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EUROPEAN WAR ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

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The British battleship Bulwark is destroyed by an explosion off Sheerness, England, and only 14 of a crew of 800 are saved.

In Russian Poland Grand Duke Nicholas' army defeats General Von Hindenburg's army.

The Austrians capture 29,000 prisoners in Poland.

The fighting in Flanders is at a stand still and no definite results are announced.

CORPORATION TAXES

THOSE of us who have set back in our chairs smug in the belief that of all the nation, Coos County; and of all the nation, the state of Oregon lead in the gentle art of making the corporations and big land owners pay the bills in road and school districts, prepare for a shock, for Oregon in general and Coos County in particular are far in the rear.

The town of Hibbing, Minnesota, where Al Powers come from, has us badly beaten. Here is what is published about it in a recent copy of The Survey:

"Five towns on the Mesaga Iron Range in Minnesota play the role of hold-up men, of specialists in town improvement, or of thrifty taxpayers holding rich corporations to proper account—all according to the point of view.

"In 1914 the average per capita tax for local purposes in 140 Minnesota cities and villages was \$5.35. In Duluth, St. Paul and Minneapolis, cities of the first class, the per capita taxes were \$11.01, \$11.20, and \$12.52 respectively. The per capita tax in Hibbing was \$85.35. Nor is Hibbing a millionaire colony. It is a mining village of some 10,000 population, the principal industry at present seems to be tax-gathering.

"During the past decade the taxes have increased 27 times as fast as the population. And the story of Hibbing is in essentials the story of Chisholm, Buhl, Kewatin and Mountain Iron.

"The explanation is simple. The voters levy the taxes. The non-voting mining corporations own about 98 per cent of the taxable property. Somebody who wanted a new sidewalk or an extra town pump woke up to the possibilities of the situation. Soon the town pockets were bulging with gold, which seemed to burn the traditional holes in them. As the Mesaga Ore of Hibbing remarked editorially (March 27):

"We should not overlook the opportunity presented to us, and you'll notice, we are not overlooking it."

"While Hibbing took a leading part, it did not play the game alone. For some years the five towns carried on rival village improvement bees, enlivened by an exhibit of how much open-handed communities can spend when money comes easily.

on the job almost constantly until he has drilled assistants to stand between him and many of the details. "But the first essential," he went on, "is efficiency in the right. It is not enough simply to be efficient, for a man might be an efficient horse thief. The true aim of every right-thinking man should be efficiency in the right.

"The next thing that goes toward success, permanent, enduring success, according to my way of thinking, is to keep out of the rut. By that I mean you should have times to work and time to play. During your hours of business, forget the play; during the hours of play or relaxation, forget your business. In other words, never take your business home and then carry it to bed with you."

WITH THE TOAST AND THE TEA

GOOD EVENING

This seems to be a great truth, in any exile or chaos whatsoever, that sorrow was not given us for sorrow's sake, but always and infallibly as a lesson to us from which we are to learn somewhat; and which, the somewhat once learned, ceases to be the sorrow.—Thomas Carlyle.

FOR THE LIVING

If you like a brother here, Tell him so; If you hold his friendship dear, Let him know; All the roses that you spread On his bier when he is dead Are not worth one kind word said Years ago.

You can help a brother now; If you will Smooth the furrows from his brow, You can kill The despair that's in his heart With a word, and ease the smart, So why stand you now apart, Keeping still?

Why, I wonder, if the dead Saw and heard What is done and what is said Afterward, Would they utter in reply Would they smile and ask us why When the time to help was nigh No one stirred?

"Keep your roses for the living" They would say. "Waste no time in praise giving Us today; Strew some living brother's way so, For the thing that now you praise so Is but clay." —Edgar A. Guest.

QUESTION FOR THE DAY

(Inspired the day after Thanksgiving) Why is it that other things never taste half as good as the things that do not agree with you?

Some Coos Bay people who speak three languages can't say much in any of them.

Every Coos Bay married woman knows that she could have landed a better husband and that what she married was mighty lucky to get her.

The fact that a bride is an accomplished musician won't help her any later on when she has to wash and dress four children about five times every day.

You never have any trouble knowing when a Coos Bay man is making an ass of himself. You'll hear him braying about it.

Even the Coos Bay man who regards gambling a sin will go ahead and get married.

Some Coos Bay men can't see why they should lay up anything for a rainy day when they already own a fifty cent umbrella.

DON'T WORRY

"We mustn't kiss, my dear," said John "Till all my cold is gone." "Oh, that's all right," his girl replied. "For I can pass it on."

TO THE DIVINE CHARLES

This world is Charlie Chaplinized. He's got 'em hooked and hypnotized with a Charlie Chaplin wiggle. And a Charlie Chaplin flirt. They've even got his giggle. And his funny Chaplin shrug. There's a Charlie Chaplin brick-bat. Also a Chaplin stick. A Charlie Chaplin derby hat. Then, too, there is his kick. There's a Charlie Chaplin mustache. There's a Charlie Chaplin walk. But we thank the gods above us. There's no Charlie Chaplin talk!

KLAMATH FALLS—The surveying crew of the reclamation service is busy laying out another project for irrigation.

Take Me Back to Babyland

By MELBA CALDWELL

Did you ever have a longing for the days of long ago? Did you ever feel you'd paid the price for everything you know? And when your heart is heavy and you don't know where you stand— Did you ever wish you could go back to days in Babyland?

CHORUS

Take me back to Babyland—and please don't let me grow; Take me back where Santa Claus comes driving through the snow— Tell again of Cinderella and her Prince so grand— Let me be a child again, 'back in Babyland!

