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MY! HOW WE'RE SCARED.

ONE month ago today we boasted to ourselves in clariou tones that we were the biggest, the grandest and the most powerful nation on earth. We had licked everybody we ever tackled, and we were ready right then to lick any other country on the face of the earth.

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

There was a sea captain named Haun On the Leipzig, with crew of brown. It was his proud boast The enemy to roast, But when he got there they were gawn!

Those European news censors sure are earning their money if one may judge by the scarcity of authentic and reliable war news.

Maybe the contract of the movie manufacturers requires that the European war be fought behind a "screen."

Apparently Russia has been holding back until her enemies are half-licked by her French and Belgian allies.

The reports of casualties in the fighting these days is almost enough to put an adding machine out of business.

Anyhow, we're glad we don't have to read the war news as printed in the Serbian language.

The Kaiser has gone to the front, and if he keeps up a good front the Allies may not chase him back from the front.

The increase in the price of booze may make some Coos Bay men regard the war situation more soberly.

It must keep the Kaiser busy remembering the names of all the countries he has declared war on.

MORATORIUM.

The war is responsible for popularizing a word of which but little is heard in piping times of peace, "moratorium."

According to Webster moratorium means "a period during which an obligor has a legal right to delay meeting an obligation, especially such a period granted in an emergency, as to a bank or debtors generally, by a moratory law."

Moratoriums have been declared in Europe, in the Orient and in South America.

The United States having both the gold and the food supply of the world is not in need of a moratory law, and cannot well be put in position to need one.

NORTH BEND NEWS

The Baptist Ladies' Aid Society of North Bend will meet in their rooms over Jennings' store Thursday at 2:30. It will be social day and chicken dinner will be served.

ALONG the WATERFRONT

The George W. Elder was delayed at Portland by heavy freight and did not sail from there until 6 o'clock last evening. She will arrive to-night and sail at 2 o'clock tomorrow for Eureka.

Advertisement for Meritol White Liniment. Includes an illustration of a person and text describing the medicine's benefits for various ailments.

PERSONAL MENTION

P. E. WESTERBERG and wife and son are enjoying a weeks' outing near Camp One on Coos River. The Misses Murphy of Bandon are expected to join them.

GETTING BACK TO NATURE

Editor Times: "GETTING back to nature" is one of the new and popular series being dinged into the ears of the public these days to promote another fad.

The only excuse for this peculiar experiment of Knowles and the subsequent exploitation through the press, aside from advertising a certain San Francisco newspaper, is to encourage people to "get back to nature," whatever getting back to nature means.

At the present time there are lots of picnics in the woods. When we go to one we are trying to satisfy that get back to nature craving. We are accustomed to sitting with our legs under a proper table, in a proper chair, and eating peacefully.

By the time we arrive at the chewing process, the ants are with us. About the first bite, we dust away one of those dusty-eyed timber flies. Soon the whole herd is present.

In all we have a beastly time. We arise after the alleged banquet, get our leg muscles untangled with difficulty, stretch our arms a while, wipe away the sweat, hope for a breeze, but with it all, think we have been to a picnic dinner.

If we must get back to nature, let's be sensible about it! Let us imitate Joe Knowles and go bare naked! What? Horrors, did you say? Did somebody remark that we had in the providence of racial improvement, passed the day of primitive and naked man? Why, sure! This thought always occurs to us when we cramp ourselves on the ground and try to enjoy a "comfortable dinner," just as primitive man did.

This life is one of progress. We used to enjoy a six-mile an hour trotter but now nobody does who can afford a Ford.

Even Frank Norton and D. L. Rood have gone back on Dobbin. We do not have witches at Salem, and civilized nations are not supposed to go to war except for a righteous cause but they do.

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The Contraband of War

GREAT BRITAIN ISSUES A STATEMENT OF WHAT IS SO REGARDED AND WHICH WILL BE SEIZED WHEN FOUND ON THE HIGH SEAS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 26.—Great Britain's contraband of war proclamation was cabled to the State Department by Ambassador Page. It places arms, ammunition, and all distinctly military supplies on the list of "absolute" contraband.

