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TUESDAY, MAY 5.

Plain Warning to Europe.

IF the countries of Europe want further help from the United States, they must cease quarreling among themselves and spending all their money in preparations for war upon each other. If Europe wants further American help, Europe must give earnest of an intention to rehabilitate itself economically and to go forward. If European nations expect to get continued assistance from this side, they must act in a way that will show they are not going to squander that assistance by a fresh plunge into the maelstrom of war.

This, stripped of the language of diplomacy, is what Alanson B. Houghton, American ambassador to the court of St. James, told Europe through the mediumship of an address at the Pilgrims' dinner in London last night. It was plain warning to all the nations of Europe and each of them that the United States is tired of trying to help countries whose people will not turn aside from their hatreds long enough to give intelligent efforts toward forwarding reconstruction on their own account. Said Ambassador Houghton:

The full measure of American helpfulness can be obtained only when the American people are assured that the time for destructive methods and policies has passed, and that the time for peaceful upbuilding has come. They are asking themselves if that time has in fact arrived. The answer must come from the people of Europe. If the answer is peace, then you may be sure that America will help to its generous utmost. If the answer shall continue confused and doubtful, then I fear these helpful processes which are now in motion must inevitably cease.

The circumstances under which the address was delivered, no less than its certain and unqualified tone, made it apparent that the ambassador was speaking by authority. Our government, it is made quite clear, has recognized the futility of trying to promote constructive effort among peoples whose principal trend of effort is increasingly destructive. Perhaps the plain warning given them may turn their line of thought. If not, then it is as well that our government has decided to let them stew in their own grease.

An Experiment in Transportation.

A NUMBER of Salem firms have inaugurated an interesting experiment in transportation. In an effort to obtain terminal freight rates to the capital city over the lines of the Southern Pacific company, they have established boat service between Salem and Portland. The idea is that if the boat service can be maintained long enough to give basis for a showing of permanency before the interstate commerce commission, that body may see fit to grant the terminal rates on the railroad that Salem desires. At present, according to the Capital Journal, Salem shippers pay freight rates from southern points which are in excess of rates from those points through to Portland.

The Northwestern is the name of the craft which is operating on the Salem-Portland route. It is not exactly claimed for her that she can be navigated on a heavy dew, but it is a fact, they say, that she is the largest shallow water vessel afloat and that she can carry a good load of freight with very little water under her. The vessel has now been on the run a little more than three months, and within that time has taken 4000 tons of freight down the river and brought up 3000 tons—not a bad showing by any means.

It will be interesting to watch the outcome of the Salem experiment, both as to the effort to attain permanency of boat transportation on the Willamette once more, and of that to obtain, upon showing of that permanency and of water competition, terminal freight rates on the railroad.

Even such somber things as a hearse and a bull can be funny. A hearse speeding along the lower Columbia highway near Seaside at 45 miles an hour, struck a bull, knocked it for a set of bellows and ran careeningly over its prostrate form. A motorcycle officer pursuing the fleeing hearse saw the bull get unsteadily to its feet and then start indignantly after its wheeled assailant. Just as the officer overtook and arrested the hearse driver, the bull also overtook and passed that funeral vehicle, which had slowed down to a wobbly walking pace following the collision.

John H. Stevenson is the selection of Governor Pierce to fill the vacancy on the circuit bench in Multnomah county caused by the death of Judge George W. Stapleton. It is a good appointment. Judge Stevenson is a citizen of a high type, a thorough student of the law and one qualified for his judicial duties by a prior experience as municipal judge in Portland.

Ere Hindenburg completes his seven-year term as president of Germany, he will have become, if he lives, nearly 85 years old. No very aggressive policy, nationalist or other, is likely to be carried by one so weighted with years.

In his Washington, D. C. article published on this page today, Charles P. Stewart says that H. L. Mencken likes to live in America. It will be news to most people that Mencken likes any place, anything or anybody.

Why should there be a national balloon race? The balloon in the air is scarcely more up to date than the old high-wheeled bicycle on earth.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

Will There Be a Balkan War? (Medford Mail-Tribune) There is probably some connection between the financial crisis in France and the military crisis in the Balkans. For generations the Balkan peninsula has been an active one, and contrary to hopes of the Paris peace conference, the Versailles treaty only cooled the crust, leaving the molten lava seething beneath. According to Count Karolyi, who recently visited this country, the government of Hungary is a militaristic one and Dictator Horthy is planning a war for the purpose of getting back the territory lost to Romania. France with her military machine in excellent order, and her alliances on a practical war basis, presented an insurmountable obstacle to any such design. But with one government fallen and another one weak on its legs, France might well appear to Hungary in an shape to consider financing any military expedition outside of her own borders. It is not improbable, therefore, that the Balkan explosion in Bulgaria, which has already resulted in permission for that country to increase her standing army beyond the limits allowed by the Treaty of Versailles, has certain submarine connections with Budapest, and that the

growing tension between Bulgaria and Rumania, is a deep and sinister plan to throw the Balkans once more into general conflict. This view is supported by the strenuous effort of Bulgaria to censor all news from that country, and make the Sofia outbreak appear merely a local and insignificant disturbance. That a Balkan war will result however, is highly improbable. In spite of her domestic troubles, France must be keeping a sharp eye upon her former enemies, and any serious development in the southwest would, in spite of financial difficulties, be met by prompt and vigorous action.

