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MONSTER AIRSHIP MENACE TO ALLIES

Great Craft Is 790 Feet Long and Armed With Machine Guns and Torpedoes

Swiss excursionists on the shores of Lake Constance have had a chance to admire the latest super-Zeppelin on its trial trips. This monster air cruiser undoubtedly is the most terrible weapon in the hands of the Germans, and the former Zeppelins look antiquated beside it.

The new dreadnaught of the air is 790 feet long, or nearly 240 feet longer than the largest of the older airships, has four immense gondolas and is armed with guns, machine guns and torpedo tubes like a warship. All four of the gondolas are heavily armored.

The form of the new air cruiser differs considerably from former types. It has the shape of a fish and its lines are very graceful, in spite of its enormous size.

The largest one of the four gondolas is in front, and extends back from the bow about 150 feet. Two gondolas of 70 feet length each hang side by side in the center, and the fourth one, which is about 100 feet long, is at the stern.

There are no connecting bridges between the gondolas, but it is said that a passageway is built into the interior of the balloon body and connected with the gondolas by winding stairways. On both sides of the bow and stern of the airship large dark spaces are visible. These are the doors of the platform niches which contain the guns and machine guns. Another platform with a large gun and several machine guns can be seen on top of the airship, directly over the bow.

The motors of the air cruiser have a capacity of 4000 horsepower, and are placed in the center gondolas. Under full power, the new Zeppelin is able to make 70 miles an hour, and on its trial flights it easily reached a height of 12,000 feet. The crew consists of four officers and about 40 men.

With its guns, machinery, crew and stock of ammunition, the monster has a weight of more than 100 tons, but it rises and maneuvers with astonishing ease, and obeys the slightest touch of the rudder. In less than one minute it can be turned completely around its vertical axis, and it dashes along against the strongest wind, even when inclined to an angle of 45 degrees.

The giant air cruiser is destined for the navy, and will be used for attacks on enemy warships. With two sister ships now nearing completion, it will probably play an important part in the next naval battle.

POLITICS ACROSS THE SEA?

"Democratic" newspapers which brush aside American criticisms of President Wilson's Mexican and other foreign policies with the general characterization "politics" may or may not be able to explain the following in another way:

Washington's past diplomacy is not exempt from reproach, and the results have not been detrimental to Washington alone. Ask our traders and bondholders how much they lost through Washington's obstinacy in sustaining the General who is now going to war against those to whom he owes his position.—Stephen Pinchon, in Petit Journal, Paris.

President Wilson's first mistake

was to expect gratitude from Carranza. But a bigger mistake was to overlook Mexican hostility to the United States and the impossibility of a weak policy crushing such feeling. Mexican arrogance has increased with every step of hesitation by American government.—Paris Journal.

Whether Carranza is the beginning of war remains to be seen. But ever since President Wilson started his interferences in Mexican affairs in Huerta's time events have been leading to that conclusion.—London Chronicle.

The world has another note-writer in King Constantine of Greece. A cartoon in the London Bystander depicts Constantine sitting at a typewriter from which a cloud of typed protests to various governments emerge and float out the window. The caption is: "Constantine—My! but Wilson will have to be pretty spry to beat me at this."

Strange, is it not, that foreign journals which have no political allegiance in the United States should be saying the same things that American newspapers are saying under accusation of political bias?—Oregonian.

TAX THE PEDDLERS.

The itinerant peddler is a destroyer of local business enterprises. He pays no taxes, he pays no rent, hires no help, buys no clothing or lumber or hardware, or jewelry of the local merchants. He employs no local attorney, patronizes no local dentist, contributes to no local church or fraternal organization. Because of these things, we impose a license fee upon him in order to force him to help pay local government expenses and also to give the local business man the protection to which they are justly entitled. For exactly the same reason, we impose import customs duties upon foreigners who ship goods into this country. We do not believe in a system of government revenue which makes the home business man pay all the taxes and then permits the foreigner to sell his cheap goods here free. We believe in high import taxes for two reasons—to make the foreigner pay for the privileges of doing business here, and to protect the home business man. This is not partisan politics—it is plain business sense. The political party which will not support such a policy is not merely lacking in political sagacity—it is lacking in business sense. We would not stand for a city council that repealed the peddlers' license nor will we stand for a National administration that repeals the protective tariff duties.

