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THE WOOING OF DEATH.

Why do you whisper so faintly
In my ears, O Death, my
Death?
When the flowers drop in the
evening and cattle come back
to their stalls, you stealthily
come to my side and speak
words that I do not under-
stand.
Is this how you must woo and
win me with the opiate of
drowsy murmur and cold
kisses, O Death, my Death?
Will there be no proud cere-
mony for our wedding?
Will you not tie up with a
wreath your tawny coiled
locks?
Is there none to carry your
banner before you, and will
not the night be on fire with
your red torchlights, O Death,
my Death?
Come with your conch shells
sounding, come in the sleep-
less night,
Dress me with a crimson man-
tle, grasp my hand and take
me.
Let your chariot be ready at
my door with your horses
neighing impatiently.
Raise my veil and look at my
face proudly, O Death, my
Death.
—Rabindranath Tagore.

Of every dollar collected by the United States government sixty-three cents goes for war purposes. This is the Cost of War, statement made by an expert after a careful study of the annual income and expenditures of the nation. Sixty-three per cent of all of the revenue goes toward maintaining the army and navy, paying pensions, retirements and interest on war debt. And this is a country that prides itself upon being devoted to the interests of peace.

Ray Stannard Baker in the current number of the American Magazine gives some figures on the expense of government that will astound the average citizen. He finds that the estimates of the expenditures of the present year will total \$740,000,000 and of this amount \$466,000,000 will go for war purposes. Of the thirty-seven cents left of each dollar, he finds that five cents is spent on rivers and harbors, four cents for the encouragement of agriculture and forestry, three cents for building the Panama canal, one and a half cents to feed and clothe the Indian and one cent to maintain congress. The balance is distributed over the other departments of government.

The alarming figures of the money spent in consequence of past wars and in protection against future wars come at a time when war is the one topic of the day. The United States, compared with some of the European countries, is very moderate in contributing cash for the upkeep of her armaments. Not to mention the enormous amounts spent by the European nations within the past few years for war purposes, billions of dollars are being raised now by war tax.

Applied to the development of the country's resources, the building up of industries, the amelioration of conditions among the poorer classes, the promotion of science and invention, the combatting of disease and vice and other civilized purposes a small fraction of the money sacrificed to the war god would re-create the world and make it a much happier place in which to live.

The cost of war in dollars and cents should in itself be an unanswerable argument for universal peace and the cost in blood, in grief and misery makes it a crime answerable to God.

Contrast with President Wilson's policy of patient restraint and unselfish purpose in Mexico Mr. Wilson's Austria's brutal aggression against little Serbia, Germany's insolent ultimatum to Russia and France and her arrogant demands on Belgium; contrast the president's utter-

ances, attitude and conduct during our crisis with the utterances, attitude and conduct of the heads of European governments. How Mr. Wilson shines!

Contrast the results of the policy of peaceful intervention and persistent good will with the results of autocratic aggression. America enjoys peace and prosperity; Europe faces the bloodiest and costliest war of history.

If the president had rejected his own view of the duty of a strong nation to a weak, distracted neighbor and had accepted the counsel of the jingoes we would be engaged in a bloody conflict, the end of which could not be foreseen. There would be war in two continents, involving nearly the entire civilized world. We would have lost our opportunity to set an example of patience, justice and forbearance for the world we would have lost our opportunity to exalt democracy and defend the interests of the people as paramount to all other interests; we would have lost our opportunity to prove the soundness and sanity of republican free government.

We have lifted up the standard of democratic civilization. We have given the world a finer vision than it has ever had of national aspiration and of just and humane international dealing.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Bringing Pasco to the dignity of a real city, a daily newspaper has just started there, the Progress, which heretofore has published semi-weekly, having branched out into a four-page daily.

Hard work is proving efficacious in lessening the number of petty offenses in Pendleton and is also giving this city a black-eye with the vagrant class. Yesterday two members of the street gang rebelled against having to soil their hands on a pick and shovel brigade. One raised \$50 to pay his fine and the other sacrificed his chances of staying in the city by deserting.

It is estimated that the Germans have already lost 25,000 men in battle. Do the mothers of these slain youths still cry, "Hoch der Kaiser"?

With the fruit canning season at hand and the price of sugar soaring ever upwards, there are a few American housewives who can give a little data on the cost of war.

Down in San Francisco, the natives have an opinion of the Kaiser, the czar and the others who brought on the war that would not look well in print. For how are the European nations going to be fitly represented at the 1915 fair if this thing goes on?

With thousands of Americans stranded in Europe as a result of the war, it is safe to predict that for a time at least there will be fewer globe trotters carrying over their surplus wealth for the enrichment of the old soil.

