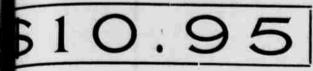


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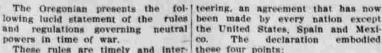
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esting just now as the action of the different powers will be closely watched during the Russian-Japanese war The Oregonian says:

"The president's declaration of neutrality serves to draw attention to the change of naval warfare from

a free-for-all rough-and-tumble scrap into a fight under rules as binding as those that keep green the fame of a certain Marquis of Queensberry. In former days when nations were at war all the ships on both sides took a part in the fighting. When Spain and England struggled for oversea commerce and do-

minion, it was enough for the Span-iard that a vessel flew St. George's cross, and the English skipper looked upon a vessel displaying the "blood and gold" colors as his lawful prey. In later days the merchant vessel pursued her way as peacefully as the "acts of God or the king's enemies" would permit. She carried a few guns so that she might not prove too tempting a quarry for the enemy's privateers, which had become the licensed free-booters of the

After the downfall of Napoleon there was no great naval fighting. and the sentiment which had been steadily growing in favor of limiting fighting to regular combatant forces found its first expression in an order-in-council made by Great Britain in 1854 at the beginning of the Crimean war.

In this order-in-council Great Britain agreed to "waive her maritime rights" and to do away with privateering. Two years later the Dec-laration of Paris bound bound the signatory nations to abolish priva-

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been made by every nation except the United States, Spain and Mexideclaration The embodied these four points:

The abolition of privateering. A neutral flag covers an enemy's goods (except contraband.) Neutral goods (except contraband)

are safe in an enemy's ship. Blockades must be effective.

The United States did not join in this declaration, not because it did not approve of the proposals, but because it did not consider them far-reaching, enough. It was held by far. our authorities that all private prop erty at sea should be exempt from capture. The principles of the declaration, however, have been followed in every war since 1856, including the civil war, and thus fighting is now confined to the natives of bellig-erents. This, of course, will render nations anxious to make fast merchant vessels part of the navy as a means of sweeping the enemy's flag from the sens.

The United States has been gen erally recognized as the steadfast champion of the rights of neutrals. In the president's proclamation he cites the provision of the law of 1818 which is practically a re-enactment of a law passed in 1794. One of the most important provisions

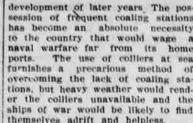
is that prohibiting the "intherein creasing or augmenting" of the force of any war vessel belonging to a belligerent that may enter United States waters.

How advanced is the view taken by this law is shown by the fact that the British law of neutrality is de-clared by so eminent a parliamentarian as Sir William Vernon Harcourt to be a transcript of the Amer-

It is the duty of a neutral power to use due vigilance in enforcing the laws regarding neutrality. It is thus the duty of the United States government to prevent-as noted in proclamationpresidential Americans from assisting in raising forces in American territory for Japan or Russia; to prevent vessels suitable for warfare from being fitted out in American waters, and generally to prevent aid from being afforded one side or the other from American territory. Laxity in car-American territory. Laxity rying out these obligations would

render the nation liable for the resulting damages as evidenced by the Alabama case. The recognized international usage

regarding coal is the most important



themselves adrift and helpless. Already in the present war a Russian ship has found herself caught at Port Said, and was allowed—in ac-cordance with the usage laid down in the president's proclamation—coal take her to her nearest home rt. The rumors that the Baltic to port. port. The rumors that the Battle fleet is to be sent to the East may be taken with more than a grain of salt. Lack of coal would stop the ships before they had reached the Since compation Suez canal.'

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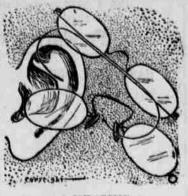
KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS ORGANIZED IN 1864

Five Men Took the First Step in Washington, D. C .- Two of Them Are Now Living - The Actual Author of the Plan and the Ritual Was a Clerk in the Surgeon Gen eral's Office

Washington, Feb. 15. - Prepara tions have been made throughout the country for the celebration this week of the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the order of the Knights of Pythias the largest fra-ternal and benquelent organization having a purety American member ship. It was on Feb. 19, 1864, that five men met in Marini's Hall in this city and took the initial steps toward the foundation of the order. The five men were Justus Henry Rathbone, who conceived the idea, Robert A Champion, Dr. E. S. Kimball, David L. Burnett and William H. Burnett. Messrs Kimball and D. L. Burnett are still living and are active members of the fraternity.

