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LLOYD GEORGE'S FIRST STROKE,

which will treat the Balkans as one a few years ago? of the main fields of operations, have dominated the conference and were made by Lawson.

remain in the north for police pur- now. The Henrys of Congress are unposes only; that certain artillery be grateful. surrendered to the allies to balance that which was given up to the Bul-garians at Seres and Kavala; that the

Constantine should prove refractory. This is the more remarkable because Italy is not one of the guaranters of constitutional government in Greece. That nation was selected because it is close at hand, has slight transport difficulties and already has an army of 350,000 men in Albania based on Avlona, only 120 miles from Monastir.

The strict blockade seemed to have brought Constantine to terms, for it was announced a week ago that the evacuation of Thessalv had been virtually completed and that women armed with rifles were guarding the rallroads, bridges and passes, but the King did not consent until January 17 to release the imprisoned Venizelists and to make amends for the affair at Athens. Apparently he has been playing for time, for General von Falkenhayn has arrived in Thessalv and it is announced from Saloniki that, instead of moving southward, the Greek troops are moving northward into the neutral zone, where they and the Venizelist troops were kept apart by the allies. It may now be the duty of Italy under the agreement to move troops through the Albanian Mounin midwinter for the occupation of Northern Greece. If Constantine were to withdraw to the Peloponnesus, the allies might still find it necessary to occupy the whole kingdom, for the coast of the peninsula is dented with Administration. nlets, which pro-German Greeks

Italy also agreed to give full armed co-operation to France and Britain in the Macedonian campaign. Criticism of the comparative inactivity of the Avlona army has been met by the statement that France and Britain had undertaken to remove danger of an attack on its right flank by Constantine's army, but had falled to do so. This danger now seems to be more imminent than ever, and it may be met by an Italian advance from the west, while the Anglo-French forces join the Venizelists in an advance from the east and occupy Athens with naval

Arrest of the Teuton advance in Roumania and assumption of the offensive by the Russo-Roumanian forces suggest that part of Von Mackensen's army may have been sent southward into Macedonia to attack the allies in front while the Greek loyalists attack in the rear. Italians should move their main force to the front in time, they may suffice to cope with the Greeks, while the with the Germans and Bulgars on the north and east. If the Italians should be delayed by the difficulties of a Winter march over bad mountain roads across Albania, the latter might

be in hard straits. Development of these dangers to the allies, which could have been foreseen from the day when Constantine began to evince enmity to them, increases surprise that they did not take more decided steps more than a year ago, and did not then clear the way for the Balkan campaign which they have From the day when Turkey joined Germany and Austria they might have foreseen the possibilmy that a Teuton drive to the southeast would link the three empires and open the way for that interchange of men and material which has been going on ever since. From the day when Bulgaria joined the central empires, when the drive through Serbia began Venizelos Cabinet, they might have foreseen that the link in question was about to be forged and that any army they sent to break it would be exposed to attack in the rear by the Greeks. By temporizing with Greece facilitated the exchange of men and River in particular, should be reas

The Oregonian troops and food from Turkey, while Turkey could no longer receive war material from Germany. The British which has repeatedly urged abandonment of the Saloniki enterprise. has also foiled the agitation of Joseph

THE JINGO LAWSON.

The caloric and horrific production of the literary and financial genius of Tom Lawson, known as "Frenzied Finance," was a few years ago accepted by the country, and particularly by the Democratic party, at par value—or more. Now there is an obvious suspicion by a Democratic Congress as to the validity of the Lawson disclosures.
"Frenzied Finance" was a so-called

evelation of the wicked and farmony—the authentic confession—of round-trip, travel to California procedure to render King Constan-tine's Greek loyalists powerless to from the yellow headliners to the ington or Alaska. It might be more

Yet the very men who are now Lloyd George went to Rome early in holding up plous hands in simulated territory, the year, met Premier Briand, of horror then made the country ring France: Premier Boselli and Foreign with their agonized vocalizations over Minister Sonnino, of Italy, and a Rusthe iniquities of Wall Street. The sian military officer. He is said to fortunes of many a cheap politician

the entire Balkan situation, which was enthusiastically accepted.