IN A MIRTHFUL VEIN

Little Marjorie was running down the street, blowing a toy balloon, when she slipped and fell prostrate in the mud.

"Boo, hoo, hoo!" she cried lustily. "Now my squawker is all dirty!" "Never mind, dearie," consoled a kindly old lady who happened to be passing. "We'll soon make that all right again!" And with her nice, clean handkerchief the dear old lady carefully wiped the little girl's mouth.

—Judge.

An old Scotch gentleman who was a great enthusiast on the golf link and a young man who was equally enthusiastic about the game, had spent the entire day in the field, and had had some remarkably close and exciting games.

As they left for home, the old man remarked, while his ruffled face lighted up with a pleasant smile:

"Hey, mon, but it's been a gran' day!"

"It has," assented the young man. "Think ye could come again on the morrow, laddie?"

"Well," answered the young man reflectively, "I was to be married, but I can put it off."—Lippincott's.

He was a stranger in the town and arrived on a late train. The cigar stand in the little hotel was locked for the night, so he went out on the street, where he found an idler leaning against a post.

"Can you tell me," asked the stranger, "where I can get a cigar in this town at this time of night?"

"Why, sure," exclaimed the citizen, straightening up. "I know where you can get two cigars!"—Lippincott's.

Hindus to Join in Revolt.

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 8.—The Hindus employed at the Hammond Lumber company's mill are said to be planning to return to India soon to join in the revolution that is expected to ensue while England is involved in war.

They plan to go to San Francisco and join the Hindus there who are negotiating for the charter of a Japanese vessel.

BY THE SCISSORS

Foreigners in New England.

Some years since a great war was said and written about abandoned farms in New England, but today very little is heard about the land of past agricultural glories. This is because of onions and other crops, planted and raised, not by Yankees, but by Italians, Poles and Lithuanians. In one district there are 700 acres of growing onions, and last year, on a slightly smaller acreage, about 1,000,000 bushels were produced. The secret of the success of these foreigners is work. They observe no eight-hour day. From early morn till dewy eve they toil in the fields, men, women and children, pulling weeds which would hinder the onions from growing to full size. They get results and they are fast taking up all the land abandoned once because of its unprofitable yields.—Utica Press.

Dreadnought Halts All.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—The channel leading out of New York's upper harbor was guarded by the United States dreadnought Florida. No vessel headed for sea may pass by until an officer from the battleship has inspected her cargo.

This is the step the Washington government has taken to prevent foreign registered vessels from involving the United States in a possible neutrality entanglement with any one of the warring European nations.

Loose Eggs Go in Mail.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—Another innovation had its initial test in Tenafly, N. J., where jag list stirred up its little mess, lived its short life and passed away.

This newest thing may cause a mess of a different kind. If its adoption becomes general, suburban postmasters will have to develop decided deftness and delicacy of touch, or the result will be disaster. Also the custom of sending the children of neighbors after the mail will have its perils.

This morning a boy called at the postoffice in Tenafly for a neighbor's mail. Postmaster William Boedecker, stepping gingerly, carried to the window an ordinary paper sack without even a string tied around it. It was properly addressed and had on it a 5-cent parcel post stamp.

In it were six nice white eggs, newly laid. The boy gazed into the bag, tiptoed to the sidewalk and then dashed madly down the street to a bunch of other lads.

"Hey!" he shouted. "Look what came in the mail!"

All the Tenafly correspondent knew about the affair after that was that the boy stopped six times on his way home to show the possibilities of Uncle Sam's postal service; but the correspondent couldn't tell in what condition the eggs were when they reached their destination. That, however, is not up to Postmaster Boedecker.

Jack pine trees planted 10 years ago in the sand hills of Nebraska are now large enough to produce fence posts.

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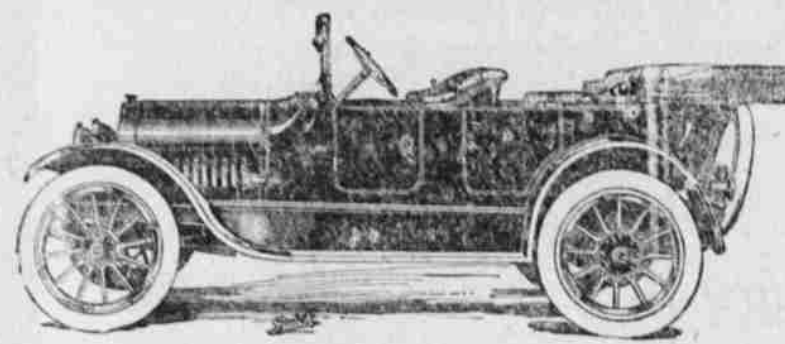
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