There, the meaning of tomorrow is quite a different thing; Perhaps a broken toy or two is the most that it can bring, But childish troubles vanish—you're not meant to understand— You can only see the rainbows—those days in Babyland!

CHORUS

NEWS OF OREGON

ALBANY—George Brown, aged 76 years, and Mrs. Ellen Stockdale, aged 73, were married.

ROSEBURG—Members of the Taxpayers' League are protesting against an item of \$2,500 contained in the budget and set aside for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the officers in running down liquor law violators.

SILVERTON—Mrs. M. W. Barkhurst, well known lady of the city, died at the hospital following a surgical operation.

THE DALLES—Mrs. Jake Swartz committed suicide by shooting herself with a revolver, after having been drinking heavily.

OREGON CITY—James Incarnelli was found guilty of assault by a jury, being charged with biting the finger of Mrs. Cora Adkins in a quarrel over his calf having broken into the woman's land.

AURORA—The corn show was a big success and many of the farmers exhibited fine specimens.

ALBANY—John Geisendorfer, aged 89 years, and a resident of Albany since 1862, is dead.

ASHLAND—The Commercial club is considering taking permanent quarters on the ground floor of a building where a reading room will be provided.

HOOD RIVER—The Shippers' League is being incorporated and the purpose is to endeavor to have some effect on the fruit market.

BAKER—Because of the early and heavy snowfall feeding of cattle will be necessary and if conditions continue as they are now hay will be much higher in price and there will be a shortage.

MEMINVILLE—A heavy storm raged throughout the section but no serious damage was done.

AT THE HOTELS

Chandler Hotel A. P. Davis, Coquille; Leslie G. Johnson, Myrtle Point; F. J. Kelly, San Francisco; Mrs. S. M. Coleman, San Francisco; J. F. Falk, Portland; A. T. Miller, Powers; Verlin Parker, Bandon; C. E. Hollapeter, Portland; Reuben Mast, U. of O.; Roger Holcomb, U. of O.; Roy Brown, U. of O.; Ernest O. Holsington, U. of O.; R. W. Geary, U. of O.; Leo J. Malarky, U. of O.; Ward McKinney, U. of O.; P. Peil, U. of O.; Dwight Wilson, U. of O.; George Cook, U. of O.; Charles S. McDonald, U. of O.; P. L. Jensen, U. of O.; J. H. Madden, U. of O.; N. Morrill, U. of O.

Blanco Hotel Tom Wason, South Inlet; Gus Geddes, South Inlet; John Girard, Powers; Henry Salmon, Myrtle Point; Henry Wayne, Bandon; H. H. Gregory, Cottage Grove; M. Markham, North Inlet; R. N. Webster, Coos River; Tom Dempsey, Powers; C. W. Ezenhoff, Coos River; John Klobas, Powers; C. W. Clark, Powers; William Haines, Powers.

St. Lawrence Hotel Ben Marsee, Coos River; Miss Lu-lu Miller, Oregon City; Mrs. Del Saunders, Coos River; Mrs. W. V. Morgan, Coos River; Ruth M. Hedden, Coos River; Martin Anderson, Coquille.

CHICKENS DIE SUDDENLY While Being Awarded Prizes Fowls Expire at Exposition SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 26.—Honorable mention by the judges at the Panama-Pacific exposition poultry show proved too much for a barred Plymouth Rock rooster, exhibited by Charles E. Spauld of Hope, Ind., and the bird, valued at \$150, died while the judges were attaching ribbon of award to his pen.

At first death was ascribed to heart failure, but when T. E. Quisenberry, superintendent of the show, declared that chickens were susceptible to the same emotions as are human beings, it was stated that the rooster died of excitement following his handling by the judges. An autopsy will be held.

BOYS IN ENGLAND ARE HARD TO FIND

THE London Times prints the following about the lack of boys to fill positions which gives some idea of the peculiar labor conditions there during the war: "Boy Wanted" is a cry to be heard everywhere. It is also to be seen printed in large and appealing type in windows of countless shops and offices. Never in his long history has he been so much out of the way when he is wanted as he is today.

City men who find it difficult to get a lad for office work are puzzled to account for the disappearance of the superfluous crowd of boys that used to throng their stairs before the war, when they had a post vacant. Formerly only the very good boy got a place. Now not even the very bad boy need be without a job. Forgiveness of all his sins, and double wages, await his acceptance in offices where, only last year, the door was contemptuously slammed in his face.

Even the post office is seriously troubled by the disappearance of the boys. They offer him all the benefits of a position in the civil service, permanent employment, regular hours, good pay and prospects, and yet they cannot get him in anything like sufficient numbers to satisfy their requirements. Hitherto they have never had occasion to advertise for messenger boys. Now they have had to put up notices in the sub post offices actually asking for them, and as they do not come the authorities have begun to employ girls for the delivery of telegrams. This innovation has, so far, been confined to narrow and experimental limits, and it is proposed to exercise considerable caution in regard to any further developments.

With all the boy's disposition to loiter on the way, employers naturally prefer him to a girl where outdoor work has to be done; but many of them cannot get him for love or money. It used to be the case of 12 boys looking for one place. Now it is the case of 12 employers after one boy. At the labor exchanges it is reported that boys just left school who would be glad of anything at 8 shillings a week, before the war, will now look at nothing that offers less than 15 shillings a week.

WILL BUILD SCHOOL

Two Mile District Will Replace Structure Burned BANDON, Ore., Nov. 26.—To replace the old school house, destroyed by fire last week, taxpayers of the Two-Mile district will try to bond the district for a \$3,000 building of the bungalow type. When completed, it is said, the building will be the most modern of any country district house in Southwestern Oregon. The bond election is to be held on December 3.

To Get the Point, You Read the Story

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