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His platform had pledged him to the principle of Canal toll exemption for coastwise vessels and he saying that his promises were "not molasses to catch flies." Yet he demanded that Congress repeal the exemption clause without considering whether it was right or wrong, because some mysterious danger threatwith which he would not otherwise know how to deal. He used all the influence of his high office to

In his address to Congress in Deember, 1914, he scoffed at the warning given by the great war that our onal safety required ample preparedness for defense, but a year later ticular is a danger to the large investthe need of such preparedness was the ment made by the public in the scenic chief subject of his address. He was road. The highway was designed and in such seemingly deep earnest about built in part as a tourist attraction. If it it that he made a series of speeches is not to be accessible except at exupon it in those states where the peo-ple were supposed to be lukewarm. But means of sending away robbed and disparty divided, and he finally accepted a plan of Army increase which places where they are not plundered.

There is no good reason why the pert military advisers declared inadehis own Secretary of War and his ex-pert military advisers declared inade-

press and the business community, as holing of a measure essential to the represented by the United States city's good name. Four votes can pass The great objection to the policy adopted that it can only make good if Mexico is that it can only make good if unanimously in favor of a tariff com-mission than he urged Congress to establish one. It is due to his influence that provisions to that effect are to be included in the new revenue bill.

By his platform and by his position as vice-president of the Civil Service Reform League he was pledged to sup. ort and extend the merit system in the civil service. He has approved one bill after another by which his party withheld new offices from that system and withdrew old ones from it. By his own action and that of his Cabinet officers he has repeatedly violated the principle to which he was bound.

He has repeatedly affirmed that he would never intervene by armed force in Mexico, but he has once intervened and withdrawn, he again intervened three months ago and he now seems about to make open war on that coun-

Mr. Wilson is the great self-reversing President and he has ma-neuvered himself into a position where his own utterances and acts are his

LIFE INSURANCE FIGURES AMAZING.

Figures that almost would challenge credulity if it were not that the statisshow that the protective spirit has of increase being fairly uniform except terprise. in years of the country's depression, and that in the United States and the demand for potash for use in Canada in the calendar year 1915 the certain explosives and inflammables huge sum of \$733,700,000 was distrib-uted by the "old line" insurance companies. This sum includes death claims turned the scale in favor of the effort paid, and also payments for premium savings and surrender values and pay. annultants. amazing as they are, even in an age that makes light of a few ciphers more or less coming after a dollar mark, do not seem so striking, however, as the bility of their permanency. At least, estimate of the number of life insurance policies actually in force at the the basis of present prices, and it has close of the year. There were more some chance to establish itself against close of the year. There were more than 42,426,600 policies in all, according to the estimate of the Insurance Press, which means nearly half many policies as there are inhabitants of the United States. Of course, many of the insured carry more than one policy, but the number is surprisingly large, nevertheless,

It is pointed out, to give force to the comparison, that the amount distributed in the year is equal to 106 per reau of Mines, has discovered a pracgranted to Great Britain since the be-ginning of the European war and that plants. These fumes formerly had ginning of the European war and that it is 70 per cent of the American loans and credits granted to Great Britain, the vicinity of the cement furnaces and France, Germany, Russia, three South investigations had been ordered to de-

business of the insurance companies coverer. Cement men hope to produce directly reflected the increase of employment that resulted when our war in a few years at least a fourth of the trade became established. Not only entire amount of potash formerly imported into the United States. This, the number of new policies, but the with the product of the kelp beds, if improvement of the general situation they shall continue to justify development, will make a large reduction in 'policy loan account" showed a smaller increase than in previous years. For pay to foreign countries—chiefly Ger1915 the increase was only \$34.691,000,
to a total of \$691,259,000. This would
seem to be a huge figure in itself, but

the increase in the previous year, 1914, had been \$67,854,000, and for the year BORTLAND, OREGON.

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sight-seeing and rental cars on Columcomplained of, can be prevented by municipal ordinance and that they are

prevented in well-governed cities.

The fact that cities do as a rule legislate against exorbitant auto-livery charges makes it all the easier for irbend Congress to his will and he car- responsible operators to graft upon ried through a shameful surrender of strangers. There exists a reliance upon our undoubted rights in response to performance of duty, a reliance created foreign threats which he dared not by almost universal custom. Strangers define. pose a confidence in authorities which they find misplaced.

