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Only the Golden Rule of Christ can bring the Golden Age of Man.—Francis E. Willard.

DEMOCRACY HATH WROUGHT

THE human mind is staggered by the immensity of passing events. It is a tremendous time in which to live. The things of yesterday are cast aside as nothing.

These are but two in a series of unprecedented events. A little while ago, the proposal for government control of railways would have made America from center to circumference as seething, surging, quaking Vesuvius.

Yesterday it was done and today it is forgotten. Nobody questioned, nobody doubted, nobody demurred. Its appearance on the first page of the newspapers attracted little more comment than the arrest of a German spy.

The taking over of the American railroads is the mightiest industrial event that ever happened in the world. America's unparalleled performance of spending nearly a dozen billion dollars and contracting for the expenditure of nearly twenty billions in the first year of the war was beyond any previous financial event on this earth.

Yet these primal events are scarcely as stupendous as the placing with one pen stroke in one hand of all the rail lines, the tracks, the terminals, the trains, the battalions, regiments and divisions of employees.

Is the human mind under the vicissitudes and crises of a gigantic war cataclysm expanding by leaps and bounds? Is the human brain pushing its confines outward and surging more and more toward the infinite? Over the yawning abyss of struggle, is human thought mounting higher and higher and human purpose delving deeper and deeper into the mysteries and problems of human existence?

Men have doubted the power of a democracy to control itself and to act with power in time of stress. Contemplating America today, yesterday and the day before, there must be reversal of their judgment in a cry of "what wonders hath democracy wrought!"

The programmed watch party at the Portland Auditorium New Year's eve is a splendid plan. The old songs are to be revived and sung. It will be an evening to revive the memories, recall the traditions and warm up love for the soil of America.

As things have gone, his deposition has been taken almost as a matter of course. Nobody has been greatly excited by it. No tears have flowed over his tragic downfall. No poet has hymned his fall. His de-thronement and exile are accepted as ordinary incidents in the career of a modern king.

SAUCE FOR THE GANDER

SAUCE for the goose should also be sauce for the gander. The Kaiser ought not to complain if he gets a dose of the medicine he has been measuring out so liberally to England.

More airplanes appear to be available now and the expedition against Mannheim is the first result. Presently we shall read of others. It is just as well for the Kaiser's obedient slaves to learn in their own homes what the war they have set going really means.

AS THE YEAR ENDS

WITH the end of the history making year of 1917 close at hand, The Journal presents today in its news columns a brief review of industrial and agricultural Oregon during the twelve months, and includes certain facts relative to the state's service in the war.

Eight per cent of the state's adult male population has volunteered for war service. Since the declaration of war more than 20,000 Oregon men have joined the colors.

Oregon citizens have dedicated more than \$40,000,000 to war work. Subscriptions to the two Liberty loans totaled \$87,014,450. More than one million dollars was pledged to the Red Cross during the first campaign and more than four hundred thousand dollars to the Y. M. C. A. war fund.

Marked impetus has been given the industrial life of the state and of Portland by the phenomenal development of the ship building industry. In 1917 \$22,000,000 worth of tonnage was turned out by the Oregon yards while contracts for \$40,000,000 worth were signed.

The state's shipbuilders have pledged themselves to turn out 130 and 140 vessels during 1918, having an aggregate tonnage of 925,000, with a probability that the total will amount to more than 4,000,000 tons. Of the pledged tonnage \$25,000 represents wooden ships and 400,000 steel ships. There are 23 shipyards in operation in the state and two in course of establishment.

Oregon's agricultural output for the year totals \$327,063,000 as compared with \$325,865,000 in 1916. The annual yield of cereal, fruit and vegetable crops, mixed products and dairies shows a gain that more than offsets the decrease in the return from livestock. This production of farm wealth bespeaks a commonwealth of material prosperity.

This progress and the common abundance of material things all around us is basis for faith in an important and swiftly expanding future.

Rain on the windshield is given as the reason why M. S. Bishop of Goldendale was knocked down and seriously hurt Thursday night by a passing auto at Broadway and Hoyt.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED

WHEN Louis XVI of France and his queen, Marie Antoinette, were guillotined the imagination of the world was profoundly stirred by the dread event. Mankind felt about it much as they would had a flaming comet struck the earth spreading fire and pestilence over a whole hemisphere.

Nicholas of Russia is much the same sort of a man that Louis XVI was, easy, amiable and weak. He began his reign, like Louis, with the best of intentions and drifted into tyranny; only because he could not solve his problems rationally.

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Louis lost his throne and life at the close of the eighteenth century. Nicholas lost his throne, but not his life, at the beginning of the twentieth. Somewhat more than a century elapsed between the two events and in the meantime the psychology of the world has changed.

Joseph his job. Nicholas did not live up to his obligations. He was guilty of precisely the same laziness, stupidity and petty rascality that would have cost a retail grocery salesman his place behind the counter.

Jefferson protested when the decisions were made. Jackson was able to defy some of them. Nevertheless, their work went on silently and incessantly until they not only leavened but actually transformed our government.

BEVERIDGE'S MARSHALL

A LITTLE manual prepared by a Frenchman corrects the current ignorance of his countrymen about the United States. The French are deeply interested in our domestic affairs since we have become their allies.