This scheme has borne fruit in the allies' insistence that the Greek army fingo and hoodoo. What was unvarbe withdrawn south of the Isthmus nished truth ten years ago is mere and the equalization has not yet be of Corinth, except that sufficient force ugly invendo and malicious hearsay made, and probably will not be,

WHY WORRY?

garians at Seres and Kavala; that the imprisoned Venizelists be released and that apology and amends be made for the attack on the allied forces at Athens on December 1.

Italy seems to have been asked and to have consented to co-operate fully in the plans of the allies, even to the point of becoming their mandatary for the armed occupation of Greece if Constantine should prove refractory.

WHY WORRY?

In 1916 the United States internal revenues from the tax on spirits and fermented liquors amounted to \$247,453,542. This little item, in the present and prospective condition of the Treasury, should be of considerable interest to the statesmen in Considerable interest to the Statesment in Considerable interest to the Statesment of Constantine Statesment of the United States internal revenues from the tax on spirits and fermented liquors amounted to \$247,453,542. This litterem, in the present and prospective condition of the Treasury, should be of considerable interest to the statesmen in Considerable interest to the Statesment of the Implication of the Treasury, should be of considerable interest to the Statesment of the Implication of the Statesment of the Statesment of the Implication of the Statesment of the Statesment of the Implication of the Statesment of the Implic

Let us inform our protesting con-

But of course the Times is not addressing its appeal to the prohibitionists but to Congress. Yet nothing in the conduct or record of the past

field—on the subject of extravagance ought to be pertinent. He told the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce: opera. He died just 20 years ago,

When Mr. Redfield said "we" he

THE MISSOURI ETHICAL STANDARD.

One of the most impressive exam-ples of the vicious effect of the seniority rule in the Senate is the fact that it has elevated Senator Stone, of Missouri, to the highly important position of chairman of the committee on foreign relations. He is a politician of the old type, whose action is guided by its effect on Missourl votes. He has not the broad knowledge of foreign affairs which has distinguished many of his predecessors, and he takes a narrow, partisan view of every question in a field where patriotic states. manship should lift him above party. In his speech on the Lawson leak charges, Mr. Stone carried his par-

tically clean sweep of all the higher Republican officeholders in the State Department. No other construction can reasonably be put on these words:

tisanship so far as to propose a prac-

vise you have unfriendly captains on guard. Had that policy been pursued by Republican Administrations, the pres-Democratic Secretary would not have held several important positions through which he rose to his present eminence. That fact alone, though many other cases might be mentioned, is sufficient to show the difference in spirit between Mr. Stone and Republican

leaders. It was left for the Missouri Senator to adopt the theory that a man would be false to his country in its dealings with other nations that he might injure an Administration with which he was not in political sympathy.

FACTS FOR THE DOUBTERS.

they have hastened the disasters to to the continuance for seven to ten Serbia and Roumania, have enabled years after the war of the present Constantine to win over many of his activity in shipbuilding in the United ople to his pro-German views, have States in general, and on the Columbia material which has given their enemies the means of stopping the Rus-Larson in The Sunday Oregonian.

sian advance in both Galicia and Asia If the normal increase of tonnage the American Railway Association. Minor and have given Germany the had continued, there should have been For the moving of the first 100,000 of reserve army which crushed Rou- 60,000,000 tons in 1919. Of the 50,- the National Guard there were 000,000 tons existing in 1914, more quired 350 trains, which if combined It is a tribute to the quick decision than 5,000,000 have been destroyed, would have made a train nearly ninet of Lloyd George that he met this 4,400,000 are interned and will take miles long. More than 3000 passenge danger first. He sees that cutting of more than a year to put in share, 12,- cars were provided, and in addition the corridor between Austria and Turkey is as essential to allied success as are operations on any other front, and that for this end the Greek menace must be removed and a great army must endeavor to force its way from the Aegean to the Black Sea. If that the rate of 350,000 tons a month, and these troops. It is also pointed out and a great that the rate of 350,000 tons a month, and these troops. It is also pointed out and a great that the rate of 350,000 tons a month, and these troops.

tral empires could no longer draw this loss, though it should add 2,000,- of all these men in tourist sleepers troops and food from Turkey, while 000 tons a year in order to keep pace would have required approximately Turkey could no longer receive war with the growth of commerce. The material from Germany. The British Premier also has disproved the charge is 2,400,000 tons a year, but between of his political enemies that he is 20,000,000 and 35,000,000 tons of new dominated by the London Times, vessels will be needed to bring the

of many new shippards in new dis-tricts before the business settles down Caillaux, the discredited French poll-tricts before the business settles down tician, and the Italian neutralists for to a normal basis. Steel ships cannot a separate peace to be made by France be built fast enough to fill the void, and Italy, and has drawn the alliance for all yards have all they can do in into closer unison.

