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Does The United States Seek War With Germany

England Alone Would Profit Could the United States Be Cajoled to Break With Germany

England accuses Germany of the destruction of the Sussex, an English freighter having a few American sailors aboard. Germany denies all responsibility of the disaster; yet England expects the United States to ignore the denial, espouse England's troubles and force Germany to stop shooting up her boats. A very profitable scheme to work, provided Uncle Samuel is silly enough to be caught. To take action in the face of Germany's denial would be equivalent to a declaration of war. England would be delighted to see the United States engage in war with Germany, as it would enable her to continue to shirk her duty while France and Russia are being butchered.

In order to draw the United States into war with Germany England might do many things. She could employ a number of American sailors to man their

boats, that in case of disaster a few Americans would be among the victims; she could carry American passengers aboard auxiliary warships and armed merchantmen carrying contraband of war that she might hold the hapless American between her and danger as do the savage warriors in heathen lands. She has misused the American flag to the same end, and is it unreasonable to suppose that she would torpedo her own boats and use German made torpedoes in order to accomplish such an end?

Do you imagine for a minute that the United States would go whining to England were a foreign power to sink an American boat with a few Cockneys aboard or would she attack to them herself? If Germany is sinking English boats, let her go after them herself or acknowledge she is whipped and stop her booby ways.

Mexico Will Check Speculation In Foodstuff

Commission Appointed to Regulate Prices on Articles of Necessity---Legal Maximum Will Be In Force

Every country except the United States appears to be able to prevent speculation in food stuffs, this country alone seems to be under the magic spell of speculators in the necessities of life. The following report shown that even bedraggled Mexico can prevent this great crime against humanity:

Mexico City, April 10.—Sky-rocketing profits in articles of necessity has forced the appointment of a "Commission to regulate prices." All prices on foods, medicines, clothing and shoes in

Mexico City will hereafter be fixed by this joint commission of four members, two from general military headquarters and two from the Chamber of Commerce, presided over by the provost marshal.

Offending merchants face a heavy fine and imprisonment. Foreign merchants disregarding the prices fixed by the commission, will be regarded as candidates for expulsion from the country.

A list of legal maximum prices will be published weekly.

Requested to Name the Traitors

Since President Wilson has declared that there were persons along the Mexican border who were trying to stir up trouble between the United States and Mexico there has been both criticism and praise. Some demand that if the President has proof of such actions that he should name the parties. Colonel Roosevelt bombards the President with the following pertinent questions:

"I have received many requests from good American citizens in Mexico asking if there is not some way by which the American people may be made to understand the utterly baseless character of President Wilson's recent charge that American property-owners in Mexico were responsible for stirring up the trouble therein. All that is necessary is to ask President Wilson to answer these perfectly simple questions:

"What American or other property-owners in Mexico secured the killing of the 276 Americans who have been killed by Mexicans?"

"Does Mr. Wilson mean that it is American property-owners who inspired him to permit the shipping to the Villistas of the thousands of rifles and munitions of war which they have now used to kill our people?"

"Does Mr. Wilson mean that American property-owners inspired his then friends, the Villistas and Carranzistas, shooting across our border on different occasions, to kill on our own soil nine American soldiers and wound many others?"

"Does Mr. Wilson mean that it was the owners of property in Mexico, native or foreign, who inspired the Villistas and Carranzistas to repeated affrays at Naco by shooting over the line into American territory to kill and wound, all told, some fifty-seven Americans, including American women, American soldiers in the American uniform, and the American Collector of Customs?"

"Does Mr. Wilson mean that it was the owners of property in Mexico who secured the attack on American and other foreign men, women, and children at Tampico and secured also the direction by President Wilson and Secretary Daniels to the American war-vessels at Tampico to steam away and leave German and English vessels to protect the American civilians to whom Mr. Wilson had denied the protection of the Stars and Stripes?"

"Does Mr. Wilson mean that property-owners in Mexico were responsible for his alternately placing and lifting the embargo on the export of arms and munitions to Mexico until every bandit who wished arms with which to shoot Americans had them?"

"Does Mr. Wilson mean that these property-owners got him to go to war by taking Vera Cruz after fighting in which several hundred Amer-

Planer Will Start Within Ten Days

1,500,000 Ft. of Lumber to Be Shipped to Calif

SAW MILL TO RUN IN SIXTY DAYS

A small crew of men are busy at work this week loading cars with lumber to be shipped to Sacramento, Cal. The amount is 1,500,000 feet. Fred Dueltgen has the contract for loading. Fred Belcher of Portland was down looking after the company's interests and when asked in regard to the operating of the mill he said that all the Falls City and Salem lumber would be shipped out of the dock, which would take probably sixty days and that the planer would be gotten ready to run in ten days. The mill he said if nothing happened would be running by the time the dock is clear.

Timber Faller Gets Leg Broken

H. A. Bowman, timber faller at Balderee's camp was struck by a falling snag Thursday morning about 9:30 and his left leg broken between the knee and the ankle. Bowman had fell a tree and in falling it lodged into a dead tree breaking off its top and throwing it back with the above result. He was taken to the hospital at Dallas on the afternoon motor car.