IGNORANCE OR WHAT....?

One can easily imagine the reception a man would get were he to go into a store and ask the proprietor to give him a dollar's worth of goods as he expected to spend a couple of dollars with him in two or three weeks. He would be regarded as a fool or a nifty dead-beat and kicked out the door. Yet it is not uncommon for a newspaper publisher to receive just such a request. The question is should the publisher regard it as an insult or simply attribute it to the ignorance of the mendicant.

NOTICE!

Dr. W. L. Holloway, of Dallas, will again make regular trips to Falls City on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week. Those desiring his professional services will find him at the Falls City Hotel on those days.

"A VOICE FOR WAR"

Writer in Journal Takes Pot-Shot at "Lincoln Democrats" and "Wilson Republicans."

From The Journal.

"There has been much written lately along the lines of the Democratic love for the immortal Lincoln and the policies that he taught to his associates in the Republican ranks and to all patriotic citizens. I passed through those trying days when Lincoln stood like a stone wall against all that Democratic host that did all in its power to crush not only Lincoln but the mighty army of loyal citizens of the north. It is undisputed that the bulk of the Democratic party were opposed to him and his principles. The last few weeks the columns of The Journal have been filled with letters from correspondents who either claimed to be Lincoln Republicans, or Lincoln Democrats, lauding the works of the immortal Lincoln. Those of us who passed through those trying days know that Democrats who supported Lincoln were few and far between.

"When Lincoln was nominated as the Republican candidate for president the first time, every Democratic paper in the United States set up the howl that the country would be ruined, that there would be war, war on the rights of the people, their property would be confiscated and destroyed, and one and all called upon the faithful to arise and defeat the long-legged scallawag of a rail splitter and save the country from ruin. But Lincoln was elected. What then? Did the Democratic senators and congressmen do as the Republican senators and congressmen have done when it looked as if Wilson would need the support of the whole country to stand for freedom and true Americanism? When Lincoln was elected what did the great Democratic party do? Did it submit to the majority of the people and show that love for the great Lincoln that they are preaching about daily nowadays? No, the leaders, one and all, commenced to criticize Lincoln, and in a few short weeks the great Democratic party was mobilizing an army to fight the immortal Lincoln and his party, and this after Lincoln in his inaugural address had pledged himself and the party behind him that he had no intention to interfere with the rights of the Democratic party in the south. The bulk of the Democratic party left the Union and took up arms against not only Lincoln but the government of the United States as then established.

"And where were the Democratic statesmen in the north? While it is true that thousands left the Democratic party in the northern states and fought nobly, they were no longer Democrats, was shown by the vote that George B. McClellan received when he was running for president on a Democratic platform stating that the four long years of bloody war that Lincoln and his hirelings (as the army was called by the Democratic press) was a total failure, and demanded peace at any price.

"Some of your correspondents say that a certain morning paper ought to be suppressed because it publishes cartoons showing the attitude of President Wilson in the Mexican affair. Who ever heard of a Republican Copperhead? I had the pleasure of seeing a northern Copperhead hung to a lamp post until he was glad to say he would go to England or keep his mouth shut—which he did ever afterwards.

"I am not a hidebound Republican, as I often vote for good Democrats that I am personally acquainted with. But it ought to make the red blood in any patriotic son of the United States run riot when he thinks that many a citizen of the United States has died because he had not the protection that a government should give every citizen of the lowest birth. But partisan politics has the floor today. "Anything to make votes for the Democratic party," is the cry, no difference how many loyal Adams are slain and sent home to loved ones as long as the old-woman cry of "Peace, peace, at any price!" is the battle cry of the Democratic party."

