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HILL ENCOURAGES STRAHORN LINES SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern railroad, said here today that although his road does not connect directly with one now being advocated for eastern Oregon by R. E. Strahorn of Portland and Spokane, the Hill interests would encourage this development.

Strahorn's lines, centering at Bend, Ore., would connect the vast eastern Oregon country with markets north, south or east, and afford development to a tremendous territory. "We will encourage and by no means oppose Strahorn," Mr. Hill said. "In fact, I should like to see him fill the gap."

EARL FRUIT COMPANY ANNOUNCES ITS POLICY The purpose of the Earl Fruit company of the Northwest is to offer growers of northwest fruit a complete marketing machine that will insure the highest possible price for the product at the least expense.

COOLEY FOREMAN OF NEW GRAND JURY J. H. Cooley of Medford is foreman of the new grand jury which was drawn this morning and which is expected to end its hearing tonight or tomorrow morning.

DIED TOLSON—Mrs. Mary A. Tolson died February 26 at her home at Central Point aged 61 years. 2 months. She had been a resident of this section for the past 5 years. She leaves only her husband, Thomas J. Tolson. The funeral will be held at the Christian church, Central Point, Tuesday, February 27 at 2:30 p. m. Interment will be in Central Point cemetery.

TEDRICK—Harold Leroy Tedrick, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence C. Tedrick of Colver Butte, died at the family home February 25th, aged 2 months and 2 days. The funeral services will be held at Perle's chapel February 27 at 10 a. m. Interment will be in I. O. O. F. cemetery.

LANGFORD—Gullford J. Langford an attorney of Tacoma, Wash., died at Ashland Sunday night, aged 55 years. He has spent the time since last summer at Ashland, having come to Southern Oregon for his health. The remains will be shipped to Puyallup, Wash., for interment early in the present week. He leaves a wife and daughter, both of whom were at Ashland during his illness. He deceased was a member of the Masonic, Woodmen and Moose orders.

LUNACY PROCEEDINGS FOR HARRY THAW PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26.—Lunacy proceedings were begun in common pleas court here today to determine the sanity of Harry K. Thaw.

W. H. Yeo of Talent spent Monday in the city transacting business.

"ARMED NEUTRALITY."

THE president's speech to congress asking authority to use the forces of the United States to protect American rights and establish a policy of "armed neutrality," is not, in any sense, a declaration of war nor an act of war. It is preparation for warlike acts by other nations—but brings the nation closer to actual war.

In taking this course, President Wilson is following in the footsteps of Washington and Adams in the Napoleonic wars. In 1796 France was committing depredations against American and neutral commerce in an effort to strike at Great Britain, a course Germany is now pursuing. American ships were sunk, American lives lost, and Americans captured on belligerent ships treated as pirates.

In 1798 the French directorate decreed the seizure of all vessels loaded with goods coming from an enemy's port, no matter to whom consigned. The United States broke off diplomatic relations with France and congress authorized American warships to capture French vessels guilty of depredations. Actual naval engagements were fought, but no declaration of war was made, and within a year, France yielded to the American contention.

There was a demand then, as now, for war, and rapid preparation for war ensued, as is now in progress. Congress was asked by President Adams for broad authority to protect American commerce and put the United States in position to wage war, if necessary.

On July 7, 1798, President Adams approved an act reciting that since treaties repeatedly had been violated by France, just claims for reparation refused and a system of "predatory violence" had been pursued by the French government, the United States were "of right freed and exonerated from the stipulations of the treaties," and that these compacts should not henceforth be regarded as legally obligatory on the government or citizens of the United States.

The army was increased and George Washington accepted the chief command, but though an "actual maritime war" was really waged, that was as far as it went. France, after many years, agreed to pay 25,000,000 francs to satisfy American claims for depredations on American commerce.

The acts of congress in 1798 were in the aggregate somewhat like the bill introduced in the senate by Senator Fall. The president then was authorized to instruct and direct commanders of United States war vessels to seize and bring into any part of the United States any armed vessel found hovering on the coasts of the United States and committing depredations on American ships. They also were instructed to retake any captured American ship. Another act authorized merchant ships to be armed and to take the same steps against foreign war vessels. Communication with France was forbidden and French vessels were prohibited from entering the ports of the United States.

While the president asks authority to make it lawful to employ land and naval forces to enforce "any or all obligations imposed by the United States by the law of nations, by treaties or conventions to which the United States is a party or by the statutes of the United States," and while reprisals at sea will probably follow German attacks upon American ships, there is still a possibility that war may not be declared, as it was not declared under Washington and Adams.

POTATO COMBINE IN WASHINGTON WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—It is estimated that there are between 125 and 150 carloads of potatoes in storage here, and less than 100 cars in the entire Yakima valley, California and Chicago speculators who were never before on this market are holding approximately 100 carloads of Puget Sound potatoes. It is not believed there are more than twenty cars of Yakima potatoes on this side of the mountains. Bid prices for gems run from \$70 to \$75 with selling prices at \$80 to \$85, and a majority of the regular jobbing houses are buying short, content to have enough to fill current orders without attempting to anticipate the future. Puget Sound potatoes are selling at \$75, with quotations to jobbers of \$60 to \$65. Brokers who endeavored today to buy some of these potatoes in storage met with flat refusal by holders to quote. Predictions of \$100 to \$125 per ton for Yakima gems are heard.

