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Monmouth Meditations

Russia's ailment might be diagnosed as a combination of hysterics and paralysis.

A wag suggests that the seventh German successful loan was, in reality the seventh compulsory assessment.

No movie producer of a stage train robbery ever dreamed of a hold up as extensive as that the kaiser has been planning.

If the young men continue to be drawn from our midst for military purposes, it will soon be a case of letting the women do the work.

A California baker recently baked a loaf out of ground alfalfa. We trust this does not reach the ears of the conservation bureau or they may take to feeding us out of the silo.

Enter the Bolsheviks on the stage at Petrograd. They bow, exclaim "Veni Vidi Vici" bow again and exit. Enter Kerensky who, etc. A whole week is a long time for a government to last in Petrograd.

\$3.22 is the price per hundred weight which milk producers in the Chicago district have agreed to accept for the winter months, a compromise considerably short of the amount they were asking for. Milk means money these days.

Each successive call for funds for war activities seems more irksome than the previous one but it is a marvel how each successively lands bottom side down with care on the rock of successful finance.

By his purchase of \$5,000 worth of Liberty Bonds, Mayor Thompson of Chicago put up a practical argument in behalf of his patriotism. It revives, greatly to his benefit, the old adage "Actions speak louder than

words"

C. C. Chapman who edits the Oregon Voter and engineers the floating of Liberty Bond issues, realizes the persuasive value of good old fashioned taffy. The sackful which he passed around last week with generous hand, appears to have been duly appreciated.

Polk county's enterprise in securing prizes at the Land Show appears to be a matter of intelligence in choosing a director of exhibits. Mrs. Braden has acquired the winning habit and the combination of herself with a good county makes a certain winner.

Responsive sentiment in favor of a condenser for Monmouth appears to be spontaneous. Every one is willing to admit that the idea is a good one and the time appropriate. Keep the idea circulating. This section of the country will have a condenser some day and Monmouth might as well have it as any place.

Whatever sympathy we may feel for the fate of the Italians in their present plight is not so much for them as for the cause with which they have become linked. The Italians are not fighting for democracy or liberty; merely for a piece of territory which in recent years has been Austria's. They are playing the same game as the Germans and deserve a few reverses.

It is a little hard at times to harmonize the idea of a preacher breathing words of smoke and flame and advocating war. But somehow Rev. Elvin, the other night, got hold of a new angle and brought to light the fact that there are places and occasions where gospel workers fit in harmoniously with the scheme of war.

We are just beginning to get the viewpoint of the English authorities when they shot the Sin Feiners by the wholesale in Dublin a year ago. If the Sin Fein organization could have its way Ireland would be an emerald Russia at present with perhaps O'Connor and Fitzpatrick playing the part of Kutofsky and Pryloosowich. Factions which can fiddle for their own private diversion while the world is on fire deserve heroic treatment.

The editor of the Portland Deutch Zeitung was recently arrested by government order and will be interned for the rest of the war. The merchants and public spirited citizens of Myrtle Point had a conference recently, and called in C. Milton Schultz, editor of the Myrtle Point Enterprise and stood him upon the carpet. They charged that he was not as loyal as he might be in the cause of the United States at war with Germany. Later it was determined that a second newspaper would be started in the Coos county

city. All of which goes to show that just at present the editor who overdoes the independence racket is headed for trouble.

Have you noticed that the "punch" of the German drives is greatly weakening? Each one reaches a shorter distance than the previous attempt and is stopped more quickly. The power behind the punch is weakening and the power that opposes is growing stronger and more confident. The preparation and equipment of the Germans are less effective now for they encounter equal preparation and equal equipment. Whatever the Romans were, no one would accuse the present Italians of being a warlike race. Napoleon flung them around like so many pigmies and their revolutions have the flavor of the Central American variety. Yet they appear to have stopped the great von Mackensen and with the help of the British and French are apt to hold him.

They took a religious census in Dallas recently, and it is interesting to note that while there were in the city 133 Christians, 125 Methodists, 75 Presbyterians, 53 Evangelicals, 34 Baptists, 17 Mennonites, 13 of Apostolic Faith, 10 Seventh Day Adventists, there were only 8 Catholics in city. At that they outnumbered the Christian Scientists, Millennial Dawnites, Lutherans, Episcopalians and United Brethren. In the face of this it is asserted that 40 per cent of the soldiers of the American Armies belong to the Roman Catholic faith. In many places in this country, the activities of the Knights of Columbus are being pushed as those of the Y. M. C. A. as army workers are being pushed in this vicinity. The backers of the K. of C. insist that they render non-sectarian service and in their war apartments no meetings are held behind closed doors but all is open to everyone. Here you get the reason why this branch of work is not backed by government money. The country is divided and where Catholics predominate the K. of C. is pushed, and where Protestants are in the majority, the Y. M. C. A. is boosted.

One of the latest candidates to shy his hat into the ring for the nominations as governor is Harvey G. Starkweather of Clackamas who seeks to make the run on the democratic side. Mr. Starkweather has always been a friend to the educational institutions of the state and is now one of the Normal Regents. He was appointed in 1913 by Governor West as one of Oregon's delegates to investigate rural credits in Europe. The report of this trip was incorporated by the committee in Senate document 214 which has since been the foundation of national rural credits legislation. He was also a member of the commission that drafted the original workmen's compensation act for the state. Mr. Starkweather was at one time state superintendent of schools and he has an acquaintance that extends throughout the length and breadth of Oregon.

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