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MARCH OF A MILLION MEN

Still do the nations dare the fates By crimsoned hill and glen. And death awaits At iron gates The march of a million men. These "m" move at his dark command Thru sampled vineyards of flame-swept lands.

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER is waving her golden endro along the lanes and hollows and the time for ripe nuts and gorgeous autumn foliage is here. The woodbine is already touched with crimson. The first yellow leaves are falling and the gray of approaching rains creeps into our brooding evening skies.

COST OF THE WAR.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes entries for Austria (2,600,000), England (1,500,000), France (3,400,000), Germany (3,600,000), Italy (2,800,000), Roumania (300,000), Russia (7,000,000), Total (21,200,000), Daily cost of a great European war (\$12,600,000), Feed of men (\$1,000,000), Pay (European rates) (4,250,000), Pay of workmen in armaments and ports (1,000,000), Transportation (2,000,000), Munitions, infantry, 10 cartridges a day (4,200,000), Artillery, 10 shots per day (1,200,000), Marine, 2 shots per day (400,000), Equipment (4,200,000), Ammunition, 500,000 injured or ill (\$1 per day) (500,000), Reduction of imports (5,000,000), Help to poor, (20 cents per day to one in 10) (6,800,000), Destruction of towns, etc (2,000,000), Total per day (\$49,950,000).

CALLING WAR BY ITS RIGHT NAME

THE Belgians are complaining because the Germans burned a Belgian town without cause. The French are complaining because the Germans shot and killed two Red Cross nurses. The world is excited because bombs were dropped on a border town killing non-combatants. All of which is interesting as showing how far we are from war in the peaceful years. What did the Belgians expect—a shower of powder puffs and moth balls? Did the French think that war was a battle of chocolate eclairs? Did the civilized world think that war was anything but what it is—a miserably cowardly carnival of blood lust and worse passions? War is hell, and hell is greed and selfishness and cruelty and passion and an insatiable thirst to make others suffer. That is what hell is all over that. Of course, they'll shoot nurses—and worse than that; of course they'll drop bombs and let their devilish passion loose upon every defenseless thing. For that is war. The Germans are no worse than the rest of us. When we go to the limit, the limit is bad, and war is the everlasting lust limit of hu-

manity. War brings men down to the brutes quicker than whiskey, surer than women and deadlier than even the love of money. The pomp and glory of war are vain mockeries.

MYSTERIOUS

COME let us reason together; if the allies continue to push the Germans back upon their reserves and the Russians keep their advance toward Berlin, but the Austrians interpose another army of 60,000 to impede their progress, while Spain, Italy and Sweden are still debating whether or not to get into it, why should that send the price of sugar up five cents a pound? Huh? Neither do we.

TOPICS OF TIMES

This war tax will make some Coos Bay people a little more earnest in their prayers for peace on October 4.

The press dispatches say that "Austria may drop out of the war." Indications are that it is being knocked out.

Some of us are learning how little we really knew about the map of Europe.

GIFTS GIVEN TO LIBRARY

CHAMINADE CLUB PRESENTS MUSICAL WORKS AND DR. MINGUS PRESENTS \$50 CASH

The work on the new Carnegie Library building for Marshfield is progressing rapidly and this week the board is making arrangements for the lighting fixtures and furnishings for the structure. The wood used will be fir with light natural oak finish and the furnishings will correspond. The charging desk was constructed at North Bend and will be complete in every detail and add greatly to the beauty of the interior.

Dr. E. Mingus today apprised the board of his intention to send in an early date his original subscription of \$50 promised some time ago for the time when the Public Library should have acquired a permanent building.

BORN

PERRY—To Judge and Mrs. Perry, at their home in Honolulu, August 23, a daughter, their first child. The news came to Mrs. Piper, of Coos River, an aunt of Mrs. Perry, who will be remembered here as Dr. May Vanderburgh.

Waite is Due—Frank B. Waite is expected here tomorrow or next day to be present at the hearing of the Kinney litigation before Judge Harris Saturday.

PERSONAL MENTION

MRS. W. P. MURPHY left today for Myrtle Point to visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. E. Schilling, and to attend the annual fair at that place.

MILO PIERSON, the Lakeside magazine, was a Marshfield visitor today. Mrs. Pierson and the children will leave tomorrow for Portland, where they will spend the winter.

GEORGE ROTNOR, of the Woolen Mill Store, leaves tomorrow for Portland, where he will meet the representative of the Florsheim Shoe Company and a number of other representatives of eastern manufacturers to make purchases of new goods for his stores.

MR. AND MRS. MARK A. GETTY, of Ferndale, have returned from a two-week's outing and hunting trip in Curry County. The hunting was good but the mountain climbing was a little strenuous. While there they visited the home of George Wilson, formerly of Empire, who is building a fine castle on his homestead there.

FRANK GRANT left today for the Baker Creek camp of the Smith-Powers Co., where he will resume his position as foreman after a month's vacation. He is much improved in health. His brother, Gene, has been acting foreman there. Yesterday Mr. Grant had his moustache shaved off, the first time in years that he has sacrificed his hirsute adornment.

