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EM-TEES

(Thomas R. Yabara in New York Times.)

(Salem, Oregon, has requested Salem, Massachusetts, to change its name, in order to avoid confusion. —News Item.)

Dear Paris, France;
Please change your name
And cease our town to vex,
We're young, you know,
You're old and slow.
Yours truly,
Paris, Tex."

"Rome, Italy,
Most Honored Sir;
The Modern Rome am I,
So kindly drop
Your name, old top.
Yours truly,
Rome, N. Y."

"Dear London Town:
Though you may be
The hub of the Entente,
You're not the peer
Of us out here.
Forget it!
London, Ont."

Etcetera. Soon we may hear:
"Dear Pa:
Your race is run,
I will no more
Sign 'Junior,'
So kindly croak.
Your Son."

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So Near and Yet So Far.

"What are you cooking, Mamma?" asked 4-year old Margaret.

"Cauliflower, dear," answered her mother.

A few minutes later Margaret saw her father approaching and, running to him, said, "Papa, what do you fink we are going to have for supper?"

"I don't know; what is it?"

"Why, er, caterpillar!"

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No Novelty.

Teacher—Why were you not at school yesterday?

Tommy—It was my birthday.

Teacher—But I don't stay home from school on my birthday.

Tommy—Well, I guess you've got used to 'em.

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An Old Friend.

Two acquaintances, having cultivated the acquaintance of their neighbor across the aisle in the Pullman, because he was in uniform, asked him if he was a lieutenant in the navy like their papa.

"Chaplain," the stranger answered.

"Oh, hello, Charlie!" they cried delightedly.

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His Wish.

Willie—Would you be satisfied if you had all the money you wanted?

Gillis—I'd be satisfied if I had all the money my creditors wanted.

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Often True.

"Father, what is the difference between a genius and a celebrity?"

"A hair cut and a shave usually, my son."

AHRENS WILL MOVE GOODS TO ASTORIA

When the doors of M. M. Ahrens' ladies' ready-to-wear store closed Saturday night, they closed forever so far as the public is concerned. The goods will be packed at once and sent to Astoria where Mr. Ahrens will open a store March 1, with greatly enlarged stocks.

Mr. Ahrens is a wide-awake progressive merchant, has always carried up-to-date stocks, and by his reliable methods built his business up from a small beginning to one of the leading stores. He has been in business here almost seven years and was in the same business at Seattle eight years prior to this. He likes Medford very much and regrets leaving but does so believing it is for his best interests. Mr. Ahrens figures that advertising is an important part of any business, has been a liberal user of space and his ads are up-to-date.

Mr. and Mrs. Ahrens and children will be missed in church and social as well as in business circles and their many friends wish them all the success possible.

INEQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION

JACKSON COUNTY is being outrageously discriminated against in the distribution of receipts from the national forests. Money earned by the forests in Jackson county is being spent in Lane and other counties.

National forests work a hardship upon the county, as they withdraw land from entry and taxation. When to this is added discrimination, as suffered by Jackson county, the load becomes a grievous one.

On the 13th day of March, 1908, it was enacted by congress "that hereafter twenty-five per centum of all money received from each forest reserve during any fiscal year, including the year ending June 30, 1908, shall be paid at the end thereof by the secretary of the treasury to the state or territory in which such reserve is situated, to be expended as the state of territorial legislature may prescribe, for the benefit of the public schools and public roads of the county or counties in which the forest reserve is situated. Provided, that when any forest reserve is situated in more than one state or territory or county, the reserves earned nothing, the latter would appropriate serve shall be proportional to its area therein."

The distribution in Oregon, instead of being in the counties in which the reserves were located that earned the money, has been made by a law of the 1907 legislature, which provided a distribution according to the "proportion to the total of said sums as to the area of forest reserves in said county bear to the total area of forest reserves in the state." Thus if Jackson county reserves earned a large sum and some county having larger area of reserves that earned nothing, the latter would appropriate the earnings of Jackson county reserves.

