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Events have shattered the argument that the maintenance of a large armament is a guarantee of peace.

On to Berlin is the cry of the French, and on to Paris the echo of the legions of Germany, it is revenge with one and race hatred with the other, and with these two incentives the world will stand aghast at the ferocity of the conflict.

We often wonder if we fully appreciate our home county, settled as it is with an honest, thrifty people, and our progressive little city teeming with enterprise and hospitality. We can truly say with the psalmist, "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a good heritage."

Alas the dove of peace has but few feathers left. For years its devotees have gathered together and wrote beautiful essays on the awful horrors of war and why the nations should live in a world of love. The dove, poor thing, is a forgotten bird in the stirring events now taking place across the pond.

Colonel Roosevelt reminds the foreign relations committee of the Senate that he was President during the time and had something to do with the events with which the Colombian treaty is concerned. The Senate committee will doubtless recall the circumstances.

Be a booster for your home town. If you have nothing to boast but a store and a postoffice, be a booster just the same. If you let people know of the great opportunities your town offers, they will sit up and take notice and finally see that you are right. There is no town, however small, but has some advantages. No town but what would be a good location for a factory of some nature.

HISTORY MAY BE REPEATED

It is barely possible that history will repeat itself, and once more the field of Waterloo become the scene of a world's struggle. The present disposition of troops and the fact that neither Germany or France will regard the neutrality of the territory of Belgium, may make this a necessity. But in this case the red cross of St. George on England's battle flags will mingle with the golden lilies of France against the tricolor of the German empire.

HAVE FAITH IN UNCLE SAM

Both Germany and France are to place the affairs of their countries in the hands of the American Ambassador at the respective capitals of Berlin and Paris, and England will unquestionably do the same, thus making the United States the only means of communication between these belligerents. It is a compliment to the fairness and integrity of this country, and will mean that we will be a mighty factor in bringing about the eventual peace that every one would wish and pray may soon come.

LET THERE BE NO ABUSES

Within a few weeks now the political campaign in Jackson county will be in full swing. Some quiet campaigning has already been done. Fences repaired and discordant fellows fixed up. The "records" of some of the aspirants are to be searched, exposed, and dissected. The Herald believes candidates

will commit a grave tactical blunder in bringing personalities into a county fight.

We would like to see the coming contest fought out on clean, straightforward party lines, and love prevail.

Mud is a nasty thing to use in politics. It splashes back.

A BARBAROUS WAR

It is extremely difficult for an American to find the slightest circumstance which would justify the war which seems to have involved nearly the whole of Europe. The United States standards of international right and justice do not countenance war except as a last resort to defend the national honor or repeal invasion.

The death, destruction, suffering and misery which are certain to accompany and follow this horrible conflict are appalling to contemplate. The struggle of nations has been precipitated without warning and it is difficult to understand what it is all about.

WAR TAX MUST BE LEVIED IN UNITED STATES

Government officials have admitted that a war tax is inevitable. It was expected that legislation, including a stamp tax, would be enacted soon to raise money to meet the deficit caused by the falling off of revenue from imports. The war, it is said, had reduced the import revenue at least one-third.

"There is no immediate necessity for emergency legislation," said Congressman Underwood, democratic majority leader the other day, "as there is a good surplus in the treasury. However such legislation must be passed before the end of the present session of congress. The government could continue for several weeks without feeling the reduction in revenue from European imports."

WOMEN DOCTORS FAVORABLE TO SUFFRAGIST

The New York Times says that 150 women doctors from New York alone were at the recent meeting of the New York Medical Association. A conscientious search for one woman doctor in the groupe who was not a suffragist proved futile.

DJ. Lillian South, the first woman officer of the American Medical Association, has a laboratory in Bowling Green, Ky., which is said to be the only one in the country where none but women are employed.

"Even the janitor is a janitress," she laughed when asked if the rule applied all the way to the basement, "and every woman in the building is a suffragist. The walls of the hallways are always entirely hidden by suffrage literature, which has been tacked up for quick reference when substantiation of arguments is needed."

WHAT GEOGRAPHICAL CHANGES WILL THE EUROPEAN WAR MAKE?

This question depends on the ability of the great powers to preserve their nationality.

If German racial aspirations succeed, one need not be surprised to find at the end of this colossal war a new alignment of frontiers that will be in keeping with national tendency.

In observing the underlying cause of this war—racial aspirations—one can conceive the likelihood of Antwerp and Amsterdam becoming German ports or the provinces of Alsace and Liege returning to their former allegiance—France.

In the event of the success of German arms, the German states—Austria, Switzerland and the Netherlands, may be united as a grand whole in an empire of Bismarckian proportions much to the discomfiture of Great Britain who would retain her present boundaries on account of the superiority of her splendid fleet.

Russia, Servia and the allied Slav states would preserve their

present boundaries as a price for German territorial gains to the north; or, in case of German reverse, have their boundaries enlarged to include peoples of their own tongue in contiguous territory.

The crushing of Germany and Austria-Hungary's aspirations will result in the contraction of their territorial limit—loss of the two French provinces gained by the former in 1870, and the loss of the two Slav provinces taken by the latter in 1908, as well as result in the dismemberment of dual-monarchy.