1917 and 1918 and many have contracts extending into 1923, and the output of steel mills and engine works is contracted far ahead. The opportunity exists for wooden ships in particular, for building which the Columbia River has the best facilities in material, deep water and many other respects. The way is open to establish steel shipbuilding, but wooden shipbuilding at least should become a permanent industry.

DIFFERENTIAL OF \$17.50 STILL STANDS. From some source, probably authenreaching machinations of Wall Street.
It was received as the personal testione of the chief conspirators. He was turns East via the Pacific Northwest. the chief witness for the people. It In other words, only about one per-The first effect of Lloyd George's advent to power in London seems to have been injection of vigor into allied contained damaging attacks upon a son in twenty who makes the journey across the continent thinks it worth his while to ascertain if there is any ington or Alaska. It might be more their Saloniki army in the rear uses of muckraking magazines. Who nearly accurate, however, to say that and adoption of a plan of campaign can remember now what Lawson said he is not enough interested to pay the \$17.50 differential the railroads long imposed against the northern

Now the Interstate Commerce Com mission has roled that the \$17.50 The arbitrary charge shall be equalized, so that the traveler who wants to come north shall pay no more than to have laid before it a complete scheme for dealing with Greece and ists in inverse ratio as the distance or central route. The rates to and or central route. The rates to and from on all routes are to be the same. The rates to and the It will be of great benefit to the

Northwest. The railroads are still protesting and the equalization has not yet been long as there is a legal resource left. important to the interests of the Northwest that the advantage thus gained by the Commerce Commis ruling be pressed and there be a final decision at the earliest practicable

time. The hotel men of Oregon and Washington have taken charge of the cam-paign, and they are asking for the aid, financial and moral, of the public. It should be given.

In the calendar of events soon at temporary, out of the abundance of land, the production of the opera, long and fruitful experience with prohibition, that the average "dry" day nights at the Eleventh Street day nights at the Eleventh-Street doesn't care a tinker's imprecation Playhouse, is one of contemplative about the financial argument against pleasure and interest. The reasons are his particular reform. If the internal several. It will bring together again It will bring together again revenue income from spirits and fer- some of Portland's promising musical mented liquors were \$1,000,000,000 a and dramatic talent. Who knows but year instead of \$247,453,542, he would a spark of genius may thus be discovculture and learning that are mantfestly good for any community, and without which a community feels and

shows the effects. "Mignon" is a delightful and melodslightest concern or worry about so enough ago to link the musical glory trifling an item as \$247,453,542. The testimony of a high official of the hopeful spirit of today. Thomas the Administration—Secretary Red- was born in 1811, about the time that Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce:

We are the wasters of the world. It would not be untruthful to take the initials L.W. W. and attach them to ourselves as meaning the Industrial Wasters of the World.

Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce:

Opera. He died just 20 years ago, a dispute as to which commissions after a quarter of a century of musical leadership as director of the wants economy at somebody else's expension of the language of the conservatory. In the early days pense, as usual. We are all great re
World. of his career, operatic appreciation was fostered first by communities of meant somebody else, or all other music lovers and then by the larger somebodies. But the country will centers. In the latter way "Mignon" make the adaptation to the National and other recent productions of local music patrons are being used to foster musical appreciation on the Northwest Pacific Coast, where, because of several conditions, we have too little of art and musical entertainment. It a happy fact that, in the absen of the professional stars and companies, we can turn to our ambitious amateurs and tireless teachers and

opera. "Mignon" is full of poetic beauty and has several of the popular oper-atic songs, among them, "I Am Titania," "Knowest Thou the Land" and "The Swallow" duet. "Mignon" is in the operatic repertoire of almost every country. It has lived because it has given delight to its audiences and be muse of its abundant melody and the appeal of its story based on Goethe's Wilhelm Meister. It has omething for the eye also. Its stage effects are a fascinating frame for

