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**OREGON WEATHER**

Fair, moderate southeast-  
erly winds.

**AUSTRIA**

The action of congress in declaring that a state of war exists between this country and Austria, which is expected within the next few days, is simply putting into the realm of acknowledged fact a thing which is a reality. President Wilson's recommendation to this effect was merely the giving voice to a pretty insistent demand that has arisen during the past few months. Especially has this demand come from officials in the department of justice, where their work of trying to round up enemies within our own borders has been seriously hampered by the fact that we could not treat Austrians as enemies.

To be fighting Germany and technically at peace with Austria has been an anomalous position which even the laymen of the country have recognized.

But aside from the justice of such a declaration, on the ground that Austrians were helping the Germans in their scheme of world domination to the limit of their ability, is the fact that it was Austria who started all the trouble. The greed of the house of Hapsburg, urged on, it is true, by Germany, led the to undertake to dominate the Balkans even to the extent of looking for an excuse to invade Serbia and wreck that inoffensive people. The spirit of the Austria nation in that course was none the less damnable than the spirit which has characterized the rulers of Germany. That spirit must be crushed before democracies are safe in this world. And it is to make those principles safe that Americans are making war.

**ECONOMY**

When we put a million or more soldiers in the field, we decrease the ordinary productiveness of the country to a decidedly appreciable extent. While in the army or in training, these men do not produce. On the contrary, an army consumes an immense amount of produce, especially when on the fighting line. There is hardly a more expensive organization on earth than an army in the field.

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**HALIFAX LOSS GROWS LARGER**

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The disaster which has plunged the dominion into mourning probably will rank as the most fearful that ever occurred on the American continent.

Residents of Halifax and thousands of volunteer relief workers who have come into the city have been almost dazed at the extent of the horror.

Temporary morgues have been established in many buildings to which a steady procession of vehicles of all kinds have been carrying for hours the bodies of men, women and children. Most of them were so charred that they were unrecognizable.

The flameswept area covers two and one half square miles. It begins at what is known as the North street bridge, extending north to Pier 8 on the Richmond water front and back to a point running parallel with Göttinger street. Nothing has been left standing in this section of the city. Only a pile of smouldering ruins marks the spot where the great building of the American Sugar Refining company stood. The dry dock and all the buildings around it were destroyed. The Richmond school that housed hundreds of children was demolished and it is reported only three escaped.

Canadian officers who have seen long service in France characterize the catastrophe as "the most fearful which has befallen any city in the world."

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**WINONA PIG WINS AT INTERNATIONAL SHOW**

The high quality of Berkshire hogs raised in the Rogue valley in southern Oregon has been emphasized recently by the winning of first prize in the junior boar pig class at the great International Live Stock Exposition at Chicago, Ill., the greatest stock show in the world, by a young Berkshire boar from Winona ranch. This pig, Winona Champion Leader, is a son of the great Oregon sire, Laurel Champion, and is a son of Escalon Polite, junior champion sow of Oregon in 1916, and a daughter of Grand Leader 2nd, grand champion boar of the Panama Pacific International Exposition. As far as is known this is the first Oregon-bred Berkshire to have been shown at the great Chicago show; and his winning there is therefore of extra interest to western breeders. The pig was shown in the herd of Hamilton Farms, Gladstone, N. J., to whom F. R. Steel shipped the young boar after the Oregon State Fair this fall. This winning is also a credit to the judgment of J. W. Clapp, superintendent of the hog department at Hamilton Farms, who saw this pig at Winona on a trip west when the boar was only three weeks old; and picked him out to add to the Hamilton Farms show herd, even at this immature age, a selection which the placing at Chicago amply justifies.

Old engravings of mining work in the early part of the seventh century show that the pickax, chisel and hammer were the principal implements employed.

The "charter" of the Bible was a shallow vessel for receiving water or blood. It was also used for preserving offerings of fine flour with oil (Numbers vii, 7).

Antiquity conceals the origin of gold leaf, but it was used in the eighth century before the Christian era, and the process of preparing it by hammering is believed to have been the same then as now.

Sorrow with his pick mines the heart, but he is a cunning workman. He deepens the channels whereby happiness may enter and hollows out new chambers for joy to abide in when he is gone.

An ostrich feather, if held upright, will be seen to be perfectly equal on both sides, the stem dividing it exactly in the center. In other feathers the stems are found to be more or less on the side.

All boys think they will be richer than their fathers, and all girls think they can keep house better than their mothers. They continue to think this until they are fathers and mothers themselves.

Calcutta has a botanical garden in which plants of the temperate zone are kept alive in cold houses, much as tropical plants are preserved in hot-houses in this climate.

Strong impulses are but another name for energy. Energy may be turned to bad uses, but more good may always be made of an energetic nature than of an indolent and impassive one.—John Stuart Mill

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**RECORD OF OLD TRIP UP ROGUE COUNTRY**

Salem, Dec. 7.—Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian, yesterday received from Herbert Schofield, of New York, the diary of his grandfather, Nathaniel Schofield, who was an engineer of what is known as the Klamath expedition, and concerning the activities of which there is little historical data.

This expedition sailed from San Francisco in July, 1850, during the gold excitement, and explored what was then believed to be the Klamath river territory, but which was in reality the Rogue river territory. The result of the exploration was a subsequent expedition which brought the settlement of the country. Schofield's diary covers the exploration of the expedition, and Miss Marvin pronounces it a most valuable contribution to the early history of Oregon.

**HIGH COST OF LIVING.**

It's An Old, Old Story and Was Told 2,000 Years Ago.

A wife's letter 2,000 years old was unearthed recently in the ruins of the Serapeum, the temple of Memphis, the great city of ancient Egypt. The letter was written by Isis to her husband Hephæstion, who had deserted her. There were two letters, in fact, the first bearing a date equivalent to July 24, 186 B. C. In them the wife reproaches her husband for neglect of his family, and, what is particularly interesting at the present time, she complains of the high cost of living.

Here are some extracts from the first letter: "Isis to Hephæstion, her husband. Greetings—if you are well and other things are turning out with you according to your wishes it would be as I perpetually pray the gods. I myself am in good health, and the child and all in the house make mention of you continually. When I received your letter from Horus, in which you explained that you were in retreat in the Serapeum at Memphis, I immediately gave thanks to the gods that you were well. But that you do not return distresses me, for having piloted myself and your child through such a crisis and having come to the last extremity because of the high cost of corn, and thinking that your return would bring me relief, you have never even thought of returning or spared a look for my helpless state."—New York World.

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