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No one need feel any alarm over the financial situation in this country by reason of the strife going on in Europe. This country is amply protected from financial disaster, and there are now lying in the banks over a billion and one-half in gold alone, to say nothing of silver and paper currency. Financially the banks are solid, and intend to remain so.

The war god is running amuck in Europe, and what the end will be no man can foresee. And it is a war that is entirely uncalculated for. Without adequate cause a war that threatens to overshadow any other conflict that the world has known has begun. No country is benefited, and the winner will at the same time be the loser. The loss in life and property will be appalling. It is something that could have been averted with a little diplomacy. As a matter of fact no war is necessary in these enlightened times. The Civil War in this country, we believe, could have been averted, and the same end attained in another way. The United States can congratulate itself that it has at its head men of cool judgment, reliant, calm and careful, and this country can only be drawn into the gigantic conflict through base injustice or indignity perpetrated by some other nation. And it is to be sincerely hoped that such a provocation will not arise.

The matter of a roadway to the proposed new plant of the Western Cooperaage plant has culminated. Mr. A. M. Stearns has generously given more land than he is getting from the city for right of way for the road, the route has been definitely settled upon, which allows for a ten per cent grade, and bids for construction of the roadway are being advertised for. The Port of Portland Commission has given assurance that it will donate a generous sum toward the work, and the balance will be appropriated from the general fund of the city. It required more diplomacy and ingenuity than most people are aware of to finally get things in the shape they are now in, but "all is well that ends well," and the city fathers are to be congratulated upon the happy termination of their labors in this matter. Assurance is given that work will be rushed with all possible speed on the construction of the new plant, and there is a strong probability of it being in operation by the first of next year.

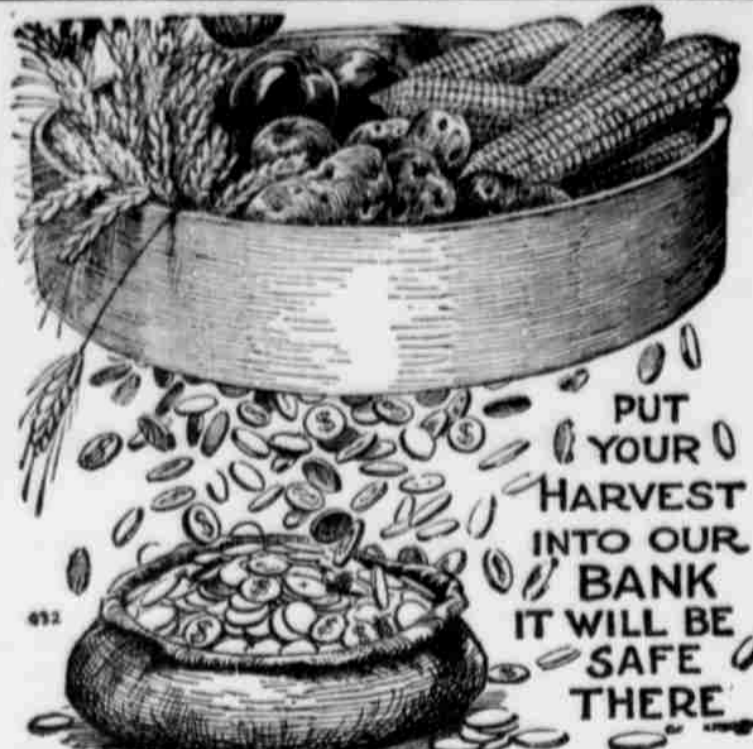
Big Pontoon Sinks

One of the big pontoons of the Port of Portland drydock at St. Johns sank yesterday afternoon, putting the drydock temporarily out of commission and delaying the work on the American steamer, Wasp, at the dock to have her tail shaft replaced. The pontoons, owing to the continued dry weather, have opened at the seams in a number of places. Close watch has been kept to close up these openings as fast as they occur, and until yesterday no damage had resulted. As the pontoon was filled with water yesterday to lift the Wasp into the dock it appeared to be working perfectly. However, when the valves were shut off when a sufficient depth was reached the big pontoon failed to stop. It now lies on one side on the bottom of the river. As the pontoon settled onto the bottom of the river a number of piling and timbers used to hold the dry dock in place gave way, allowing it to keel over.

