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FAITH

Its hoary head with light aglow,
With crown of everlasting snow,
Its sport, the rocks by lightning riven,
Its music, thunder drums of Heaven,
Where rage the winds and tempests sing
Their weird, weird songs, the mountain's king.

Where rains give life to new sown seed,
Where grass grows rank and cattle feed,
Where harvests blossom, children play,
Where songbirds warble carols gay,
Ever sheltered from the stormy gale,
With flowers fragrant, smiles the vale.

The mount majestic, awe inspires,
Men think God's there in morning fires,
When sun-rays gild the spires of white,
And bathe the crags in ruby light;
'Tis there they pray for faith to see
Existence past mortality.

IS IT NOT TIME FOR PENDLETON TO SPEAK?

ON many classes of freight, notably much hardware and farm machinery used in this section, the freight rate from Chicago to Pendleton is as high as the rate from Chicago to Portland. This despite the fact our metropolis is 230 miles farther west and therefore more difficult to reach.

As a result of this unequal arrangement, it is a common thing for manufacturers to ship their products to Portland for distributing purposes. So we see the spectacle of merchandise needed in this region first shipped to Portland and then back to the Eastern Oregon territory, making a useless haul of approximately 500 miles.

The clear logic of the situation calls for a lower transcontinental rate to Pendleton than to Portland. It is unfair that Portland should enjoy such favoritism at the hands of the railroads. It is absurd that a railroad should haul freight for nothing between this place and Portland. The arrangement means "robbing Peter to pay Paul." It is an arrangement that tends to build up a congested center in Portland and denies to inland points the advantages of natural position.

This very logic was used by Portland in connection with the grain rate case and a partial victory has been gained in the fact that the examiner for the interstate commerce commission has upheld the contention with reference to freight from points south of the Snake river to Portland.

If the principle of distance is to determine rates from this region to tidewater points, the same principle should justly apply with reference to transcontinental shipment. There can be no escape from this conclusion, if equity is to prevail.

Pendleton intervened in the rate case at the request of Portland. It is now an opportune time for Pendleton to say something in its own behalf by submitting a further request that on transcontinental shipments this city be accorded a fair differential over Portland.

NO PLACE FOR LITTLENES

EXTREME opponents of the peace treaty seem to have fears that Lodge may "surrender to the democrats." The expression shows a narrowness and pettiness that is ill-timed in view of the great subject at issue.

The demand for ratification does not come merely from democratic sources. The demand is nation-wide and it comes from people of all political faiths. Every newspaper poll that has been reported shows overwhelming sentiment for the treaty. The intercollegiate vote taken in schools located chiefly in northern and western states that are normally republican, showed a two-thirds vote for accepting the treaty as it stands or with interpretative reservations. Only one-sixth of the students supported the Lodge reservations.

It is time for the senate to give up littleness and partisanship and ratify the treaty.

Now is the season for each political party to show that the other is lacking in every respect under the sun and that its leaders are fighting among themselves.

Some of the gentlemen connected with the emergency fleet work are strongly suspected of emergency grafting.

AN OVERSEAS DIARY

(By Rev. J. E. Cornelson who served with the Y. M. C. A. overseas.)

Tuesday, September 16.—Have been given a side job besides the handling of goods. I am to be "mess" sergeant. Today I have purchased dishes and kitchen things in general for a "Y" mess. Two women were constomorrow for cooks and to keep house while we are here.

Wednesday, Sept. 17.—The cooks didn't show up early so I had to get breakfast. When I tried to tell them what to get for dinner I found my French tongue very rusty and almost useless. What I can't find in the dictionary I guess we will not be able to get them to cook. Our truck left for Paris for a load of things we can not secure here.

Protecting Lincoln.

One woman spreads two newspapers over her Lincoln while preparing her meals, one in front of the sink and the other near the stove, as she has found that in this way the covering remains fresh considerably longer than otherwise. When the meal is cleared away, the papers are thrown out, and with them no little grease or small particles which would have soiled the floor.

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GERMANY IGNORANT OF LONG RANGE GUN

BY CARL D. GROAT

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
ESSEN, Germany, Jan. 24.—Germany had no more knowledge than France of the long range guns that shelled Paris. That fact was revealed here by Herr Krupp von Bohlen, head of the Krupp works, who, however, was reticent about details.

From other sources, however, I learned that the project was founded on the principle of "psychological effect" rather than on the idea that it could be made a practical weapon of destruction. The idea behind the big gun was to strike terror to the hearts of the Parisians and thereby to shake the general French morale.

Suggested When Finished.

A day or two before the gun was actually fired on Paris, a soldier in an inland town who had had something to do with tests at the seashore came home and bragged of the big gun that could shoot 110 kilometers. His listeners heard him through, and then began to advise him not to talk nonsense and finally gave him a good thrashing for spreading such tales.

The next day, Germany, like the rest of the world, woke up with a start over the real news of the big gun. The gun was the result of a problem given the Krupp experts headed by Prof. Rausenberger. The long range gun had already been developed considerably as witnessed by the gun which shelled Dunkirk. Now, however, a gun of vast range was demanded. The problem for them was

to make a weapon long enough a strong enough to hold a powder charge sufficient to develop a muzzle velocity for distance like Paris. This involved also the question of sighting—by geography rather than by mathematical calculations such as are involved in shorter range artillery.

Mystery Still Secret.

How all these problems were worked out and how many guns the Krupp made are secrets still. The Krupp people hold that their government issued orders, secretly, and that they are not absolved from secrecy as to details so far.

One authority remarked that there were "somewhere from three to twenty."

In any event, these guns have been scrapped, according to Krupp information.

A similar fate has overtaken or is prepared for other munitions of this plant.

I saw three or four big rifles about the shops, but they were being sawed into sections so the crucible steel therein could be utilized for peacetime work. Only a small amount of shells were to be seen.

No ammunition or guns are being made at this time, it was stated, and experts on such things are being utilized, to plan out and put into effect new lines of industry for which the plant can be utilized.

WIFE OF MILLIONAIRE IS GRANTED DIVORCE WITH LARGE ALIMONY

CINCINNATI, Jan. 21.—Mrs. Lily Fleischmann was today granted divorce from Julius Fleischmann, New York millionaire and former mayor of Cincinnati. He did not contest the suit.

In addition to dividing his fortune, Fleischmann agreed to give their two children their portion. The alimony he settled upon Mrs. Fleischmann was a large sum, and is said to be between one and two millions.

Too Frank.

"You Americans are too frank, you do not look before you leap. That is why you are poor diplomats," said Lloyd George at a dinner in London recently. "In fact, your diplomacy calls to mind the conversation I once overheard between two American gentlemen at a house party:

"Beastly bore, isn't it?" said the first.

"Yes, it is anything but exciting."

"I say, old chap," added the first, "why not get away from the infernal place. What say if we jump into my car and take a run down to the club?"

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