SEIZE ALL FOOD IN STORAGE PLAN OF TROY MAYOR TROY, N. Y., Feb. 26.—Mayor Burns, president of the mayor's conference of New York state tonight announced he would solve the food problem in part by seizing all supplies held in cold storage for the purpose of creating oppressive values, and put them on the market for sale at reasonable prices. The mayor also declared there should be legislation fixing a maximum and minimum price for the necessities of life.

Wellborn Beeson of Talent was a Medford visitor Monday.

CHILD HARPIST CALLED "LITTEST PATR'OT"



CLAUDIA RICE Claudia is called the "litteest patriot" because she begins all her concerts playing the Star Spangled Banner. She lives in Syracuse, N. Y., and has been showing her ability at the harp in all large cities of the country.

LIBERTY DUE TO WILLINGNESS TO FIGHT FOR IT If This World Had All Been Peace-At-Any-Prices, We Would All Be Slaves Today, Every One of Us—The Issue Today Is Liberty and Democracy Against Autocracy.

By CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—After all, brethren, America—that doesn't mean just a chance to pile up money and gamble in stocks and get automobiles and go to tea parties and gamble and idle and grow fat and so on, does it?

At least, that isn't what it has meant heretofore in the world's affairs. Some of us seem to have forgotten our American history and to need a shut or two at the records to get our bearings and remember what it is to be an American.

With all our supposed devotion to the dollar hunt and so on, this country has always had more idealism than any other on earth, and that is not boasting, but merely fact. Liberty Fought For.

It began with an utterance of the inherent rights of man that was far and away the finest word ever said on that subject. It made its faith into deeds at the price of sorrow and blood. It was the inspiration and parent of the French revolution, the greatest boon to mankind in all modern times.

It inspired and helped along principles that drove Spain out of the western continent and launched the South American republics. It helped Greece to win her independence from Turkey. It has always been on the side of every people struggling to be free.

It is the only country that ever carried on a large altruistic enterprise like the government of the Philippines. It is the only country that has ever returned as excessive a part of a national indebtedness. It is the only country that has ever acted upon principles of abstract justice when dealing with a conquered foe.

It has things to its credit and things to its debit, like other nations; but through all it has kept in sight an ideal. Ideal is Democracy.

This ideal is democracy, liberty, good will, decency and peace. We are now coming to a time when we shall be put to a test about this faith that is in us.

For almost three years we have looked with horror and pity upon Europe, bleeding under a war brought upon it by surviving autoeraury.

OH! MY BACK!

The Expression of Many a Kidney Sufferer in Medford. A stubborn headache is cause to suspect kidney trouble. When the kidneys are inflamed and swollen, stooping brings a sharp twinge in the small of the back, that almost takes the breath away.

Doan's Kidney Pills relieve aching backs. Here's Medford proof: A. P. Stephenson, retired painter and paper hanger, 108 cottage street, Medford, says: "Several years ago I was down and perfectly helpless for several days with lamboago. I could not turn over in bed or do anything. I thought my back was broken. Sharp, shooting pains in it, like a knife sticking me, took my breath away. My kidneys acted too freely and I had to get up at night five or six times to pass the kidney secretions. I had no ambition to do anything. I couldn't eat and nothing tasted good. I tried different medicines without results until I started taking Doan's Kidney Pills. After finishing about three boxes, I was able to go to work and get around as well as ever. They fixed me up in fine shape."

Price 50c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Stephenson had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

FEED THE BIRDS KEEP THEM ALIVE

The blanket of snow over the valley has shut off the normal supply of food for song and game birds, and as a result a great many will starve to death. The birds are an asset in that they include in their bill of fare all insects and weed seeds, and further, they contribute to the beauty and charm of every community.

All lovers of birds and others, from a humane standpoint, should feed the birds until the snow is off the ground. Any scraps from the kitchen are most appetizing, and in addition we may include all grains and seeds, cut apples, etc. Throw it out on the snow and protect from the house cat. Get the children interested—they particularly enjoy and benefit from this form of applied nature study.

Sportsmen and farmers are requested to feed the quail and pheasants on the deep snow in the hills has entirely cut off their supply of food.

Frank Owen, the timberman, is seriously ill at his home on Siskiyon Heights.

GIM CHUNG China Herb Store

Herb cure for carache, headache, catarrh, diphtheria, sore throat, lung trouble, kidney trouble, stomach trouble, heart trouble, chills and fever, cramps, coughs, poor circulation, carbuncles, tumors, caked breast, cures all kinds of colic. NO OPERATION.

Medford, Oregon, Jan. 18, 1917 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, had very severe stomach trouble and had been bothered for several years and last August was not expected to live, and hearing of Gim Chung (whose Herb Store is at 241 South Front street in Medford) I decided to get herbs for my stomach trouble, and I started to feeling better as soon as I used them, and today am a well man and can heartily recommend anyone afflicted as I was to see Gim Chung and try his Herbs. (Signed) W. R. JOHNSON, Witness:

M. A. Anderson, Medford. S. B. Holmes, Eagle Point. Frank Lewis, Eagle Point. Wm. Lewis, Eagle Point. W. L. Childreth, Eagle Point. C. E. Moore, Eagle Point. J. V. McIntyre, Eagle Point. Geo. B. Von der Hellen, Eagle Point. Thos. E. Nichols, Eagle Point. John S. Orth, Medford.

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