Under the direction of Captain H. T. Groves, superintendent of the Port of Portland fleet of dredgers and the dry dock, a force of men were placed at work this morning. The O. W. R. and N. pumping sew and wrecking outfit was secured this morning and taken to the drydock by the steamer Ocklahoma. It is expected to have the big pontoon afloat again by Thursday and the Wasp will be placed in the dry docks at once.

The Port of Portland dry dock was built 14 years ago, and is the largest in the Columbia river. It is 468 feet long, has a width between wings of 82 feet, the depth of water possible over the keel blocks is 25 feet, and it has a dead weight lifting capacity of 10,000 tons. It will handle ships 500 feet long.—Tuesday's Journal.

Owing to the fact that Sunday is boiler cleaning day, the ferry will not run.



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Tolstoy's Vision

A sudden notion induced the Kaiser to write to the Czar in the early Autumn of 1911 asking to obtain for him a message from Tolstoy. Something that the philosopher had never written before was the request made by the Emperor.

The Czar, desirous of obliging his "cousin"—all sovereigns claim blood and divine relationship—commanded Countess Nastasia Tolstoy, grand niece of the sage, to interview Leo Nicolae-vitch, as he was familiarly called, and to secure from him the desired document.

This prophetic message, singularly timely at this hour, is known as "Tolstoy's Vision" by his admirers. Printed in Russian in 1912, it was translated and first circulated among the friends of the great Muscovite philosopher as a privately printed and little known pamphlet.

Following the royal command, Countess Tolstoy visited her grand uncle at his country estate and explained briefly her mission. He listened curiously and replied:

"Very strange. I would be glad to send a message to royalty, but the trouble with me is that I have written all my life messages for the mob. I am not accustomed to the conventions of court diction. However, I will think the matter over."

A few moments afterwards her aged host asked the Countess to write, as his hands were then paralyzed. Tolstoy slowly leaned back in his chair, covered his eyes with his hand, and remained absolutely silent.

Then, straightening up, like one in a trance, he began in a low and hollow voice:

"This is a revelation of events of a universal character, which must shortly come to pass. Their spiritual outlines are now before my eyes. I see floating upon the surface of the sea of human fate the huge silhouette of a nude woman. She is—with her beauty, her poise, her smile, her jewels—a super Venus. Nations rush madly after her, each of them eager to attract her especially. But she, like an eternal courtesan, flirts with all. In her hair ornaments of diamonds and rubies is engraved her name: 'Commercialism.' As alluring and bewitching as she seems, much destruction and agony follow in her wake. Her breath, reeking of sordid transactions, her voice of metallic character, like gold, and her look of greed are so much poison to the nations who fall victims to her charms.

"And behold, she has three gigantic arms with three torches of universal corruption in her hand. The first torch represents the flame of war, that the beautiful courtesan carries from city to city, and country to country. Patriotism answers with flashes of honest flame, but the end is the roar of guns and musketry.

"The second torch bears the flame of bigotry and hypocrisy. It lights the lamps only in temples and on the altars of false institutions. It carries the seed of falsity and fanaticism. It kindles the minds that are still in cradles and follows them to their graves.

"The third torch is that of the law, that dangerous foundation of all unauthentic traditions, which first does its work in the family, then sweeps through the larger worlds of literature, art and statesmanship.

"The great conflagration will

start about 1912, set by the torch of the first arm in the countries of Southeastern Europe. It will develop into a destructive calamity in 1913. In that year I see all Europe in flames and bleeding. I hear the lamentations of huge battlefields. But about the year 1915 a strange figure from the North—a new Napoleon—enters the stage of the bloody drama. He is a man of little military training, a writer or a journalist, but in his grip most of Europe will remain till 1925.

"The end of the great calamity will mark a new political era for the old world. There will be left no empires or kingdoms, but the world will form a federation of the United States of Nations. There will remain only four great giants—the Anglo-Saxons, the Latins, the Slavs and the Mongolians."—Los Angeles Times.

First Baptist Church

On last Friday our Sunday School enjoyed a delightful picnic at Columbia Park.

Do not forget the regular sessions of the school August 9th. Owing to the absence of the pastor, the Sunday School will be the only service held in the church next Sunday. Enjoy the service of some of the other churches.