The neglect of the City Commission to safeguard strangers in this parhe changed front again when he found satisfied visitors, tourists will ultimately pass Portland by and go to

quate.

In his campaign speeches he dedeclared a tariff commission unnecessary, and throughout the first two years of his term he adhered to that position. He no sooner found the press and the business community, as holing of a measure essential to the declared and the press and the business community, as holing of a measure essential to the declared a tariff commission unnecess. There is no five Commissioners. There is no position. He no sooner found the position. He no sooner found the positions are declared a tariff commission unnecessary, and throughout the first two promissioners. There is no five Commissioners. There is no promptly effective, namely, armed force. He thus justified this further criticism of his policy which was made to obtain.

Mr. Wilson not only refused recosmition to Huerta; he undertook that worthy's elimination by any means short of those which would have been promptly effective, namely, armed force. He thus justified this further criticism of his policy which was made

Although the war in Burepe contin.

ues to be reflected in the scarcity of many chemicals necessary for the eco-nomic and physical welfare of Americans, evidence multiplies that if the which continues to this day was fore-conflict continues long enough the distinction of the shadowed by The Oregonian on Augmenting us will be in a continue of the continues to this day was fore-shadowed by The Oregonian on Augmenting us the continues to this day was fore-shadowed by The Oregonian on Augmenting us the continues to this day was fore-shadowed by The Oregonian on Augmenting us the continues to this day was fore-shadowed by The Oregonian on Augmenting us the continues to this day was fore-shadowed by The Oregonian on Augmenting us the continues to this day was fore-shadowed by The Oregonian on Augmenting us the continues to this day was fore-shadowed by The Oregonian on Augmenting us the continues to this day was fore-shadowed by The Oregonian on Augmenting us the continues to this day was fore-shadowed by The Oregonian on Augmenting us the continues to this day was fore-shadowed by The Oregonian on Augmenting us the continues to this day was fore-shadowed by The Oregonian on Augmenting us the continues to the c arge measure overcome. One of the many illustrations that may be mentioned is potash. For this in the past the United States has been virtually dependent on Germany as its source of supply. Before the war broke out of supply. there had been some efforts by the United States Government, through its Department of Agriculture, to stimulate the production of potash in two to our flag. The Oregonian welcomed tain deposits in the Western states and icy and on April 19, 1914, said: by exploitation of the great kelp beds of the Pacific Coast. But these efforts were more or less spasmodic and for a good while they failed to bear fruit. It was not a business for a man of little capital, for obviously there was much experimenting to be done, and, as everyone knows, there have been reasons why larger capital should hesitate before embarking on an extensive enterprise, involving risk not only of losing the money put in ties are matters of record are pre-sented in the review of the life insur-ance business in 1915. These figures open to the charge of "exploitation" and of persecution on those charges in grown stronger year by year, the ratio | the event that success crowned the en-

> Then came the great war, and with rising by leaps and bounds, the price to unheard-of levels o develop the kelp beds, and resulted directly in the perfection of machinery for harvesting kelp on a gigantic scale. Some millions of dellars have been put at the disposal of these projects, and there seems to be a strong possicompetition such as may be expected e as one of the inevitable results of

However, another American scientist has contributed what may prove to be

an even more valuable chapter to the history of potash development. Dr. F. G. Cottrell, formerly a professor at the University of California and now connected with the United States Buproved a detriment to plant life in American countries, Italy, Greece, termine a way to continue making ce-Switzerland, Sweden, Norway and Can-nda since the war began,

The same authority shows that the ment, will make a large reduction in the tribute we shall be called on to

Section of the control of the contro called on to "mortgage their life insurance," one of the straws showing
an easier feeling about money matters
all around. In addition to that, there
all around. In addition to that, there
was a decrease of 70 per cent in the
increase of payments for "surrender values," which pointed in the same
direction.

Another surprising conclusion drawn
from the same review is that although
the American companies had written

was announced, The Oregonian said, on August 3, 1915;

Mr. Wilson not only refused recog-

The anarchy which followed the undermining of Huerta's power and which continues to this day was fore-

In the event of final intervention, may we not be accused of having blundered our way into the mess? If anarchy and chaos follow Huerta's possible behavioute and downfall, it may be held that we could have avoided that calamity by lending meral support to the organized, if irregular, government headed by General Huerta.