How this has worked out to the injury of Jackson county is shown by the following table of overpayments and underpayments to each county for the years 1910 to 1915, inclusive, of the 20 per cent share of the receipts from the national forests within the state. Also the amount due each county in the state for the year 1916, according to the federal act of 1908. The years 1908 and 1909 are not figured in, as the figures for those years were not available at the present time:

County	Overpaid	Underpaid	Due or 1916
Baker		$13,532.04	$ 6,189.46
Benton	21.56		
Crook	13,014.50		1,651.52
Clackamas	4,833.52		562.08
Coos	2,461.52		148.26
Curry	9,566.15		1,096.43
Douglas	10,431.56		6,644.84
Grant		39,174.88	14,835.99
Harney		76.81	2,001.89
Hood River	2,134.09		187.36
Jackson		19,526.16	10,410.17
Josephine	8,596.75		1,861.50
Jefferson	372.80		63.78
Klamath		6,335.86	10,625.27
Lane	20,531.35		827.97
Linn	4,460.69		2,941.82
Lake	1,703.99		2,803.18
Lincoln	3,038.90		56.60
Marion	1,801.49		681.48
Multnomah	624.90		66.13
Morrow		140.90	470.85
Malheur	3.21		
Polk	176.12		
Tillamook	1,577.25		28.50
Umatilla		935.85	1,440.22
Union		8,874.54	4,418.45
Wheeler	287.02		616.62
Wasco	1,513.72		220.42
Wallowa		8,230.25	7,086.13
Yamhill	482.39		10.28
Total	$87,843.48	$87,824.48	$77,029.23

A bill to readjust the distribution of the fund, as planned by congress, so that the receipts will go to the county in which the national forests are located, was introduced in the senate (S. B. 147) by Senator Strayer and passed Friday. It provides, as amended, that 25 per cent go to the school fund and 75 per cent to the road fund, and restitution be made to the counties discriminated against by future distributions.

The measure should receive the unanimous support of the Jackson county delegation and rushed through before adjournment.

NEW YORK MILITIA ON GUARD DUTY

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Precautions taken by state and municipal authorities in the face of the international crisis were directed today mainly toward transportation lines and munitions centers and public building and utilities.

About 3000 men of the national guard are under arms. This force is aided in guard duty by several thousand municipal policemen, railroad detectives and special officers employed by the public service commission.

In the city special vigilance is exercised at the two great bridges which span the East river above and below the government navy yard in Brooklyn. Small cannon and machine guns are posted between the bridge piers on both sides of the river.

KLAMATH RANCH SOLD TO NEVADA RANCHER

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Feb. 5.—The Robert A. Emmett ranch of 601 acres on the Keno road, five miles south of this city, has been sold to Dr. E. H. Hawkins of Gardnerville, Nev. The ranch is considered one of the best in Klamath county, being level, fertile, irrigated by a private water supply and well drained.

Dr. Hawkins is a physician and farmer of experience and means. His hobby is thoroughbred livestock, and nothing will be raised on his Klamath property but pure-bred animals. Dr. Hawkins will raise Holstein cattle and Poland China hogs.

FRANCE APPROVES PRESIDENT'S COURSE

PARIS, Feb. 5.—"President Wilson has accepted Germany's challenge," says George Leygues, president of the foreign affairs committee of the chamber of deputies, in a statement given out here for publication.

"The near future will show us what will be the economic and military consequences, but the mere fact that the greatest and most pacific of neutral peoples declares before the world that concern for its dignity and security obliges it to break with Germany is most important. It is probable other peoples will answer the moving appeal of Mr. Wilson and rally beside the United States to impose on the central empires respect for their rights and for the elementary laws of humanity."

These words of M. Leygues represent in a nutshell the best opinion in France as expressed by responsible entities and by newspapers.

ILLINOIS NAVAL RESERVE TO BE RUSHED EAST

QUINCY, Ill., Feb. 5.—Orders have been received here by officers of the local division, Illinois naval reserve, to equip its entire gun equipment to the east.

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AMERICAN LINER DULY WARNED BEFORE SINKING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The American steamer Housatonic was given full warning by the German submarine before being sunk and opportunity was given for the safety of the crew. A dispatch received at the state department today from American Consul Stephens at Plymouth, England, announced this. No further details were given. It is not known how the information reached the consul unless perhaps the British ship which rescued the crew put into his district.

