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THE ISSUE WITH GERMANY.

Although the sinking of the Lusitania with the sacrifice of hundreds of lives, grips the imagination, the torpedoing of the tank steamer Gulfight is a clearer violation of the Germany of American rights.

This is a situation regarding which the United States is not in effect taken directly antagonistic positions before the event. Germany had proclaimed British waters a war zone, which neutral ships would enter at their peril, being exposed to the risk of destruction by her warships.

Only by denying that a German ship fired the torpedo can Germany evade the alternative between making amends and engaging in a serious dispute with the United States.

The case of the Lusitania differs in many respects from that of the Gulfight. The Lusitania was a British vessel carrying war munitions to Germany's enemy.

Germany cannot disclaim responsibility for the Lusitania affair, for the official warning given in advance fixes it upon her.

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stood it no longer ago than last December. That compliance with Germany's demands would be a gross breach of neutrality exposing us to attack by the allies is proved by this statement of the Fatherland, the pro-German organ in this country.

When the material from the United States withheld, the war would come to an end in sixty days or less. The size of the contract placed by the allies is proof that they are without facilities for carrying on a contest on such a large scale.

It is an admission that the cessation of exports of war material from this country to the allies would enable Germany to overpower her enemies in sixty days, yet we are asked in the name of neutrality to cease exporting war material.

This country has a more vital interest than that of trade in maintaining the right of a neutral to sell arms to the United States, Belgium and Russia, we have not the facilities within our own borders to manufacture arms for a war on the twentieth century scale.

It would be a waste of voters' energy and taxpayers' money if the new jitney ordinance is proposed to submit by resolution at the election is not technically different from the one held up by referendum for two years.

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education for a host of worthy young people. Its benefits will be social as well as individual, for the most precious treasures of the country are ambitious youth who are willing to make sacrifices for the sake of self-improvement.

We gather from the account of the foundation which has been given to the public that the only security required of borrowers is their personal notes. This is indeed the only security that many of them could give in any case.

All well-devised projects of this nature deserve commendation. They afford help to promising young people and to the community at large.

Submarines have gradually extended their radius of action until they have occasionally appeared off the west coast of Ireland.

In its probable effect on the issue of the war the attack on Turkey is more important than any of the present engagements on the western front.

OLD FRIENDS OF CANAL RECALLED. Senator Mitchell and Senator Delph deserve mention for Cello Efforts.

PORTLAND, May 9.—(To the Editor)—During the past week I have read all I could find in the papers about the all the speeches which have been made by the several distinguished representatives of the different states who recently have been here to witness the fulfillment of a dream that has been a generation ago, and have been decidedly surprised and disappointed.

Mr. Shepperd could have sold that ground containing the bosk, dell on the Columbia Highway for big money, but preferred to give it to the city.

In the advice of the Health Bureau concerning filth and flies is the suggestion that one talk to a neighbor, but do not talk to a doctor, only do so from your side of the fence.

It will be observed there is no complaint of the conduct of the Lusitania's crew. They were Britishers, as they must be in time of war, and they acted as Britishers should.

Despite published warning, people are sprinkling contrary to the odd and even-numbered rule and may be surprised by a visit of a hard-hearted inspector.

The Maharajah of Kapurthala must be a past master in matrimony, being able to rule over four wives. Most Americans cannot rule over one.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian of May 10, 1865. Canyon City.—The Winter has been severe this year. There is too much of the element in the weather.

We notice that the general opinion expressed by European journals since the fall of Richmond is that the Franco-Austrian empire in Mexico is a failure.

Annexed is an extract from a speech delivered by Andrew Jackson in the United States Senate in 1821, when he had that arch traitor, Jeff Davis, under the south of the island.

A. B. Woodard, Esq., of this city, leaves today by the steamer Wilson G. Hunt on his first trip, with instruments, fluids, etc., for taking views of the scenery of Oregon.

Dr. W. H. Watkins has received his appointment as pension surgeon for this district.

The London Times calls our Civil War a ghastly duel.

General Sherman once taught the people of the South the art of war as professor of a military school in New Orleans, while he is teaching it to them with practical illustrations.

It is well known that Jay Cooke, of Philadelphia, some time ago, as the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury, assumed the management of the operations of the Cello Canal.

At the celebration here on Thursday evening Herman should have been a specially invited guest as a recognition of his splendid services, too, when Oregon was said to have had the first telegraph line.