When the President sent an ultidirections-by development of cer- an apparent access of vigor in his pol-

The time has arrived to give Huerta a lesson. It will be a lesson whather he salutes the fing or fights it out. We have abandoned waterful walling and adopted a policy of goalous interest. But the President stopped short with the occupation of Vera Cruz and returned to his ineffective pacific is going to be. methods by accepting the mediation of the A-B-C powers in his efforts to bring about a constitutional election of a President in Mexico. On this

President Wilson's policy of recognizing only a constitutionally ejected President can be made effective only by force. The most hopeful feature of South American mediation is that the mediators will find a way for Mr. Wilson to draw back gracefully without either recognizing Huerts or imposing on this Nation the hurden of teaching a semi-barkarous people how to establish and maintain a democracy.

point The Oregonian said on April 28,

When Secretary Bryan announced that no settlement by mediation would be accepted unless it included the elimination of Huerta, the failure of mediation became certain. 1914. The Oregonian said on that

Mediation under such circumstances can hardly but fail. What than? If the mediators fail to induce Huerta to go, we are to drive him out by force. When Mr. Wilson refused to recognize Huerta, he entered upon a maze of difficulties and when he accompanied acceptance of mediation by an ultimatum, he rejected a way of sacape from the maze. Much as he abhors bloodshed, he has increased the risk by his obduracy.

Elimination of Huerta was effected not by the mediators but by the arms of Villa and Obregon and, as had been foreseen, the victorious chiefs soon began to quarrel. That the rebels would be divided into hostile camps was foretold, and the result which folwas thus foreshadowed on July had 14, 1914:

President Wilson's policy has not re-moved the danger of war; it has only post-poned that danger and insured that, if war-bomes, it will be far more bloody and long-continued than if he had acted de-cisively at the outset.

The war between Carranza and Villa began and prompted this comment on loads November 12, 1914, when Vera Crus ranges.

The net result [of occupation of Vera Trus] is elimination of General Huerta as an individual without elimination of any of those evils Huerta was said to represent a fact conditions have grown worse since justia's downfall and Mexico is now in more pitiful state of chaos and misery han ever.

With the prosecution of the factional war, things went from bad to is a worse, famine prevailed in Mexico nent City and President Wilson warned the

realizes the nature of the after-war leaders that, unless a government was JAPAN IS DECLARED FRIENDLY RELIGIOUS TEACHING AVAILABLE competition Americans will be called established, the United States would

the dreams of pacifism, by devotion to tolerable outrage, this newspaper party or by exaltation of Mr. Wilson placed the sending of a British army The stigma of the "hold-ups" by as a superman. When the refusal to recognize Huerta lect from prison, and remarked:

was announced. The Oregonian said, on August 3, 1915:

There is much merit in the recommendation that we give modified recognition to the Huerta government. That would be helpful toward the solution of the Merican problem by means of the proposed special election of a President. Our Government has been unwilling to give Huerta farmal recognition, through averaion for the means by which he attained power. But if the ruled by a government founded on murder, as seems to be the case, that is their affair. While we do not admire their national efficially recognize that fact the Huerta is in fact the ruler of Mexico, and we should efficially recognize that fact while at the same lime recognizing the belligerent rights of the rebels who control several states.

By so doing we can place ourselves in a good position to mediate between the factions. We should exhaust all pacific means before resorting to armed intervention. If we are to fulfil the obligations to the world which we have assumed under the Monroe Boctrine, we must either mediate or intervents by armed force. Caim consideration of what the latter alternative to intervention in Mexico is not to be undertaken with light heart. Any escape from its necessity should be welcome.

The British wege not restrict the subset to the seculd stored soil of Abyssina or the insuctable to run their rights of the rights of the means about the scard soil of Abyssina or the rights of the rights of the means at the strain people to trun their scale of alternation of William people to run their scale of the substillation of Villate build send an army in problem to Villate build send as a position of Villate build send to villate to villate to run their scale of the means about the hobbits of the means about the reacherous at the strain was friendly, though carnanza's bostilly the villate of people to run their scale of the means of the free the means at the strain people to vill send an army in the massed on the receives the function of a hour for the massed over without a word t

The great objection to the policy adopted in Mexico is that it can only make good it carried farther. We cannot make good or our condemnation of such a government as that of Husria unless we announce the kind of government we will recognize and unless we use force to establish it. That means trooper to go to pleces that way. He

at more than 9 cents wholesale, it is not too late to plant some and take a Beans will be worth money next Winter.

