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America asks nothing for herself but she has a right to ask for humanity itself. — WOODROW WILSON.

War is the business of barbarians.— Napoleon Bonaparte.

PORTLAND'S NEW DAY STEEL rolling mill is one of the new industries announced for Portland.

It is the latest of many new industries that have been planned during the past year in manufacturing Portland.

As was truly stated at the Chamber of Commerce dinner Monday evening, investing capital never before flowed so freely into Oregon.

There never was greater reason for an optimistic view of the future. A great sawmill with a plant capable of cutting 200,000 feet of lumber daily is one of the newly announced projects.

Capital throughout the United States never had so much in the way of encouragement. The tariff is to go out of politics, and tariffs are to be written upon the findings of a tariff commission applying business principles and facts derived from human experience.

This is one great reason why American capital is flowing into Oregon. Another reason is that there is a federal trade commission which finds out what may be the matter with business and ascertains what government may do to aid business.

In Portland the other day was a representative of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. He was reporting to Portland lumbermen as to possible lumber markets in South America where he had been seeking places to sell American lumber.

And there is still another great measure—the federal reserve system—which is encouraging capital to investment. It has forever removed business unrest and lack of confidence. It has banished panics and the fear of panics. The investor knows now that he can put his money into enterprise and sleep soundly at night, realizing that tomorrow is safe—there will be no country-wide financial crash to endanger or sweep away his investment.

The passing of E. E. Covert is lamented not only by his personal friends, of whom he had many in the city and the state, but by the general public. The good work of the community has felt his guiding influence of his mind and suggestion and much of the benefits that have come and will continue to come from the mag-

PEACE OR WAR—WHICH?

WE NOW know that Mr. Roosevelt would have done if he had been president when the Lusitania was torpedoed. He told us in his Battle Creek speech what he would have done.

"I would instantly have taken possession of every German ship interned in this country," said Mr. Roosevelt.

Under international law Mr. Roosevelt would have had no right to take possession of "every German ship interned in this country." As a neutral nation it is America's solemn duty to give asylum and refuge to the interned ships of every belligerent with whom we are at peace.

It would have been a challenge to the German nation to a trial at arms. It would have been a violation of every principle of neutrality, and that at a time, with all Europe under arms, when this country is the trustee and the only nation capable of upholding neutral rights.

It is as if Mr. Roosevelt actually wants war with Germany, just as by his repeated public declarations he is known to demand war with Mexico. It is as if the barbaric spirit rolling over and submerging Europe under rivers of blood and indescribable agony, had aroused the madman and blood-lust of the jungle in Mr. Roosevelt as well as in thousands of others who, like him, are clamoring for America to go to war with some nation, somewhere, anywhere.

The past 26 months of the reign of blood in Europe have been no time for a president to lose his head. It has been no time for government by impulse and caprice. It has been no time for lack of poise or lack of balanced judgment in the American White House.

Nor will the future months or years of the bloody world drama be a time for that sort of administration of American affairs. The war may last for years to come, and the terrible problems of yesterday will be the problems of tomorrow. The complications, the stress, the delicate situations to come can not be trusted to brain-storm government which would "instantly seize every German ship interned in this country," and then let the American people bear the consequences, dreadful though they may be.

President Wilson did not find it necessary to "instantly seize every interned German ship." By effective diplomacy, he secured from Germany full concession of every American neutral right at sea.

By effective diplomacy, he secured from the Imperial German government a pledge that ships should not be sunk until after visit and search and safety to passengers and crew, and that pledge has been faithfully kept.

By effective diplomacy, he secured from Germany the tremendous concession of a full abandonment of submarine warfare as it was then conducted. All that could possibly be asked, President Wilson secured from Germany without the firing of a shot, without the loss of an American or a German life, and without the destruction of a dollar's worth of American or German property.

nificant highways of Multnomah county had its inception in the wise counsel and advice given by Mr. Covert. As an active and energetic citizen of Portland, Mr. Covert has played a part in the progress of the city. His untimely death is a loss that reaches beyond the circle of his immediate family to touch the broader feelings of the community.