Justus Henry Rathbone is famous as the actual founder of the order, and the person to whose dramatic inspiration is due the most beauti-ful features of the Pythian ritual. He submitted the first draft of the ritual based on the story of Damor and Pythias to members of the old Arion club, a musical organization which existed in Washington in the later years of the civil war. From this small beginning sprang Wash-ington lodge, No. 1, K. of P., afterward merged in Franklin lodge, No. 2, which is still in evidence. This This latter lodge is the fruitful mother of 9,000 Pythian lodges now flourinhing in 54 grand domains, and carrying upon their rosters an aggregate of nearly 600 000 members. There are also about 50,000 of the knights who belong to the uniformed or military branch of the order, which is known as the "Army of the Lily." It has long then supposed

generally believed in this fraternity that the idea of a great society based on the immortal story of friendship of Damon and Pythias first came to Mr. Rathbone while he was teaching school at the copper town of Eagle Harbor on the Keewenaw peniesula, Lake Superior, in 1860-61. Later Mr. Rathbone, the vocalist and citualist of note, and his skill was displayed in many ways, but in none more notably than in his first draft of the Pythian ritual, which is accordized as remarbably beautiful and effective. Mr. Rath-bone died at Lima, Ohio, in the



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residence of Past Supreme Chancel-YOU for Walter D. Richie about 13 years ago. According to Pythian history the ritual was read and the first step Should have that best of toward organization were taken just 40 years ago tonight, when Mr. Rathbone and his friends met at the WOOD room of Robert A. Champion, the occasion being a rehearsal of the Arion club. Later in the same week DRY and FINE, that you will find with another meeting was held and the oreliminary organization completed. The supreme lodge was organized in 1868, and incorporated by congress June 29, 1894. Once founded, the P. P. COLLIER fraternaty grew marvelously, and to-day while one of the youngest of such orders is one of the largest and HERE AT HOME. most flourishing from every view point. In addition to the grand Pendleton Citizens Gladly Testify. lodges in every state and territory of the United States the order has jurisdictions in British Columbia, the Maritime Provinces, Manitoba, Ontario Hawaii Alaska and Alaska. It is testimony like the following that has placed "the old Quaker Remedy" so far above competitors. When Ontario, Hawali, Alaska and Cuba. people right here at home raise their voice in praise there is no room left for doubt. Read the public state-SKIN DISEASES. ment of a Pendleton citizen. Are Cured by the Remarkable Wat-ers of Medical Lake. Charles W. Beale, expressman, living at 300 West Tustin street, cor-Medical Lake Salts Mfg. Co., Sponer of Aura street, and well known kane, Wash. Gentleman — For a long time I was afflicted with a severe skin dis-ease pronounced by one physician to be eczema and by two others to be erysinelas. My face, hands and feet were in a terrible state and bad-ily swollen. In each instance I was given vigorous treatment and seemed to recover, but after four or five days the disease would break out anew with increased violence. I then eame to this place and at pres-ent have taken 25 baths. The re-sult has been marvelous. The dis-ease has left my feet. The skin on my face has almost returned to its normal condition and I believe with about five m. re baths I will be re-covered sufficiently to return to my business. — J. H. Dwyer, Oakesdale, Wash. Sold by Taliman & Co., leading armexists, and A. C. Koeppen Kane, wash. Gentleman — For a long time 1 was aff'icted with a severe skin dis-ease pronounced by one physician to be eczema and by two others to be to every resident of Pendleton, says: Sold by Taliman & Co., leading americaists, and A. C. Koeppen & Dally East Oregonian by carrier, only 15 cents a week.