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AMERICA FIRST.

Whatever the shores that your forefathers hailed from,
Whatever the flags that they fought for afar,
Whatever the lands that yourselves may have sailed from,
Today you must cherish the land where you are,
Today you are sons of this nation of nations,
Entroubled by war and its spirit accursed;
So, guarding your souls against racial temptations,
Let this be your motto: "America First!"

This nation of ours every people has greeted,
Has welcomed them in to partake of her cheer;
And even the humblest, despised and defeated,
Have felt themselves MEN when they found themselves here.
The victims of systems and dynasties royal
With her have found freedom, their dreams to fulfill,
And surely such hearts will not now be disloyal
To her and her spirit of peace and good will.
—Dennis A. McCarthy.

ABLE TO ACT FOR OURSELVES

CHARLES J. HEXAMINER president of the German-American alliance recently telegraphed friends urging them to protest against war without a popular referendum.

About the same time reports reached this country from England making it known that in the English view America had been mistreated sufficiently by Germany to make war a necessity, or words to that effect.

Which is the more astounding manifestation of impudence—the effort of the German-Alliance president to hamper the administration or the effrontery of Englishmen in presuming to say when this country should feel insulted enough to fight?

In sailing the present sea of discord the United States is able to move under its own power. We need no English tug boats to lead us into the current; nor any Germans to hold us back.

A FINANCIAL POWER WHILE the country does not wish war there is comfort in the thought that financial conditions are so sound that a storm would find the country in a good position from a monetary standpoint.

The Clews review for Feb. 10 says in part:

"Our banks are in an exceedingly strong position, as evidenced by the low rates of discounts prevailing in all parts of the country. The Federal Reserve system is working admirably and has strengthened immensely our banking resources. Recent liquidation has added to the supply of loanable funds, excepting, of course, the shipments of gold to South America and elsewhere. Even if we escape war and issue no domestic loan whatever, Eu-

rope must continue a heavy borrower in this market for a long time to come, simply because this is the most available banking reservoir in the world. Such demands will make themselves felt more conspicuously when peace arrives, as unquestionably the industrial facilities of this country will be freely called upon to aid in Europe's reconstruction. As an illustration of how rapidly New York is growing as a financial center, bank clearings recently touched the high record of \$1,218,000,000. This total was swelled by operations connected with the \$250,000,000 British loan, but on three other occasions bank clearings at New York passed the billion-dollar mark."

"OWING TO THE WAR"

SINCE the United States arranged for the purchase of the Danish West Indies for \$25,000,000 various residents of Nicaragua are growing restive over a deal made by them with this country but not yet fully closed whereby Nicaragua gives to the United States certain land and exclusive canal privileges for the sum of \$3,000,000. The money has not yet been paid to the Central American government and Nicaragua would like to raise the price. The sale of the St. Thomas islands, however, carried sovereignty with the deal whereas Nicaragua has merely bargained to give this country an exclusive right to interoceanic canal construction. Therefore it may be surmised that Uncle Sam will not tolerate any advance in price, even though Nicaragua may argue that owing to the war and the h. c. l. a higher figure should be named.

The house went into revolt against excess lobbying; the legislators themselves wish to have a little voice in legislative affairs and grow tired of having all their work cut out for them and handed in ready for use.

The Pendleton Commercial Club should be able to do valuable work for the city during the coming year; we are on the upgrade and there are prospects for a continuance of good business.

The Oregonian has a story about the very powerful Hughes-Alliance at Medford; it must be a strong one indeed since Jackson county gave some 2000 majority for Wilson.

We never have a legislative session without getting a new insurance code.

Record breaking land deals are now the rule rather than the exception.

The submarine campaign may be ineffective but it is sending some big boats to the bottom.

DO YOU KNOW...

That tomorrow will be the anniversary of the blowing up of the battleship Maine?
That W. Kirkpatrick is one of the few Pendletonians who heard Lincoln's historic debate with Douglas?
That Tom Thompson used to be a specialist in fine horses?
That the Pendleton Auto Show is going to be another exemplification of the Pendleton spirit?
That Harry Chambers a few years ago was one of Washington State College's star orators and debaters?
That James Johns, Sr., eats fried onions and fried apples every morning for breakfast as a health preservative?

28 Years Ago Today

(From the Daily East Oregonian, Feb. 14, 1889.)

Married at the Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton, Ore., on Wednesday, February 13, at 5:15 p. m., by Rev. W. E. Potwine, Frank B. Clifton and Miss Sybil Griffin, both of Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sturgis, of Walla Walla are in town on a pleasant visit to their son and daughter Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Sturgis, of Pendleton, to remain several weeks.

Judd Beale has recovered from his attack of the mumps and is now in jail.

The basement of the Golden Rule presents a very attractive appearance, the floor having been cemented in fine style under the direction of Frank Duprat.

Mr. W. J. Minar, nephew of Mr. J. R. McClure of Pendleton, has lately arrived from Iowa and will open marble yards here and engage in the manufacture of tombstones and all works in that line.

Joe Downing, an attaché of the Villard House where he has made friends by the score, yea hundreds, is preparing to leave Pendleton soon for good and all.



Vincent and Snyder, high-power vocalists, who will sing at Pendleton Auto Show. This team sang for six months from the top of the Tower of Jewels at San Francisco exposition.

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