, Boise; W. C. Vogt, Pendleton; N. R. Moore, Corvallis; C. A. Robinson, Seattle; A. Sellingham, J. Ferguson, Baker; D. McDonald, La Grande; John McLain and wife, Joseph; H. S. Sommer, Elgin; G. Weaver Enterprise.

ARCADE

The Heart of Paula.

An American is about to die. Marching with firm step, shoulders squared and eyes unflinching Bruce McLean an innocent man is to be shot because he had won the hatred of an insurrection leader.

The American consul was powerless. His lack of prestige bound him hand and foot. The Mexican always returned evasive answers to his repeated protests.

The firing squad lined the far side of the newly dug grave and scolding the eye-bandage the American faced his death.

Thus he would have died but for the great love that he had awakened in "The Heart of Paula." Paula weak with the fatigue of her desperate striving, sprang to Bruce and shielded him from the leveled rifles.

The price that she paid for his life if the strong theme of this dramatic and strangely told screen romance that is now showing at the Arcade.

SUFFRAGE STARTS ROW

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ties of civilization. In her wealth, her history, her schools, her religion, her needs, her very suffering and patriotism lie the indestructible seeds of progress. To have conquered Mexico would have seated death at the American fireside. It would have destroyed our property and added hundreds of millions of taxation to the burdens of the nation. It would have prostituted the bravery and patriotism of American arms to the greed and avarice of concessionaires. The diplomacy of 'watchful waiting' averted these calamities.

"War with any European nation would have set the world aflame and stopped the march of progress for a century. War with Europe would have cut asunder the moral forces that bind the nations and left an age of darkness, anarchy and despair. With preternatural poise and clearness of vision, the schoolmaster and statesman, with consummate skill, is piloting America through the rushing storm.

"Therefore, my fellow countrymen, not I, but his deeds and achievements, not I, but the spirit and purposes of America, not I, but the prayers of just men, not I, but civilization itself, nominated to succeed himself to the presidency of the United States, to the presidency of a hundred million free people, bound in impregnable union, the scholar, the statesman, the financier, the emancipator, the pacificator, the moral leader of democracy —Woodrow Wilson."

The Democratic convention renominated Wilson and Marshall a few minutes before midnight. The convention expected to remain in session until final adjournment but recessed at 12:30 until 11 Friday morning because the platform committee was not ready to report. Senator Stone, chairman of the resolutions committee, announced at 12 o'clock that the committee had approved the planks dealing with foreign questions, the Mexican situation, tariff, Americanism, preparedness. Suffrage and other

New Things for Summer Wear in the Women's Ready-to-Wear Dep't. Pretty New Wash Frocks \$5.00 up to \$17.50. Dainty New Waists, white and colors \$1.25 to \$7.50. Striking New Wash Skirts, plain white \$1.25 up. Becoming New Middy Blouses \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75. Newest Styles in Auto Caps 50c, \$1.00, \$1.25. A New Summer Petticoat, of black and white stripe satin with wide flounce \$1.25. Bathing Suits in knitted materials \$2.25 up. Little Girls' Parasols, good qualities 75c, 85c, \$1.15. Pretty New 1916 Parasols for Women \$1.25 to \$5.50. Stripes \$1.75 up.

Buy Boy's Summer Togs Here. At most stores the Boys' Department is neglected—not so here. This is the best boys' store in town. Every article we carry for boys must give a certain standard of hard wear before it can find room upon our shelves. "Best Ever" Brand Boys' Suits. Every Suit guaranteed all wool—trousers full lined. 16 special features constructed in every suit to insure long wear. See our new "Pinch Back" models. Prices \$5.00 up. Boys' Straw Hats, nifty new shapes for Summer wear 50c up. Boys' New Caps 50c. Boys' New Sport Blouses, very newest patterns, all colors, guaranteed fast color 50c. Boys' Summer Union Suits 50c. Boys' "Black Cat" Hosiery 25c. Boys' Suspenders and Belts 25c. Boys' Sandals—the solid leather kind—in black or tan. Priced according to size 90c, \$1.00, \$1.15, \$1.75.

