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THIS COUNTRY WANTS NO MILITARY PARTY

Naturally the Oregonian attempts to make a political issue out of the Lusitania affair. It is not honest enough politically to say what it knows to be true—that the United States can do little except to protest against the killing of our people, unless we wish to plunge into war, and we doubt very much if the Oregonian would advise that course. The president undoubtedly knows that he will be criticised in anything that he does by the ultra-partisan papers of the Oregonian stripe, just as Washington, Lincoln and other national leaders were in the periods of great stress and responsibility through which they passed, and it will not cause him to swerve from his course, or alter his sense of duty. The people of America will very largely follow the lead of the president because he is thinking and acting calmly and setting an excellent example for all who have the best interests of the nation at heart.

The Oregonian takes the opportunity to plead for a larger army and navy—a big military establishment patterned after those of the European nations now engaged in deadly strife, and probably the most direct cause of the war. It fails, however, to show how this so-called "preparedness" would in the least benefit the United States in the present crisis. What could our battleships do to Germany but provide targets for the torpedoes of her submarines, just as England's do? Where would our great army, if we had one, strike a blow which would be effective at any European nation? As for defense, if we are forced into war we have the men, who would be the best soldiers in the world in thirty days, the factories for turning out the arms and munitions of war, and the resources to feed and clothe our armies indefinitely.

The United States should not be ambitious to base its greatness upon a military establishment which would burden our people with taxation and possibly at some future time be used to subvert the true aim of popular government and circumscribe the liberties of the people. Its real greatness in population and resources, its geographical position, surrounded by great bodies of water on three sides, make its defensive position impregnable against aggression and remove all doubt as to the outcome of a war in which our cause is just in the minds of an intelligent citizenry—and in no unrighteous war will this nation ever be engaged; at least so long as we are sensible enough as a people to curb the advocates of militarism, and keep our army and navy within the proper bounds of strength and effectiveness.

A MAN THEY CALL CRAZY

Harry Clarke Coe, Jr., who sickened of Boston society and transferred his activities from the Beacon street salon and Brookline whist tables to a machinist's job in Alaska—is crazy, according to his relatives and friends.

Coe's father declares that the young man's place is in a sanitarium. He is quoted as saying among other things that his son drew only \$200 of the \$600 he had in the bank, leaving the rest for his wife. "We knew of that," says the father, "as soon as he disappeared, and thought it one evidence of a disordered mind."

It may be considered an evidence of aberration to divide with the wife, taking the short end of the purse, just as it is almost inconceivable that a person of young Coe's upbringing should be willing to slip on overalls and work with tools at \$150 a month. But, of course, there may be mitigating circumstances. Let him have the benefit of any doubt.

The senior Coe magnanimously says that he will not force his son to return. It's a safe guess that he won't. A young man who has pluck and resourcefulness enough to get to Alaska on \$200, walking 400 miles of the way, annex to job and begin a productive career is not likely to be "forced" to do anything.

If this is craziness, the pity is that there is not more of it.

A Billy Sundae is becoming very popular in Eastern refreshment parlors. An exchange describes it as containing a dash of all the common flavors with an extra amount of fizz and sizzle.

Lead is one of the first metals that would naturally be associated with an increased consumption in time of war, and yet the exports of lead from the United States to Europe since the war began have not increased in proportion to the increase in exports of zinc and some other metals, and the price of lead instead of being enhanced by the war actually slumped on October to the lowest point reached in the last 15 years. These and other facts are graphically presented in the advance statement of the production of lead in the United States in 1914, just issued by the United States Geological Survey. The total production of refined lead from both domestic and foreign ores was 542,122 short tons compared with 462,460 tons in 1913. The production of refined lead from domestic ores was 512,794 tons, an increase of 100,916 tons over the record figures reached in 1913. This increase was due chiefly to gains in Missouri, about 42,000 tons; in Idaho, 40,000 tons; and in Utah, 18,000 tons. Owing to the civil war in Mexico the imports of Mexican ore for the last few years have been much smaller than heretofore, and there was not enough foreign lead in the United States to supply the demand. Lead was consistently higher in London in 1914 than in New York, and this, together with the scarcity of Mexican lead, caused the large exports of domestic lead.

Beginning Saturday next the Capital Journal will publish a new serial story—"The Master Mind," by Marvin Dean author of "Within the Law." It is a strong high class novel, which will hold the attention of readers to the last, and the opening chapters should not be missed. A full page instalment will be published each Saturday.

President Farrell of the steel trust says prosperity is coming fast—and he ought to know, because whenever there is any prosperity lying around loose the steel trust manages to gobble up a large part of it.

Former President Taft evidently meant it when he said that he was out of politics. He talks like a statesman and a patriot now.