The Japanese who had to pay \$5 for cratching a match on an automobile needs to familiarize himself with the dry spots in Oregon.

A milk bottle in a junkshop is a little more than incriminating evi-dence, for milk bottles are not sold Give John Barrett a roving commis-

sion to keep South America in line. John's oral ability is full of possibilities.

Oregon has the record on mobiliza-

It is no use to say it is Summer-time by the calendar if the weather will not do its part. street Northwest, Washington, Special forms are not required. There is something familiar about the warning again to Americans to the Army Nurse Corps also should pro-

What Troop A needs is a % loads of brones from the Malhour

guards includes heavy woolen socks. oying a firecrackeriess Fourth.

It is a matter of taste,

B. Takita Says Reported Ald to Car-

ransa Is Ridiculously Absurd PORTLAND, June 23 .- (To the Edisis has again permitted German press

be failure to hold the Mexicans responsible for their outrages upon the sponsible for their outrages upon the sponsible for their outrages of their outrages outrages of their outrages outrages of their outrages

The one discordant note in the Spillsbury story of the fight at Carrizal is that the negroes of the Tenth Cavairy became demoralized when their officers fell. It is not like the negrot trooper to go to ploces that way. He is proud in uniform and backs up his pride with valor.

In agreeing on 208 gallons of alcohel, 104 gallons of whisky and fifty-two gallons of other liquor as sufficient for the needs of any drugstore in six months.

two gallons of other liquor as sufficient for the needs of any drugstore in six months, Seattle druggists still leave open the question whether alcohol is a medicine or a food.

The artillery is the dandy arm of the service. The infantry does the fighting, the cavalry the scouting, while the battery boys do the killing. Four more companies are needed for Oregon's quota.

It is too early to talk about trade to the companies are needed for the control of the country to talk about trade to the companies are needed for the companies are needed for the country to talk about trade to the country to take the country to take the country to take the country to the tax levying the country to take the country to the tax levying the country to the tax levying the country to take the country to the tax levying the tax levying the country to the tax levying the country to the tax levying the country to the tax levying the tax levying the country to the tax levying the country the tax levying the country to the tax le

It is too early to talk about trade compacts after the war. Not until a good deal more is known will it become apparent exactly what the "enlightened self-interest" of the nations is going to be.

General Brussiloff's theory that it is the army and not the territory of the enemy that must be captured is not new in warfare, but if applied it promises to do its part in shortening the war.

In the course of time, evidence may be found to connect somebody with the Jennings and Ristman murders, but just now the work of getting it proceeds slowly.

With the small white bean selling at more than 9 cents wholesale, it is agent to talk waste of public funds by designing and in many cases non-taxpaying promoters.

Such laws as these encourage high taxation, as a taxing corporation, whether its levies are made by a commission, levying board or by the people direct, would hesitate to lower its two whether its levies are made by a commission, levying board or by the people direct, would hesitate to lower its levy, even if less money were required for that year, knowing that the next year. This law not only sanctions high taxation where extravagant levies have been heretofore made, but by suggestion at least encourages these extravagant levies by such tax-levies have been heretofore made, but by suggestion at least encourages these extravagant levies have been heretofore made, but by suggestion at least encourages the set to do its part in shortening the war.

No, the idea may be good, but this plan will only bring disappointment. Why do we encourage tax laws that induce extravagance and duplicity? Why not stand for and encourage revenue leves that will not only permit but will encourage open and aboveboard benefits.

nue laws that will not only permit but will encourage open and aboveboard honesty?

It seems to me that such laws should define or establish some sure and sate base or per cent for each specific purpose, over and above which a tax could not be levied, bringing the total to a sure and definite amount, and then, if thought necessary, a 6 per cent increase above this base, as leeway, could be allowed, giving taxing bodies the privilege to use it or not.

W. E. BALL,

Assessor of Lincoln County.

Assessor of Lincoln County. Service as Red Cross Nurse,

NEWPORT, Or., June 29.—(To the Editor.)—Can you inform me where I can get blanks for application for service as a Bed Cross nurse? I wish to learn whether I am eligible or not. Write a formal application in your

own handwriting, addressing it to American National Red Cross, 1624 H respondence with the superintendent of duce results.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., June 22— (To the Editor.)—To settle a dispute will you kindly state whether or not the following sentences are correct: "Several hours of work was neces-

"There were necessarily several hours of work."