Mothers! Let us Show You the Latest, Newest, Summer WASH SUITS for Little Boys. Spiek and Span Summer Togs in dozens of colors and combinations. In the newest MASTER NORFOLK, MIDDY and TOMMY TUCKER, styles. The materials are all of recognized quality, such as galateas, kindergarten cloth and repps. Priced \$1.25, \$1.50. N.W. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE.

The Careful Man sees that his son starts a Bank Account. "AS THE TWIG IS BENT SO THE BOUGH IS INCLINED." WHEN YOUR BOY IS YOUNG IS THE BEST TIME TO IMPRESS UPON HIM THAT HIS MONEY IS HIS BEST FRIEND. IF HE PUTS IT IN THE BANK, HIS PRIDE IN THE BANK ACCOUNT WILL HELP HIM INCREASE IT. TIME QUICKLY STEALS AWAY; MONEY QUICKLY PILES UP. HE WILL BE INDEPENDENT SOME DAY SO ON, IF HE BANKS HIS MONEY NOW. BANK WITH US WE PAY 4 PER CENT INTEREST 6 1/2 % Money for Improved Farm Loans La Grande National Bank LA GRANDE, OREGON Capital \$200,000.00, Surplus \$50,000.00, Resources \$1,000,000.00. Fred J. Holmes, President; C. C. Penington, Vice President; F. L. Meyers, Cashier; E. Zundel and H. E. Coolidge, Assistant Cashiers. DIRECTORS Fred J. Holmes, J. G. Snodgrass, J. F. Conley, C. C. Penington, H. S. Brownton, F. L. Meyers, A. Hokland, A. T. Hill, H. E. Coolidge.

planks are still under consideration. Both nominations were by acclamation and followed closely the nominating speech by John W. Westcott of New Jersey. The roll call of states was ordered by Chairman Ollie James at the conclusion of the address by Wm. J. Bryan. When the roll call started, Alabama yielded precedence to New Jersey and Judge Westcott delivered his nominating speech, a 45-minute demonstration following his mention of Wilson's name. When the convention convened at 9:15 tonight Senator Thompson of Kansas moved suspension of the rules to permit Bryan to address the convention. The motion carried and Bryan immediately was brought to the platform. Bryan spoke 45 minutes. At 10:14 the nominations for president began. When Senator Thompson's motion suspending the rules so Bryan could speak was put, there were many Noes but the chairman ruled the two-thirds vote favorable. A committee headed by Senator Kern escorted Bryan to the stand, while the floor and gallery roared approval. Senator James introduced Bryan as "one of the leading citizens of the world and America's greatest Democrat." The convention's sudden decision today to finish the convention tonight let down the bars and the Coliseum was packed. Speculators, unprepared for the sudden order to end the convention, believed their losses are heavy. Before the convention was called to order the Coliseum was so full the fire department refused to permit more to enter. The crush outside became so great the police fairly battled with the besieging throngs. Several arrests were made and the speculators quoted a "last chance" rate of a dollar apiece. While Bryan was speaking word came that over 200 delegates outside could not get in. Norman Mack and Charles F. Murphy, Tammany leaders, were among those having difficulty to enter. Bryan eulogized the Democratic party and praised Wilson's administration, reviewing the legislation of the past three years. "While our president and congress worked constructing a splendid pyramid of performance, the war threw upon this administration such burdens as no president has had to bear within the last 50 years. We inherited from the Republican administration a revolution in Mexico. This administration dealt with that situation. The Republican party dare not challenge the

verdict before the country on the Mexican question." When Bryan concluded Chairman James directed the police to admit all delegates alternates and correspondents marooned outside. Then the roll of states was called for nominations. Judge Westcott of New Jersey nominated Wilson. As Westcott closed with the mention of the name Woodrow Wilson, the crowd broke into a demonstration lasting 45 minutes.

CRESCENT COFFEE. Going out by the hundreds from our place of business. Saturday will be Crescent Coffee day at our store. Demonstrations will be given to the public free. Come in and have a sample of Crescent Coffee and cake, baked by Crescent Baking Powder. Ask about the Aluminum Percolators. VEGETABLES AND FRUITS WATERMELONS STRAWBERRIES Oregon Co-Operative Association 1118 1-2 Adams Ave. La Grande, Ore. —Branches at— IMBLER, OR. EVANS, OR.