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WHEN WILL THIS WAR END?

"I'd like to ask you just one question," asked an old friend of the editor of the Observer. "When is the European war going to end?"

"Next Christmas," was the answer he got. And just then the United Press telegraph news came in with the report that the Pope will hold a consistory in November and make an important declaration concerning peace prospects in Europe.

Some man in the world today is planning and scheming for peace. Some busy brain is seething with thoughts of ending the great conflict. Whoever he is will win fame and the gratitude of the world. Just as Theodore Roosevelt won the Nobel prize of \$40,000 for the greatest services in behalf of peace when his scheming brought Japan and Russia together and ended the war which was then considered a sanguinary conflict, but now shrinks into insignificance in comparison with the present conflagration.

But we digress. Who is the man to bring about peace? With England showing a bulldog tenacity and hanging on with the determination of finally eliminating a commercial rival without regard to billions of cost; with Russia spreading its claws over Turkey and dreaming of seizing Constantinople; with France resisting invasion and yearning for Alsace-Lorraine; with Italy smelling the flesh

of Austria's rich domain, will Asquith have the nerve to propose to John Bull to halt while there is a German factory at work or a German ship afloat? Our guess would be that David Lloyd George might dare to face the determined Briton. But Lloyd George's following is also feasting at the flesh pots of ruin and misery—his workmen are growing rich on wages never before paid in England, recognized by the government as never before, and they find in war a friend that has rescued them from poverty and distress. Where in Europe are the friends of peace? Perhaps in the trenches. The rulers on their thrones worry not at the carnage; the leaders in parliaments will make speeches and vote huge sums in worthless, never-to-be-paid debts; the dealers in munitions fatten on huge profits and foment intrigues not to end the war, but prolong it; camp sutlers and camp followers regard the friends of peace as traitors who should be hanged.

Another prediction: The war will end when England wills it. That will be not when Germany is broken and humiliated, but when the fruits of victory are about to be seized by the Russian bear. Great Britain will never consent to Constantinople falling in Russia's hands. John Bull will reap the benefits of victory in this war, as in most of his wars of the past. Russia, France and Italy are fighting for glory.

AN ARTIST AND A SCHOLAR.

We can all agree on one thing: The Oregonian has a good cartoonist in E. S. Reynolds. It is a delight the way he catches the spirit of the news. His conception of the G. O. P. armored car hurdling the trenches is a fine piece of work. Reynolds is a quiet, modest man. There is no better war authority in Portland, nor no one more learned in Indian lore. If Reynolds had time to write as interestingly as he talks, he would be a wonder. He ought to be on the lecture circuit right now with an illustrated cartoon lecture.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS.

Build Highway to Union. (The Oregon Journal.) So far as Multnomah county is concerned, the Columbia River highway is now a finished road. It is paved from the city center to the county boundary, a distance of 45 miles. Between the Sandy river and the Hood River county line there is not a railroad crossing or wooden bridge. It is estimated that the highway has cost the taxpayers of the county approximately one million and a half dollars. This is in the neighborhood of the cost of the Broadway bridge or the county courthouse.

As an asset of the county it will be generally conceded that the highway is worth far more than either the bridge or courthouse. So far as the state is concerned, the highway is far from finished, and in speaking of the highway this fact should always be emphasized. If no distinction is drawn or qualification of statement made the impression will get abroad that there is a good road from the eastern border of the state to the sea. When the traveling public finds out that this is not true, there will be a harmful result. Even

now there is much criticism from tourists who have received the impression that the highway is finished between The Dalles and Astoria.

Before the highway can be truthfully advertised to the world as a great scenic and commercial route there is much to be done. The unfinished road in Clatsop and Columbia counties should be completed. In Hood River county and in Wasco county the grading and surfacing should be systematically carried on. The highway should be extended to the eastern boundary of the state along the river by way of Umatilla, Union and Baker counties, to make connection with the roads of eastern Washington and Idaho.

This is a work that must necessarily be extended over a term of years, but it should be planned now and gradually carried to a conclusion. Paying for Party Government. (Salem Capital Journal.) Judge Hughes criticizes the Wilson administration because in some instances corrupt or incompetent men have been appointed to office as a reward for party services rendered. No doubt this criticism is based on facts—but the question is will Mr. Hughes be able to do any better in this respect when it is considered that he is a partisan candidate; that the workers of the republican party must be rewarded at the expense of the government in case he wins?