AUSTRIA WAS INSOLENT

The following editorial which cites the real cause leading up to the present European war we glean from the pen of the worthy writer in the Portland Telegram: "Whatever ulterior motive Austrian diplomacy may have had up its sleeve in bringing the lightning flash of war out of a clear sky in Europe, there can be no two opinions concerning the tone of its communications to Servia."

There is no defense for the recent assassinations which aroused Austrian indignation. In justice Austria could have done nothing else than demand reparation, but the only reparation that could be justly demanded was the punishment of the guilty. Austria charged pan-Slavic conspiracy, and proceeding upon the theory that all suspicions are approved, facts the most remarkable demand was made that Servia should disavow all sympathy with the Pan-Slavic Union. It was a demand with which Servia could not comply and Austria knew it.

There was insolence in the Austrian demand, and probably, if the truth were told at this time, the insolence was there by sinister design. In the beginning of hostilities it has been almost like "a word and a blow, and the blow came first." Austria was ready to strike as soon as the word was uttered, and the word itself was calculated to bring no alternative to war. Japan struck swiftly, but the controversy that led to blows in that case had been raging for months, perhaps it would not be incorrect to say years. Japan tried to avoid war, Austria invited it; indeed, took the course that would make it certain. The responsibility for the stupendous tragedy that just now envelops Europe in its menacing shadow rests with the House of Hapsburg and its advisers."

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Channel Islands' Customs.

The Channel Islands—where there is still in every day use a patois almost identical with the Norman French spoken by William the Conqueror—are the home of other quaint antiquarian relics. A local politician whose election as jurat had been annulled by the royal court of the island on the ground of his having been sentenced to a term of imprisonment some years ago knelt bareheaded at the entrance to the courthouse and exclaimed, "Haro, Haro, Haro, a l'haie, mon prince, on me fait tort." The effect of this appeal, technically called the "clameur de Haro," is to stay proceedings until the petitioner's case has been heard. In modern times the cry has most frequently been raised to interrupt building operations on land to which the title is disputed—much to the annoyance of unsuspecting strangers who have settled in the islands without being aware of this curious tradition. Popular etymology explains "Haro" as an abbreviation of "Ha, Roio!" thus making the cry a direct appeal to the first Duke of Normandy.

The Most Accurate Machine.

The world's most precise piece of machinery is doubtless the Rowland dividing engine, owned and operated by Johns Hopkins university, Baltimore. This machine, the invention of Professor Henry A. Rowland, long the head of the physics department in that institution, was devised by him to rule diffraction gratings on glass or metal for use in the most delicate kind of spectroscopic work in the place of the glass prisms that are commonly used to form the spectrum by splitting up white light into its component colors. These gratings consist of five parallel lines so close together that they can be separated only by a microscope of the highest power. Accuracy is measured nowadays by the limit of error. The Rowland gratings are not perfect because perfection is impossible, but their limit of error is one-millionth of an inch, which makes the engine that is able to draw them the record holder for accuracy.—Literary Digest.

Astrological Constellations.

The sun does not belong to any constellation. There are no constellations, merely imaginary figures of men, beasts, s. events, etc., among the stars, all made by ancient astrologers ages before even one law of nature had been discovered. Thus go out to space a hundred trillion miles or so, turn around, look back at our sun, and it would appear as a very small star in some one of these imagined figures, let us say Orion. Now move during a few hundred millions years at a mile per minute; then our little star, the sun, would appear as a point in some other figure, depending entirely in what part of the celestial vault you might then happen to be located. Astronomers catalogue positions of stars by right ascensions and declinations, east of the prime meridian and north or south of the celestial equator, and have no manner of use for astrological constellations.—New York American.

Why Flowers Flash.

The strange phenomenon exhibited by some red flowers of seeming to flash in the twilight, but only when the flower comes sideways into the range of vision, is explained by Professor F. A. W. Thomas. He says twilight makes red seem brighter and green duller than in full daylight. As the image of the red flower moves from the peripheral part of the retina, where the rods are red blind, to the fovea the red is perceived more vividly than before, and this image coincides with the purkinje after image of the surroundings, giving the impression of a flash.

Dogs and Moslems.

Dogs in Mohammedan countries have even more freedom than with us, not because Mohammedans love them more, but because it is impious to kill or molest an animal, however mean, that Allah lets live. But there is no bitterer insult than to call a Moslem a dog. "The Swiss Family Robinson" is not admitted at the Turkish custom house because it tells about a dog named Turk.

Getting Results.

"I've tried to make the housemaid pay for what she breaks. But it does not seem to do any good." "Try my plan." "What is it?" "I offered mine a bonus for what she doesn't break."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Russian Quass.

A popular drink among the peasants of Russia is called quass. It is made by pouring warm water over rye or barley meal. It is a fermented liquor and is very sour, but has been used for years by these poverty stricken people.

Tree and Sea.

"By the way, what is the tree most nearly related to the sea?" "The beech, of course." "Are you sure? Isn't the bay tree nearer?"—London Telegraph.

Changeable.

Miss Sentimental—Man is so changeable. Mrs. Bilton—Yes, dear. Before marriage he talks to you about his heart; afterward it's his stomach he talks about.—Puck.

A Sweet Tooth.

"Ma." "What is it, Willie?" "Is a 'sweet tooth' a tooth from a honey comb?"—Spokane Spokesman-Review.

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