Village, Farm and Town (New York World) A village is defined by the Institute of Social and Religious Research as a community of from 250 to 2500 people; and on this basis the institute publishes an interesting comparison of birth rates and census figures for villages, farms and towns.

At the last census period, the report of the institute shows, the average number of children to each 1000 wives in American towns and cities was 128. In the villages this number rose to 157. In distinctly farming areas it was 195. Now the birth rate which the towns and cities show is a low birth rate; with allowances for infant mortality, it is practically a stationary birth rate. And that fact is especially interesting in view of the rapidly with which towns and cities are now absorbing village and rural population. Twenty-five years ago 90 per cent of the people in this country lived on farms or in villages of less than 2500. Now that 60 per cent has dwindled to 48 per cent.

Read these figures together and the conclusion is plain. Rural America (plus immigration) increases the country's population; urban America, with a more or less stationary birth rate, endlessly absorbs a fresh population from village, farm and foreign port.

Talkative as a Clam (Coos Bay Harbor) The clam is an emblem of dumbness, or has always supposed to have been, but it appears the meek and silent bivalve spoke out in meeting when the last legislature was in session for here he is protected and men who die them for profit must pay for the privilege. The legislature went farther and made it a penalty to purchase clams of an unlicensed dealer. Nevertheless, the individual citizen has still some rights which must be respected when claims are involved, for one may dig and eat clams if he hasn't any mercenary motives, such as saving money by doing so. As a game fish or bird the clam is a whale, and the game commission must see that they are not abused. Probably the next legislature will provide for just the sort of pick and shovel the unrestricted individual may use in digging his clams, and whether he may go barefoot or have to wear hip boots and doubtless see to it that the clams are properly put to death before being stewed at the seashore.

Who is Silly? (Corvallis Gazette-Times) "Why be silly?" asks the Portland Journal in discussing the fact that Pierce and Myers caused our present state finance dilemma by juggling the tax levies. After which, the Journal proceeds to be silly by laying the blame on the defeat of the unfair income tax measure. The Journal knows that the income tax measure was defeated before Pierce and Myers had made their tax levy and that they deliberately juggled the levies knowing that there would be no income tax. The Journal and Mr. Pierce have always been very loud in their protestation about the infallibility of the people. The people defeated the unjust, one-sided income measure and these two apostles of popular rule should continue to lead the chorus in that good old song, "Vox Populi, Vox Dei."

Oregon Briefs Coquille is to have a new depot this summer, the Southern Pacific to begin its construction as soon as material can be assembled.

Merchandise virgin timber in Jackson county is estimated at twenty billion feet. The average stand per acre for the county is 13,000 feet.

James White, famous horseman and resident of the Coos Bay country for 50 years, died at a Marshfield hospital at the age of 88 years.

At the last meeting of the Wheeler city council the Coast Power company was given a franchise for furnishing the city with electricity.

Stanley G. Jewett, predatory animal inspector, reports that 10,000 coyotes have been killed in Oregon county of the Cascades during the past 18 months.

Only 64 voters cast ballots at a recent school election in Coquille which authorized issuance of \$10,500 bonds. The vote was 44 for and 20 against.

S. N. Wilkins, Corvallis undertaker, who left that city several days ago for Exeter, Cal., died shortly after reaching the California town.

The Albany cannery will commence its season's run the latter part of May with prospects of doubling the 1924 pack. The cannery will employ more than 200 women and girls.

Tom Sims Says— CUT glass makes a fine wedding present, but a poor engagement ring. A man tells us he was a fool when he married and his wife tells us he hasn't changed a bit. Tobacco smoke kills germs. Kisses are full of germs. Just the same, maybe girls shouldn't smoke. No man is worthless, but some are alike in other ways. It takes a couple to mend a broken engagement. Fish caught this spring are not as large as those caught last spring but they will be by next spring. Only a very foolish man sets his vacation for the same time the bear will be away on his. They say there are more women than men in an Italian town, but it may be the men stay home more.

Another Hibernating Animal That Goes Coo-Coo in the Spring



MR. MENCKEN LIKES AMERICA

Stewart Doesn't, But Finds it Easy Country in Which to Earn Living

By CHARLES P. STEWART (NEA Service Writer) WASHINGTON, May 5.—H. L. Mencken likes to live in America. At least, so he says. He is so extremely unorthodox and the United States, these times, is so much the other way that it seems as if he wouldn't enjoy himself here. But, talking with me at his home down in Baltimore recently, "I'd be very unhappy," he remarked, "in a community of people all just like myself." Of course this observation lays him open to the comeback, "So would anybody else." The editor of the "American Mercury" didn't mean, however, "I get my real kick out of life," he continued, "in this land of conventions, by defying them all."