THE halibut banks off the Oregon coast have proven their value financially during the last season. More fresh fish has been brought in from the ocean to Oregon ports than ever before.

In other years there has been more or less halibut fishing in this section, but the attempts in general did not prove a success. This was not from lack of fish—for the halibut was there in abundance, awaiting a fisherman. The main trouble has been a lack of suitable equipment to take the catches.

THE PRISONER A novel of extraordinary interest. We care as much for its exquisite literary style and its charming analysis of human emotion and motives as we do for the social question it takes up. And yet it is an important question. What is to become of a man who has suffered imprisonment and emerges into life again? Shall we despise and shun him? The law has inflicted its punishment upon him. Shall we proceed to outdo the severity of the law and punish him for the rest of his life with scorn and exile from

case, for, as we know, the constitution admits of all sorts of queer interpretations. Much will depend on the whims of the judges and the state of their digestion when the point is argued.

But, as it fortunately happens, there is a way to evade the quirks of the courts in this particular matter and save the birds even if it should turn out that the constitution favors indiscriminate slaughter. The migratory birds belong to Canada, as much as to the United States since they feed and nest in both countries. A treaty has, therefore, been negotiated with Canada, which protects them as well or better than the federal law would.

Canada has ratified this treaty but it is still to come before our national senate. True sportsmen can contribute something to the welfare of the bird world by urging their senators to vote for the treaty when it comes up for ratification at some future day.

The great value of the treaty in this matter is that it takes precedence of all state and federal laws and can not be vetoed by the supreme court. It seems a pity that human life can not also be protected by treaty with some foreign nation. We could then do as much for our enslaved children as we now can for our hunted birds.

Telegraphic news from far off Nicaragua inform us that four men were killed during the progress of the national election just held. That sounds like the good old days before the direct primary and the corrupt practices act took all the fun and frolic out of politics.

Letters From the People [Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper, and should be accompanied by the name and address of the sender. If the writer desires to have the name published he should so state.]

"Discussion is the greatest of all reformers. It rationalizes everything it touches. It robs people of all false sanctity and shows them back on their responsibilities. If they have no responsibilities, it rubs them out of their minds. It is the only thing that has its own conclusions in its stead."—Woodrow Wilson.

"The Party of Negation." Portland, Or., Oct. 2.—To the Editor of The Journal.—For years the Republican politicians have been asserting that the Democratic party was "a party of negation" and could accomplish nothing beneficial or constructive for the good of the country. But since that party, under the statesmanlike guidance of Woodrow Wilson, and assisted by a few progressive Republicans, has succeeded in the enactment of a large number of progressive measures for which the country has been benefited, these standpat politicians are seized with a veritable fit of political hydrophobia, snapping and snarling at everything President Wilson touches.

About Money Kings. Hood River, Or., Sept. 26.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I, the editor of The Oregonian will prove to me that the corporations and money kings are backing Wilson for president. I won't vote for him. Mr. Hughes is not being backed by the corporations and money kings. I will vote for Hughes. So far, Hughes has kicked against everything that the money kings have done. He has kicked against the eight-hour law that stopped the railroad strike, as soon as it was passed by the house of representatives he was backed by the money kings. They have him retained and he is the best attorney they have ever had. He is doing just what they want him to do, and he is doing it for the good of the people.

THE Law of Retstitution. McMinnville, Or., Oct. 1.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I must give expression to my feelings, upon reading the report of B. F. Irvine's address at a recent Wilson meeting at Franconia. The man who is in charge of the present administration was a theme to win an audience. Modern requirements today are constructive, and must change past, worn-out, corrupt, selfish, and narrow. They will have a far and wide influence. I have a short notice I read in The Journal made my pulse quicken to feel that the movement for regeneration was being started. I hope the tremendous momentum for immediate action may result in rousing and sustaining enthusiasm for the continuance of the present policy of our republic on humanitarian, constructive principles. Social and financial conditions threaten us, for why should any citizen of America suffer from neglect and contempt? We have had an unbalanced state of affairs. I see that the most important thing is to get the system of property and ownership corrected. I see that the most important thing is to get the system of property and ownership corrected.

