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WE ARE STILL AT WAR WITH GERMANY

Technically, we are still at war with Germany, and we will until the ratification of the peace treaty by the United States Senate, and the promulgation of a proclamation by the President of the United States declaring a state of peace.

The American peace delegation is still at Paris. It was expected that there would be ratification and a declaration of peace in November.

But the matter stands unfinished. Recently, there has been a demand upon Germany for an additional 400,000 tons of much needed shipping as a penalty for the scuttling of warships interned at Scapa Flow.

The German government denies that it was responsible, and the Germans are claiming that this is a new proof that the allies are seeking Germany's economic destruction.

So there comes crisis after crisis—and our peace delegates remain at Paris. And the petty politicians at Washington still fiddle while the world burns.

Several Oregon newspapers have claimed that the proposed extra session of the Oregon Legislature may remain in session indefinitely. That is a false alarm—unless twenty days may be said to be an indefinite time. The Constitution places no limit upon a regular session of the Oregon Legislature, excepting to limit the pay of members to sixty days. But it places a definite limit of twenty days on a special session.

The Salem street railway lines kept in operation all day and all evening, despite the unprecedented snowfall—unprecedented in the time of those lines. And it was a big, heart breaking job, too. Which is all the more to the credit of the management.

Pity the newspaper carrier boys out in the snow.

Anyway, Santa Claus would have felt at home in Salem yesterday.

Pity all the delivery boys. They have a hard time serving the public when we have snow. Our section of the country is not prepared for snow.

But think how you would like to have a whiff of this snow-laden atmosphere on some day next August. So let's look on the bright side.

Residents of this section can now better appreciate the feelings of eastern people over the coal strike. It is as unpopular as an alarm clock.

We seldom have snow and when we have snow it seldom lasts long. That's the optimistic meat of the doughnut around the pessimistic hole of the same.

Bolshevism, with its proletarian autocracy, has no more place in a free country than has Prussianism, with its autocracy of kaiser and junkerdom. That ought to be understood around the boundaries of the United States.

Five billion dollars is the size of the appropriations to be made by congress. That is a tremendous sum of money and every dollar of it must be contributed by the people. Push

work and active production along every line. That ought to be the slogan of every American.

San Francisco is making quite a stab for the Democratic national convention. There is something coming to California. She elected Wilson in 1916, but has never recovered from the blow.

Tomorrow's Salem slogan pages will revolve around mint culture. And the reader will conclude that the industry has a great future here. The world wants more and more oil of peppermint, and the Willamette valley can furnish a large part of it, and do so at a profit.

Does Mr. Wilson require to be supplemented in respect to heart? You may take M. Clemenceau's word for it. There is a fully authenticated story that the great Frenchman at one conference said to Mr. Wilson: "You have a heart of steel!" It was the involuntary tribute of admiration from that inflexible personality whom all the world calls the "Tiger" to superior hardness encountered in another bosom!

His story does not record whether M. Clemenceau had this expression wrung from him the day before he got the Snar Valley settlement or the day before he had his way about the French alliance. Probably it was the latter, for that act was preceded im-

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mediately by the stern and relentless sending for the George Washington to Brest.

But the date is not important; it is the fact that is. Having a heart of steel, the President had to be supplemented by a big, tender, human heart, beating in some other breast, always near his own. America could not go to Europe without bowels of compassion somewhere. So the president chose Col. House.

He chose wisely. Kind hearts are more than coronets, and the heart of house was of the kindest. Everybody loved him. If the French do not erect a statue to him in the Place de la Concorde, as they once proposed a dinner in his sole honor during the president's absence, it will be because of fear of endangering the French alliance.—George Harvey's Weekly.

CONSERVATION AND SANTA CLAUS.

In connection with cost-cutting one of the high-priced highbrows of the government is sending out a special bulletin to instruct the masses in the noble art of cutting Christmas trees. In other years this has been a wasteful process. People have gone out and gathered their Christmas trees with a careless disregard of the future that was most aggravating. If the administration can prevent it no such blunders will be made this season and so there is a picture book to show just how the tree should be swatted and where. They should be cut where there is a compact growth—thinned out as it were—and isolated trees should not be taken. It is not necessary to rob the forest of the large and symmetrical trees to make a church or community festival. Just cut off excess branches and stick them in holes bored in an old telephone pole and the kids won't know the difference. Maybe not.

Anyway, we are going to have conservation of Christmas trees if the government has to spend a million dollars in a campaign of education. Possibly the cheapest way to get a Christmas tree would be to drop a line to Santa Claus. The government is playing Santa right along.

THE OLD SUIT.

In many communities Old Clothes clubs are being formed. The slogan of this modern order with an ancient name is: "No new clothes till prices drop." The largest chapter of the organization has been formed by the city employes of Chicago and the members cling to their old togs as long as they can be persuaded to hang together. When they have to buy they do not purchase costly raiment. They haunt the second-hand shops and exchange hints as to bargains that may be found. In London the Old Clothes clubs have been running for some time and certain members of the house of lords have been accused of holding membership in the same. But mostly the purpose is to educate the people to avoid extravagant buying. There are lots of men who know how to buy almost anything but their own clothes. When they get to decorating their frames they seem to lose their reckoning. The Old Clothes club serves as a clearinghouse for ideas on thrift in connection with the appareling of its members.

THE RISE IN SPARKS.

In spite of all the campaigns against advancing prices, diamonds are reported as being 100 per cent higher than they were six months ago, and heaven knows they were costly enough then. Unless there is a halt somewhere there will be whole families suffering for diamonds before the winter is over. The way diamonds are behaving in the market no man can keep his jaws baby supplied with this necessary of life while he is only drawing out a measly six to ten bucks a day. The administration is blowing a lot about what it is doing to keep down the price of existence, but if Attorney General Palmer cannot do something to check the rising cost of substitutes he may as well pack his presidential aspirations away in moth balls.

