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WILL THE GERMAN SIGN?

Interest in the peace conference now centers on the question: "Will the Germans sign?" The peace delegates and the German cabinet make all the demonstrations customary with one who is being dragged or driven to a repulsive task.

Weighting all considerations as the Germans must weigh them, which involves the almost impossible feat of thinking Germany as the victor in the American mind, one is led to the conclusion that the Germans indulge a forlorn hope of dividing the allies and of at least obtaining some modification of the terms.

The chief reliance of Germany now seems to be that America will at the last hour give counsel of mercy to the allies. From the first it has counted American idealism as a German asset.

Whatever reasonable doubt exists as to whether Germany will accept the terms can be traced back to the beginning of the armistice negotiations. Though two weeks more of fighting would diminish the German army to a routed rabble, President Wilson was too much elated by the fact that Germany had donned the outer garments of democracy.

The German demand for a popular vote on detachment of the territory which Germany is to lose and for immediate admission to the league of nations proves that Germany clings to false ideals and does not consider itself guilty of crimes which unfit it for association with other nations.

But there is small reason to apprehend that the Germans will carry defiance to the point where the allies would have to advance into the heart of Germany and occupy the whole country. From what they know that they did to France and Belgium, and that the allied armies did to the Rhine cities, the Germans have a wholesome dread of invasion.

They are powerless for successful resistance and, therefore, would probably offer one at all in order to save their cities from bombardment, or would make only a show of it. The enraged workmen,

ready for any kind of peace, might drive out the Ebert government and install an extreme socialist government to accept any terms which the allies dictated.

If the allies show no sign of weakness or division, it is sternly insisted on the terms which they have offered, it is a safe prediction that the Germans will sign.

ONLY GUESSING.

So exalted a political personage as the chairman of the democratic national committee frankly admits that he has "no information" about President Wilson's intentions as to a third term.

What the candid Cummings says he doesn't know is what everybody else doesn't know, but guesses. It is that the president may be a candidate. Or may not be.

If not Wilson, who? Whomsoever the president names, of course—if he cares to name him. The unenlightened Cummings doubtless doesn't even know who it will be, or whether he will even designate the sacrificial lamb.

It was ever a political party so completely uninterested in the welfare of the people? Were ever the nominal managers of the party ever so completely out of the confidence of its master?

A PROTEST.

The Oregonian has received from the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Oregon, the following statement in relation to its recent and sufficient statement of the purposes of Memorial Day:

To the surviving union soldiers of the civil war the observance of Memorial Day is a sacred duty. We are in hearty and grateful sympathy with any national attempt to discourage the observance of this day.

This day has been specially set apart for that purpose, and feeling assured of your hearty cooperation, we respectfully request you to appear in parade with your respective companies.

On this sacred day (May 30) the public schools are closed that the younger generation may understand the sacrifices and hear proclaimed the patriotic principles which have lost their lives that the nation might live.

Memorial day is not, in its general conception, for celebration by the Grand Army alone. It has come to be a day dedicated to observance by all who have died that add them to the roll of the nation's heroes.

Disgusted with the incompetence, partisanship and inefficiency in management of business of which it has seized control, the people are turning from the democratic party and fastening their eyes upon the republican party.

The republicans can win in 1920 if by their conduct in the present and succeeding sessions of congress they earn the confidence which the people have placed in them.

It involves on the republicans not to stop at exposing the failures and vices of the administration, but to go on with reorganization of the government for better service, especially to set the nation's finances in order by adopting a budget system.

its own defeat if it were, as a party, to oppose the league of nations. All observers agree that, without regard to party, American opinion favors American membership in the league.

A proposal that Canada increase its meat supply by using airplanes to drive the great herds of caribou from the barrens of the northern provinces into the Columbia river route.

HUNTING FROM AIRPLANES.

The average man regards any means of slaying predatory animals as justifiable, but the sportsman's idea is to match his skill, cunning and endurance against those of his prey.

The upshot may be adoption by the league of nations of a treaty to restrict hunting with aircraft in the wild parts of the earth.

