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AFTER TWO YEARS

Only two years ago, now, the United States declared war on Germany. The anniversary, April 6th, causes certain reflections. Because we were unprepared for war, we were slow to take an active part in the campaign in France, and for that reason it was for a time nip and tuck whether the allies would be decisively defeated before our troops lined up at their side.

That period of two years naturally suggests contrast between now and then. In April, 1917, ruthless submarine war was at its worst, the specter of famine hung over the British people in particular, and they made superhuman efforts to increase their home production of food. The British and French began their concerted offensive in Flanders and on the Aisne, with limited success in the former, failure in the latter, quarter, and there was danger that defeatism would destroy the martial spirit of France.

In nineteen months we increased our army to more than 3,500,000 men, had provided for indefinite further increase, and had sent over 2,000,000 men to Europe, we had increased the fighting craft of the navy 50 per cent, we had begun to show our power in the air, and had begun to produce munitions in quantity. Our troops had beaten the enemy in every encounter, and had driven him from the natural fortress of the Argonne, from which the French in three years had vainly striven to dislodge him, and the submarine was beaten and penned in by the great mine barrage across the North Sea.

Germany had become a republic, the kaiser a fugitive, and terms reducing the empire to military impotence had been accepted, after all three of Germany's confederates had surrendered in little more than a month. Austria had fallen apart and become a group of republics. Bolshevik Russia alone remained in arms against the allies.

During the five months which have since elapsed much of the power then possessed by the allies has been lost through the delays of the diplomats and the discord which caused them. At the same time Germany has recovered in some degree from the first abasement of defeat, and is using bolshevism to save much from the wreck which militarism wrought.

That plague seized Hungary and Bavaria, constantly breaks out anew in Germany, and may extend westward unless checked by peace and food. All of this goes to show that, if the fruits of victory are to be reaped, they must be plucked when they are ripe, for delay may change them into Dead Sea fruit. There may be a race between the peace confer-

ence and bolshevism to determine whether they shall be reaped at all.

THE IDAHO BUSINESS PROGRAM

The state government of Idaho has been put on a business basis by abolishing a vast horde of boards, commissions and functionaries, all more or less political in character.

The Idaho idea is sound in principle because it makes the chief executive of the state responsible to the people for the injection of business into the state's public affairs.

The governor and the party that elected him to office will rise or fall when they stand before the people with the results and record of the showing they make in handling the state business.

That issue cannot be evaded, and there can be no blaming irresponsible boards and commissions composed of persons not chosen by the people, and not responsible to any political party.

In time the cabinet system will be improved by reducing the number of commissioners, and in the end about three competent members will form a good working county or state government.

The commission or cabinet form, with direct executive powers located in a few individuals, who cannot evade responsibility, will also take the place of present cumbersome city councils.

Burlison's order raising telegraph rates 20 per cent will add a burden of \$16,000,000 a year to the users of the wires. President Mackay of the Postal company, who is a responsible man, makes a public statement that his company, if Burlison relinquishes control, will restore the old rates at once.

When you give public business into the hands of honest, well trained business men, you may depend on getting results. For example, note the speed the highway commission has made with contracts, and compare it with what you could reasonably expect if the work were in charge of, say, a board of United States engineers.—Telegram.

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PERSONAL MENTION

LITTLE SIDELIGHTS ON LOCAL HAPPENINGS AMONG THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY AND VICINITY GOINGS AND COMINGS OF LOCAL FOLKS

Mrs. E. L. Hesley has gone to San Francisco for a short visit.

J. P. King and V. P. King are recent arrivals from Portland.

R. E. Smith was a passenger on the train this morning for Seattle.

Dudley Cain is a Klamath Falls business visitor from the Midland district.

R. D. Carter and W. D. Morris are in the city for a short time from Portland.

L. P. Johnson is registered at the Hotel Hill today from Stockton, California.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Burr left today for Portland after a visit with Klamath Falls friends.

H. Hinds was among the tragic arrivals last night from San Francisco. He is a guest at the White Pelican Hotel.

A. Kalina, who operates a mercantile establishment at Malibu in the county seat looking after business interests.

E. F. Kesterson, a lumberman from the Worden district is in the County seat today looking after business interests.

N. D. Ginsbach, a saw mill operator on the Klamath Reservation is in the city for a few days on matters of business.

E. D. Briggs came in on the train last evening on matters of business from Ashland. He is stopping at the Hotel Hill.

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