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EM-TEES

Did He Change His Mind? It is rumored that the cause of the death of W. J. Evans, who died here last fall, will be investigated. Mr. Evans was thought to have killed himself at the time, but was later undecided.—Arkinds Cor. Little River (Ark.) News.

Literally Speaking. Teacher—William, which travels the faster—heat or cold? Willie—Heat. Anybody can catch cold.

Pity the Parsons. Want energetic woman, call on ministers; good talker; liberal compensation. 2483 G-st. (Cal) forenoons.—San Diego (Cal.) Union.

Hush? Albert Zabala of Soledad was here Thursday and accompanied Martin Ierminal to San Felipe to purchase a male cow.—The San Juan (Cal.) Mission News.

Election Is Coming. John Timothy Anthony Jones has bet a hundred and fifty bones that the darkest dark horse from the secretest stall will win the president's chair next fall. And John Timothy sits in his shop and talks till the shadows of evening drop, about what a beautiful bet he has made, and how that the other guy's getting afraid.

From now till election day Johnny will talk to the folks in the store and the bums on the walk, and people will pass him, and business will lag, and Johnny will talk till his shoulders will sag.

Johnny will be a "political fan," and never a woman, a boy, or a man will stop at his shack for to purchase a stamp, a bundle of gum, or a two-penny lamp.

I think I'll go down to John Timothy Jones and spoil his complexion or break half his bones, and say to him, "Why don't you tend to your store instead of becoming a silly old bore? Why does election make your crawfish run wild? What makes your foggy old brain get so riled? Why can't you let the election alone, tend to your cookies, and answer your phone?"—Charles B. Driscoll.

Our Own Travelogues. BROOKLYN — Everybody who lives in Brooklyn either has babies or bronchitis; both are in the air. Brooklyn is a part of New York, but it is farther from Broadway to Smith street than it is from Forty-second street to Port Said. You never realize this till you begin to live in Brooklyn. Brooklyn is a rather quiet village. Fords are allowed in the same streets with automobiles and saloons close on Sundays. Brooklyn has 788 churches and only 45 cabarets.

TREVINO ARRIVES TO COMMAND MEXICANS. CHIHUAHUA, Mex., May 19, via El Paso Junction, May 20.—General Jacinto Trevino, in supreme command of the troops delegated to wipe out the bandit menace of Chihuahua and Coahuila, arrived here today.

General Trevino said that he would be very careful not to occupy towns until after the Americans vacate so as to avoid all possible chance of friction. He has established headquarters here.

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WILSON A WORLD LEADER

IN these days the editorial writers on many of the republican organs are working overtime in penning satirical criticisms of President Wilson's foreign policy.

From the Hearst papers which lead the fight clear down the line to such as the Oregonian, it is one degenerate yawp that Mr. Wilson is a spineless jelly-fish, with little sentiment and devoid of reason, who whiles away his hours munching peanuts while Americans are being murdered in Mexico and on the high seas, without a sense of responsibility or twinge of conscience over his own inefficiency.

It is but fitting that these journals so busily engaged in painting the man chosen by the people to the highest office in their gift as one who has dishonored and is dishonoring and disgracing the flag of our country, should be led by one whom a few years ago they denounced as being the cause of the murder of President McKinley by the same methods they are daily pursuing as to President Wilson.

The fact that these journals are following the lead of one whom they denounced as beyond the pale of decent journalism and an abettor of assassination, ought to prove conclusively that the inspiring cause of their attacks upon the president is something far from patriotism.

A favored method of attack of these debauchers of public opinion is to make invidious comparisons between Mr. Wilson and a strong man in the white house, like Mr. Roosevelt, or a dignified man like Mr. Hughes. Gathering courage from their own audacious falsehoods, they now assert that had a republican occupied the presidency the Lusitania would not have been torpedoed and Belgium would not have been invaded.

Mr. Roosevelt is pictured as sending for the German ambassador, reading the riot act to him, and Von Kluck's army halts at the Belgium boundary.

This is a wonderful cinema of what would never have happened, and it is a wonderful lot of liars that write it up and affect to believe it.

It is sweetly assinine to believe that had Teddy been on the job he had but to say "Stop, kaiser!" and he would stand; "go to, Villa," and he would go to, and no doubt there are pale gray asses in numbers who believe these nicotine vaporings of the political copy-makers.

But there is one point of view that Hearst and his republican disciples in their wild cries for war from their cellar windows have entire forgotten, and that is that this is a republic. Their view seems to be that the United States of America is an oligarchy ruled by a dictator whose chief functions are to protect the Hearst investments in Mexico, and Morgan's munition dealings with Europe.

To them there are no questions of eliminating poverty among our own people, or making life better for the youth of this land, except to fit them for soldiers, against the time they may be useful in looting some weaker nation for the benefit of the financial despots of Wall street.

They prate knowingly and falsely about the president's neglect to break off diplomatic relations with Germany, or his failure to send a large army to Mexico to clean it up. It is possible these penny-liner prevaricators have never heard of the constitution of the United States of America? But then again, one might ask, "What is a constitution between thieves and murderers, or those who seek to profit by a war of aggression, or a war of defense, even though it ended in the nation's defeat?"

But whatever the view of those who find a royal road to wealth through the blood of their countrymen, the people look upon this as a government of law under the constitution. And under the constitution the president cannot declare war, cannot make war, an dif he should do so, should be impeached. The declaration of war must be by congress.

But these legalists say the president could break off diplomatic relations. He could, it is true, but if his doing so would bring us into a war with another country he should never do so, for that would be simply one way of assuming authority and power not granted the president. It would be usurpation on his part, and President Wilson has refrained and refused, as was his duty, to consider it a personal privilege to plunge this nation into war.

