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THE RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE.

Verdun has ceased to be the main focal point of the great military movement now in making on the Austro-Russian front. The Russian offensive action, which opened June 4, has continued without reaction...

THE DEMOCRATIC SLOGAN.

The campaign slogan adopted by the Democrats, that President Wilson has kept us out of war, invites the inquiry at the outset, "What is war?"

IS THE STAGE BEING SET?

From the inauspicious environs of Mexico come dismal rumblings. Nothing new or unusual from the north, but Mexico's distracted affairs are exciting an exceptional interest in Washington...

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the Russian armies, whose services might be looked to in a serious emergency. But the action is in its early stages. If the Russian advantage persists when the Teutons look for heavy reinforcements without weakening vital lines?

MR. BRYAN FORGETS HISTORY.

Like other Democratic orators, Mr. Bryan is careless about the statement of history. He has forgotten the history of the Russian Revolution...

THE SCRAWNY BOOK CROP.

Literature is unable to look back upon a prolific or profitable year. The black twelve months of 1915 yielded a relatively small crop of books, and not any in the small crop stands out as a particularly notable work of art.

DEATH-CHAMBER VERSE.

Our hero-worshipping instinct is ever on the lookout for possible Bunyans, and a slight impulse from behind the bars is sufficient to set us all crying "Eureka!" with tremendous enthusiasm.

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has defended and assumed responsibility for those attacks. It has offered to compensate the injured, but has not disavowed the acts nor punished their perpetrators.

Apologists for the Wilson Administration probably refer to the European war when they boast that it has kept us out of war, but their boasts are false. They may refer to the fact that Mr. Wilson has not intervened by armed force throughout the world...

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mitted to emanate from Mexico. It is safe to assume that conditions in Mexico are about the same as they have been for the past two or three years. With utter chaos prevailing, conditions could not get any worse.

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warning to others, is a weird conglomeration of the influences apparently of Fitzgerald's "Rubaiyat," of Swinburne's philosophical poems and of Emerson.

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These things may be combined in a single routing of one week. It is the combination vacation, in fact, that is coming to be more and more popular in Oregon. Most of the beaches are accessible to good fishing haunts.

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GLEAMS THROUGH THE MIST

By Deana Collins. BALLADE OF THE WOOD HUNGER. Past the last sign about "Lots for Sale," Out where the carlines don't even run.

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