Aggregation of Political Acrobats

U. S. Senator Lawrence Y. Sherman, of Illinois, says: "The Democratic administration is the greatest aggregation of political acrobats who ever performed in the field of American politics. If the President were to announce his candidacy for a second term on the plank that no Democratic party platform was binding after the election and that neither any platform nor any Democrat held any views on any public question to which he would adhere, it would be descriptive of his first term. The evidence is ample, based upon his first term, that the second term would confine him to no consecutive national policies or principles believed in the first term or written in a platform on which he will run a second time.

"It is not alone the breach of platform pledges that is the peculiar characteristic of President Wilson. His crowning characteristic is the vacillation, the revision of opinion on elemental questions and his devious wobbling in many directions on settled principles of government.

"To add to the humor of the Democratic landscape the conclusion of the 1912 platform declares it is one of principles believed to be essential to our national welfare." It says its pledges 'are made to be kept when in office as well as relied upon during the campaign'. The sarcasm of politics seems to be concentrated in this short paragraph. If it were found in Mark Twain it would be greeted with shouts of laughter from a hilarious people!"

ican and Mexicans lost their lives, this war being entered into for the purpose of getting the flag saluted, and then abandoned by Mr. Wilson without getting it saluted?"

The National Capital

By J. E. Jones.

FALLS CITY NEWS BUREAU,
Washington D. C., April 10.

Former President Roosevelt and former Senator Root have resumed their former fraternal feeling. A carefully pre-arranged plan resulted in having the news that they had "buried the hatchet," printed simultaneously in the newspapers thro'out the country. A great deal of political significance has been attached to the event, but astute political observers in Washington say that the little dinner party participated in by the Colonel and Mr. Root, at which Senator Lodge and Major-General Wood were also guests, makes a pretty little story, but the affair is not likely to influence the manner of voting of any of the delegates to the Republican Convention.

Civil Service For Postmasters

Just before President Taft went out of office Republican politicians were insisting on blanketing postmasters into Civil Service. The Democrats objected very strenuously, but now having shifted the shoe on the other foot, prominent members of the Democratic party are urging action to extend Civil Service so that it will take care of their dear friends who have been selling postage stamps since their appointment by the Wilson Administration.

Many a Heart is Breaking

The Presidential primaries are developing many unexpected things. Here in Washington where most of those who have presidential ambitions are residing there is evidence that many a heart is breaking—not "After the Ball," but after the votes are counted.

THE PRICE OF GASOLINE

Washington is firmly convinced that the Standard Oil Company might, if it chose, prevent the constant rise in the price of gasoline. One suggestion is that an embargo be placed upon gasoline, thereby shutting off the European market. In view of the Government's position in relation to the shipment of all other kinds of supplies to the war countries, it is not likely that attempts to regulate the price of gasoline will be along the embargo route. Another legislative proposal favors the seizing of the properties of the Standard Oil. Another Congressman thinks the situation might be saved if the Interior Department would get busy and dig a lot of oil wells throughout the country. The automobile manufacturers are anxious that something drastic be done, as the price of gasoline will interfere with the sale of their 1916 machines.

ROUTES OF WAR NEWS

We get some of the official reports in Washington from which it appears that the most startling set-backs concerning the British, French and Russians, are contained in the reports from Berlin. German's internal troubles are told in reports from London. In like manner the reasons for military activity in Holland are laid to the Germans by the British, and vice versa. Even in our own Mexican mixup the news is distorted beyond recognition since most of the dispatches are from everywhere except points at which authentic information is available. He who puts much

Continuing On The Lookout for Bargains Of Merit For Our Customers

Recently we bought an excellent table peach now on sale, special .15
1 gallon coal oil .15
Perrydale Sunshine flour, per sack \$1.30
An excellent table Pea, per can .10
A good grade canned Salmon, per can .12 1-2
3 cans Astor or Country Club milk .25
12 1-2c dress Gingham, now priced .11

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Selig's Cash Price Store, "Meeting and Beating Competition".

55 DOLLARS

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Southern California Beaches

are at their best. Nice warm sunny days making bathing ideal. Choice of beaches, Santa Monica, Ocean Park, Venice, Redondo, Long Beach and Newport are all within a few minutes ride of Los Angeles.

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SOUTHERN PACIFIC

dependence in most war news is apt to be deceived. War correspondents are all being kept at longarm distances, and when a writer guesses right he is apt to be "deleted" by the censor.

6-CENT LID SELL WHEN TRIMMED FOR 30 BEANS

Chinese Natives Make Hat That Society Says Is the Proper Thing.

How is this for the high cost of living: Hats which were sold here for 6 cents can now be bought for \$30, trimmed.

In China the natives make a hat of reeds and rushes which pass as a fair imitation of Panama hat. These hats have been

sold in Portland to wholesalers at 73 cents a dozen. This 73 cents a dozen includes the duty demanded by the federal government, the freight and two profits. The Chinese hats are shipped here in bales, packed so tight that when the ropes are cut the bale explodes, throwing lids all over creation.

Some time ago Mrs. Vernon Castle bought one of these 6-cent Chinese hats and instantly they became the style. When a local dealer's stock was exhausted, he sent to New York for some and had to pay \$14 a dozen. Today in a display window there is one of these 6-cent hats with a little trimmings on it and the price tag displayed is \$30.—Telegram.