Wall Street and the Presidents. Waite, Or., Sept. 27.—To the Editor of The Journal.—When Roosevelt went back to the White House, I was not the first time he yielded to Wall Street. Money bags successfully dictated to every president from McKinley, and including McKinley, down to, but not including, Woodrow Wilson.

PROTECTING BIRDS NOT many years ago congress passed an act which placed migratory game and insect eating birds under federal protection. The department of agriculture was made guardian over these useful little creatures and in due time it prescribed rules for their protection. But there are certain species of hunters who want no rules for protecting wild life. They wish to slaughter the birds at all times of the year. They seem rather to prefer to kill them in the nesting season when the death of an adult female bird means the death of a nest of fledglings.

CRITICISMS Mr. Malone. Linton, Or., Oct. 2.—To the Editor of The Journal.—In Friday's Journal there was a letter by Mr. W. Malone, criticising the intelligence of the individual, he being our Democratic postmaster. Would Mr. Malone kiss the earth that smites him or his ancestors? His onslaught on the German-American is unreasonable and very foolish for one holding his position. This is a free country and we are entitled to our free press intelligently. Whether it be for Hughes or for Wilson, respect of insult. Mr. Malone makes the open accusation that smites him or his ancestors. He is an undesirable citizen. One can hardly credit such an expression. MRS. T. B. SMALL.

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE One of the objectives of General Mackensen was to put the rue in Roumania. Suppose the "obey" is cut out of the marriage service, what can be done with absent-minded clerymen who are unable to force a law? Sarah Edwards is now on the way to America on a tour of the world. But you can't make a joke of her farewell you did of poor Fattis. Agreement on the part of the part of President Wilson and Justice Hughes was indicated in a London dispatch yesterday. The judge apparently having gone unwarily on record before ascertaining the president's views.

REGIONS SIDLIGHTS Plans for an annual poultry show are being formulated by the Ontario Poultry Association, organized to advance interest in high quality chickens. Baker citizens are busy with a city sponsored park project of approximately 100 acres. It is proposed to take in the Sam-O Springs tract of 90 acres, which was recently purchased by the city. In the Better Baby contest that was a feature of the Grant county fair at John Day, Marjory Herburger, a year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Herburger, scored 99.7 and Helen Jones, two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones, 99.6. A special prize was given Warren Baldwin, 99.3, born in Lewiston, Wash. Weston is to open on October 14, the Free day that proved so great a success last year. The leader prints the appeal of the commissioner. "Let every resident of Weston boat for and help our Free day, October 14. Let every lady bake a pie or two and some cake. Do what you can to help the merchants, who are contributing liberally to the success of the day. You will receive a souvenir by finding it."

INCOME TAX LEGISLATION By Cordell Hull of Tennessee, Author of the Income Tax. The receipts of the federal income tax law as originally enacted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, were \$124,000,000. This splendid showing has more than justified the highest expectations of the framers of the law. The largest estimate made at the time of its enactment fixed its receipts at \$120,000,000. This law naturally required about two years to be in force both as to income and inheritance tax laws. At the present time nearly 60 countries and states have income tax laws in operation. The United States is more generally accepted than any other country has been known to repeal such a law. While no tax is popular or welcome on the part of the citizen, yet it can be said that the income tax is the most generally acceptable of any other tax thus far devised. This statement is true because every taxpayer realizes that the income tax is imposed according to ability to pay and because the highest standard of living is the result of income. This tax more nearly than any other meets the two prime requisites of taxation, which are adequate revenue and equitable tax burdens. This principle of ability to pay is the outcome of generations of tax discussion and legislation in most countries, combines more of the essentials of a desirable tax than other methods of taxation. It is, however, should be considered singly, but as a part of the revenue system which all taxes combine to form. The economic soundness of the principle of ability to pay has been universally recognized that few citizens here or elsewhere directly oppose this tax.

