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PORK AND PREPAREDNESS

THERE is no question but many millions of dollars ap- propriated by congress for river and harbor improve- ments has been expended without producing much bene- fit, and sometimes where there was no actual need or use for the proposed improvement.

Just now there is a fierce demand on the part of the journals of the munition workers and their ignorant imi- tators that all spare money should be diverted from the so-called pork barrel to the ammunition barrel.

Perhaps they are right. But we suspect they are more interested than patriotic. Money spent for river and harbor improvements and public buildings is scattered over a large expanse of territory, and in such manner as not to benefit the steel, powder and oil trusts. The Morpont- rockenheims can't get hold of it. But if it is diverted to preparedness for war it will all flow to their millrace.

New York, New England and Pennsylvania got their pork long ago. Money spent on the Savannah, Mississippi or Columbia does not help them, but millions spent for powder, shells, guns and motor trucks will keep the plants at Bethlehem and Bridgeport grinding out the dividends, while the money jugglers pile up still more profits by their stock juggling.

This is probably the real reason for the attack upon the river and harbor bill. The plea is made that money has been wasted. True, perhaps, but Wall street objects to wasting money only when it does not get it. It cares as little about extravagance as it does about the gift of its street railway franchise and its subways to the Belmont gang. Its howl about the waste of public money is a mockery. It used to send its messenger to congress, and its will was obeyed. The people finally woke up and stopped that, so now it proceeds to educate the public with its newspapers. Hence the efficiency and economy howl.

Money should not be wasted, except when it is necessary to have some excuse to maintain a high protective tariff, for the sake of argument we will admit. But any money that is expended for labor is not wasted. The structure labor builds may be useless, but the laborer has been enabled to support his family and thereby has fur- nished a market for the products of other laborers who have been thus enabled to feed and clothe their families.

Under the vicious economic circle that is the basis of our system, the payment of wages is the only method by which the essentials of existence can be distributed among the wage-earners. Hence the payment of wages is the im- portant fact and the result of the laborer's employment, may be secondary.

It is painful, however, to contemplate how little economy and efficiency in government would help the public. Mr. Taft says \$300,000,000 is expended by our government above what is necessary each year. If this be true, it would mean but \$3 per head for our people. Save it all, and we could each have added to our income less than one cent a day. Double Mr. Taft's estimate, and we would have less than two cents for each working day added to our income.

And this is the only political reform preached to the people by the organs of those who no longer call a half billion a swollen fortune.

MERE SCRAPS OF PAPER

RECKLESS destruction of unarmed ocean liners, re- gardless of nationality, of neutrality or of destina- tion by German submarines proves that German promises to the United States are to the German government like the treaty with Belgium—mere "scraps of paper," to be torn up at will.

The solemn assurances given in reply to American pro- tests were merely diplomatic subterfuges to avoid or delay an open breach of relations. There seems never to have been any intention of fulfilling promises.

Not only are the allies' ships carrying munitions des- troyed, but those of friendly neutrals, like Norway, Swe- den, Denmark, Holland, Spain and the United States. Not only are armed merchantmen flying the enemies' flag, but unarmed liners flying neutral flags to and from friendly ports—the object being to destroy all ships, and by paralyzing the commerce of the world, end the war.

Germany thinks victory possible at the price of humani- ty—through terrorism. Hence the spoliation of Belgium, Zeppelin raids, poisonous gas, liquid fire, dynamite and fire in neutral lands. Militarism has transformed the am- iable Prussian into a menacing Frankenstein of destruc- tion, arousing the horror and detestation of mankind— raving with the Assyrian of the ancient world and the Hun of the dark ages.

Viewing war as the greatest of disasters, the president has heroically struggled to avert it and made every conces- sion possible, save sacrifice of national honor and national rights. But the time seems nearing when he must shift to the shifty shoulders of congress the burden of Ger- many's broken promises and the tattered scraps of paper.

MEXICO INTERPRETED

University of Chicago—Author of "Mexico and the United States."

When Cortes, in the first third of the sixteenth century, marched up from Vera Cruz into the plateau country, what did he find? Pres- ent and Lew Wallace, basing them- selves upon the ancient Spanish narratives, tell us that there was a mighty empire, a powerful emperor, a swarm of nobles, a splendid city, luxury. Upon the site of the old Indian city, Tenochtitlan, the Span- ish city of Mexico was built.

From a certain point of view, the conquest of Mexico was a great mili- tary achievement. It was the victory of a little handful of invaders against enormous crowds of brave and war- like enemies.

A fact which contributed to the easy victory of Cortes is to be found in the superstitious fears of the In- dians against whom they fought; when the white men first appeared, they were looked upon as sacred or divine; the Aztecs were looking for the return of their fair god, who was to come across the seas from the east; prophecy indicated that his coming was at hand; and when the Spaniards appeared, it was some time before the natives realized that the newcomers were dangerous hu- mans, not kindly deities.

If there had been a bond of union between the Mexican Indians, and they had made common cause against the Spaniards, of course the invaders would have stood no chance of victory.