On the Prohibition Issue. (Albany Democrat.)

Oregon voters will have a good many things to consider before going to the election booth in November, numerous amendments being up for consideration. Perhaps there is nothing of more importance than those in connection with the prohibition law of the state, now in force since last January. There are two bills. One is for the purpose of making it stronger and more effective, undoubtedly the proper thing, and the other is to tear it to pieces, under what is called the brewers' amendment, one that would in a measure restore the saloon, at least the beer saloon, in Oregon. It ought not to take much investigation for voters to decide what is right in the matter.

Gunning for the Landowner. (Eugene Register)

We presume the governor is prepared to encounter the bitter opposition of all the various individuals in Oregon whose purpose it is to take away the property of those who have and give it to those who have not. Otherwise he would not vigorously condemn, as he does, the so-called "people's land and loan law," for that is precisely the purpose of this precious piece of proposed legislation. To be sure, the nauseous part of the pill is thinly coated with sugar, but it is there, as anyone who takes the trouble to investigate will find.

Good Roads in Wasco. (The Dalles Chronicle)

Skamania county, Wash., has 3000 inhabitants. Two years ago they voted bonds for \$210,000 to build a permanent road across the county along the Columbia. That is \$70 for each man, woman and child in the county, and now that the road is nearing completion they say it pays. Wasco county has 17,000 population, more wealth per capita than Skamania county and yet there is a large body of property owners, both to make up their minds to vote \$200,000 bonds for permanent roads. It is about \$15 per capita. If a big majority of the Skamania taxpayers, believe their good roads are a profitable investment, considering their outlay from a per capita basis, Wasco county should not take much time in deciding it will pay here.

Skamania Is Satisfied. (The Dalles Chronicle.)

Down the river, in the heart of the mountains, is Skamania county, Washington. Two years ago it bonded for \$210,000 to build permanent roads. There was strong opposition to bonding when the vote was taken and while the opposition has mostly been converted, a few of the hopelessly chronic are still crooning dolefully. The Skamania county Pioneer says:

"If some of the knockers of our good roads policy would take a trip over the road from Stevenson to Skamania or Prindle they would get their eyes open to such an extent that we do not believe they would ever kick against good roads again. Down there is a practical illustration of the difference between modern roads and ancient roads. The new road is finished part of the way, but work is still proceeding and the finished parts are in sections.

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STATE NEWS

Date For Sympathetic Strike. New York, Sept. 20.—Tuesday, September 26, is the time set for the general walk-out in support of the street railway employes through a sympathetic strike.

Labor Vote Asked for Wilson. Cleveland, Sept. 20.—The four railroad brotherhoods have issued a bulletin asking the support of laboring men for Wilson in recognition of the

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passage of the Adamson eight-hour law.

New York Progressive Vote.

New York, Sept. 20.—Additional returns from the state-wide primaries show that Governor Whitman has decisively defeated William M. Bennett for the Republican nomination. Whitman said: "The vote shows Progressives are returning to the Republican fold about as they did in Maine."

Round-Up Opened Today.

Pendleton, Sept. 21.—The seventh annual round-up opened today with ideal weather conditions and an immense crowd in attendance. The streets are in gay attire and the Round-Up spirit is everywhere prevalent.

Found a \$25,000 Check.

Portland, Sept. 20.—A check for \$25,000 was picked up on the street this morning. It was a perfectly good check signed by Sheriff Hurlburt and made out to County Treasurer Lewis. The finder took the check to the First National bank.

Carried Heavy Life Insurance.

Roseburg, Or., Sept. 21.—J. F. Luse of Sutherlin, who died this week, carried insurance policies amounting to \$140,000. Of this amount \$40,000 was secured about one year ago.

Cunning Funeral Held.

Baker, Sept. 20.—Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon from the family residence on First street for Chauncey Cunningham, who died Monday night in Cove. The services

were under the auspices of the Masonic order, of which Mr. Cunningham was a member. Rev. Ward MacHenry officiated and interment was made in Mt. Hope cemetery.

Sugar Company Asks Lower Rates.

Roseburg, Or., Sept. 21.—The Oregon-Utah Sugar company has asked the public service commission for a 15-cent rate between Grants Pass and Portland, in order to be able to market its product. The Commercial club here has been requested to endorse the plan.

Mrs. Grady, wife of Conductor Henry Grady, arrived from Portland today and will remain on a visit of a few days with the Bohnenkamp family.