We are coming to the point where we are already coming to a head. The world's population is increasing at a rapid rate, and the world's food supply is being exhausted.

DEPORTATION AND IMMIGRATION.

The number of bills on immigration and on deportation of enemy and undesirable aliens which has been introduced arouses expectation of action at this session.

Due-protection against undesirable immigrants in order to protect the country until new laws can be brought into operation, but the period of four years which has been proposed is too long.

Revision of the laws in regard to exclusion of Asiatics is also under consideration. It is becoming more obvious that by depriving General Wood of opportunity to put his record on a new play this spring and, if it is successful, will use it as his starting vehicle for next season.

DEFENDING THE MOUNTAIN ROUTE.

If the railroads and the Puget sound cities should make in the Portland case the contention stated in the Seattle case, that the Portland route is the only one that will be the basis for the whole rate structure of the district.

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road by the Northern Pacific and Great Northern, which use their power to prevent traffic from following its natural route down the Columbia river to Portland and to force it to the unnatural route over the mountains.

This situation furnishes a close parallel to that which the supreme court destroyed when it broke up the Northern Securities merger of all the Hill and Harriman roads.

STARS AND STARMARKS.

Florence Hart, who has been touring in Booth Tarkington's successful play, "Seventeen," has arrived to spend her vacation in Portland with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Hart.

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Those Who Come and Go.

Slam, Brazil, Japan, China, the Hotel Perkins or any place he hangs his hat in, is a sweet home to Clary's mill. Just as soon as his passport arrives, Mr. Ball will hike back to Shanghai.

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New-crop cherries are so high the frugal housewife needs a recipe to conserve the pits.

In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of May 29, 1894. An effort is being made to separate the Oregon Railway & Navigation company from the Union Pacific, bringing about a separate receivership.

From The Oregonian of May 29, 1890. Washington.—The Northern Pacific Railroad company is proposing to send an exploring expedition to pass over the route of a proposed line to Puget sound and has asked General Sherman for a military escort.

London.—The Alabama claims form the big theme of conversation and newspaper comment. A statistician reports that Oregon on May 1 had 25 wholesale liquor dealers, 57 retail dealers, 28 breweries and no distilleries.

J. H. Mitchell is quoted as saying that at least 20 miles of railroad will be built on the east side of the river this year.

More Truth Than Poetry. By James J. Montague. (Copyright, 1919, by the Bell Syndicate, Inc.) PROOF. John Burroughs, who's a shark on birds.

But there's a wren outside my door That talks whenever I go near him. And talks so glibly, furthermore, That I just wish that John could hear him.

Of mornings, when I stroll about The while he hymns his glad thanksgiving. He interrupts himself to shout: "Hey! Ain't it glorious to be living?"

With a Convention Next Year. Congress can be depended upon not to take any action with more than 75 per cent politics in it.

Why Doesn't He Read the Papers? He should not have another war for 20 years—Henry Morgenthau says. What's the trouble, Henry? Don't you know that there are 14 of them going on right now?

Henry Clay Dead a Long Time. There are no "D-rather-be-right-than-president" statesman now. All of them are sure that they can be both.

OREGON QUAIL IN EARLY DAYS. Memories of Feast Awakened by Reading of Pioneer Woven Mills. OLYMPIA, Wash., May 25.—(To the Editor.) I have been reading with much interest the articles by Mr. Addison Bennett regarding the establishment of the woven mills of Oregon—those at The Dalles, Brownsville and Oregon City.

The Springtime brings new joy to all. There is no sign of gloom nor pall. The soul with gladness seems to sing—Each spring.

On our boyhood we look and smile, Our very hearts they do beguile; Sin has not touched nor left a scar—So far.

Unsoiled. By Grace E. Hall. Each morning brings fresh faith, somewhat. The promise of a better day; The world itself seems newly-born—Each morn.

Writers on Unviewed Wonders. School Pupils, Having Described Columbia Highway, Would Like to See It. PORTLAND, May 28.—(To the Editor.) I have a pupil of Capitol Hill school.