JAPANESE LINER GROUNDS IN FOG OFF HONG KONG

SHANGHAI, March 31.—The big trans-Pacific passenger steamer Chiyo Maru grounded in a fog at 4:55 this morning on one of the Lema islands south of Hong Kong. Nine tugboats and launches from a British torpedo boat destroyer have gone to her assistance.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—The Chiyo Maru is one of the largest vessels on the trans-Pacific runs and is part of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha fleet. She sailed from here March 2, reached Honolulu March 8 and Yokohama March 17. She is of 13,431 tons gross registry and was built in 1908 at Nagasaki.

The Chiyo already had touched at Honolulu and at Yokohama and other Japanese ports and Manila, so that all passengers from continental United States except those bound for Hong Kong had left the ship.

The scene of the accident is 29 miles from Hong Kong.

The Chiyo carried in its cargo nearly \$2,000,000 in gold. The value of the rest of the cargo would approach another \$2,000,000, it is said. Most of the cargo had been discharged, however, at the ports of call.

The Chiyo is the second of the Japanese trans-Pacific liners to run aground in the last two months. The Tenyo Maru grounded on a reef off the Japanese coast on its last voyage to San Francisco, but escaped with but slight damage.

Christian Church Orchestra

Following is the program for the Christian church orchestra entertain- ment to be given at the church Fri- day night, beginning at 8:30, ad- mission being free:

Descriptive march, "Napoleon's Last Charge," orchestra; vocal solo, "One Fleeting Hour," violin obligato, Nana Seely; violin solo, "Il trovatore," with variations, Bliss Helme; read- ing, selected, Messrs. Balcom, Lindley and Lawton; selection "Grand Inter- national Fantasia," patriotic airs of two continents, orchestra; cornet solo, selected, George F. Dyer; vocal solo, "The Swallows," Nana Seely; violin and cornet duet, "Perfect Day," Messrs. Helme and Dyer; quartet, selected, Messrs. Balcom, Lind- ley and Lawton; march, "All Ameri- ca," orchestra.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Reported by Jackson County Ab- tract Co., Sixth and Fir Sts.

Circuit
 Annie M. Drapper vs. W. W. Hale et al.
 S. A. Carlton vs. Frederick T. Lewis et al., writ of attachment.
 Raphael C. Messner vs. H. A. En- sign et al., suit to foreclose mort- gage.

Probate
 Estate of George W. Stephenson, will, order admitting will, oath of executor.
 Estate of Edgar E. Miner, petition and order to commence suit.

Real Estate Transfers.
 Oliver P. Helms et ux to A. J. Grisson et al., land in sec. 24-37-1E and sec. 19-37-2E, \$3,250
 Nannie Hearing et al to Mary C. Leslie, undivided one- eighth in lots 11 and 12, blk. 52, Medford, 78
 May J. White to Mary C. Leslie, lots 11 and 12, block 52, Medford, 1
 Thos. Bartholomew to Robert Knox, lot 26, blk. 2, Whit- man Park, Medford, and land in sec. 25-37-2W, 19
 R. H. Toft et al to A. B. Pom- erooy, land in sec. 8-37-2W, 10
 J. P. Moosaw et ux to James H. Smith, land in sect. 2-36-1W, 175

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VILLA SLAUGHTERED ENTIRE GARRISON OF CARRANZISTS

EL PASO, March 31.—Advice re- ceived here today by Mexican officials stated that Villa and his men had soundly whipped the Carranza garrison at Guerrero, under the command of General Cavazos, whose forces were said to number only fifty soldiers. Villa, according to the in- formation obtained by Mexican Consul Garcia, still occupied Guerrero.

Information in the hands of Gen- eral Funston said Villa had killed every one in the garrison and that the bandit was now near the head- waters of the Santa Maria river. Since passing southward of Nami- quipa, having temporarily eluded his pursuers, Villa is reported to have adopted every means to strengthen his command which earlier in his flight he had scattered into small bands because the American cavalry were hot on his trail.

Headed for San Andes

Reports that Villa was headed eastward toward his old headquar- ters at San Andes were current to- day. If the bandit has turned east or north the American troops may be able to encircle him and cut off a further retreat to the south, while General Gutierrez, operating toward the west with the Carranza troops from Chihuahua, would be in a position to confront Villa and force him to give battle.

While final details of the shipment of supplies to Casas Grandes are being worked out, every effort is being made by the army to strengthen the motor truck service operating south from Columbus, N. M. Twenty-seven additional trucks passed through here today for Columbus. The total num- ber of trucks now in service on the Columbus-Casas Grandes trail ap- proximates 200. Of these 174 have been purchased since the expedi- tionary movement began. In other words six new supply companies, each with twenty-seven freight-carrying trucks, one repair car and one tank car, have been organized.

700 Horses Purchased

Purchases of horses and mules since the Columbus incident approxi- mately 700. Most of these have been assigned as remounts for the border patrol, but a large proportion have been sent to the front to take the place of disabled animals.

AEROPLANES DROP BOMBS UPON SWISS VILLAGE

BERNE, March 31.—Two aero- planes of unknown nationality drop- ped five large bombs at dawn this morning on the small Swiss village of Porentruy near the French fron- tier. Some damage to property was caused.

