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Von Papan by Germany was acknowledged this country is justified in protesting against any interference with American industries engaged in lawful business or against outsiders trying in any manner to wage the European war on American soil.

The attitude of the American government in these two cases is good evidence President Wilson's purpose is to protect American interests when jeopardized from any source and the results will be gratifying to all who believe in the America first doctrine.

GOOD TIMES GENERAL

PENDLETON is evidently not alone in showing an increased postal business. The conditions seem to be general throughout the country, judging by the following editorial from the Boston Post.

The growth of prosperous conditions in our favored land has been affirmed by many interests in special fields. Exports have increased; manufactures have been stimulated; crops—by favor of the elemental powers—have surpassed all records; complaint of the unemployment of labor is not heard; there still may be differences as to schedules of wages, but the number of men who are willing to work but remain in enforced idleness is small indeed.

Perhaps the use of the postal service by our people may be taken most generally as a measure of activity, of wide prosperity. The figures of postal receipts for November, as given out by the department at Washington illustrate this point. A year ago, the 50 largest cities showed receipts of \$11,316,311 for the month; this year the aggregate for November is \$13,349,450.

These offices produce about half the postal revenue. Among them, Boston shows an increase of \$105,233 over November, 1914; New York shows more than half a million.

The normal increase in department income through popular use of the postal service is about 7 per cent annually. Here in the Boston district, this increment has been more than doubled; in New York it has been trebled, and Chicago and Philadelphia are close at hand in their figures.

As a measurement of the popular appreciation of the fact that good times are here, this statement of the work and the income of the postoffice department goes to confirm the most optimistic view. There has been steady improvement during the past year in our business world. As Postmaster Burleson says, "Postal receipts accurately reflect business conditions."

THIS MAY ENTERTAIN

THOUGHT OF IT FIRST.

Census man—How old are you, madam?
 Lady—Twenty-five.
 Census man, (gallantly). You could easily say you were five years younger than you are.
 Lady—Oh, I've done that already.
 —Boston Transcript.

Dad's Letter.

"Little Johnny is rather cross this morning," said the doctor, "but that is a good sign. It shows that he is convalescing."

"According to that," said Johnny's mother, "my husband must be always recovering from a severe illness."

We never hear anybody talk about the good old times without being reminded that our forefathers had to crawl headfirst into their shirts.

Got Mad and Quit.

"I don't see Grigaby at the club any more. He used to spend nearly all his time there."

"Yes, but when some of the other boys suggested that he ought to spend something else besides his time gone in a while, he got mad and resigned."

Patrolman Kills Robber.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 11.—Two men who tried to rob a private patrolman in an alley down town were resisted by the patrolman, who engaged in a pistol fight with the men.

One was so badly wounded that he died some hours later. He gave his name as James Moran, civil engineer, aged 24, of Irvington, N. Y., where he has a wife and parents, and asks that S. J. B. Bird, 1215 Twelfth avenue, Columbia, Ga., be notified in case of his death. The second robber, who gave his name as Chas. Sato, was captured unhurt.

Most of our military terms are French and naval terms are Anglo-Saxon.

CENSORED LETTER RECEIVED FROM ENGLAND



LONDON, Dec. 11.—There is now a general censorship in all mails to America, the chief postal censor asserts. The reason for this, it is intimated, is that without such a censorship the British government believes there was always an opportunity for Germany to receive information through the mails, and information of value to Germany is believed already to have passed to America in that way. The censorship on American mails has heretofore been insignificant.

SURVEY WILL BE ASKED OF COUSE CREEK ROAD

MILTON, Ore., Dec. 11.—Culminating in a proposal to draft resolutions asking the county court to make a survey of the contemplated Couse creek road across the Blue mountains, an interesting and enthusiastic meeting of the Milton Commercial club was held here last Thursday evening.

A committee of residents of the Couse creek district through which the road is to pass was present. Speeches were made by A. R. Shumway, C. A. Winn, J. N. Steward and Commissioner H. M. Cockburn. The special advantages for the entire valley which this thoroughfare will bring were pointed out.

On motion those present unanimously asked for a resolution requesting a survey of the route by the county court.

President H. A. Williams appointed to draft this resolution: A. R. Shumway, S. D. Peterson and G. A. Price.

NEW ITALIAN LINER IS SUNK BY SUBMARINE

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Reports received here say that the new Italian liner Dante Alighieri, registering 9754 tons, has been torpedoed in the Mediterranean sea.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Confirmation of the sinking of the new Italian steamship Dante Alighieri, was received here.

FIXED TERM IN DISFAVOR.

Indeterminate Sentence for Convict Favored by Sing Sing Head.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Thomas Mott Osborne, warden of Sing Sing prison, in an address before the Washington branch of the Women's department of the National Civic Federation, advocated the indeterminate sentence as the only effectual means of dealing with criminality.

