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FACE TO FACE

The United States and Germany are face to face over the Lusitania affair. The gravity of the issue cannot be disguised.

President Wilson has notified Germany that the imperial government will be held to its obligations. That is the language of war.

It might be wished that Germany had assumed a different position. It appears desirable that the American people should be able to see the situation in a clear light.

Water bills for some of the largest and handsomest residences in the city have been installed on the meter.

The average user on flat rate pays 90 cents a month. The metered user pays \$1.20 a month.

Before either side in the war has gained a decided advantage, prophets who profess to have inside information are busy.

The war will be continued until Germany and Austria are given terms, and each of the four great powers is pledged to continue the war until the terms are given.

There shall be three classes of nations established in Europe. Class A shall consist of Great Britain, France and Italy.

A country editor whose writings we sometimes peruse had a bad attack on the bile when he heard that Italy had gone into the war.

It is estimated that the total wealth of the United States is about \$100,000,000,000, which would give \$2000 to each individual in the country.

Yesterday's weather was a joke on the chief of the bureau visiting the city. Perhaps the Police Band does not want to miss the Rose Festival.

those non-German provinces which she has acquired by force. Some of the broadest-minded British statesmen of the present time have even proposed that Austria should be dismembered.

It is doubtful also whether the minor states in classes B and C would long remain content with the subordinate position to which they were assigned.

The Oregonian would like to have from some one of our free trade newspaper experts an official opinion on the market.

Not everybody can be a Mayo, for it is only rarely that nature bestows such equal talents on two persons.

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If Bryan's plea can save a bunch of greasers in Arizona, it would seem he could do something better at Atlanta.

Annexation of the two cities clamoring for it will add a few pay rolls and pay rolls are what Portland wants.

Serbia has got her third wind and, having twice been out by the Austrians, will pursue them into their own territory.

By Mr. Altyre's bride still looked charming to him when she was seashore, she is charming indeed.

country of Da Vinci, Raphael and Michelangelo. If we think of art, of Bramante if we think of architecture, of Galileo and Bruno if we think of the martyrs to science, of Verdi and his compeers, if we think of music.

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European War Primer

Once more the people upon the opposite shores of the Adriatic Sea are in a duel with one another for the mastery of the Mediterranean.

The Adriatic Sea is 900 miles long and about 120 miles wide in its greatest width. It separates the Italian and Balkan peninsulas as far as Brindisi and the lower coast of Albania and the Strait of Otranto, by which it communicates with the Ionian Sea.

The Austria, or eastern coast, is very broken, strewn with fine harbors and bays. The most important of these belong to Istria and Dalmatia.

The principal gulfs of the Adriatic are those of Manfredonia on the west, Venice and Trieste on the north and Quarnero on the northeast.

SALEM, Or., May 31.—As an Oregon pioneer and a former president of the Oregon Pioneer Association, I would request the committee in charge of the Liberty Bell, if it were possible to do so, to place the bell in the city of Astoria.

ST. JOHN'S, as Part of Portland, Would Be Self-Sustaining. ST. JOHN'S, Or., June 1.—(To the Editor.)—To the article headed "Statehood for Clatsop and Washington," published Friday by order of the Board of Supervisors of Clatsop County, I desire to take exception.

It would be fitting and proper that Lincoln County should be exhibited for Astoria that its people and those of Clatsop County should have an opportunity of seeing the bell that rang out freedom to the world in the perilous times of this Nation's history.

THE CITY BEAUFUL. In this beautiful city by the sea, where the sunset's golden glow tints with shades of beauty rare, the woodland, hills and dales so fair.

THE ROSE. The whole world knows the Portland rose. And, knowing, knows how fair she grows. It knows the spot where soft breeze blows.

THE SWEETHEART. Where sun shines bright and plenty grows, it knows her throne, where color glows. And where she rules in royal pose, her sweetheart, not alone for those who love her, but for all who know.

THE MISSING LINK. Look around and you can find the "missing link" every day. How are all the neighbors?