Jefferson's life of Marshall, which has now been in circulation more than a year, enables ordinary readers to study agreeably the career of that extraordinary national figure. Most people understand that the devious corporation have issued from his Dartmouth college decision as death.

It is interesting to read that Jefferson and Marshall were comparatively near relations. Jefferson was the great-grandson and Marshall the great-grandson of the same ancestor.

The manual is more than usually interesting when it describes our governmental arrangements. It says that we have "no true parliamentary system of government, like France and England, because our cabinet can be dismissed when it is out of tune with the majority in congress."

The rich eastern owners of the Portland street car system are under contract in every street franchise granted them by the city to carry passengers at not to exceed a five-cent fare.

The framers of our government were actuated by two curiously opposing fears. On one side they feared the authority of the executive. On the other side they feared the people.

The sinking of British and neutral ships with the wholesale murder of the sailors was to starve England into submission within a few weeks. But many months have now elapsed and the settings from British ports are more numerous and cargoes more abundant than ever before.

As for the terrible Zeppelins, their record is one of disaster from beginning to end. They are so big and cumbersome that they present an easy mark to guns planted on the ground as well as to the agile airplanes.

Our military men tell us that every other interest and diversion must either be laid aside or greatly modified if we propose to win the war, and the course of events brings more convincing demonstration every day that they are right about it.

In San Francisco a municipally owned street car line is a profitable venture. The privately owned system is in turmoil with its employees while its franchise expires in seven or eight years.

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Letters from the People

Golden, Or., Dec. 22.—To the Editor of The Journal.—After a careful study of the Kaiser's military system and from the Kaiser's own words, it is my conviction that the Kaiser's military system is a system of government, with its autocratic system of government, must be abolished for the good of future generations.

I appeal to you German-Americans and all people of German descent to assist your relatives, friends and the people of Germany in general to abolish the Kaiser and his autocratic military government and to assist them in establishing a democratic form of government, a government of the people and for the people, and a government that will forever abolish militarism.

From a humanitarian standpoint, I believe that the Kaiser's military system is a system of government, with its autocratic system of government, must be abolished for the good of future generations.

Christendom would be all agog to learn their contents. The secret treaties which the Bolsheviks are publishing in Petrograd—very interesting as they produce a ripple in the religious world when compared with the effect of the discovery of a new mass of authentic Bible literature.

Yet that is precisely what will happen if the British or the allies retain possession of Jerusalem. Jerusalem is an unopened mine of biblical archeology. The Turk has ever turned aside in this sacred city the spade of the excavator.

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THE DEATH OF THE OLD YEAR

By Alfred Tennyson

FULL knee-deep lies the winter snow, And the winter winds are wearily sighing: Toll ye the church bell sad and slow, And tread softly and speak low, For the old year lies dying.

He was full of joke and jest, But his merry quips are o'er. To see him die across the waste His son and heir doth ride post-haste, But he'll be dead before.

How hard he breathes! over the snow I heard just now the crowing cock. The shadows flicker to and fro: The cricket chirps; the light burns low; 'Tis nearly twelve o'clock.

His face is growing sharp and thin. Alack! our friend is gone, Close up his eyes; tie up his chin: Step from the corpse, and let him in That standeth there alone.

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Ragtag and Bobtail

Stories from Everywhere

Children Write Food Stogans. A COMPLETION of every year held among Indians school children by the federal food administrator of that state, prizes being offered for food conservation posters.

The Wrong Line. He—Each hour I spend with you is like a pearl to me. She—Aw, quit stringing me.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Port Angeles Lumberman in City. Michael Earle, owner of the Earle Lumber Co., Port Angeles, Wash., is registered at the Multnomah.

Telephone Official in Town. N. R. Powley and M. L. Stannard of San Francisco are guests at the Multnomah.

Baker Exceeds Red Cross Quota. E. H. Rider of the Rider Brothers Printing company of Baker, who is registered at the Multnomah.

Helena are in the city for over Sunday and are registered at the Multnomah. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Powell and family of Moro are registered at the Washington for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Carrier and children of Victoria, B. C., are guests at the Multnomah.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Weaver, owner of the Umpqua hotel of Roseburg and Mrs. Weaver, are guests at the Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Woodhouse of Silverton are registered at the Multnomah.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Browning of Tacoma are in Portland on a pleasure trip and are at the Multnomah.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Whitten and Mrs. Edith I. Whitten of Dufur are guests at the Multnomah.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore of Newport are registered at the Washington.

Mr. W. Stratford and R. A. Stratford, business men of the Portland hotel, are guests at the Multnomah.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Martin from Albany are in Portland for the week end and are at the Multnomah.

Mr. W. Robinson from Olney is staying at the Multnomah.

E. C. Allen of Sherwood is among the arrivals at the Multnomah from St. Helens are in the city for over Sunday and are registered at the Multnomah.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Ross from Hood River are guests at the Portland.

THROUGH THE WINDOW

I'm just a little Thrift Stamp

With goo on my back But I'm a stickler. I may not amount to much by myself.

But neither does a drop of water, or a grain of sand, or a speck of powder on military's nose.

But a lot of them together Ofttimes change the destinies of men.

That's me. The more of my kind that's tickled, the sooner we'll lick the Kaiser.

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Dr. Rupert Blue Commends Book "How to Live" Receives Commendation of Surgeon General of United States.