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SEA THROUGHFARES BLOCKED.

Great Britain's retaliation for the German submarine campaign against her commerce is an announcement that she will stop all communication with Germany through the seas which the allies control.

This amounts to erection of a "no throughfare" across every ocean highway controlled by the allied fleet. It is a blockade in fact, though not in name.

Notwithstanding the restrictions which the allies have first imposed upon themselves, this blockade in fact though not in name, is a violation of the rights of neutrals.

The pass to which affairs have come in the efforts of the two leading naval powers to starve each other out demonstrates that the United States and other neutrals erred by negligence at the very beginning of the war.

The war has degenerated from a combat conducted according to prize rules into a rough-and-tumble fight in which the combatants bite, chew, gouge and kick.

Our foul blow is made the excuse for another. Enraged at bombardment of undefended towns, Britain seizes the German food monopoly as ground for cutting off Germany's food supply from over sea.

Nothing has been accomplished toward cutting off the allies' food supply, and they are confident of opening the Dardanelles to export of Russia's surplus wheat.

Germany's reported readiness to cease her submarine attacks if the allies will permit food and raw materials for manufacture of munitions to be shipped to her by sea.

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towns. They now think they know the worst that Germany can do. Warships and transports have recently evaded mines and submarines, nearly all the raiding cruisers have been destroyed, one naval raid on the Coast has succeeded, but a second has been prevented with dire consequences to the raiders, and the results of aerial raids have been insignificant.

The psychological moment when the United States might have held both belligerents to a strict observance of the rules of naval warfare there passed when we permitted the initial violation of these rules to go by without protest.

There is a new class of informants about Mr. Rublee, but the semi-official announcement from the White House had it that he is a Progressive, while Mr. Parry was said to be a Progressive Republican.

The arbitrary classification by the World of Mr. Rublee and Mr. Parry as Republicans agrees neither with their own logic nor with the facts of the White House definition.

But the real offense of President Wilson consists in the obvious political intent of his appointments to the Federal Trade Commission. Two of the three Democrats are politicians, and the two Progressives were evidently named with the idea of encouraging the union of the Progressive and Democratic parties.

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And ex-Governor West. Why is Oswald West ignored? He is busy explaining also that he approves the principle laid down in the Moser bill, for he says publicly that he believes the Governor should have the power of appointment and removal, and that he should be held responsible for the success of his administration.

The spoilsman's bill is the Journal's euphemism for the Moser act, which passed the recent Legislature by an overwhelming vote—six negative votes in the Senate and eight in the House.

Our weeping neighbor is left alone in his flood of tears over the Moser act. For we, the Oregonian, West and the Journal, are seeking to restore to the Governor of Oregon the prerogatives which rightfully belong to him.

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Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian March 3, 1865. Walla Walla.—A man named McAvoy, almost 30 years old, was drowned when his canoe upset near the mouth of the Walla Walla last Saturday morning.

L. Burt's pack train of 30 animals loaded at Schwabacker Bros. & Company, Walla Walla, Monday, has left for the Kootenai country.

We learn from a friend that 100 guns were fired at Eugene City, Or., on receiving the news of the fall of Charleston.

New York.—Letters from Rome state the Pope declines to conclude a concordat with Mexico and will withdraw his nuncio from that country.

The following merchants will close their places of business and offices tomorrow, March 4, after 10 o'clock in the morning, the occasion being a fitting observance of the recent successes of the United States Army and Navy.

About 9 o'clock last evening as Police Officers and Patrolmen were on duty in their official duties at the City Jail they were beset by a band of "roughs" and had an exciting tussle to avoid liberation of certain prisoners.

MEANING OF "NEUTRAL" VEXING Eugene Man Asks Is Webster Right, or Has Time Changed Word?

PORTLAND, March 2.—(To the Editor.)—Whereas my judicial knowledge does not extend beyond common sense, I beg to be informed on the following questions:

President Wilson, ex-President Taft and the other members of the cabinet are not neutral, who can obtain it, is no breach of neutrality; that the interests of the United States are not served by an embargo against us in some future war when we might run short of arms and munitions.

Now as to the ethics of the question. President Wilson proclaimed the ideals of Americanism in beautiful language, standing before the people as a man of peace and justice.

As stated above, I am willing to learn, as I may know better, hence I asked for information. Truth is a sword forged in the forge of Justice.

SONG OF THE TOADY. I would sing the song of the toady, Who turns up his nose at poverty's shawl. Who fairly burns and struggles and yearns To mingle and hob-nob With the great, the worshipful ones.

N. Nitts, War Expert.

Neselius Nitts, sage of Punkindorf Station, yesterday inaugurated a four-page paper entitled "Clan-Na-Gael" in front of the Roman Catholic Church of this city.

I see in the papers a piece where it says that the British are storming them there Dardanelles.

Why, seems like them allies don't never get tired Of Heekin's Turk till he's well-nigh dead.

WOMAN GRATEFUL FOR ORDINANCE Wife of Meebane and Mother of Seven Tells of Hard Times Struggles.

PORTLAND, March 2.—(To the Editor.)—I want to thank you for the Mayor and also Mr. Daly and Mr. Bigelow for passing the most sensible and humane ordinance ever passed by a city council.

My husband is a mechanic and has been a hard working man all his life. He has a family of seven children, all of whom are poor through no fault of ours.

Transportation companies have shipped in cheap labor to this country until there is no room for our sons. Let the American mothers and fathers stand up for their children.

Coming of Sons of American Revolution Opens Way for Old's Hospitality.

EUGENE, Or., March 2.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregon Society of the Sons of the American Revolution held their 24th reunion and banquet on February 22 of this year.

This society is not an aristocratic organization. It is hereditary without distinction of rank or social connection.

For rank is but the guinea's stamp. A man is a man for what he does. This is a man for what he does. This is a man for what he does.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED. TRENMOM, Or., March 2.—(To the Editor.)—(1) What is the Tumalo project?

Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian, March 3, 1890. Philadelphia.—The distribution of a four-page paper entitled "Clan-Na-Gael" in front of the Roman Catholic Church of this city has aroused the indignation of some of the Catholic clergy.

Olympia.—The Leslierville which has come to be known as a most stubborn do-nothing sort of a session has hopes of adjourning March 15.

Hon. L. I. Morrow, after whom Morrow County, Oregon, is named in honor of this city, has in crossed the distance in 82 hours.

Mrs. Mary Lichtenhaler, one of the pioneer residents of Oregon, died yesterday at her home in South Portland.

The engagement of Leon Barnes, of Portland, and Miss Dora Silverstein, of San Francisco, has been announced here.

ISLANDS ARE STORING UP TROUBLE Contributor Believes All Insular Possessions Should Be Cut Loose.

MONTEBANO, Wash., March 1.—(To the Editor.)—I recently noticed in The Oregonian a letter from Hanford, Wash., in which the oft-repeated statement is made that "preparations for war is a guarantee of peace."

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Italy's Representative in Portland. BICKLETON, Wash., March 1.—(To the Editor.)—Please let me know the address of the Italian Consul in Portland.

Japanese Cannot Be Naturalized. PORTLAND, March 2.—(To the Editor.)—If a Jap was born in Japan and civilized in United States could he here if he fulfilled certain conditions?

If I Only Knew Where.....? How many times a day do you ask that question? You want something. Perhaps you are not sure just what.