

UNITED STATES LIKE BIG, FAT OYSTER IN PRESENT CONDITION

So Says Irvin S. Cobb, War Correspondent, in Discussing Nation's Defense.

URGES BIG NAVY, ARMY

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GROSS: I have seen much war. I hate war more than I hate anything else in the world. Yet I say that the only way the United States can maintain her peace is by building the biggest, most powerful navy in the world, erecting the biggest, strongest, most effective coast defenses on both the Pacific and Atlantic seaboard that money can buy, and properly and adequately equipping her standing army.

(Pacific News Service.)
Los Angeles, April 7.—That the navies of two nations like England and Germany could sweep this United States navy from the seas, then capture the national capital at Washington, and the principal seaports and then hold them against the nation with a mere 100,000 picked soldiers, were the declarations of Irvin S. Cobb, famous war correspondent and lecturer, who after seeing much of the war abroad, sought peace in California and today departed for his home in Kentucky.

"The only hope for the United States to maintain her peace with other nations," said Cobb, "lies in the establishment of a strong and adequate coast defenses, on the Pacific and Atlantic seaboard; the building of a cracking good navy more than equal to that of any other power or combination of powers, and the proper and adequate equipment of the standing army."

Middle West Interested.
"I have said this in my lectures in the east and in the west and in the middle west.

"And in the middle west, where there is no local fear of foreign attack, I heard just as much applause of sentiment in favor of a great navy and adequate coast defenses as on the coasts.

"I believe that the sentiment of the American people is universal for the United States being a nation, and that will absolutely protect the country from invasion.

"I believe that there will be such a mighty demand for a great navy, adequate coast defenses and a well equipped standing army that no legislature in the country can resist the movement.

"I've seen a right good deal of war in Europe. I've grown to hate war more than I hate anything else in the world. Yet I say that the only way the United States can maintain her peace is by building the biggest, most powerful navy in the world, erecting the biggest, strongest and most effective defenses that money can buy, and properly and adequately equipping her standing army.

United States Needs Tools.
"The only way we can keep away from war is by having the tools to make war with—and knowing how to use them.

"If our country is left like a big, fat oyster, some one with an oyster fork will come along and swallow her, if we don't watch out.

"Professional peace advocates have been talking peace and disarmament. I tell you we haven't any friends, as a nation, among the other nations except, possibly, France. They may like us as individual Americans, but as a nation they dislike us, are jealous of us and our prosperity and peacefulness. They are envious of our size and power.

"I believe in disarmament—by all means let the nations of the world—all of them—disarm. But let the United States disarm herself last. Safety first.

"I don't believe we are in any danger of falling under a military dictatorship. The professional peace proposer says that if war broke out against the United States we would get millions of volunteers.

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"Certainly we would. But we wouldn't know what to do with them. They wouldn't know what to do with themselves.

"Professional peace proposers point to the fact that when the Civil war opened, there were any number of volunteers who knew how to shoot. True, but times have changed. At the time of the Civil war the American patriot was an out-of-doors animal. He could shoot and ride. He was inured to rigorous life.

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Dramas and Ebonized Bench

Some interesting offers are published in The Journal Want today. They are chosen at random: Here are a few chosen at random:

Barbers and Supplies 66
"BARBER" exits at once, good opening for steady man soon to make a good mechanic, sober and union.

Laundries and Boats 64
"FINE lot in restricted district for best launch offered this week."

For Sale—Houses 61
"NEW 7 room double constructed bungalow, hardwood floors, buffet, fireplace, furnace, sleeping porch, extra large lot, street improvement, paid, located close in city, \$1,200, the most beautiful view in city, 3 cars, not too far from city, \$1,100; will sacrifice \$750; terms."

Automobiles—Accessories 44
"CADILLAC with oak delivery top, fine condition; will demonstrate; \$1500."

Swap Column 25
"VISIBLE typewriter to swap for chickens."

For Sale—Miscellaneous 19
"DE LUXE edition of Schiller's dramas, also ebonized piano bench."

"The name of the classification in which it appears precedes each item."

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"Then, supposing they had swept over transports loaded with 50,000 men from England and another 50,000 from Germany, the only land almost anywhere on the coast.

"Such an army could take New York, the national capital, New Orleans and other principal seaports. I don't believe that such an invading army of 100,000 picked men, could, in the present scattered condition of our forces, march from New York to San Francisco.

"You cannot buy peace. Peace is a commodity that you have to win by commanding respect. The surest way to preserve peace is to be eternally prepared for war, so no nation or combination of nations would dare attack us."

U. S. Denies Food To Three Vessels

Turns Down Request of Boats Engaged in Salvaging Wrecked Japanese Cruiser Asama on Rocks.

(Pacific News Service.)
Los Angeles, Calif., April 7.—The United States government has refused to allow the collier Lena, a British vessel, now in port in San Diego, to take aboard provisions for three vessels engaged in salvaging the wrecked Japanese cruiser Asama, on the rocks off Cedros island, north of Magdalena bay.

The decision of the treasury department, concurred in by Secretary Bryan, which was telegraphed to John B. Elliott, collector of customs at that port, provides that the Lena may take aboard \$1000 worth of provisions for her own crew, but denies the request for the Lena to take aboard an additional \$4000 worth of provisions for the crews of the three vessels endeavoring to pull the Asama off the rocks.

Espee Approves Oregon Purchase

Directors at Annual Meeting Take Action on Six Local Lines to Be Controlled by Company.

(International News Service.)
Louisville, Ky., April 7.—The annual election of directors of the Southern Railway railroad was held here today. There was only one change in the personnel of the board, Hugh McNeill of New York replacing James W. Wallace. The purchase of six Oregon lines controlled by the road was approved.