J. N. BLAIR.

HOUSE BURNED

Home of Saul Ouderkirk Burned Some-time Sunday While Family Were Away. Incendiarism Suspected.

The house occupied by Saul Ouderkirk at camp 8, caught fire Sunday in some unknown manner and the house and its contents were burned to the ground. The family came to Falls City Saturday night and when they returned Monday morning they found the house in ashes. There were other buildings adjoining, but none of these were endangered by the conflagration. It is thought that it is the work of an incendiary.

BOYS UNDER 18 CANNOT BE ENLISTED IN ARMY

Order Excludes Lads Either With or Without Consent of Their Parents.

Washington, July 20—Announcement is made that Secretary of War Baker has instructed commanders of military departments not to enlist in the national guard boys under the age of 18 either with or without the consent of parents or guardians. The secretary advised that parents consent would not be required for those over that age.

LOOKING FOR RECRUITS.

W. B. Schuster, recruiting officer with headquarters at Salem was in the city Wednesday and part of Thursday morning soliciting recruits for the U. S. army. Mr. Schuster was unable to find any young men here desiring to enlist eligible for service. At Roseburg he got 9; The Dalles 7 and Silverton 1.

Under the new law a young man between the ages of 18 and 21 does not need his parents consent to enlist. The consent of parents has to be given when the applicant is between the age of 15 and 18.

The enlisted men are sent to Ft. McDowell in California. They are given railroad fare, berth, allowed 35c a meal in Salem at the Bligh hotel and paid \$3 in money. At Ft. McDowell they are sworn into the service and if rejected, their transportation is paid back to the place where they applied for enlistment.

The infantry gives a recruit an opportunity to transfer to any other branch of the service. The new law that went into effect July 1st gives a young man after a year's service, if he is faithful, a chance for West Point. There is a great demand for farmers and cooks.

AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Rev. McConnell of Dallas will preach at the Christian Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

Sale Ladies Oxfords and Millinery

We will now close out all ladies Oxfords regardless of cost.

Come and get them now at just half price.

Come early before your size is gone.

Millinery now deeply cut for quick clearance.

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

NEWPORT

Reduced Fares

FOR

When summer comes and a vacation outing is planned, remember Newport is cool. The breeze from off the mighty Pacific never fails. With the many diversions and attractions to pass the hours away, surely you could find no better place for your vacation.

The Cost Is Low

Round Trip Tickets are on sale daily from all Southern Pacific stations in Western Oregon. The return limit is Oct. 31st.

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Daily Trains from Albany and Corvallis make excellent connections.

Write for illustrated booklet "Newport" or ask local agent for complete information.

John M. Scott, General Passenger Agent, Portland, Oregon

SOUTHERN PACIFIC

HAD NARROW ESCAPE.

Tuesday, Frank, the six year-old son of E. P. Brown had a very narrow escape from a serious injury. He was riding his tricycle along the street between his father's garage to Third street and was passing Titus' livery barn and garage just as Austin Titus was backing an automobile out of the barn across the sidewalk. One of the wheels struck him knocking him off his tricycle and was just squeezing his leg when the machine was stopped. The wheel had rolled up on the tricycle frame and was holding the boy down who yelled lustily. The machine was rolled forward and he was taken to his home nearby and examination indicated that outside

of a few bruises he was not injured.

The boy either did not see the machine or thought he could beat it. Titus was backing out very slowly or else the accident would have been serious.

DALLAS CHAUTAUQUA

The Chautauqua closed in Dallas Tuesday and nearly all the numbers were of merit. The attendance from Independence was very small this year as no publicity was given the event here and our people as a whole only vaguely knew that a Chautauqua was going on in Dallas. \$10 well spent in advertising in Independence would have secured \$100 to \$200 in patronage.—Monitor.

MORAL—It pays to advertise.