Let me say, without a moment's halting if I could have my way I would have every Administration put its own trusted memmen of its own choosing—in every reality responsible place. Do not understand me as saying that the civil service should be swept off the statute books; but there are men now holding important and confidential relations to the State Department, and no doubt in other departments, who have no compensation and the only liations to the State Department, and no doubt in other departments, who have no compensation and the only linancial ambitton of the association is to pay expenses. The work is done, as much other is done in the realm of chiefs. Many of them, I am sure, would be happy to see the Administration in which they serve a failure. I think those who hold positions of control end of dominating influence—the chiefs of divisions and upshould be in hearty sympathy with the Administration under which they serve. Otherwise you have unfriendly captains on guard. It is to be hoped the public appre organization of business men, sicians and patrons of music. lectual and artistic growth go hand in hand with business progress, as Bos ton, Philadelphia and New York have shown and at some time, more so than

now, it will be apparent in Portland. It is difficult to estimate the good that results from public patronage of an undertaking such as "Mignon." If it does no more than to bring the leading singers together for an evening of community entertainment, such good wide in its scope; and if it brin light some genius which otherwise might have been "born to blush un-seen," its benefit will be everlasting. Besides all this, here is an oppor-tunity of realizing, in a measure, or the investment that has gone into the musical and dramatic training of the directors and singers who lend of their Any person who has misgivings as experience and talents for an event of

The magnitude of the task of mobilizing an army, from the view-point of the railroads, is graphically shown in a summary of the movemen to the Mexican border completed by would have made a train nearly ninety undertaking should succeed, the cen- new construction does not make good that to have effected the movement

world's total up to its needs in 1919. in the latter case all civil business. There is scope here for the activity was put aside and the distances were much shorter. The majority of the American soldiers were transported more than 2000 miles.

> Social ambition has had a serious effect upon the supply of help for hotels in the East and Middle West, particularly in the case of scrubwomen, the cause being twofold. In the en, the cause being twofold. In the bers are Howard C. Robey, who is in first place the immigration of those willing to do this kind of work has and John Daly, who is managing "inbeen stopped and in the next the mu- tolerance." These three have been tillinitions factories have offered opporalways more lucrative employment | the established rites of the game. While many varieties of factory employment are as arduous as scrubbing. t has been explained by one of the as dignified as that which is performed standing, while, of course job at which one may sit while making a living is highest of all in the scale. It seems impossible to wipe out class distinctions. No sooner do we think we have succeeded in some way than the people affected proceed to create a distinction of their own. The fact that true aristocracy in labor consists in a task well done is a beau-tiful theory, but the difficulty is in ecuring its wide adoption in practice

Prohibitive cost of steel and diffiulty of getting it delivered promptly have caused return to wooden railroad cars as well as wooden ships, and Oregon has the best material for both. There is every reason why the Brook-lyn shops should be the scene of a great industry in the building of cars not only for the Southern Pacific but for other roads, and the contract obtained by the Montavilla shops should prove to be only the first of a series That the cars may be built where the umber rather than where the is produced, it is necessary that other elements of cost be held down to a figure which will bring the orders to Oregon.

Admiral Dewey's opportunity came after sixty years of preparation, and it found him ready because he had mille, Carmen and so on. I would made good use of those years. In his, as in many other careers, the fruits hardt had been dead for years and memories of her had been wiped out. crowded moments. This is a lesson to those who are tempted to imagine that it is not worth while to do small things well. They forget that fidelity in small duties is part of the equip ment for success in great things.

Mr. Osborne's determination to go o prison persists, and it is to be hoped, of course, that good will come But it is always to be remembered that the voluntary convict cannot possibly hope to duplicate the exfind fourfold more reason for making the whole country an anti-alcoholic certain aspirations and ambitions of or resentment, as the case may be, is wholly lacking.

When President Wilson bade fareell to Mr. Bryan after the latter's three sessions of Congress indicates that its members as a body have the slightest concern or worry about so slightest concern or worry about so favors to come.

> Consolidation of state commissions threatens to be wrecked once more by formers-of the other fellow.

contract will net him \$1,000,000 a purchase price was \$1,200,000.

year. The seminaries are full of The exact figure of Miss Adams young men who are ready for graduation and who would work for as little as \$600 a year. All depends on whom received \$700,000. The star purchased

Reliability of reports on food con ditions in the warring countries depends upon their source and must be considered so: but in the cases of Julian Johnson. have local productions of genuine Belgium and Poland there can be doubt of the hunger that prevails.

