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OUR OWN UNITED STATES

TOMORROW the hopes, the history, the aims and the power of a militant people are to be climaxed in a transcendent event to take place in the Western Hemisphere.

The opening of the Panama canal is one of the world's greatest victories of peace. The Declaration of Independence and the eventuations that followed it were the American people's great gift of liberty to mankind.

The Panama canal, with its defeat of Isthmian disease and its victory by man over nature in a great achievement in which another powerful nation had failed, is another premier contribution by the American people to the peace, welfare and happiness of the world.

It is a mightier performance to have built the Panama canal than to have conquered the world. It is a more conspicuous service to mankind to have severed the Isthmus than to be the armed ruler of the seas or to be the ruler over a hemisphere.

The opening of this waterway to the world is at the moment when a whole continent is bent upon the most destructive war in the history of man. The greatest achievement of all time for the conservation of human energy is brought to its consummation in the hour when beyond the Atlantic all accumulated power and wealth and force are engaged in a ghastly endeavor for the destruction and dissipation of the stores and resources of mankind.

Tomorrow every American, whether an American by birth or by adoption, will have a new baptism of faith in his country. When the bells and whistles proclaim the final realization of an event almost comparable with the discovery of America itself, and when in that triumphant moment there comes to him the saddening thought of the ghastly scenes of death, debt and devastation among his kindred far over the seas, there will well up in his soul a renewed vision of the history, the traditions, the aims and the peaceful mission of his own United States.

The operations of the allies much more accessible, it is unavoidable that on occasions the news reports have been unduly favorable to the allies. It is a condition that will unavoidably continue until better lines of communication are established with German sources of news.

But every day since war was declared, The Journal has presented a great mass of cable news that gave the reader a close view of the operations on all the far-flung fields. On the day that the operations took place, whether a battle, a defeat, a repulse or an artillery duel, readers of The Journal, in their offices or at their homes have been given copious details with the highest possible regard for accuracy.

From every quarter has come commendation of The Journal for its war news service. News reports are conservatively and carefully handled, and every endeavor put forth to be fair to all the belligerents.

Extra editions are only issued when there are events on field or in camp to justify. Sensational extras are never put out to stir up a breeze and gather in a few nickels.

It is a course of dignity, fairness and conservatism, and The Journal has many evidences that it is a plan appreciated by the public.

When You Go Away Have The Journal sent to your Summer address.

GAMBLING ON WAR

SUDDEN rise in the price of food products confronts the people of the United States. They are expected to accept the middleman's theory that war in Europe necessarily means higher prices of the necessities of life.

The rapid and unwarranted increase in the prices of foodstuffs in this country on the pretext of the war existing in Europe is so serious and vital a matter that I take the liberty of calling your attention to it.

It is the kind of letter to have been expected from a statesman whose conception of government is that a president and congress are in Washington on the business of serving all the people.

FOR obvious reasons, no newspaper can give continuously accurate details of the war operations in Europe.

On the one hand, millions upon millions of readers are clamoring for the latest advices. The whole world leans listening for information from the front, a front more widely extended and engaging many times more men than were ever before assembled under arms.

On the other hand, the sources of news supply are closely guarded by the captains in this vast cacophony of guns and ghastly scenes. Every belligerent seeks to hide his operations and plans from his antagonist. A severer censorship than was ever known in war is rigidly and rigorously maintained.

On the Austro-German side, the severed cables and the blockade by all British and French fleets of all avenues of approach to those centers from the sea, along with the stern censorship maintained by the kaiser, almost wholly closes all sources of news from that quarter.

It is amazing to experienced news men that it has been possible, under the circumstances, for a news service to meet the situation and gather information with the celerity, fullness and approximate accuracy so far manifest.

COUNTRY LIFE

WHEN city bred people go to a well in the country the first thing they miss in the country home are running water and electric lights. They need miss them no longer if they will follow the example of a resident of Peterham, Massachusetts, who, according to the Electric News Service, has solved the problem.

At a cost of \$1500 he installed in his garage a combined gasoline engine and electric generator which furnishes current for all lighting purposes and for a small motor driven pump which supplies the water system.

this session, this channel will have to be opened again at a cost of \$75,000 whenever funds are next available. It would be a crime against the government and the people of the United States for such a process of waste and extravagance to be permitted.

