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PEACE OR WAR, WHICH?

THE following news dispatch from New York was carried in yesterday's papers: New York, Oct. 11.—Following an extended conference with James W. Gerard, American ambassador to Germany, at the Ritz-Carlton hotel today, German Ambassador Count von Bernstorff this afternoon stated that there will be no recurrence of U-boat warfare and that GERMANY DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE IN ANY WAY VIOLATING ITS PLEDGES TO THE UNITED STATES.

What more could the United States ask? What more could Germany demand? Germany's pledges to the United States were in response to President Wilson's diplomatic notes in the submarine controversy. In those pledges, Germany assured President Wilson that future submarine operations would be conducted in accordance with the recognized rules of civilized warfare with full guarantee of the safety to American lives. Those pledges were given months ago. Germany has faithfully kept them. Here is the assurance of the German ambassador that on information from Berlin, Germany will continue to keep them.

Mr. Hughes said at Chicago: If there is anything in this campaign which is real, it is whether we want words or whether we want deeds, whether we want things that are written or spoken, or whether we want American action. Mr. Hughes' words were uttered in an attack on President Wilson's way of handling our relations with foreign nations. In a similar attack on President Wilson's foreign policy, Mr. Roosevelt said:

Those who, with timid hearts and quivering voices are praising Mr. Wilson for keeping us out of war, are actual heirs of the Tories of 1776. In a telegram of congratulation to Mr. Roosevelt when the latter declined the Progressive nomination for the presidency, Mr. Hughes said "we want deeds, not words." Why "deeds"? Why blood and dead American boys? Why a war-torn nation, lost property and billions of war debt?

Means activity and profit to every village that it passes through. But, of course, the principal benefits of a great highway will accrue to the farmers, who will thus be brought within easy reach of markets. As soon as the road surface and the grades are made good auto trucks will appear everywhere along the route, every farmer will own a machine, and the problem of farm transportation will be solved almost magically.

Germany has faithfully kept her pledge as to submarine warfare and Ambassador von Bernstorff says she will continue to keep it. Since "words" accomplished all America desired, why all this howl for "deeds"? Europe thought she wanted "deeds, not words." And, behold what the "deeds" are costing in blood, lives and money!

Whether the opposition is based on real or imaginary dangers is immaterial. The opposition exists, and it is a manifestation of the very care that the anti-tuberculosis movement is trying to have all people observe. It is in effect, a cooperative endeavor by individuals to speed the anti-tuberculosis movement.

Meanwhile, there is a great hospitable outdoors beyond the congested limits of the city. There, the air is purer, the environs serene and everything more suited to the welfare and cure of tubercular patients. It would seem that out there where the birds sing and nature rejoices, would be the ideal spot for sanitariums such as has made many troubled minds over whether or not it was to be located in Sellwood.

The federal trade commission, the tariff commission, the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, the shipping board, the farm loan board and the federal reserve board are all co-ordinated instrumentalities for helping American business and industry. They have unskilled capital and caused it to seek investment everywhere.

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did that the glorious Pickford, the idol of the movies, was a nurse shot by the kaiser for befriending a prisoner. He thought she was Edith Cavell. But you can be perfectly certain that senior knows every baseball score made this summer. Another intellectual prodigy wrote that St. Paul was "the giver of the Decalogue." A third, perhaps wiser than his comrades in the slough of despond, described Wall Street as "the Golden Horn," while a historical genius announced as our national motto inscribed on coins and the like, "millions for defense but not one cent for tribute."

The happiest and most prosperous nation in the world is America. President Wilson seems to have managed things pretty well. Letters From the People [Communications sent to the Journal for publication in this department should be in the hands of the editor not later than 10:30 a. m. and should not exceed 300 words in length, and must be accompanied by a return address. We do not desire to have the name published unless so stated.]