"There is just as much sense," Mr. Osborne said, "in imposing a fixed term of imprisonment on a criminal as in sending a smallpox patient to a hospital for a fixed period. In both cases the patient should not be discharged until cured."

Burning Steamer Back.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 9.—The British steamer Carlton, bound from New York to Queenstown for further orders, with 1300 tons of sugar aboard, put in here with fire raging in her No. 2 hold.



Juliette Day in Selwyn & Co.'s Big Laugh Festival, "Twin Beds," which Comes to the Oregon Theatre Thursday, Dec. 16.

SIMPLICITY.
 "If power were mine to wield control
 Of time within my heart and soul,
 Saving from ruin and decay
 What I hold dearest, I should pray
 That I may never cease to be
 Wooded daily by Expectancy;
 That evening shadows in mine eyes
 Dim not the light of new surprise;
 That I may feel, till life be spent,
 Each day the sweet bewilderment
 Of fresh delights in simple things—
 In snowy winters, golden springs—
 And quicker heart-beats at the thought
 Of all the good that man has wrought.
 "But may I never face a dawn
 With all the awe and wonder gone,
 Or in late twilight fail to see
 Charm in the stars' old sorcery."
 —Boston Post

WASHINGTON DRY

PENDLETON certainly has reason to rejoice over the decision of the supreme court of Washington yesterday in which the dry law is upheld. With Walla Walla in the wet column the problem of law enforcement in this city would have taken on new difficulties. With both towns and both states in the same category conditions will be more satisfactory and it will be possible to enforce the law more effectively. There should be no repetition of conditions that obtained during the former dry regime in Pendleton.

CIVILIAN LOSSES

THE loss in population during the war is not all confined to deaths upon the battlefields.

Compilation of the vital statistics of English cities and towns, as reported to the official registry, shows in a startling extent the effect of the stress of the war on the civilian population. The table of the number of births in the 96 largest municipalities in the kingdom shows an annual decrease of 40,000 in recorded births and 50,000 in deaths. In London alone, this indicates a decrease in population of more than 50,000 since the war began.

This is far from normal, and it is without negation ascribed to the influence of the war conditions. As the report states it, tuberculosis, heart disease and cerebral hemorrhage, augmented by worry and excitement, caused 400 deaths in London during the week ending Nov. 20—an increase of more than 100 compared with the same week of last year.

MEETING OUR WISHES

WITH reference to our international affairs the two striking incidents of the past week have been the acknowledgement of our rights in the Hocking case by England and the recall of two diplomatic attaches by Germany.

Great Britain was proceeding in a highhanded manner to interfere with our commerce. The Hocking and two other captured ships were pressed into their service without awaiting the action of a prize court. A vigorous protest from the United States government followed and the English changed front in the matter thus meeting our wishes. The recall of Boy-ed and

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OIL STRUCK NEAR TENINO.

Success is Reported on Yantis Tract by Lone Operator.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 10.—The striking of oil sand at 435 feet in the Canady well on the old Yantis place, four miles south of Tenino, was reported here, and the report later confirmed from several sources. Indications point to a possibility of success for what has been regarded as the longest chance of all wildcat oil operations in Washington.

At Canady arrived here with his own drilling outfit about a year ago to drill for the United, which had leased the Yantis tract. Just then the Crescent bubble burst, carrying most of the newly organized oil companies into dissolution, the United among them. Canady was left stranded, but succeeding in inducing a few Tenino business men to grubstake him.

Organization of a company was not attempted but Canady was kept supplied with food supply and fuel, and hammered away with his tools, without even casing for the hole. At 435 feet the drill went into sand, and when the boiler was sent down, in five trips, it is reported to have brought up about three gallons of oil. Work has been stopped and casing ordered for the well. Water will be shut off and an attempt made to establish possible production.

The Washington, Oregon and Pacific States' operations, within a few miles of the Canady hole, have reached greater depths without indications of oil.

Yukon River Is Frozen.

DAWSON, Y. T., Dec. 10.—With the freezing of the Yukon river the winter highway to the railroad terminus at White Horse was established. Toward spring there will be daily service.

The annual northwest mounted police expedition, carrying mail for the Stefansson explorers, whalers and traders, will leave here just after Christmas. At Fort McPherson the party will meet another body of men bringing the mail from Herschel Island. Letters from Stefansson are expected in this mail.

Philinos Bring in Ship.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—The American steamer Rio Pasig, which arrived here from the orient, was officered entirely by Philinos, all graduates of the insular nautical school, an institution established by the bureau of education of the Philippines.

Evidence of the Philino officers' quality as seamen was indicated by the fact that the Rio Pasig on the way over safely weathered a typhoon in which the wind attained a velocity of 84 miles an hour.

"Checked," say French.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—The new German offensive in the Ardals has been definitely checked by a heavy rain of shells, the war office claimed. In the Champagne fighting continues.

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