> Running a penitentiary is an experiment at best, and it may be a geles paper. Texas has been appeargood plan to give Warden Murphy what he wants. If results fail, the had not been made. Belligerents now compare the con

than the number of each other's guns in calculating on the prospects of Each party hopes to have famine for an ally.

Making wife desertion a felony will have a doubly good effect if it revives interest in the "marry-in-haste-andrepent-at-leisure" maxim.

Only an enthusiast will keep hen at work during a longer day by artificial light, and "enthusiast" is another name for "crank." The first bill passed by the Legis-

upon as needed. Going broke in Salem is not a joke. There is one disadvantage in "scab' baseball. The strikers will all be

Street, the Democrats seem to have son. been keeping shockingly bad company

good throwers and every pitch will be

Coal is not going into Eastern Ore-on by parcel post, but there's no telling what may happen. Ownership of the Danish West Iniles also makes a few more jobs for

deserving Democrats. The Pacific Coast will have at least Pacific is to build.

The German supply of John Paul Joneses seems to be almost inexhaustible.

This is the weather for the ginger; step of increased activity. The lid seems to be off Mount Stars and Starmakers

TRIUMVIRATE of theatrical A touts-at least two of them are touts and one used to be-are holding sessions of reminiscences and do-youremembers among the prunes and onions in a Front-street commission house this week. The used-to-be the atrical-advance-man is Wally Derthick, who has quit the game and taken over the aforementioned business on Front street, and the two other star memcums for several dozen years, and the cunities for more aristocratic if not reunion is being done according to all

Press material arriving from the New York office of the Orpheum intiformer hotel workers that work that mates that G. Horace Mortimer is the new director of publicity for Martin Beck's circuit. Mr. Mortimer was Nellie Revell's righthand man during that dynamic woman's regime as Orpheum press agent and to all accounts he was appointed to fill the place left vacant when Nellie resigned to take over the press work for the Century Theater in New York. Mr. Mortimer's "stories" and paragraphs stamp him as a live wire.

> Laurette Taylor tells about her experiences on the stage in the January American Magazine. She says:

derful!' You may be too fat or too tall or too blond. But everything you do is wonderful! You forget that it is you, their favorite personality, the audience is applauding and not the actress' work, and you mix the two things up if you don't look out.

"In stock throughout the country as actress plays parts she never would think of playing Camille until Bernhardt had been dead for years and memories of her had been wiped out.

"I went to see Bernhardt when she was here four or five years ago—went to see what I had been led to believe to five weather to see what I had been led to believe to five weather to see what I had been led to believe to five weather to see what I had been led to believe to five weather to see what I had been led to believe to five weather to see what I had been led to believe to five weather to see what I had been led to believe to five weather to see what I had been led to believe to five weather to see what I had been led to believe to five weather to see what I had been led to believe to five weather to see what I had been led to believe to five weather to see what I had been led to believe to five weather to see what I had been led to believe to five weather to see what I had been led to believe to five weather to see what I had been wiped out.

was the remnants of a great actress. People said: 'She's nothing like she was. She has lost her figure and her beautiful voice. Don't go. But if you do go, don't sit too close.' But I went coping to catch something from her Camille. I never was thrilled like it; never saw anything as it was that ast night."

Alice Dovey has gone and got her self engaged to Jack Hazzard, who used to be a newspaper man and who has now graduated into being a journalist and playwright. The wedding is to be in the Springtime if they are in the same frame of mind then as now "Turn to the Right," which he wrote in collaboration with Winchell Smith.

Hard-luck note: Maude Adams, the Frohman star, made a handsome profit out of a real estate deal when she dis posed of property owned by her at 22 and 24 East Forty-first street, New York. An adjoining 20-story building owned by a realty company was included in the sale, and the combined

share of this sum was not made public, the property 10 years ago.

Texas Guinan, who modestly billed herself as "God's perfect masterpiece," is once more a bride. She is Mrs.

The event took place a fortnight age in Chicago, where Mr. Johnson is edi-tor of a photoplay magazine. He was formerly dramatic critic on a Los Aning in a vaudeville sketch with William L. Gibson. She was last in Portstate is not worse off than if a trial land two seasons ago in one of the Shubert Winter Garden shows.