The president deserves the highest commendation of the people for his steadfast adherence to the constitution, for the reason that the great, important question before the American people is to maintain this as a government of law, responsible to the people of America.

This is not only important to the American people, but to the world, for the reason that if we once vest our president with the right to make war, then this ceases to be a republic, and when the people of this country admit such authority in the chief executive it will mean that the love of liberty is dying in the hearts of the people—that they have surrendered the ideals of free institutions to their economic lords and masters.

The question is not what a Teddy in the white house would have done to the kaiser, or Villa, or Carranza, but what he would have done with the American people and their constitution. It is not a question of how big a bluff he put up against the Germans, but how much authority he would usurp under the stress of war.

We know that in a time of peace Roosevelt expressly assisted the steel trust in violation of law to gobble up the Tennessee Coal & Iron company, because the gentlemen of the steel trust told him that if they were permitted to grab it they would stop a financial panic. What such a president would do in the face of a worldwide war the gods themselves would not hazard to guess.

Woodrow Wilson has kept the nation out of war, not alone to save the lives of our people, not alone to escape the hardships, burdens and cruelties that war insures even to the victors. He has had a purpose even beyond the avoidance of all that war means, in bloodshed and oppression, in tears and war. His high and noble aim has been to keep alive in America the traditions and principles of a government of the people, as the only hope of the world

to some day become a world without a war—a world of nations of free people. His purpose has been to keep this nation out of the maelstrom, that it may to the sorely tried peoples of Europe be a beacon light of hope that may yet point the way for them out of the darkness of aristocratic and military government and hasten the dethronement of all kings, czars and emperors.

Woodrow Wilson knows and understands that the entry of this country into the war means that the example of this republic for a hundred years would be sullied in the eyes of the world. We would be drawn down to the level of the military oligarchies of Europe for having embarked on a military embroilment.

The end of the war would leave a fear of reprisal that would compel us to become a military nation. But remaining at peace with all, enduring sacrifices, perhaps, our very patience will in the final end bring the warring nations to us as the counsellor and friend of all, the enemy of none. In that hour the role that America will assume will be sublimer and nobler by far than the part that any victor ever knew.

We have fed the starving of all their bleeding nations. Our men and women have healed and nursed the soldiers of all the stricken countries. So when the hour comes, that the leaders grow weary of sending their all too docile citizens to stay and be slain, when imperial pride is strangled with human blood, the eyes of the valiant millions will turn to America as the hope of the world—as a government where men cannot be driven to the shambles of war—as a land where men at last are free. And Woodrow Wilson in these days will be hailed as the leader of the world—as one who saved the cause of human liberty from destruction.

Medynski's Views on Railroad Bonding

As many of the conservative people of Medford who are opposed to the bonding of the city of Medford for a railroad to the Blue Ledge, have asked me to give my views on this question, I herewith append some of the principal reasons why I also oppose this bonding measure.

1. The Pacific & Eastern railroad as it now stands cost over \$40,000 per mile; and a conservative estimation of the cost of this projected railroad would be at least \$20,000 per mile. Now as the Blue Ledge railroad survey is forty miles, it would mean \$800,000 to complete the railroad to the mine. Three hundred thousand dollars would not reach half way.

2. If it would be profitable to operate the Blue Ledge and other mines adjacent thereto why should not the owners be willing to put up an equal amount with Medford?

3. If it is the intention of the road to go to the coast, why should not the whole of the Rogue river valley contribute to this project? As Medford is not a manufacturing town she has nothing to ship, the surrounding country will be the shipper, hence why should they not contribute towards the expense of the construction of a railroad?

4. The present proposition is very indefinite for the this reason. There is no positive assurance that the mines will operate permanently even if a branch line was run to it.

It has been inferred that the Hill company or the Great Northern is back of this project. I can say positively they are not.

I would like to see a railroad from Medford to the coast, and if Medford should contribute \$300,000 it is only prudence and good business that she should be safeguarded in every way. There are but few people who realize what it means for Medford to give away \$300,000.00. To bond for this amount at 6 percent interest for 20 years means \$15,000

per year interest and \$15,000 per year sinking fund, a yearly total of \$32,000 to be paid thru taxation. Our present assessed valuation is \$4,104,127 at these figures this would increase our present taxes a little over 8 mills per year. Do we want to put this extra burden on the people without a guarantee of sufficient returns to warrant the investment? No individual with good business judgment dabbles in uncertain speculation, neither should a city.

What assurance have we that this railroad if constructed will not in a short time fall into the hands of the Southern Pacific and become a feeder for them? Should this take place, they would never permit it to go to the coast, for the simple reason that it would rob their present trunk line of thru freightage.

The Pacific and Eastern railroad does not pay interest on its bonds, how can you expect this projected road to do it? Remember this, "the Pacific and Eastern road extends into a vast timber belt, with ample tonnage to keep that railroad busy for the next fifty years, yet our local consumption of lumber and fruit boxes is being shipped in from the Willamette valley and other much more remote points, while our local timber is begging development. Can you tell me why? Here is your answer, the "Lumber Trust."

The "Copper Trust" can also, if they wish, prevent the operation of the Blue Ledge. This is one of the vital reasons for Medford to have positive assurance before saddling herself with more burdens.

If the mine owners in the Blue Ledge district desire to operate their mines, and it will pay them to do so, it is really up to them to make the first start to build a railroad, for they are most directly interested and would derive the most benefit.

Should they do this I have no doubt but what Medford would then be willing to assist.

F. MEDYSKI.

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