DR. HOMAN TO RETIRE.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 23.—After occupying the presidency since June, 1908, during which time he has seen the school grow from a small educational institution to one of the largest universities in the state, Dr. Fletcher Homan will retire as head of the Willamette University, in Salem, September 28, and leave for the eastern states, where he will continue his studies. The school now has an endowment of \$550,000. In April, 1910, R. A. Booth gave the college \$100,000, and in December of the same year a gift of \$50,000 was made by James J. Hill.

EMPIRE CASE PROBE BEGUN

Rumor of Possible Indictments in Robbery Cases — Ten Mile People Involved

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Or., Sept. 23.—It is expected that indictments in the Empire robbery cases will probably be returned. A man named Duffy, who was brought here from Marshfield to testify in the case is understood to have some strong evidence. A pal of Duffy's escaped from Lakeside last Saturday when Sheriff Gage went there and he has not been located since then.

A number of Ten Mile people are likely to be implicated in the Ruby Morrison trial and the grand jury investigation of gambling and illegal liquor sales. It is expected that the grand jury will also report on the Myrtle Point bank matter, possibly making an extended report, and also on the Bruner murder case within a day or two.

BAND LEAVES HERE TOMORROW

PORTLAND COMMERCIAL CLUB ARRANGES FOR WELCOME THERE—WILL TENDER THEM LUNCHEON SATURDAY NOON—CONCERT LATER.

The Marshfield Chamber of Commerce today received the following self-explanatory telegram from C. C. Chapman, of the Portland Commercial Club relative to the receipt that Portland will give the Coos Bay Concert Band, which leaves tomorrow on the Geo. W. Elder to make its state fair engagement:

"Commercial Club will entertain band at luncheon Saturday noon on occasion of large gathering of business representing all Portland Clubs. Are arranging public concert Saturday afternoon, where thousands will hear band. Wire extant to which you are already committed on any Portland program, wishes of band, etc.

RUSSIA INCREASES REVENUES

Tax Raised on Malt, Matches, Cigarettes and Commodities. PETROGRAD, Sept. 23.—In order to increase the revenues of the empire the rate of taxation on many commodities has been raised. These include malt, matches, cardboard (playing cards), cigarettes, cigarette papers, etc.

A vast collection of war trophies taken from the Austrian armies in Galicia, including cannon, flags and rapid fire guns, has reached Moscow and is being exhibited to the public on specially built platforms.

LAND HOLDINGS ARE INSPECTED

C. R. Smith of the Menasha Wood-ware Company of Menasha, Wis., multi-millionaire and owner of the Southern Oregon Land Company, arrived in the city last evening and expects to remain here a few days investigating his timber holdings in this county, which range in the neighborhood of thirty or forty thousand acres.

This afternoon, Mr. Smith, accompanied by L. H. Miller, of Tacoma, left on the train for up the river, where he goes to spend two days cruising over his land. Part of this property is now in litigation, the government contending that ownership has been forfeited, on the grounds that the original grant was made under an agreement that it would be sold to settlers at \$2.50 an acre. At this price less than four thousand acres were sold and it is claimed the remainder has been held at a higher price. Defying the owners, settlers in many localities have moved onto the land, have offered the \$2.50 in payment for each acre and have built permanent homes, defying any move to oust them. The United States now has the case pending before the Supreme Court.

MYRTLE POINT FAIR OPENED

Reports from Myrtle Point today stated that the annual Coos and Curry Fair opened there in a blaze of glory. There was a good attendance, especially from the immediate vicinity and Coquille. Everything was in readiness.

Most of the Marshfield people are planning to go over Saturday, which has been made Coos Bay Day. GERMANS MAY EXPAND NAVY. Reichstag on the subject of naval expansion voted to the building of twelve torpedo boat divisions, six airship divisions, a number of mine layers and other craft. The rapid construction of three large warships and two smaller cruisers is also advocated.

RUBY MORRISON NOW IN JAIL

Woman Who Gained Notority Here Indicted for Gambling at Lakeside

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Or., Sept. 23.—Ruby Morrison of Lakeside, but formerly of Marshfield, is confined in the county jail on an indictment charging her with permitting gambling in her place at Ten Mile. The indictment was returned yesterday and she was immediately placed under arrest by Sheriff Gage. She will be arraigned next Monday. The grand jury testimony against her is said to be strong.

The grand jury returned another batch of indictments last evening which makes nearly a dozen. Sheriff Gage stated at 3 o'clock this afternoon that none of them had been arrested.

The Morrison woman is confined near the cell of Mrs. Fannie O'Donnell. There is bad blood between the two alleged offenders. The grand jury is still grinding away. It is expected that they will report soon on the Allegheny calf stealing case and also on the other Allegheny cases.