There is not a waterway project in the country that will not present similar phases of loss, some greater some less, if the rivers and harbors bill fails. There is not a plant that will not deteriorate. There is not a piece of unfinished work that will not be damaged by the elements.

But above and beyond all these is the loss to come to commerce, to industry, to agriculture and to every line of endeavor by the whole year's delay in deepening the harbors and opening the channels.

When filibustering senators fight the rivers and harbors bill and call it "economy," they make themselves grotesque.

A FASHION QUERY

DAME FASHION is puzzled over a design for her fall gown and hat.

Two years ago the task was easy. Everything was Bulgarian blue and Balkan blouse.

In a general way this year's styles will certainly be military but the question to be determined is whether German, Russian, French or English.

Letters From the People

Mr. U'ren's Position. Portland, Or., Aug. 14.—To the Editor of The Journal—It appears somewhat strange that Mr. U'ren should find himself in the anomalous position of candidate for governor.

CAPITALIZE MOUNT HOOD

FROM April 1 to July 1, this season, the records of the custom house at Blaine, Washington, show that 4000 automobiles crossed into British Columbia. This gives some indication of the tourist travel in the northwest this summer.

WASTE-RUN RIOT

THERE is not a plant on a river and harbor project in the United States that will not suffer loss and waste by deterioration if the rivers and harbors bill is beaten and all waterway work plunged into stagnation until Congress can pass a rivers and harbors bill next year.

Another case is seen in the newly opened channel along Sand Island for delivering rock to the barges for the jetty. Unless use of it is continued, this artificially constructed channel will close.

It is cranked like an automobile, produces seven horse power of electrical energy and will run automatically without attention. In addition to the light and water supply this small plant is ample

A FEW SMILES

Two Pullman porters, representing different attitudes off duty and progressed from friendly gossip to heated argument.

Harry Lauder tells a story about a friend of his, who went up to Glasgow once to see a brother-of to America.

Every time he shouted the ship was the nationalities. All except three—the English, the Finnish, the Magyar and the Turkish, which are of Tartar origin—belong to the Indo-European family.

The Ragtime Muse

Lover's Leap. "Yes, this is the place," the native said. "He leaped from here to the lake below."

So this here's the "Lover's Leap" spot. "What's that? My darter was his name."

The Loss of Drinkers. Portland, Aug. 13.—To the Editor of The Journal—Nothing could be more erroneous than the idea repeatedly expressed that the victims of liquor are only a trifling few worthless characters, against a great number of moderate drinkers benefited.

When one looks over the pages of history, he cannot but feel that Woodrow Wilson was called at this time to be our pilot and guide through these very important and trying times.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

Better a foggy present than a misty past. Misery is the only real pleasure a pessimist has.

The more a wise woman thinks the less she is apt to say. True love never finds it necessary to express itself in words.

Some women must have to kiss each other to remain unknissed. If a woman declines to tell her age give her time; time will tell.

Don't think that just because a man isn't in jail that he must be honest. A widow says that one husband on earth is worth two in the other place.

A bachelor would rather hold a 150 pound girl than a 10 pound baby. A poetic genius is one who is able to convert his stuff into real money.

No man's education is complete till he can tell when a woman's hat is on or off. Every woman has a tender spot; it may be in her heart or it may be on her toe.

It's easy to gauge a man's intelligence. Draw the ink, a discussion, and if he agrees with you it's a scandal. The so-called better half of the matrimonial combine never ceases trying to find out how the other half lives.

What eastern Europe needs is a big international language smelting mill, where Great Russian, White Russian, Little Russian, Finnish, Lithuanian, Polish, Serb, Slovenian, Rumanian, Servian, Bulgarian, Finnic, Montenegrin, Greek, Turkish, Armenian and Yiddish and all the other languages and dialects might be fused together.

In the Austrian parliament business is conducted in seven different languages, and the confusion is even greater in the Hungarian parliament. Under such circumstances it is not strange that now and then both the English and the German languages are unparliamentary.

Diversity in speech is exceedingly interfering to the public, but it is surely one of the obstacles to peace and progress in southeastern Europe. If during the past few centuries, since the barbarian incursions, had been able to understand one another readily, they would certainly have united politically long ago.

All languages deteriorate, decay and die. Our own English will one day be a dead language, very imperfectly understood by perhaps not more than half a dozen scholars in the whole world.