> A note from Irefie Oshier, who played leads for awhile at the Baker last season, tells me that she has been en gaged to play the leads with Herbert Yest in a New York dramatic production unnamed as yet. Robert Campbell is managing the affair.

> A correspondent asks me please to sottle a dispute. A says that Mrs. George M. Cohan, who is now Mrs. Claude Grahame Hyphen White, is an English girl, and B says she is an American

Well B is right. Ethel Levey Cohan Grahame Hyphen White is not popularity is assured." only American, but she's a Californian She was born in San Francisco Novem ber 22, 1880, and appeared in amateu performances from the time she was 8 years of age as an eloclutionist and pianiste and made her professional lebut at the Columbia Theater, San Francisco, New Year's eve, 1897, with Hoyt's "A Milk White Flag." She had a

blackface specialty in this production. She was married to George M. Co lature provides a handy fund to draw a little daughter, Georgette. In 1907, on February 18, to be exact, Miss Levey, obtained a divorce from her Yanke's Doodle comedian and shortly afterward went abroad, where she has remained since, save for one little visit to America, when she brought

Georgette over to see her father, George Cohan remarried years ago For a party which abominates Wall and has two little daughters and one

Anything else you want to know, just write and ask. If I don't know it I'll find the information some way Toby Claude, the English comedienn who is really an American, you know has arrived in America and is already booked for vaudeville. She came ove on the same ship with Maxine Eliott. Miss Claude wore a British army cap and blouse and an aviator's cap. an interview she said she intended ne look at the 5650 cars the Southern wearing the uniform until the end of the war. She added that if England needed them, there were 2,000,000 women in the British Empire ready to volunteer and fight. She said she had two brothers in the British army, and was proud of it.

Olive Tempest, who formerly ap-peared with Beerbohm Tree, is on her way to Montevideo, Uruguay, South America, to become a bride,

HIGHWAY GATEWAY IS OPPOSED Suggestion That Tourists Do Not Want

Man-Made Scenery. PORTLAND, Jan. 16 .- (To the Editor.)-There was printed in The Oregonian of January 7 a sketch of a

members of a certain organization for their zeal and enterprise in erecting this fountain. Their intentions were no doubt of the very best and they were actuated by the highest motives, but their money and efforts could have been better spent in another direction. Why not improve what we aiready have instead of desecrating? It is not at all in keeping with the surround-ings. The same amount of money ex-pended would have gone a long way toward building a new trail or replanting with native trees and shrubs the scars caused by slides and excavations.

It is useless to think we can improve on nature. I am a firm believer

in building the road proper of the very best material and keeping it in perfect condition, but leaving the surround-ings in their wild, natural condition. This is what the Eastern tourists come here to see; they are tired of man-made scenery.

made scenery.

If these people with their mistaken good intentions insist on erecting these beautiful monatrosities, I would suggest that there be purchased an acre somewhere along the highway to American Magazine. She says:

"Playing stock is an advantage if you don't allow the praise that you get from people who really don't know to upset you. They get to know you, and send you real home-made ples and pincushions and name their babies after you—according to sex, of course. This week you come on as Camille. Loud applause! Next week you come on as Topsy in 'Uncle Tom's Cabin.' Wonderful!" You may be too fat or too tall sisting of people of culture, good taste sisting of people of culture, good taste

and experience in such matters. For want of a better name it might be called a committee for the "prevention of the desecration of the Columbia River Highway,"
GEORGE P. DEKUM.

CHARACTER OF NEW EMPEROR Charles Said to Be Modest, Industrious and Likely to Be Very Popular.

statesmen, but to his allies as well. Next to the personal popularity which Empress Zita enjoys among the poly-glot peoples of the Dual Monarchy, the greatest significance for the future at-taches to certain manifestations on Emperor Charles' part of a real and distinguished democracy of manner

and mind.

