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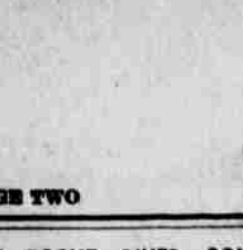

OREGON WEATHER

Tonight and Saturday showers west, unsettled, probably showers east portion; southerly winds.

ALFRED AUSTIN

The following poem by Alfred Austin, poet laureate of England, written 20 years ago, is strangely appropriate to the present international situation.

A Voice From the West

Poet Laureate of England

What is the voice I hear
On the wind of the western sea?
Sentinel, listen from out Cape Clear,
And say what the voice may be,
'Tis a proud, free people calling loud
to a people proud and free.

And it says to them, "Kinsmen, hail!
We severed have been too long;
Now let us have done with a worn-out tale,
The tale of an ancient wrong,
And our friendship last long as love doth last, and be stronger than death is strong."

Answer them, sons of the selfsame race,
And blood of selfsame clan,
Let us speak with each other, face to face,
And answer as man to man,
And loyally love and trust each other as none but freemen can.

Now fling them out to the breeze,
Shamrock, thistle and rose,
And the Star-Spangled Banner unfurl with these,

A message to friends and foes,
Wherever the sails of peace are seen and wherever the war wind blows.

A message to bond and thrall to wake,
For wherever we come, we twain,
The throne of the tyrant shall rock and quake,
And his menace be void and vain,
For you are lords of a strong young land, and we are lords of the main.

Yes, this is the voice on the bluff March gale:
"We severed have been too long;
But now we have done with a worn-out tale,
The tale of an ancient wrong.
And our friendship last long as love doth last and be stronger than death is strong."

PLATINUM

The Siskiyou mountain range, which in that past geologic age when the Rogue River valley formed an arm of the Pacific ocean—was "Siskiyou Island," has many unique distinctions. Among them is the fact that it is one of the very few platinum producing sections of the world.

The fact that platinum is a necessary metal in many industries closely connected with the war, and one of the rarest of metals, makes it of timely interest. It is doubly interesting because rare. The total supply in the world to date has been a little less than 5,000,000 ounces or about 109 tons.

Nearly 165,000 ounces are used yearly in the United States. Half of this is used in jewelry. In chemical and physical equipment, in the manufacture of sulphuric acid and in electrical devices, most of the remaining half is used.

Nearly all the platinum of the world has been taken from placer deposits. None of the deposits in mother rocks have been found of a grade that would permit commercial mining.

By far the largest known deposits are in Russia, that country having furnished 95% of the world's supply. Colombia, S. A. is the second largest producer; with small deposits in Brazil, Spain, Australia and Borneo.

In North America the known supply is in the gravels of a few streams in the western mountains. In Canada the metal is found in the Tulameen district not far from Oroville, Wash. In the United States the production of platinum has been limited to streams rising in the belt of serpentine rocks in central California and from the serpentine areas in Siskiyou and Trinity Counties, in the northwestern part of the state, which continue northeast into Curry, Josephine and Jackson counties, Oregon.

Enlistments in the army of the tillers are coming in fast. The orders of mobilization place no limit on the number of recruits wanted. Get a hoe.

REFERENDUM ON FISH BILL FILED

Salem, May 11.—The first completed referendum petition was filed today with the secretary of state by Sanderson Reed of Portland. It invokes the referendum against house bill 248, known as the Rogue River fishing bill.

The petition was circulated in the name of H. L. Christenson. Reed said it bears 18,890 names. The legal requirement is 14,085.

GREAT ARMIES GRIP IN TWO CAMPAIGNS

London, May 11.—Bullecourt and Lens were the two points most menaced by the British offensive today. Bullecourt is almost surrounded. Lens is more than half encircled, the British gaining every day yard by yard to the south. The fighting at both places is intense. At Fresnoy there were indications today that the force of the British offensive was slowly wearing down the rock-like resistance of the Germans.

But while this greatest of allied offensives was in progress on the western front, dispatches today detailed the start of another "major push" in which British troops are participating. This is in Macedonia. British, French, Italian and Serbian troops, under General Serrail have started their long-expected offensive. Some gains were made on a front of two miles. But one mile of trench front was re-taken by the enemy.

JOFFRE VISITS HISTORIC HOUSE

Newburg, N. Y., May 11.—Into the modest little frame house from which General Washington directed the defeat of the British nearly a century and a half ago, there stepped today a second great fighter for freedom, Marshal Joffre. He paused silently on the threshhold and stood at rigid salute a full minute. Behind him stood a great crowd led by five thousand school children.

Accompanied by Lieutenant-Colonel Crosby, official representative of the war department, and by his personal aide, Joffre made a tour of the headquarters house and re-appeared, to be surrounded by the children. His answer to their shrill cheers was to lift two or three of them in his arms and kiss them on the cheek.

With Governor Whitman on one side and Mayor Wilson on the other, the stocky Joffre, standing before entrance to the house where Washington and LaFayette conferred on their war plans, received the gold medal struck for him and paid for with the five thousand school children's pennies.

On one side of the medal is inscribed: Washington, LaFayette, Joffre, 1781-1824-1917. On the other side is a replica in gold of the headquarters' house.

LONDON AND BERLIN AGREE IN REPORTS

London, May 11.—Vigorous German attempts to shake General Haig's grip on Arleux positions and lines to the south of the Souchez river were all repulsed, the British commander reported today.

British artillery and machine gun fire stopped the enemy's assaults. Around the Souchez salient, the attack was repeated a second time, with liquid fire employed by the Germans, but it was likewise repulsed.

Berlin, via London, May 11.—Sanguinary repulse of an attempt to storm Bullecourt by an encircling movement of British troops was reported in today's official statement.

"At Fresnoy, Roeux, Monchy and Cherisy local advances were unsuccessful to the enemy," the war office said.

FIRST ENROLLMENTS AT OFFICERS' CAMP

San Francisco, May 11.—Four hundred and twenty prospective members of the first 10,000 army officers for service in France reported and were enrolled today at the officers' reserve corps camp at the presidio. Yesterday 360 were enrolled and tomorrow 580 are scheduled to show up.

Tuesday the men will be vaccinated and classes organized.

For the first month all will be instructed in elementary infantry tactics. Then the various arms of the service will be taken up, men being assigned to coast artillery, infantry, cavalry and other branches for the final two months.

Los Angeles, May 10.—Six wireless stations in and around Los Angeles in commission despite the federal dismantling order, were captured by deputy sheriffs and federal agents this afternoon. One of these plants was communicating with Honolulu when officers seized and dismantled it.

JOFERE AND PARTY SOON GOING HOME

New York, May 11.—Having practically completed their task of "showing America how it can best help the European allies" win the world war, the French and British battle missions will join forces here tonight to commemorate the historic parleys in a national farewell reception at the Waldorf hotel. The commissioners are going home.

No one knows for publication precisely when or how. Minister Viviani and Secretary Balfour will return with their staffs to their home governments. The day of departure is not far distant.

Both commissions have privately expressed themselves as highly pleased with the result of the world war conferences in which they have taken part during the last few weeks. They feel that America has got everything it needs and has given everything, or arranged to give everything they have asked.

The triangular conferences are believed to have practically completed a system of anti-submarine war, which will wipe out the submarine menace. This is understood to be the co-ordination of the system in effect before America got in, and the addition of certain secret American inventions.

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