This is the right way to look at it, no doubt. Forced to dwell here, as he is, for business reasons, the irrepressible Mr. Mencken shows good sense in insisting on seeing the bright side of conditions he has to put up with anyway. Nevertheless, it has to be admitted that existence in this country is pretty drab today, compared with what it was up to a dozen or 15 years ago. Before then, I myself liked it here as well as I liked any other place, and even better than I liked some. But not now. At present I can't think of a single spot I ever visited on the whole globe where I wouldn't rather live than here in the United States.

The real reason I live here is the same real reason that H. L. Mencken has for doing so, too. I don't believe that story about his unhappiness among people more or less like himself. I notice he trains around with his own kind—that is, the nearest he can come to his own kind. His real reason is, "This is the easiest country in the world to make a living in."

Being an American myself by a good many generations' descent—I could be a Son of the American Revolution if I wanted to. I'm eligible—I can say if I please, that I don't like this country the way it is now. I do please and I do say so. If I could, I'd live somewhere else. And if H. L. Mencken would own up, I'll bet he'd have to say the same thing.

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Rowell's Comment By CHESTER H. ROWELL DON'T underestimate the boycott of the Prince of Wales by certain of the negroes of Africa. And don't overestimate the alleged world conspiracy of Bolshevism, illustrated in the Bulgarian riots.

Both are of course actual, and both are monies to the stability of mankind. But one represents a growing and the other a waning cause.

The African troubles are a part of the new determination of the "colored" races, black, brown and yellow, no longer to be treated as inferior animals by the white man. That is a long smoldering flame which has broken into conflagration since 1905.

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25 Years Ago

(From The Guard May 5, 1900) Most of the democratic county candidates were in Eugene today holding a meeting.

A Eugene dealer today is selling oranges at one cent each.

Attorney E. R. Skipworth, Citizens' party candidate for the legislature, spoke in Junction City this afternoon.

At Villard hall last evening was held the eleventh annual junior exhibition of the University of Oregon.

Bud Komp shipped a fine China Poland pig to Aurora this afternoon.

Miss Stella Benn of Mapleton is visiting in Eugene, having arrived today.

Consul H. B. Miller is expected home from Washington, D. C., daily.

The local athletic tryout at the University of Oregon is being held this afternoon. Several events are listed, including a bicycle race.

About 20 intending Danish colonists arrived up from Portland on the early train this morning.

In Lighter Vein Exclusive (New Haven Register) "Are Mrs. De Style's entertainments very exclusive?" "Well, I should say so; she has made application to have the conversation of her guests copyrighted."

Inherited (Boston Transcript) "Jim has a terribly bad memory." "Yes. His mother was continually asking 'What's trumps?' and his father never could remember anything on the witness stand."

Proof Positive (London Answers) Foley—"What makes you so sure that you cannot afford to own a car, old man?" Bowles—I have one.

Treating Them Gentle (The Continent) She was in Alaska looking over a fox farm. After admiring a beautiful silver specimen, she asked her guide, "Just how many times can a fox be skinned for his fur?" "Three times, madam," said the guide gravely. "Any more than that would spoil his temper."

Helping the Effect (London Opinion) Rose-pink is the present fashionable wear for the bride. The delicate hues of the dress are particularly enhanced if a pale bridegroom is worn hanging on the right arm.

Advertising Men on Weather (Life) "Hello! Willard F. Schwomper, what's your reaction to this little old day?" "Jefferson B. Hatch, I'm sold on it—completely, absolutely, totally." "Same here. As I analyze the position the present weather certainly has a big general appeal." "I sure don't get its story across." "Come in on that, W. F.; that's my slant on its precisely." "No need to canvass the situation on a day like today, J. B." "Sounds like good psychology to me."

RIVER LOAM River boats for sale. Phone 1160.

World war. For at least as long as anyone now on earth shall live, this is to be the chief problem of mankind. But the other menace, that Russian example and propaganda would overthrow the capitalism and individualism of the world, is now mostly hushed. For better or worse, this is a conservative and capitalistic world and the menace of wholesale revolution, which was very real five years ago, is gone. Don't dream Russia nightmares. But do watch, as the biggest and most upsetting thing in the world, the new self-consciousness and racial pride of Asia and Africa.

For instance, some of the neighbors' children aren't allowed to play with my little girl because, preferring to teach her religion according to certain ideas of the coach, I would send her to Sunday school. That's a moral station and quite all right. But if the neighbors had their way, they'd have a law passed putting me in jail. They may do it yet. And my system is just as likely to be right as the neighbors' system, even though they're in a majority. The question whether men descended from monkeys or not can't be settled by a popular vote. If they did they did, no matter what the electorate thinks about it. If they didn't they didn't, regardless of any decision at the polls.

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