"Why Swear, Dear? Use 'Gets-It' for Corns!"
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 "Why, John, I never knew you to use such language! I've told you several times it's no use to try those bandages, ointments, tapers, plasters, and..."
 "You Wouldn't Lose Your Temper, John, If You Used 'Gets-It' for Those Corns!"
 "Clear and clean" it makes any corn come right off. Takes but a few seconds to apply. It dries at once. Put your foot on right over it—there's nothing to stick or roll up from a bundle of your foot, or press on the corn. It's painless, simple as rolling off a log. Now put away those knives, razors and scissors, use 'Gets-It' and you'll have a sweeter disposition and no more corns and calluses.
 "Gets-It" is sold by druggists every- where, 25c a bottle, or sent direct by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill.
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ASK CO-OPERATION FOR CLEAN MOVIES

The committee which is making an effort to secure better motion pic- tures for the young people of Med- ford wish to again call the attention of the parents to the fact that we need their co-operation in this move- ment by their attendance and that of the children. Unless the interest justifies the efforts, these Saturday morning matinees will be discontin- ued. While the programs are not as yet just what the committee would like them to be, we are confident that in time we can, as other cities have, secure the best in drama, comedy and along educational lines for these matinees. Both the Page manage- ment and the committee are desir- ous of giving the best and they will put forth every effort to secure such films. This third matinee will have a great deal to do with the decision of the Page management in contin- uing them. The program will be interesting to all. Saturday morning at 10:15 the following program will be given: Comedy, "The Other Kid's Sister"; two-act drama, "The Bond of Love"; educational, "Physical Training in the French Army" and "Sticly in Storm and Calm."

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—Mrs. JENNIE MOYER, 342 E. North St., Lima, Ohio.

Women who suffer from displace- ments, weakness, irregularities, nerv- ousness, backache or bearing-down pains, need the tonic-strengthening properties of the roots and herbs contained in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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 Leave Medford for Ashland, Talent and Phoenix daily, except Sunday, at 8:00 a. m., 1:00, 2:00, 4:00 and 5:15 p. m. Also on Saturday at 11:15 p. m. Sundays leave at 8:00 and 10:30 a. m. and 1:00, 2:00, 5:20 and 5:30 p. m. Leave Ashland for Medford daily, except Sunday, at 9:00 a. m., 1:00, 2:00, 4:00 and 5:15 p. m. Also on Saturday nights at 6:30 and 12:20. Sundays leave Ashland at 9:00 a. m. and 1:00, 4:30, 6:30 and 10:30 p. m.

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Don't let your stomach, liver and bowels make you miserable. Take Cascarets tonight; put an end to the headache, biliousness, dizziness, nerv- ousness, sick, sour, gassy stomach, bad cold, offensive breath and all other distress; cleanse your inside organs of all the bile, gases and con- stipated matter which is producing the misery.

A 10-cent box means health, hap- piness and a clear head for months. All druggists sell Cascarets. Don't forget the children—their little in- sides need a gentle cleansing, too.—Adv.

Auto Service from Eagle Point to Medford and Back

The undersigned will leave Frank Lewis' confectionery every day ex- cept Sunday for Medford with his auto at 1 o'clock p. m., arriving at 2:00 p. m. Leave Nash Hotel, Med- ford, at 5:00 p. m., arrive Eagle Point at 6:00 p. m. A part of the traffic is solicited. S. H. HARNISH, Eagle Point, Oregon.

LADIES! SECRET TO DARKEN GRAY HAIR

Bring back color, gloss and thickness with Grandma's recipe of Sage and Sulphur.

Common garden sage brewed into a heavy tea, with sulphur and alcohol added, will turn gray, streaked and faded hair beautifully dark and luxuriant; remove every bit of dandruff, stop scalp itching and falling hair. Mixing the Sage Tea and Sulphur recipe at home, though, is troublesome. An easier way is to get the ready-to-use tonic, costing about 50 cents a large bottle, at drug stores, known as "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," thus avoiding a lot of fuss.

While wispy, gray, faded hair is not sinful, we all desire to retain our youth- ful appearance and attractiveness. By darkening your hair with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur, no one can tell, because it does it so naturally, so evenly. You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning all gray hairs have disappeared. After another application or two your hair becomes beautifully dark, glossy, soft and luxuriant and you appear years younger.

KLEIN FOR KLOTHES
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OLD-TIME COLD CURE—DRINK HOT TEA!

Get a small package of Hamburg Brest Tea, or as the German folks call it, "Hamburger Brust Tee," at any pharmacy. Take a tablespoonful of the tea, put a cup of boiling water upon it, pour through a sieve and drink a teaspoon full at any time during the day or before retiring. It is the most effective way to break a cold and cure grip, as it opens the pores of the skin, relieving congestion. Also loosens the bowels, thus breaking up a cold.

Try it the next time you suffer from a cold or the grip. It is inexpensive and entirely vegetable, therefore safe and harmless.

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