If the report is borne out it will remove the one immediate overt act which seemed to render actual hostilities between this country and Germany inevitable on the basis of President Wilson's address to congress.

Consul Stephens' dispatch later made public reads:

"American steamer Housatonic loaded with a cargo of wheat for the British government, torpedoed by German submarine 12:30 February 3. Vessel warned and total crew of 37 rescued by submarine and towed for ninety minutes towards land. Submarine fired signal to British patrol boat which subsequently landed crew at Penzance."

KAISER CONFERS WITH BULGARIAN MONARCH

LONDON, Feb. 5.—The German emperor, according to a Reuter's dispatch from Amsterdam, left Berlin with a large suite and visited the Bulgarian king at Poesfyn, where the Bulgarian monarch is undergoing medical treatment. The two rulers conferred privately for several hours and the German emperor returned to headquarters Sunday evening.

JACKSONVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bowen left for Livingston, Mont., Friday morning, where they will make their future home.

Mrs. A. L. Gall spent a few days with Jacksonville friends the first of the week.

Dr. W. L. Cameron of Uniontown has been in town on professional business several times this week.

John S. Orth was a caller from Medford Monday.

Mrs. John Dugan is visiting her mother, Mrs. Nancy Keegan.

Mrs. C. L. Hansen came over from Medford Wednesday to attend the Twice Five club, which met at the home of Mrs. F. L. Ton Velle this week.

The reception given by Ruth Rebekah lodge No. 4 last Monday evening proved a very enjoyable affair. An excellent program was rendered, after which the guests repaired to the banquet room, where supper was served. The remainder of the evening was given over to dancing and cards.

The box social given by the Epworth league last Saturday evening proved a success in every way and netted the league a neat sum.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nunan entertained the Fortnightly Bridge club at their country home east of Jacksonville, Wednesday evening. Cards were indulged in until a late hour, when a delicious luncheon was served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Guy Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ulrich, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ager, Mrs. A. I. Eckelson and Blaine Klum of Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Vogt and children, Misses Dorothy, Elizabeth and Cordelia Reuter and Dr. John Reuter arrived from The Dalles Monday morning to attend the funeral of their mother, the late Mrs. Christina Reuter.

Alfred Norris entertained with five tables of cards Thursday evening at the home of his mother, Mrs. Martha Norris, prior to her departure for California. Five-hundred was enjoyed until a late hour, when delicious refreshments were served. Mr. Norris' guests included Misses Lola Williams, Flora Thompson, Mary Bagshaw, Gretchen Pohl, Louise Enscle, Jessie Thatcher, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wysong, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kuhn, Mr. and Mrs. Rice Chapman, Charles Mitchell, Louis Baker, Dave Cronemiller, Dan Bagshaw, Louis Thompson, Joe Norris and Floyd Nunear.

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BRITISH ARMIES SIGH RELIEF AT NEWS OF BREAK

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Feb. 5. (From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press.)—Only the briefest possible announcement of the break between the United States and Germany was contained in the wireless news bulletin distributed to the British armies today, and even this came late in the afternoon. It will be another day before the full import of the news percolates through the vast army organization and its effect is noted.

Officers who heard the meager announcement late today were eager for details. President Wilson's action, it can be definitely stated, did not come as a surprise, but nevertheless there was a feeling of relief that the tension was ended and that America was morally, if not physically, ranged against Germany. Comments of satisfaction were generally heard.

The British officers believe that even if the United States joins the ranks of the belligerents it is not expected that American troops could possibly be sent to Europe before the end of the war, which is confidently expected to come this year.

The psychologic effect on Germany of being cut off from her last big friend among the nations is the principal consideration of the British military observers, who are convinced that this moral effect will be very great.

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LET'S WAKE UP

Our town should wake up to the fact that some one else is occupying the seat that really belongs to us. This intruder represents out-of-town houses that take away business that should go to our own merchants. When will our town wake up? As long as we remain asleep the intruder will keep his place. Only when we decide on the policy of co-operation are we fully awake. We have seen the havoc and ruin of neglecting home interests. Now is the time for co-operation.

"If you buy out of town and I buy out of town and all of our neighbors buy out of town, what in thunder will become of our town?"