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IN EARLIER DAYS

"My mother's uncle, William Matlock, who had taken up a claim between Portland and Oregon City, about where Gladstone now is, wrote such encouraging letters about the Williamette valley that my parents decided to go to Oregon," said Mrs. William Edgels, of East Portland, a pioneer in 1853.

It is the opinion of the Standard that "Salem Standard" will bring several families to this city this year provided houses can be obtained for rent.

Salem Statesman: In an article boosting the San Francisco exposition, the press bureau of the show is to be fronted with a list of organizations to be present, among which is "The Cherry Pickers of Salem." The reference is to the Cherrians.

Game law officers of Umatilla county report the coming back of the prairie chicken, of which 500 are estimated to be in the county. They were thanks to the protection now afforded by law. The sage hen is also increasing in numbers.

How many of you remember the Pendleton East Oregonian, "a native bird" in this county, and years ago slaughtered in such great numbers, however, by hunters that they were almost exterminated.

There was another wagon we called the "old folks' outfit." The occupants had celebrated their golden wedding, so you can see they were pretty old. They were coming out to Oregon to stay with their children.

"Father settled 15 miles south of Corvallis at what in those days was called 'The Hole in the Ground.' I used to go to school there every day in a skiff to go to school. Father had but little book education, so he bought a few books and had them read to him by Sarah, Anna, George and myself.

"Will you go," said Edris, who had driven one of our wagons across the plains, went with my brother Isaac to Eureka, Cal. They mined on Scott's Bar. He came back with my brother to visit us after spending three years in the mines. He stayed at our house six weeks, and when he left he and I were engaged.

When we were married a year later, on June 25, 1860, by Rev. Fierston from the Belknap settlement. Father gave us two wagons outfitted with everything we needed to start house-keeping. He gave me seven head of Percheron horses to start us in the stock business. We went to Scott's Valley, California. We had our seven Percheron horses and seven head of Percheron, and we never did see hide nor hair of them again. We were there 14 years. In about 1875 we moved to Eugene, where my husband bought the four mules. Will you go to see our children who have been graduated from the state university. Will Edris, our son, was the postmaster of Spokane for four years. He has a fine home and a good wife, of the time since my husband's death."

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Who has no smile that won't come off and scorns the shroud and pall, and thus shows up the grouch that knows no peace with senses all? Who has no heart that doesn't beat long-faced hot polli—this deaf and dumb evangelist of happiness and joy? Who gives the laugh to misanthrope and pessimist, and cheer with two good eyes and two good ears? That Helen Keller girl."

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By John W. Carey.

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THE SEESAW OF BONDS

of interest on it while it was in use. Follow the history of bonds over a series of years and you will discover that there is a slow seesaw between corporation and city bonds—in price and in value. Quite a large part is in favor with the investing public, the price of the other class goes down and the yield goes up.

If I wanted to keep in mind one principle fact concerning the two main classes of bonds it would be this: It will pay to buy corporation bonds (good ones) in a period when they are high and sell municipal bonds in that period.

But when our great crops are harvested and the money gets into the hands of manufacturers and the railroads, the story will have a different flavor. I predict then that the prices of corporation bonds will go up and the prices of municipal bonds will fall.

There's a danger in this country a bigger demand for money to be borrowed on bonds than can be supplied. Competition among borrowers is a thing we've been hearing about in the competition among corporations and cities for their lendable dollars. Remember that.

"preventive" medicine is allowed to continue the blood of the people will be so rotted that they will die off like sheep. W. A. TURNER, Member Oregon Health Defense League.

British Defense of France. Portland, Aug. 13.—To the Editor of The Journal—War is the present topic, and every man has his sympathies with one or the other of the mighty warring nations. One question seems to puzzle me. Why is it that in Great Britain a demand that Germany should not close the north coast of France to commerce? Simply thus: The great truck crop of France, to say nothing of the fruit and other supplies for the British markets would be closed, as most of these crops can be moved by women while Frenchmen fight. As eating is the first rule of existence, the British case for acting thus might be that of the stomach. Maybe some of your readers might see my point of view. AL. ANGLO-CELZ.

Yes. Portland, Aug. 12.—To the Editor of The Journal—Can a legal voter swear in his vote according to the law now in force, or must he or she register? Please answer in these columns. A SUBSCRIBER. [An unregistered voter may swear in his vote. The affidavit must be attested by six freeholders. There has been no recent change in the law.]

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