He is already showing earmarks to
the initiated of being a decidedly modern ruler and foe to excessive official
redtape and over-meticulous court formalities. *One of his first steps has been to promulgate a novelty at cour that is radical for the Austria of Francis Joseph. Ministers and other state functionaries who personally appeared before the late Emperor to deliver their reports were required to wear full-dress suits, regardless of the time of day, the hour of the audiences beof day, the hour of the audiences being frequently before ordinary mortals
eat breakfast. To expedite business
of the state, however, the young soldier-Emperor, whose experience at the
front has cured him of any acquired
fondness for fuss and frills, has decreed that statesmen and other personages shall appear before him in conventional every-day clothes, a chance entional every-day clothes, a change which is considered extremely charac-teristic of the new ruler. While he has continued Prince Mon-tenuo in the office of First Lord High

hamberlain and made Count Berchtold Second Court Chamberlain, it is understood that there will be sweeping changes in other posts at court, all making for simplicity and possibly foreshadowing a breaking away from the minutely stereotyped observance the Dardanelles. at the Hapsburg court of ancient tra-ditional forms of the cold Spanish

court dating from the 15th century.

An interesting sidelight on Charles' character is afforded by an authentic anecdote going the rounds of diplomatic circles. On receiving Hungarian An interesting sidelight on Charles' character is afforded by an authentic anecdote going the rounds of diplomatic circles. On receiving Hungarian war correspondents at his east front headquarters, one of them chanced to praise the military virtues of the then army commander, Archduke Charles, whereupon the latter replied:

"I have a deep and abiding respect for the press and my appreciation of its brave work is great I know how to value the service which you are render-

value the service which you are render-ing under arduous conditions. In these extraordinary times it isn't meet, how-ever, that you should apply a double standard of measurement and write more about me than older Generals crowned with merited honors and serv

From a well-informed personage at ourt I gleaned the following additional details regarding the new Kai-

"In manner he is of great modesty and courtesy and entirely free from affectation and pose. There is some-thing decidedly chivalrous about his thing decidedly chivalrous about his young, supple elegant figure in General's uniform, his lively blue eyes, and Charles is perfectly natural. He is always himself. As a result he and the Empress Zita, even amid court ceremonial, never make a cut-and-dried conventional impression. Their future

"Putting It Over" at Election. Pittsburg Dispatch.

During a city election in New York a unch of trained repeaters marched into an East Side polling place.
"What name?" inquired the election clerk of the leader, who was red-haired and freckled and had a black eye.

The voter glanced down at a slip of paper in his hand. "Isidore Mendelheim," he said.
"That's not your real name, and you know it," said a suspicious challenger for a reform taket. for a reform ticket.
"It is me name," said the repeater. "and I'm going to vote under it-see?"
From down the line came a voice:
"Don't let that guy bluff you, Casey.
Soitinly your name is Mendelheim."

Three Years' Residence Required. UNION, Or., Jan. 16 .- (To the Editor.) fore title can be acquired? If so, ho long? FRED G. WILSON.

Three years' residence on the land is equired according to officials of the United States Land Office.

that astronomical theory of yours?"
"Certainly not," replied the scientist.
"As soon as an astronomical theory becomes thoroughly demonstrated it loses

"As soon as an astronomical theory becomes thoroughly demonstrated it loses half its value as a subject for magazine articles."

Work on Alaska Railroad.

St. Hellens, Or., Jan. 18.—(To the Editor.)—Can you give me the address of the head of the Government railroad work in Alaska? FRED KETEL.

Write to Alaska Railroad Commission, L. C. Smith building, Seattle,

In Other Days

Twenty-five Years Ago From The Oregonian January 18, 1892. New York, Jan. 18.—Henry G. Dowd, sonian of January 7 a sketch of a proposed gateway for a formal entrance to Columbia River Highway. I sincerely hope that the design will not be accepted and trankly state that it is decidedly inappropriate for the purpose.

There was erected last Summer and presented to the public a so-called fountain at one of the most beautiful spots on the Columbia Highway. I do not wish to impugn the motives of the members of a certain organization for their zeal and enterprise in erecting

Thomas A. Edison has announced that he has an idea for an electrical device that would, if this country was attacked by an enemy, put the invaders to rout. He said 25 men could defend a fort against a big army with his invention, which, roughly speaking, is a device for throwing "liquid electricity" by means of ground wires and water.

J. B. McClane, of Salem, one of the original donors of the townsite of Sa-lem, is dangerously ill.

W. H. Galvani has been elected president of the Oregon Vegetarian Society. H. Addis is secretary and Mrs. Lucy A. Mallory treasurer.