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SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR SEX

Women, because unfranchised, have Peculiar Claim on Officials. PORTLAND, May 31.—(To the Editor.)—The statement that the women of the Congressional Union who recently visited President Wilson represented the women who have "several times been received" by him is an error which we should be pleased to correct.

It must be remembered that since women have not the ballot and cannot express their views on the subject of the vote, their petitions and requests have a peculiar claim on the consideration of any official who regards himself as representative of the citizenry.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian, June 1, 1890. There is considerable talk at Mount Tabor of incorporating the Mount Tabor district. It is urged that it should be incorporated before the two cities are consolidated.

The Republican campaign came to a close in a grand mass meeting conducted under the auspices of the James G. Blaine Club on the plaza last evening. The meeting was held to gain the victory for all hands to turn out and do their duty at the polls tomorrow.

It is objected to the proposition to build a free bridge at Portland that such an act would be a virtual confiscation of the property in existing bridges. Not at all.

John Mayes, the man under arrest for having stolen the opium smuggled recently unearthed from the Portland Custom-House Commissioner, was arraigned before United States Commissioner John H. Woodward at 10 o'clock yesterday forenoon.

The Republican and Democratic tickets for this county have often been published and are sufficiently well known. A hybrid ticket labeled "Independent Republican" has been prepared and printed and will appear at the polls tomorrow.

San Francisco—Mining stocks are fluctuating. There seems to be little desire to invest in this kind of securities on the part of outside speculators at the present moment.

San Francisco—The stagnation in the money market is due to the break in the Overland Telegraph, which precludes the receipt of Eastern orders.

A great excitement exists throughout the upper country on account of the discovery of gold in large quantities on the Cour d'Alene. The amount of gold produced on the tributaries of the Selkirk this season will be greater than that of former years.

Not a single hotel was left in Idaho City on the morning after the fire. Since Sunday night the river at this place has risen 18 inches. It stood last evening at 10 and 10 inches above low-water mark.

Another railroad, although rude as it is, has been added to the list in Oregon by the completion of the Sucker Lake & Tualatin River Railroad, which forms a link between the Tualatin River to the Tualatin River, at the head of Sucker Lake.

DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE. CORVALLIS, Or., May 29.—(To the Editor.)—Your editorial regarding the sur-round couple at Newport trying to reach the three-mile limit to be married at sea, and thus avoid the consequences of the law of divorce, indicates that all divorces are subject to the six months' limitation for appeal.

The Legislature passed a law which allows a divorce to go by default, and in the case, under the ruling of the Circuit judge mentioned, the parties could be divorced by default. The law is absolute from the date of the decree. I have heard that the defendant in the Lincoln County case allowed the divorce to go by default, and in the case, under the ruling of the Circuit judge mentioned, the parties could be divorced by default.

Section 215, L. O. L., which prohibited marriage by a divorced person with a third person, has been heard and determined on appeal, or time for appeal had elapsed, was amended in 1913 to prohibit remarriage in any case until the expiration of six months from the date of decree. The point at issue in the case was whether the divorce was a moot question until the adoption of the amended statute.

How Did You Propose? Edith—How did Jack look when he proposed? Ethel—Why, I couldn't see anything but his necktie.

What Is Suspicion? Washington (D. C.) Star. "Suspicion," said Uncle Eben, "mightly often consists in not seeing what is right in front of you. If you had an other fellow's chance."

Limit of Exercise. Washington (D. C.) Star. "Many a man," said Uncle Eben, "dat kin bestride an horse or mule while de music is going, but when de music stops, he is so tired he can't walk two blocks to de grocery store."

What He Thinks! "What do I think of newspaper advertising in a National way?" "Well, my best answer is that I am spending several hundreds of thousands of dollars in advertising this year and expect to spend more next year."

The speaker's production is known the world over—as well known as the people thinking of the product, think of his trade mark.

Newspaper advertising, even in the dulcet years, has kept up sales the point that taxes the capacity of the factory.