Then He Talked Good Old U. S. Samuel Lancaster, builder of the Columbia River highway, wished to take a close-up picture of the Arc de Triomphe in Paris and the Brandenburg gate in Berlin, when he was abroad several years ago. The camera had been taken from America, would not answer the purpose, and he found it necessary to secure a small panoramic camera from Paris. While in the camera clerk, a petite, red-headed, chit sort of girl, Mr. Lancaster spent the next 20 minutes trying to explain in his poor English that he did not want the camera, and could he return the instrument if it was not suited to his purpose? If the girl listened patiently, but blankly. Finally she blurted: "Why, mister, can't you speak English?" She was an Irish lass from Belfast.

October Fingers. By S. Belle Neer. Spirits rove my garden All night long. When the moon is to each flower. Aressing each leaf. Putting a note into the robin's song. The birds are singing in the air. Fiftin strangers coming from afar. Wind treasures from my sacred grove And under the leaves of the tree to see) Flitting swift and sounds. That fainter are. As each loved playmate goes from me.

Folk Lore. Three of our automobile owners last evening called on a number of friends to a regular camping place on the edge of the woods and ate supper before a fire 10 feet high. They roasted wienies on forked sticks, each on his own and had other good things to eat. One mentioned that a Martin Point correspondent once Coquille Sentinel. The Times comes out somewhat deplacited this issue owing to the fact that our mammoth staff struck work at the end of the week. Fair news must go over to next week. Read all the ads carefully and look pleasant and be glad that we have nothing sensational to publish.—"Daily Times" Portland, Oct. 1. My life has been one continuous grind at hard labor, sometimes 16 hours a day, for laws of equal and exact justice to his neighbors, but the two in seven keeping their subscriptions paid in advance. Though hundreds of them take their annual vacations.—Houlton Herald.

Never Worse Needed. From the Philadelphia Ledger. Young Barnes had married contrary to his father's wishes. Making his check afterward, the father said angrily: "Well, young man, I have made my will and cut you out with a dollar and a cent. You had better get the youth contrary, and then add: "But you don't happen to have the dollar with you?"

Quick, David! the Sling! The fight between Gollish Fendleton and Dan Weston had already commenced to get warm and will become a great deal warmer if Weston's money holds out. Death List Probably Incomplete. From the Detroit News. A Hartford, Conn., woman has been indicted on a charge of poisoning five persons, one of whom, oddly enough, was her husband. The Union Labial. To print a kiss upon her lips. He thought the time was ripe. But when he went to press, she said: "Don't do it, my type."—Boston Transcript.

A kiss he printed on her lips. And showed her no contrition. Because the artful mix inquired: "Well, where's the next edition?"—Birmingham Age-Herald. A kiss he printed on her lips. And she made this oration: "Please, please, continue doing that. It boots me."—New York Evening Sun. A kiss he printed on her lips. She smiled, the artful creature, And modestly inquired of him: "What's the fine print on that?"—Moscow (Idaho) Star-Mirror. He tried to kiss her lips again; But couldn't quite get at her; She held a book in such a way That they were "next."—Boston Courier.

To print a kiss, he did insist. Upon her lips—but listen! The maid was meek, she turned her cheek. 'Tis more "Preferred Position."—Montana Daily Record. The kiss was flitted so rapidly That his audacious swiper, Though he had a "fine" mark, that he Must be a line-typist.

Rag Tag and Bobtail

Stories From Everywhere [To this column all readers of The Journal are invited to contribute original material—in the form of verses, sketches, illustrations or striking quotations, and contributions of exceptional merit will be paid for at the editor's option.]

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