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THE WAR STILL GROWING

The war cloud in Europe still grows larger. Japan has given Germany until August 23d to get out of China, and it is not likely that Germany will comply with so peremptory order and when a nation makes such demand it generally intends to enforce the demand if the bluff fails to work. In this instance it is not a bluff only and Japan will doubtless try to enforce her demand by force of arms.

Turkey, Italy and Greece are near the breaking point and it is expected that Turkey will cast her lot in with Germany in which case there will be twelve nations fighting against three. This is great odds but before the trouble is settled there will be awful carnage, and the loss of life and the enormous destruction of property will be immense, and the debt that will be piled up against these nations will be stupendous. The child of today will hardly live long enough to see it paid, while these countries will be a long time in getting back to present conditions.

"What a fire a little matter kindleth." Austria sent her ultimatum; the answer was not satisfactory; she declared war and now a dozen nations are embroiled with the prospect of more being drawn into the trouble. Arbitration is the only wise plan to avoid such carnage. Men should return to right ways.

About the War News

News reports of the European war are unsatisfactory in many ways and necessarily so. The news is all censored and it is for the most part biased. It comes almost entirely from anti-German-Austria sources and is therefore to be weighed with this knowledge in view. Yet the reports received in this country are not fictitious as some suppose. The United Press secures voluminous reports by cable from the old country and the news is based on facts. The point to be borne in mind by the reader is that while the news reports deal with actual events as they happen the reports are generally given out with a view to presenting the struggle in the most favorable light possible for this country or that country—usually for the allies because Germany is cut off from communication. Another feature which the reader should remember is that in this war struggles in which small bodies of troops are engaged are of slight consequence. A force of 10,000 men is nothing in the present war game with millions of men in the field. Doubtless petty victories are being won by both sides. It is generally predicted that in the near future a great

battle will be fought on a series of engagements along an extended battle front. When this time comes there will be a better test of the relative strength of the different forces—particularly if it is an open battle. When fortifications are attacked the defensive force necessarily has an immense advantage—East Oregonian.

The Man for the Job

If at any time we were in doubt, we ought now to be doubly convinced that when President Wilson tendered Paul Warburg a position on the Federal Reserve Board he selected the man most eminently fitted for that position.

Mr. Warburg's testimony before the Senate committee on banking and currency is a revelation. It is one of those episodes in governmental annals that ought not to pass from public remembrance. It is the modest and earnest declaration of a man who gives the most practical proof that he esteems service above reward.

It is said that Mr. Warburg is the most proficient student of international finance in the world. That statement is shockingly superlative, but there is every reason to believe that it is true. Paul Warburg's activities, fortune and financial interests confirm it.

Mr. Warburg says that he became a citizen of the United States in the hope that he might serve this country by the promotion of banking and currency reform; and that when President Wilson asked him to accept a position on the Federal Reserve Board he consented because he considered that course to be at one and the same time a privilege and a duty. He announced in this connection that he would sever every tie which bound him to big corporate and banking interests; that he would divest himself of all financial relationship which in any way might give rise to the suspicion of any motive save the desire to serve. It has been estimated that Mr. Warburg's income from these activities and interests he renounces was something like \$300,000 a year. His salary will be \$12,000 a year.

It is a fine example that this eminent man of finance presents. The application of it is not confined to the consideration of men and motives in high office. It is pertinent to every branch of the public service from the highest to the lowest. It is idealism made practical by this man of money. It is a new exemplification of the great moral truth that it is better to give than to receive—better to serve than to be served.

If it were the custom to seek office upon the sole conviction that there was ability to serve, and as holding the public good above private advantage, what an ideal system of government we soon would have from township to National administration! The country has need of the tribe of Warburgs; and we may at least hope that it will multiply.—Telegram.

Promptness in Service

Already possessing the busiest railway terminal of any one railroad in the world, the Southern

Pacific Company's July record for promptness of arrival of trains at Pacific system terminals has set a new railroad record. Out of a total of 7632 different local trains run on the Pacific system during that month, 6821, or nearly, 91 per cent, made schedule or better time, and 6709 arrived on time. Of the comparative few remaining 460 were less than 15 minutes late.

Considering the extreme caution observed in train operation, evidence of which is to be found in the safety record held by the company, and the innumerable details so essential to train operation, the record stands on its own merits. Especially do railroad officials believe it remarkable when the July 4th, holidays, with extra and special trains are considered.

On the Coast division alone, in July, there were 1412 trains run of which 1252-90.3 per cent arrived on time. Only thirty of the remainder were over sixteen minutes late. Even greater is the record of the Portland division, 1200 out of 1209 on time. On the Western division there were 1842 trains operated of which 1555 reported on time. On the Shasta division 57 out of 62; on the San Joaquin, 502 out of 589; and on the Sacramento 717 out of 744 made perfect records for punctuality.

In and out of the company's Oakland Pier terminal, which is on the Western division, there are over a thousand trains a day to serve the public. This is more trains in and out the terminal than any other one railroad in the world can claim. All the wash-outs and other troubles Spring gave the railroads are things of the past, of course; hence, increased efficiency in trains keeping up with the schedules. The Lark, recognized as one of the best records for through trains, in her report for Los Angeles and San Francisco terminals.

Chinese Exhibit

For the first time in the history of China that nation will have machinery exhibits at a world exposition when the Panama-Pacific International Exposition opens in 1915. China has asked and has been granted 2,000 square feet in the Palace of Machinery, the largest of the exposition structures. Workmen have been at work for several weeks on the Chinese pavilion on the exposition grounds and the structure promises to be one of the most interesting of those being built to represent forty foreign nations.

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