PORTLAND, May 8.—(To the Editor)—In your answer to "Mormonism" in the case of a man who laid out a \$100 job and was paid \$100 for the \$1 a day board bill, you said he would be out \$4.50 for the day.

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MR. DALY'S METER CALCULATIONS

Average Price Hereafter Paid Reduced by Turning in Old Meters. PORTLAND, May 8.—(To the Editor)—Permit me to call your attention to a number of inaccuracies and misleading statements that appeared in an article on the meter referendum published in The Oregonian on May 6.

It is the earnest wish of the Department of Public Utilities that the meter question be fully discussed in the public press, so that the electorate may have a clear perception of the proposition, and such misstatements, even unintentional, sometimes have the same effect.

The article states that "the average cost of meters of the type favored by the Commissioner is \$4.40 each and the average cost of installation of each meter is \$3."

The installation of any particular type of meter is "favored" by me in misleading and the statement that the average price paid for meters during my administration is \$5.46 is incorrect.

From these figures it will be apparent that the statement in The Oregonian that \$8.40 is the average price of meters is 50 per cent above the actual average price paid.

Meters are now being installed at a cost of \$5.49 each, instead of \$8, as stated in The Oregonian. It is estimated that this cost can be cut to \$2.07 if the meters are purchased in larger quantities.

The bond issue authorized by the Commissioner is also made in The Oregonian article that the "real issue will be whether or not Commissioner Daly will be authorized to issue not less than \$1,000,000 in bonds to raise money to install the city-wide meter system.

NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY WAR. Lives and Treasure Would Be Lost and Safety at Sea Would Not Be Assured.

PORTLAND, May 9.—(To the Editor)—The comments of Theodore Roosevelt following the sinking of the Lusitania are somewhat vague.

Have the citizens of the United States counted the possible cost of engaging in a war with Germany?

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of May 10, 1890. The men from the Pacific Northwest who are specially interested in lead and the duty fixed by the ways and means committee on mixed ore are just now very much alarmed.

Spokane Falls.—A meeting was held here last night to take steps preliminary to organizing a stock exchange.

John L. Sullivan comes forth with a statement and says that James Corbett talks too much for a prizefighter.

By the time snow flies this year there will be rail connection between Portland and Port Townsend.

Ex-Governor Eugene Semple has connected himself with the L. H. Griffin Realty & Banking Company, of Seattle.

Colonel E. L. Corthell, who was chief of staff to Captain Leads at the Missionary Point, writes to the Astorian, which asked his opinion as to the Columbia River improvements, that the Government has now mapped out a plan which would give a channel depth of 20 feet.

Professor Lucian Marc Christol, the noted wrestler, called at The Oregonian office yesterday to announce that he was willing to meet any lightweight wrestler in the world for \$100,000, even though he will wrestle the bear if he is being exhibited on Front street.

On account of the uncertainty of the weather the picnic to be held by Mrs. Cox' Sunday school class of First Congregational Church has been postponed indefinitely.

The German Empress, like her husband, is a social reformer. She is organizing a league for the preservation of good habits among ladies of Prussia.

The San Francisco Chronicle of a recent date says: "Henry Villard has been a stranger to see the realization of his dream of a railroad from the ocean to the Pacific."

Dr. C. C. Stratton, formerly of Oregon, has resigned the presidency of the Seminary at Oakland, Calif. Three trustees of the Seminary have resigned because of friction with Mrs. Mills.

D. S. Cohen delivered an eloquent address before the annual meeting of the Boys and Girls' Aid Society last night.

Practical Care of War Babies

France and Germany Are Not Added to England's Prey. PORTLAND, May 9.—(To the Editor)—I have noticed your editorial in The Oregonian relative to traffic through the Cello Canal and up the Columbia River.

In France, the Chamber of Deputies, with the wisdom of French genius, which is not to be despised, has many months ago passed a law making all babies born in La Prairie legitimate.

The German government has organized a corps of trained midwives and nurses, whose services will be available to all mothers in need.

Is not this the humane and enlightened course to follow? Whatever wrong attaches to the parents of children born out of wedlock, certainly the child is not to blame and ought not to be made the innocent victim of a harsh and inflexible social code.

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Business Is Getting Better. You see the signs on all sides. It is written in the trade balance, in the bank deposits, in the more cheerful attitude of workers.

These are not boom times to be sure—but they are good times to go after business, to try harder, to push harder, to be more optimistic.

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