COUNTY BOARD HEARS PETITIONS

County Equalization Board Hears Cases at Coquille—Front St. Taxes Reduced

Twenty per cent of the total taxation of all property bordering Front street between Central avenue and the Ocean dock was chipped off yesterday at a meeting of the Coos county board of tax equalization, according to County Judge John F. Hall, a member of the board, who returned from the county seat last evening.

This action was taken on the grounds that the running of the Southern Pacific motor line on that street has had an appreciable effect in reducing the rental values of the bordering property.

At the same meeting a plea of the Southern Pacific company was received whereby they sought to secure a reduction in their taxes now being paid for the line down Front street and running between here and North Bend. The board took no action, but cited representatives of the company to appear before the board October 6 and show reason why their taxes should not be increased. This property is assessed for about \$12,000.

Land Grant Protest. Asking that all their lands, amounting to approximately two or three townships within this county, be made exempt from any taxation until after the settlement of their land case now pending before the United States Supreme Court, the Southern Pacific company representatives were present with a second petition. This, too, was deferred until October 6.

At the present time the railroad company pays annually to the county assessor about \$5000 in taxes. Should these payments be deferred until the settlement of the land case the county would probably be minus this amount for several months, but should the case pend for a long time before the Supreme Court, for several years. This case was decided against the Southern Pacific company in the circuit court.

Protest on Timber. Still pending before the equalization board is the petition of the Weyerhaeuser and the Coos County Tax Association asking for a 25 per cent reduction in the taxes on their timber lands. Weyerhaeuser interests in this county own several thousand acres of timber land. Reduction of taxes of taxes is asked on the ground that the lumber market has been poor for the past year and that the timber is not now as valuable as it was a year ago. No reduction was asked by any other timber owners of the county. Action on these two petitions will be taken on October 6th.

In addition there were at least fifteen smaller petitions received by the board, most of which involve private residence property. These were all adjusted. At present the board is expected to meet once a day until October 7. With all their business completed with the exception of the cases pending before the body on October 6, they will meet every morning and adjourn.

BACK FROM CONVENTION.

Frank D. Cohan, of Owl Drug Store, Met with County Pharmacists. The Coos County Pharmaceutical Association was formally formed yesterday at Coquille when 15 pharmacists, representing every drug store in the county, met and decided questions as to matters of business which henceforth will come before the body for final action.

Admission to the Association will be limited in only one extent and that is that all applications for membership must come from reputable pharmacists. M. E. Everitt of North Bend was elected president of the Association, which had its first meeting several weeks ago.

VIRGINIA IN DRY COLUMN

Incomplete Returns Indicate Prohibition Majority of 33,000 in State Election

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) RICHMOND, W. Va., Sept. 23.—While complete returns from the state-wide prohibition election are still lacking, the figures showed that the voters yesterday placed Virginia in the dry column by a majority of more than 33,000.

TAHOMA WRECK ON BIG REEF

U. S. Revenue Cutter, Finest on Pacific, Reported Abandoned on The Alaskan Coast

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SEATTLE, Sept. 23.—Although the abandonment of the United States revenue cutter Tahoma and the transfer of her officers and crew, 72 men, to the steamship Senator, are not officially confirmed, bits of wireless information picked up from various ships and shore stations tend to verify one another. The Tahoma, one of the largest and finest of the revenue fleet, struck a reef between Kiska and the Attu Islands, Alaska, last Sunday.

BATTLEFIELD OF MARNE

SCENE OF DESOLATION

Ground is Covered With Newly Made Graves. PARIS, Sept. 23.—The battlefield on the allies' left wing over which terrible combats in the last week have been fought, presents a scene of desolation. All the troops have departed, following on the heels of the fleeing Germans. Most of the dead have been buried, but here and there small groups of three or four caved treatment.

Virtually all the wounded, whether French, British or German, have received treatment. Along the banks of the Marne evidences of severe artillery fire are visible everywhere. All over the fields are fresh heaps of earth, where soldiers were buried; battered helmets, broken rifles, bayonets, swords, belts and haversacks.

In the nearby villages houses have been greatly damaged; many bear bullet and shell marks; doors and windows have been broken; branches of trees have been lopped off by shells and scarred by rifle shots.

The country people, almost prostrated by the ruin which has been wrought, are gradually returning to their homes from which even now could occasionally be heard the far distant firing of machine guns and field artillery.

The constant rainfall has rendered difficult the movement of the troops. The Germans are suffering from this more than are the allies, who are full of ardor and flushed with success. They often capture isolated bodies of Germans, who are usually famished and without ammunition and almost glad to be taken prisoners.

PEACE LOVERS ASKED TO PLAY FOR PEACE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 23.—The enormous armaments of European nations and compulsory military service exacted from the people with the "insatiable ambition" of certain rulers "to increase their personal power" and "the intolerable secret alliances" between nations are among the causes of this European war cited in a "measure to the American people" by the American Peace Society, and calling upon peace loving people all over the land to unite in prayer tomorrow and continue their efforts each succeeding day until world peace is restored. The message is signed by Senator Theodore Burton, president of the society.



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