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RESULT OF RIOTOUS SPENDING.

The Democrats propose to raise \$105,000,000 of revenue by war taxes. The Democrats increased the expenses of Government, excluding river and harbor bills, \$103,055,437 for the fiscal year 1913, as compared with the fiscal year 1912.

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from which Mr. Wilson derived an undoubted advantage. The Chicago Evening Post tries to console the Progressives with the thought that "they created in rock-ribbed Republican Maine a solid fighting force of 19,000 voters."

SOUTHERN CONTROL.

The brigadiers of the South are always on deck in the present Administration. Demanding free trade or a lower tariff, they continued to protect, in the Underwood tariff, practically all Southern industries except sugar, leaving about 70 per cent of Western products exposed to the tender mercies of foreign competition.

BEARS' MEDIATION SCHEME.

Among the various extremely premature suggestions of American intervention in the cause of peace in Europe is that of the New York American that President Wilson immediately send ex-Presidents Roosevelt and Taft and Secretary Bryan to Europe on this mission.

BUSBODIES ONCE MORE.

The people of Oregon in 1912, by a decisive and unmistakable vote (41,951 ayes, 64,578 nays), refused to abolish capital punishment for murder. There had been a full and free discussion of the subject.

WORST OF THE "VICIOUS SEVEN."

The \$1500 exemption measure is proposed by the same men who created a political bugaboo in 1910 and obtained its demolition at the hands of the people. Yet in some respects a poll tax and the \$1500 exemption are similar.

BRITISH MILITARY POLICY.

The question is often asked: Why does not Great Britain maintain a larger army? With a population larger by five millions than that of France, she has been able to send to the aid of her ally an army which constitutes a mere fraction of the British forces.

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and by getting an exemption on their mill property on the basis of that Smith and Jones would demand, and in many instances get, double exemptions. On the other hand, George Robinson, who has all his interests in one county, could not receive the tax authorities. He could get but one exemption.

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by Hucher's army at the critical point in the battle. The present war, however, may prove to be a turning point in British military history. If the allies are to win decisive victory—and British statements lead us to believe they will be satisfied with nothing less—Germany must be beaten on land. Unless Great Britain contributes an equal share with her allies to that result, she cannot have equal voice with France and Russia in the terms of settlement.

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Then and Now.

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SAMOANS ARE ROBBED BY MANY Deceptions Practiced by White Man Related by Native of Islands.

GARDNER, Or., Sept. 17.—(To the Editor.)—I noticed in The Oregonian an article about the Samoan Islands. The writer explaining the way the Germans got land of the natives by trickery. The writer says that the Germans go to the native chief and offer him a gun or desirable article in exchange for the chief's signature to a mortgage on his land.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago.

From The Oregonian, September 10, 1889. J. A. Logan, F. Logan and Frank Morgan left on their Eastern trip yesterday. S. P. Dunning has returned from his trip to North Yakima, where he spent several days on business.

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