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The Panama canal started operation under the handicap of the war as well as under that other handicap inseparable from new undertakings, but its earnings in the first year, from July 1, 1914, to July 1, 1915, exceeded expenses by about \$224,000, the earnings having been \$4,424,306 and the cost of operation and maintenance \$4,400,000. This balance falls far short of paying interest on the cost, which, at 3 per cent, on \$400,-000,000 would be \$12,000,000, but traffic will doubtless increase this for the first year may be reached or exceeded.

INVITE THE WORLD.

Washington and Oregon stand today on the eve of the greatest era of prosperity they have ever seen. It may be two or three years before these changed conditions reach us but come they will as sure as the rising of the sun, says a Portland writer who feels he is in a position to know the future.

We must be ready to do more than merely invite, we must be ready to show the world that we are through the experimental stage and can offer investitors absolute assurance.

BUT ONE THOUSAND DEAD.

Over the tragedy in Chicago the country fairly gasps, says the Evening Telegram. The story is not yet fully told and the list of dead not yet known. According to all estimates, however, over 1000 people have been drowned. The most of these, as we gather from reports, were women and children. It was a terrible catastrophe. The news of it is appalling to the entire nation. The recountal of its various tragic details is spread over pages of printed matter, and by the Chicago.

average person it is read with avidity.

Yet it might serve some purpose if we would stop and consider that in vindication of the glories of war they are killing men across seas at a rate which makes a thousand deaths appear but a drop in the bucket. The European death list, in the year of its frightful war activities, would probably run into the millions-counting those who have fallen in actual battle and those whose lives have been given as innocent sacrifices to the god of war.

There have been women and children among these-tens thousands of them-perhaps hundreds of thousands. We have grown accustomed to the sad recital of war and hardened to the curse of it. We would hardly give two lines of black type to the announcement of the killing of a thousand; and we would certainly not accord the detail more than an inch of type. We can read a review and summary of war events that chronicles the destruction of armies and the violent death of hundreds of thousands without emotion.

We do not stop to think that there is horror and misery and black, inhuman cruelty mixed up with it all. We tell ourselves that it is fate, and the inevitable clashyear and when the war ends the ing of national ambitions that estimate of \$10,500,000 a year cannot be settled or adjusted in made by Prof. Emery R. Johnson any other way. We lie to ourselves, just as much as if we were to say that this drowning of the thousand at Chicago was inevitable and not to be avoided

> We have among us champions of war, who generate in their own minds a demoniacal enthusiasm for the glories of it; who believe that we are not brave and that we are without honor unless we are eyer ready and willing to launch into the business of killing-not a thousand, but hundreds of thousands.

We shudder at this single tragedy because it is near to us; because it is singled out and stands by itself as regards the greater tragedies of the war to which our senses have become calloused. But the horror multiplied of those greater tragedies are none the less real and awful. The shattering and gashing and crushing of men goes on. The destruction of millions of homes and the starvation of other millions of women and children proceed as the business of the hour, which commands the best that the brains, energy and wealth and all the dynamic forces can bring to the bloody and miserable task.

In such cataclysm a thousand deaths will not command the waste of a stngle breath in telling. And yet to kill a thousand people is a most terrible thing. We realize that as we read of the horror in

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