"The Devil's Auction" is the attrac-The Devil's Auction is the attraction at the Marquam Grand tonight. In the cast is George H. Adams, W. H. Bartholomew, Louise Dempsey, Eva Salbie, Victoria Walters and Fannie Quick. There is a large ballet headed by Mile. Adele Camis.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian January 18, 1887. We yesterday noticed a large ship's cun on the wharf, which, it was said, a to be shipped by the Oriflamms to San Francisco to be put on board the Oregonian. It is a large one for the simple purpose of a signal gun, being nearly eight feet in length, with a sixinch bore. We are informed that it belongs to Mr. Ladd.

The match game of billiards between James A. Murray and Isaac Foster, prevented last Wednesday by the arrest of one of the players, will be played tonight for \$250 a side.

A citizens' lecture course has been started for the benefit of the First Congregational Church. The lectures will be given at Oro Fine Hall, the first one on Tuesday, January 29. Among the lecturers will be Hon, J. H. Mitchell, Rev. G. H. Atkinson, D. D., Hon, W. W. Upton, J. H. Stinson, A. M., Hon, E. D. Shattuck and W. H. Watkins, M. D.

Whatever may be the cause, all Eu-rope is arming and preparing for a great struggle. Russia has made a levy en masse, proclaimed a new eman-cipation in Poland and is making and importing war material. France and Austria are similarly active.

W. S. Ladd, Josiah Failing and A. H. Johnson have been appointed to view the proposed extension of Washington from Seventh street to the intersection with B street

Foreign War Primer.

THE Island of Lesbos, whose in-A habitants were not far behind the Cretana in expressing in revolutionary outburst their dissatisfaction with the failure to throw the weight of Greek arms into the scales of war on the side of the entente Allies, is the subject of a timely war geography bulletin issued by the National Geographic Society from its headquarters in Wash-

ington, which says: "Lesbos, often called Mytllene, after the island's famous capital and chief the Island's Island's capital and chief city, lies on the eastern edge of the Aogean Sea, separated from the shores of Asia Minor by a channel which at its narrowest point is not more than seven miles across. That part of the mainland opposite the island was known in ancient times as Trond (the land in accept times as Trond (the land).

the Dardanelles the Dardaneires.
"The area of Lesbos is about 675 square miles (60 square miles larger than the Isle of Pines, off the coast of Cuba), and its surface is a succes-

respect ation of the vineyards are no longer especially productive. The olive is now the chief product of the island and much of the oil of this fruit is converted into soap and exported. Figs, almonds, cattle and hides are other articles of commerce, also the acorus of the valonia oak, extensively used in tanning and the preparation of vertexile description. in the preparation of vegetable dye-

> "Although 90 per cent of the island's population of 130,000 is Greek, the ter-ritory was under Turkish rule until three years ago when Greece assumed con-trol, following the second Balkan war. The Turk came into possession of the island in the middle of the 15th century when Mohammed II wrested in when Mohammed II wrested it from the descendants of the Geneese noble, Francesco Gattilusis, who had received it from the Byzantine emperors in 1354.
> "Besides the famous struggles over the city of Mytliene, recited in a pre-vious bulletin, several important marine

the city of Mytliene, reciffed in a previous bulletin, several important marine
engagements have been fought in the
waters adjacent to Leshos, notably
those in which the Venetians defeated
the Turks in 1890-98, and the Greeks
bested the same power in 1821.
"In addition to Pittacus, one of the
Seven Sages of Greece, and Sappho, the
greatest woman poet of the ancients,
Lesbos' hall of fame boasts of Terpander, the founder of Greek classical
music and of lyric poetry and a famous
composer of drinking sones; Alcaeus,
peet and inventor of the Alcaic stansa,
much used by Horace and Theophrastus,
the famous philosopher and pupil of
Aristotle, whom the latter named as
guardian of his children and to whom
he bequeathed the Aristotleian library
and original works. After Aristotle's
death Theophrastus presided over the
peripatelic school for 35 years, up to
the time of his death in 257 B. C., when
he had a public funeral in Athens and
was mourned by the entire populace.
Lesches, author of The Little Hind's
continuance of the Homeric epic from
the death of Hector through the incidents relating to the contest of UNION, UT., Jan. 10.—(10 the Editor.) continuance of the Homeric epic from the death of Hector through the inwhereby one can take, 640 acres of land, is the homesteader required to live on this land a definite period before title can be acquired? If so, how contest of

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