Among the short lines to be taken over by the company are the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern Railroad & Navigation company; Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railway company; Corvallis & Eastern Railroad & Navigation company; Salem, Falls City & Western Railroad and the Willamette Pacific Railroad company.

Young Girl Disappears.
San Francisco, April 7.—Orders were read in every police station in the city today for the officers to keep a lookout for Alice Gordon, a pretty 16-year-old Seattle girl, who has disappeared from her lodgings here. Miss Gordon went out to take a position Monday and did not return.

BAKER ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY FOR CITY COMMISSIONER

Former Councilman Comes Out in Race for Honors at Election in June.

FRIENDS ARE GIVING AID

Seeker Pledges That, If Elected, He Will Give All Interests Impartial Consideration.

George L. Baker today announced his candidacy for city commissioner in the coming June election.

"I believe I have the qualifications, and I am certain I have the earnest desire to conduct the office to which I aspire, efficiently and for the best interests of the city and its people," said Mr. Baker, in making his announcement. "I pledge myself, if elected, to give all interests and all people fair and impartial consideration and treatment. My sole attention and my best efforts will be devoted to the business of the city. On this simple platform and with this pledge I ask for the votes of those who believe I am proper timber for the office to which I aspire."

In behalf of his candidacy, Mr. Baker's friends are already at work, and he has obtained indorsement by a number of prominent citizens in various lines of business and industry.

"I have been associated with Mr. Baker in civic work on a number of occasions," said Julius L. Meier of the Meier & Frank company, "and I regard

his methods as highly efficient. He is a man of tireless energy, too, and because I know these things I am glad to see him entering this campaign. I believe he will if elected make a good city commissioner."

Mr. Baker is a native of Oregon, born at The Dalles. He has lived in Portland during the greater portion of his life, and for 20 years he has been connected with theatrical and other amusement enterprises here. From the position of stage mechanic at the old Marston Grand theatre, he was promoted by Calvin Heilig to be assistant manager. After filling that position for a number of years he embarked in business for himself. He is principal owner and manager of the Baker theatre and the Baker Players. He is president of the Portland Ad club. He has had experience in municipal affairs, having served in the council and as president of that body. He was general manager of the 1914 Rose Festival, and is an active member of the board which is planning this year's festival. He is married, and lives in his home in the Woodstock district. He is 47 years old.

State Treasurer Report Is Issued

General Fund Still Shows Balance—Disbursements January 1 to March 31 Amount to Nearly \$1,500,000.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., April 7.—There was a total of \$998,392.32 on hand in the state treasurer's office March 31, according to the quarterly report made public today. There was a balance of \$148,320.62 in the general fund, as compared with \$663,764.76 January 1. The balance on hand in all funds January 1 was \$1,411,145.48, and the receipts during the quarter totaled \$1,057,910.10, while transfers totaled \$68,777.23. The disbursements during the quarter totaled \$1,472,858.

Investments in the several funds showed the following totals March 31: Common school, \$6,412,144; agricultural college, \$202,068.99; university,

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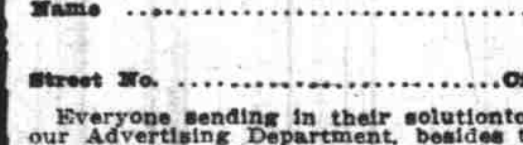
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Trace the outlines of the piano and music teacher on this or a separate sheet of paper and either mail or bring in your solution to us.

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All answers to puzzle must be sent in to us not later than April 12th, 1915. Everyone has an equal opportunity of securing one of the above prizes. Don't delay answering, but write name and address plainly, and send in your solution today.

Name ..... City or Town .....
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Were Making Coin That Looked Good

Seattle Officers Go to Make Arrests for Burglary and Find Counterfeit Outfit and Bad Coins.

(Pacific News Service.)
Seattle, Wash., April 7.—Captured in the act of making counterfeit dollars in a shack on the waterfront, three men giving the names of Tom Dixon, S. Gordon and Ray Nicholson are in jail here. The officers had gone to the shack to arrest the men for complicity in the theft of merchandise from box cars.

Captain Thomas B. Foster, of the United States secret service, says the coins which the men were making are excellent samples of the counterfeiters' art. Seventy-one bogus dollars were found in the shack and concealed in the clothing of the prisoners. Fif-

teen of these dollars had just been made.

In addition to the spurious coins a kit of counterfeiters' tools, including molds, vices, blow torches, plaster of paris, lampblack and a large quantity of metal was seized by the officers.

Norway Demands \$70,000 for Ship

Germany Asked to Pay This Amount for Sinking of Steamer Beiridge in English Channel February 19.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Christiania, April 7.—The Norwegian government demanded today \$70,000 from Germany for the sinking of the steamer Beiridge in the English channel February 19.

A note was forwarded to Berlin asking damages for the loss of the vessel. The Beiridge was the first neutral ship to be torpedoed by a submarine following the announcement of the blockade of the British isles February 18.

Colonel Dunphy Dies.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Walla Walla, Wash., April 7.—Colonel W. H. Dunphy, one of the leading lawyers and Democrats in the state, died here today after an illness of several weeks.

Colonel Dunphy was one of the Democratic candidates for governor in the 1912 primaries.

Voyages Taken on Matrimonial Sea By 2 Patrolmen

The second marital alliance within 48 hours in the Portland police department took place Monday night, when Patrolman George B. Spivey was wedded to Mrs. Emma Specht at Vancouver. Patrolman Chester B. Schaffer, custodian of the police automobiles in the day time, was married to Mrs. F. G. Holterman, widow of a patrolman who died two years ago, Sunday. The Spiveys are keeping house at 237 East Forty-seventh street. After officers of the second night relief were dismissed this morning, they gave a lusty chorale for the benedict.

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