These Awful, Awful Times! Medford, Or., Oct. 9.—To the Editor of The Journal—"I am very happy to come before you today. I feel that I have been very greatly honored at being asked to speak to you, but I feel very inadequate to the occasion. I am just a poor little country farmer come down to the city for the day.

Prison Systems Compared. Portland, Or., Oct. 10.—To the Editor of The Journal.—In this morning's Oregonian was an editorial condemning all absurd people who might attack our good old-fashioned Oregon penitentiary system. The article suggested that it would not be to our disadvantage to try the methods of more modern prisons. This, of course, would mean that we would have to turn our luxury-loving men out of prison at the end of their sentences, men who would be mollycoddlers instead of the useful improved men our splendid system has reared out of its walls.

THE GOLDEN SPECIAL NEW women recruits from non-suffrage Eastern states have arrived to tell the Oregon women, who have won the ballot, how to vote. Their efforts are to be emphasized Saturday by arrival of the Golden Special, sent out by Ann Morgan, sister of J. P. Morgan, Mrs. Guggenheim, Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney and other princesses of fortune and fashion residing on Fifth avenue, New York.

His Reasons for Wilson. Onalaska, Wash., Oct. 8.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I am neither a Socialist nor a Democrat, but one of Mr. Roosevelt's "fool Methodists," as he called the prohibitionists in his earlier campaign for president. I do not believe I am prejudiced against either of the candidates for president in the present campaign.

Always for the People. Portland, Oct. 10.—To the Editor of The Journal.—The pathos of the present political situation is in the thought of the fact that the vast majority of the body of our citizens, clinging to a once noble party, Judge Norton, in his wonderful speech, most skillfully and with a certain amount of irony, has shown that the nation will continue to prosper as the other nation has in the history of the world.

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COVER PICTURES IT is one of the joys of existence to gaze on the cover pictures of the magazines as they come out week after week. Time was when they showed us nothing but pretty girls' faces and insipid ones at that, silly mugs reminding one of weak tea and dishwater. But that lamentable fashion is past and gone and the cover page of the moment is something to revel in.

UNTIMELY QUESTIONS FOUR college professors keep on conducting these extraordinary examinations they have lately invented they will scare their students into mental activity. The baseball scores in the newspapers and the photographs of actresses in the monthly magazines provide insufficient current knowledge to answer the inconceivable questions which are being fired at the poor young things, now in one college, now in another. It begins to look as if the faculties were going to expect their classes to understand something besides sport and college politics. The old maxim "don't let your studies interfere with your education" is getting out of date.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE The Christmas tree man's motto: Do your Christmas chopping early. A straw vote might be taken of those who are hunting friends promised them a bird.

After the war is over the peace excuse will work just as well for the profiteers as the war excuse is working now. If you ever get back upon the front page again, let it be hoped he will bring along a new picture of his ugly, ugly, ugly face.

Washington, Oct. 12.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—No bare announcement of any man's position is enough. The nation needs the guarantee of a record of things done.

Pinchot, Penrose and Hughes Hughes, in his campaign speeches, has offered the Progressive nothing along the lines that the Progressive party was formed to advance. There is no assurance that he will take the progressive side, instead of the Penrose side, in more particularly when he wants to sweep away the legislation of the last three years, most of which progressive Republicans in congress voted for.

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Protest for Mr. Jeffrey. Portland, Oct. 11.—To the Editor of The Journal.—At a meeting held near Lewis and Clark street, the candidacy of A. W. Lafferty for congress, it was positively stated as a fact by J. Sanger Fox, by a number of clerical gentlemen accompanying him and by Mr. Lafferty himself that John A. Jeffrey, the Democratic nominee for congress from this district, is out of the race and that he has been bolted and repudiated by the Democratic party and by the rank and file of the party also.

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Stories From Everywhere [To this column all readers of The Journal are invited to contribute original matter in verse or in prosaic observation, and to be guaranteed for any reasonable contribution of exceptional merit will be paid for at the editor's approval.]

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