Articles Which Are Contraband. The proclamation follows the usual lines, and those issued by other powers involved in war probably will be virtually identical.

- 1. Arms of all kinds, including arms for sporting purposes, and their distinctive component parts. 2. Projectiles, charges and cartridges of all kinds and their distinctive component parts. 3. Powder and explosives specially prepared for use in war.

Industrial Review of the State

EVERYTHING DOING IN OREGON IN THE WAY OF PAYROLLS, FACTORIES AND ENTERPRISES EMPLOYING LABOR—MATTERS AFFECTING INDUSTRIES AND INVESTMENTS OF CAPITAL.

The European war is boosting the prices of many Oregon products and will stimulate many industries. One new industry, the manufacture of peppermint oil, will be established on a large scale.

Portland has awarded ten paving contracts aggregating a quarter of a million. Warren Bros. and the Oregon Independent Paving Co. getting the jobs.

Columbia county reduced valuations there one million.

The new Booth-Kelly sawmill at Springfield, operated entirely by electric power, will be started from Portland by President Griffith of the Portland Commercial Club touching an electric button on August 29.

Riverside Drive, Portland, will be paved with Warrenite, costing \$19,242.

Bids were opened August 26 for the construction of the Hood River highway.

The Roseburg Commercial Club has endorsed the bill to pension and retire civil service employes.

The state highway campaign through Central Oregon will turn travel through the great interior to the loss of the Willamette Valley counties.

The Astoria municipal docks will take two and a half million feet of lumber from the local mills, giving them preference.

Salem issued \$41,000 in building permits last week.

S. A. Buck starts work on a large box factory at Eugene this week.

\$15,000 is to be expended on the Clackamas Hatchery.

A \$2100 bridge is being built over Camas swale, Lane county.

Linton gets a \$3500 bungalow.

The Portland First National Bank building is to cost \$400,000.

Astoria has opened bids on her \$35,000 sewer contract.

A finished deed to transfer the locks and canal to the United States has now been sent to the law department and it is believed the property at Oregon City may finally be turned over to Uncle Sam.

A force of men has resumed construction work on the Western Union telegraph line between Eugene and Mapleton on the Siuslaw.

\$25,000 is to be expended sinking oil and gas wells at Astoria.

A force of twenty men is at work on a new highway from Alsea Bay east.

The Cottage Grove Electric Co. secured the municipal contract.

Rebuilding at Bandon will be financed with Willamette Valley money.

The Star Packing Company of Chicago is putting a large clam cannery at Warrenton.

The boycott for the destruction of the Salem Public Market is still on but the market is being established on a large scale.

A Portland firm got the 2,500,000 gallon reservoir contract at Eugene.

One vessel took 22,000 cedar ties and poles to San Diego.

Parma, in the Snake River country, gets a dairy products factory.

Newport is installing a pumping plant to increase its water supply.

Bids for the new \$100,000 university building will be opened September 10.

The Portland Labor Council has made a fight to employ only union labor and many contractors refused to bid on that basis.

The establishment of independent meat packing plants in various parts of the state is being encouraged by the farmers as the only solution of the growing abuses of the meat and food products trust.

The Pacific Power & Light Co. is preparing to extend its service to Warrenton.

The Hoke cannery at Medford is putting up a large pack of tomatoes.

The Eugene high school will be

OPPOSED TO LEATON PAROLE CITY ELECTION IN COQUILLE

Mrs. Jordan of Eastside was in Marshfield Monday circulating a petition to Governor West and the Oregon Parole Board opposing the pardoning or paroling of W. J. Leaton, the former City Recorder of Eastside, who is serving an indeterminate sentence for embezzling the city's funds.

WAR CLOUDS Getting Darker THE BIGGEST WAR NEWS IS YET TO COME. NO TELLING WHAT IT WILL BE. THE WORLD WILL BE SHOCKED.

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