There will be no Wednesday night meetings during August. Regular church service August 16.—E. P. Borden, pastor.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, heretofore and on the 14th day of July, 1914, a petition signed by all the property owners abutting upon the westerly one-half of Pierce street from Willamette boulevard to Edison street; Edison street from Pierce street to Buchanan street; Osmund street from Pierce street to Buchanan street, and Buchanan street from the southerly side line of Block 21, A. L. Miner's Addition, if extended across Buchanan street to the right of way of the O. W. R. & N. Company, having been filed praying for the vacation of the aforesaid portions of streets, and

It appearing to the Council from the aforesaid petition that the vacation of the aforesaid streets are necessary to be made to insure a roadway connecting the business and residence portions of the city with the water front and manufacturing district in the southerly portion of the city, and said vacation for the purpose of securing the said roadway will be beneficial and for the best interest of the City of St. Johns and the inhabitants thereof.

Therefore, it is resolved by the City of St. Johns, Oregon:

That the city engineer be, and is hereby, directed to post notices on each of the aforesaid portions of streets, said notices be either written or printed in legible characters and requiring all persons interested to make or file their objections, if any they have, on or before the 6th day of September, 1914, and if no objections or remonstrances having been filed on that date, the Council will proceed as by law provided to vacate the said portions of streets.

Adopted by the Council on the 5th day of August, 1914.

A. E. DUNSMORE, Recorder.

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Notice of Cost of Improvement

Notice is hereby given that the assessment for the improvement of the North Willamette boulevard, from St. Johns avenue to Burlington street, the total cost of which is \$17,993.00, was declared by Ordinance No. 615, entitled "An ordinance declaring the cost of improving N. Willamette Blvd. from the southerly side line of St. Johns ave. to the north side line of Burlington street, in the city of St. Johns, Oregon, and assessing the property benefited thereby, declaring such assessment and directing the entry of the same in the docket of city liens."

The cost of said improvement is levied upon all the lots, parts of lots and parcels of land within the boundaries of the district, as follows: Between St. Johns avenue and Burlington street. A statement of said assessment has been entered in the docket of city liens August 5, 1914, and said assessment is now due and payable at the office of the recorder of the city of St. Johns, Oregon, and will be delinquent and bear interest after August 15th, 1914, and if not paid on or before Sept. 4th, 1914, proceedings will be taken for the collection of the same by sale of property as provided by the city charter.

A. E. DUNSMORE, City Recorder.

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Proposals for Street Work

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Recorder of the City of St. Johns until August 11, 1914, at 8 o'clock p. m. for the improvement of a roadway leading from the south side line of Willamette boulevard at the intersection of Pierce street to the north side line of the O. W. R. & N. right of way, in the manner provided for by the plans, specifications and estimate of the city engineer, on file.

Engineer's estimate is \$5,603.54. Bids must be strictly in accordance with printed blanks, which will be furnished on application at the office of the Recorder of the City of St. Johns. And said improvement must be completed on or before 60 days from the date of the last publication of this notice.

No proposals or bids will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check payable to the order of the Mayor of the City of St. Johns certified by a responsible bank for an amount equal to ten per cent of the aggregate proposal. The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.

By order of the City Council. A. E. DUNSMORE, Recorder.

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ORDINANCE NO. 615

An Ordinance Declaring the Cost of Improving North Willamette Boulevard from the Southerly Side Line of St. Johns Avenue to the Northerly Side Line of Burlington Street, in City of St. Johns, Oregon, and Assessing the Property Benefited Thereby, Declaring Such Assessment and Directing the Entry of the Same in the Docket of City Liens.

The city of St. Johns does ordain as follows:

That the council has considered the proposed assessment for improving North Willamette boulevard from the southerly side line of St. Johns avenue to the northerly side line of Burlington street, and all objections made thereto, and hereby certifies, determines and declares the whole cost of said improvement in manner provided by Ordinance No. 579 to be the sum of \$17,993.00, and that the special and peculiar benefits accruing to each lot or part thereof of each lot or part thereof or parcel of land in the following annexed assessment roll and said assessment roll, which is numbered 107, is hereby adopted and

approved as the assessment for said improvement, and the recorder of the city of St. Johns is directed to enter a statement of the assessment hereby made in the docket of city liens, and cause notice thereof to be published as provided by charter, which assessment is as follows:

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