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ALBANY, OREGON, THURSDAY, JANUARY 22 EVERYBODY'S CONCERN
"With the Quarrels of Europe we have nothing to do," said President Wilson once upon a time, trying to persuade himself and the public that what both hoped for was true. and America would be able to keep out of the conflict. But irresistible events soon swept away all such laissez-faire doctrines.

The world-tide swept America into European interveǹtion. America could not let Europe alone because Europe would not, and could not, let America alone.
"Russian affairs," said Lloyd George a few weeks ago "are not the concern of the western allies."

But Russian affairs have made themselves the concern of the western allies. Lenine is clearing all interior and southern Russia of his foes. Armed Bolshevism is pushing far into Siberia and threatening India, and pressing against all confines on the east, south and west, and looming up as a genuine world-menace:

Wherefore the supreme allied council in Paris, with Lloyd George concurring, has decided to take notice of Bolshevism. The peril is not to be fought openly by armed force, but by subterfuge, through the lifting of the economic blockade and the sending of food and other necessaries to-he Russian peasants. With the basic wants of the Russian people cared for, it is hoped that they may be weaned away from Bolshevism.

The plan may work, or it may not. The incident, however, serves to emphasize once more the big fact of the
present-day world, that no nation lives unto itself or dies unto itself, but that the affairs of every nation are the concern of every other nation.

Western chipyards have been accused of robbing the government of $\$ 1,000,000,000$ on ship contracts. Withou seeking to awaken andue sympathy for Pacific Coast malefactors, but solely in the interest of truth and sanity, one
may rise to remark that there hasn't been much more than may rise to remark that there hasn't been much more than gether, and the eastern shipyards, which are not included in the scandal, have had most of it.

Hiram Johnson of California may be wrong about some things, but he is everlastingly right when he warns the AIbany legislature that if you can exclude Socialists in New sissippi and Democrats in Pennsylvania.
"You have been looking at Mexico through a keyhole," complains a Mexican representative to an American senator "Come and convince yourself of the real situation." Really though, it seems much safer lopking through the keyhole.

Another evidence of getting down to constructive work is a moving picture offer of $\$ 550,000$ for the Dempsey-Car penter fight.

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