ONE OF DISPUTANTS.

Both are correct. Either "hours," in the piural, or "hours of work" consid-ered as an entity, in the singular, may be taken as the subject of the sentence.

In Other Days. Home, Church and Sunday School Are

an who owns no property in her own name, merely having a dower right in the home her husband pays taxes on, legally vote at a school election? I understand both cases cited were per-

WASHOUGAL, Wash., June 22 .- (To Twenty-five Years Ago From The Oregonian, June 24, 1888.

New York, June 23.—Catherine Sinclair, widow of the tragedian Edwin Forrest, died last week at the age of 57. Although once known as the wife of the famous star and an actreas herself of no mean ability, she died in the Editor)-In a baccalaureate delivered by Rev. Father W. O. Donnell and

Mobilization of Oregon Troops -in the-

SUNDAY OREGONIAN

Staff photographers of The Oregonian secured excellent pictures of the Oregon guardsmen in various interesting poses incident to the mobilization at Camp Withycombe this week.

A whole page of these photographs will be printed in The Sunday Oregonian tomorrow. Up-to-the-minute stories will tell of the activities of the men at the camp—what they do, what they say and how they are living on the eve of their departure for probable war-

DEPARTURE OF SECOND OREGON RECALLED-The present preparations for action on the part of the Third Oregon recall the tivities of the Second Oregon in getting ready for the trip to the Philippines 18 years ago. A complete review of these stirring incidents has been prepared by a gifted writer, who was a member of the Second Oregon. A number of pictures taken at that time will be reproduced

WHO OWNS THE SKY?-This is a question that the present war in Europe has brought sharply into the foreground and one that the civilized nations of the world soon must answer. Is it lawful for British airships to fly ever Swiss territory, or for German Zepps to sail over Holland? Read an interesting, illustrated discussion of this problem tomorrow.

NAVAL TRAINING FOR CIVILIANS-Uncle Sam has made considerable progress in training his civilian population for defensive duty on land in the last year, but now he proposes to train a considerable portion of the population for work at sea. Tomorrow's Oregonian will tell of the plans. Pictures will be shown.

THE IRON CLAW-Arthur Stringer's sensational story is still running in The Sunday Oregonian and in the motion-picture theaters

simultaneously. The 18th episode appears tomorrow. NEW ASTRONOMICAL DISCOVERIES-Those celestial explorers the astronomers—always are busy. Recent discoveries that they have made reveal hundreds of worlds heretofore unknown. Read about them temorrow-also see pictures of their apparatus.

AZTEC CLUB NUMBERS MANY NOTABLES-The prospects for war with Mexico have brought into new prominence the activities of the Aztec Club, an organization composed of veterans of the first Mexican war. Many prominent men have been included in its membership. A story and picture describing them will appear to-

NAVAL SCORER NEEDED, SAYS ZAPP-The recent naval battle on the North Sea has proved a puzzler for Birsky and Zapp. What's needed is a scorer, they say, and in Montague Glass' original way of expressing it, they will present their views to Oregonian readers

THREE MORE TEMPLE PICTURES-That's about all that's neces-

SUMMER RESORT NEWS-Now, that the public schools have closed, hundreds of people from Portland and other Oregon cities are flocking to the vacation resorts. The Oregonian tomorrow will give the latest news of the beaches and mountains.

THE UPPER YUKON-Frank G. Carpenter now describes the enchanting country along the headwaters of Alaska's greatest river. Some good pictures accompany the story.

PAGE OF POEMS-Another group of favorites will appear tomorrow. Yours may be in the lot. HERBERT KAUFMAN'S PAGE—Are you a Kaufman disciple? Do you believe in the Kaufman brand of philosophy? Read the Kauf-

man page in the Sunday paper and become converted. THE TEENIE WEENIES—Just think what these whimsical creatures

of Bill Donahey's fertile brain are doing! They are taking a balloon ride. Enjoy the fun with them tomorrow. OTHER SUNDAY SPECIALTIES—Sports, society, the drama, the movies, automobiles, the comic supplement and departments of interest to children will help to make The Sunday Oregonian com-