PAYING THE PROFESSOR.

Professors at the Carnegie Institute are complaining because they are not getting enough to enable them to buy shoes at present prices; and at least one of them has been brought to actual suffering. They have long since parted company with the breakfast egg and they have to run up and down the corridors to keep warm. This exercise adds, of course, to the shoe problem. Andrew Carnegie was

reputed a great friend of education, but he paid his steel workers more than he did his professors. The steel-mill operatives strike every now and then, but the professors so far have a clean record. Nevertheless they appeared at the last faculty meeting with a petition for a new scale of wages. They don't ask for over time at double price but they want enough to keep them in shoes and suspenders and they want an egg for breakfast Sunday mornings. It would seem that a good professor who spends \$20,000 in money and ten years of his life in training for his job ought to get as much as a man who pushes a wheelbarrow load of pigiron around.

AGE OF THE WORLD.

People who cannot rest until they know exactly how old this world of ours really is will be relieved to find that a trinity of eminent geologists have discovered a simple process of making the computation.

All that is necessary is to determine the quantity of salt in the ocean and then divide it by the amount brought down in a single year by the rivers emptying into it.

Of course, allowances have to be made for evaporation and one thing or another, but these can be determined by looking at the speedometer or writing a postal card to Postmaster Hucklestein.

Anyhow, the grand finale will be the age of the world in astronomical years.

Sir John Murray, one of the geologists, declares the age to be approximately four hundred million years, but he must remember that since America has gone bone dry a year seems twice as long to some people as it used to. This will have to be taken into account in making future calculations. Sir John admits that he might be three or four years off in his computation, as he has not verified all his estimates, but if the world is a she there would be a greater discrepancy than that is reporting the age.

THE WAY OF IMPROVEMENT.

Every man who saves, whether small sums or large, is a capitalist. And modern economic advance results from modern financial expediency whereby those savings are assembled and employed in productive enterprise. The line of improvement does not lie in the direction of diminishing this incentive to save by taxing private incomes to provide funds for politicians to distribute unproductively. The line of improvement lies in the direction of better financial knowledge, closer restriction of food, more thrift.—Minneapolis Journal.

RHYME AND REASON.

Vachel Lindsay insists that rhythm is of more importance than rhyme in the making of poetry. But what are we to do with these birds who are putting over what they call poetry without either rhythm, rhyme or reason? Isn't there something in the great covenant to protect us?

DAMAGED CREDIT.

The allies want to put off paying interest on their American loans for three years or so. By that time we are pretty sure to need the money. But we hereby serve notice on the nations that still want to borrow American dough that to try and hedge on the first interest payments is a poor way to establish credit.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

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If Governor Lowden gets the nomination for president, Oregon will be represented. His home is at Oregon, Illinois.

A friend telephoned a request to The Statesman yesterday that the people be asked to feed the birds. They are our friends—our salvation. Without the birds, there would be no crops. The bugs would get them all.

Salem is to have a thoroughly up to date Turkish bath establishment. That will help a lot.

Tomorrow's Statesman will be a mint for mint culture information.

The weather man promises probable warmer weather. That may mean the glorious rain.

Work and save! There is no better slogan.

The dehydrated julep is now on the market. That is, they so call it, but we have our suspicions.—Exchange.

They say those new-fangled leather coats are warm, and they may be, but they do not look the part.

Judging by the charges against Senator Newberry, money must have grown on the blackberry bushes in Michigan last fall.

Berlin is patronizing all-night cabarets and in the cities of the allies light is being conserved. Again the question comes up, who won the war?

Champ Clark has discovered a cure for bow legs. But there will be no demand for the thing. Nobody ever heard of a bow-legged woman.

IF BACKACHY OR KIDNEYS BOTHER

Eat less meat, also take glass of Salts before eating Breakfast

Uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish, ache, and feel like lumps of lead. The urine becomes cloudy; the bladder is irritated, and you may be obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night. When the kidneys clog you must help them flush off the body's urinous waste or you'll be a real sick person shortly. At first you feel a dull misery in the kidney region, you suffer from back-ache, sick headache, dizziness, stomach gets sour, tongue coated and you feel rheumatic twinges when the weather is bad. Eat less meat, drink lots of water; also get from any pharmacist four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

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and the men so afflicted swear they got it riding the cavalry horses in the charge in the Argonne.—Exchange.

The Prince of Wales has returned to his own roof-tree—and the stories that he will tell about his reception in America! It was a great experience for the young blade.

The Mexican situation presents as many facets as the old-fashioned penny arcade contrivances used to show. They were the advance agents of the moving pictures, you know.

With Lady Astor in her seat in the English house of commons we shall expect to see a number of cozy nooks fixed up in various parts of the chamber. Wonder what her favorite color is?—Exchange.

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Stranger things may happen than to see William Jennings Bryan the presidential candidate of the Anti-Tobacco League in 1920.

Mayor Baker's Petition for Hanging Comes In

Mayor George L. Baker of Portland yesterday filed with the secretary of state petitions for a constitutional amendment restoring the death penalty in Oregon, to be voted on by the people at the election of November, 1920, if sufficient signatures are attached to the petitions.

It is strongly probable that the special session of the legislature called by Governor Olcott for next month will call a special election for the early summer and that an amendment will be referred by the legislature to the people for ballot at that time. This will obviate the necessity of circulating petitions to place the measure on the ballot in November. The duration of the special session called by the governor is estimated at from three days to a week. The constitutional limitation is 20 days.

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