TAFT SAYS DELAY WILL HARM NO ONE

Calm Deliberation, Says Ex-President, Cannot Minimize Effect of Decision by President.

Philadelphia, May 13.—Ex-President Taft urged patience and calmness in the present international situation, and called on the citizens of the country to stand by President Wilson, in an address at the Union League here last night. Referring to the sinking of the Lusitania, Professor Taft said: "The inhumanity of the circumstances in the case presses us to act, but in the heat of even just indignation is not the best time to act, when action involves such momentous consequences and means untold loss of life and treasure."

"There are things worse than war," Mr. Taft declared, "but delay, due to calm deliberation, cannot change the situation or minimize the effect of what we finally conclude to do. With the present condition of the war in Europe our action, if it is to be effective, will not lose efficiency by giving time to people whose war it will be to know what they are facing."

"A demand for war that cannot survive the passion of the first days of public indignation and will not endure the test of delay and deliberation by all the people is not one that should be yielded to."

The president, he said, was acting

like Washington, Lincoln and McKinley in trying to avoid war. In the present situation it was imperative that he should know the opinion of the country without regard to prejudice.

"The task of the president is a heavy one," continued Mr. Taft. "He is acting for the whole country. He is anxious to find a way out of the present difficulty without war."

"Before party, before ourselves, we are for our country. That is what he is working for. Shall we not stand by him in it? He will not surrender our country's right. It may be necessary that for 100 lives and the method of their taking we should lose thousands and hundreds of thousands of lives. The national honor and interests may ultimately demand it, but time for serious thought and clearly weighing the consequences will not prejudice the justice of our cause or the opportunity to vindicate it, and this the president may be counted on to secure."

"It is the people's cause, not his alone, and he does well, when quick action is of no critical importance, to allow excitement and to await the regular and studied action of the people's representatives."

At the conclusion of his address Mr. Taft proposed a toast to "The President of the United States." This was drunk standing and amid a great outburst of enthusiasm.

Most children are reasonably truthful, but they instinctively apply the rule of safety first.

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STATE NEWS

Eugene Register:—Chester Moores, automobile editor of the Oregonian; Dean Collins, editor of the "Crawfish," an Oregonian feature, and special writer for that paper; Herbert Campbell, desk man, and E. N. Blythe, northwest editor of the Oregonian, all graduates of the University, are expected to be initiated into the Sigma Delta Chi, a newspaper men's fraternity. Ralph Moores, of Salem, a former student at the University; George Palmer Putnam, secretary to Governor Withycombe, and W. A. Dill, editor of the Springfield News, will also be initiated at that time.

Pendleton East Oregonian: Owing to the fact that it is getting too late in the spring to find many coyote litters, the scalps brought in for bounty are growing fewer every day. For several weeks a great many young coyotes were found in holes but now most of those pups which escaped detection are old enough to leave their holes. Today Frank Michaels, Jr., of Pilot Rock, brought in two scalps, and Joseph Kopp, of Nye, John Peters, of Pendleton, and Henry Bourg, of Pilot Rock, one each.

Eugene Register: Irving Mathews, a Portland man who owns a deposit of mineral paint at Falls City, Polk county, has approached the factory committee of the Commercial club, asking for assistance in establishing a factory here for the manufacture of paint. The committee gave him little encouragement on account of the distance from the deposits to Eugene and on account of other obstacles. Mathews asked the people of Eugene to give him \$2,500 toward re-establishing the plant here.

La Grande Observer: Addition to the roundhouse and shops of the O.W. in La Grande will be welcomed to get along with the old depot. La Grande is equal to the emergency, and instead of becoming critical, the city will add its approval to the decision of the company.

Sherwood Journal: S. C. Killen of the Hillsboro Independent, was a Sherwood visitor Friday, and while here called at the Journal office. Mr. Killen was about the most prosperous looking printer that we have seen, but doubtless business is good in the country seat when Sherwood county maybe the printers here will be able to look prosperous too.

Springfield News: Merritt Tale and M. M. Mackey caught a 22-pound salmon in the McKenzie at Deadman's ferry Thursday. They were over an hour getting the game out of the water, and it was only by the most careful work that the prize was landed.

Condon's rising civic spirit is attested by the Globe, which says: "The town of Condon is a cleaner, better looking little city this spring than ever before. People are beginning to take a little pride in their own property and in the town as a whole."

"Baker county mines," says the Baker Democrat, "are again attracting investigation on the part of mining engineers, representing large capital. A number are in the field and they find much to encourage them."

Steady growth item in Hermiston Herald: "Not every community, even in the northwest can show a record of one new family a week for the past four months. There's a reason for this and other families are going to learn that reason and come too."

FIRES RAGE IN ALASKA.

Seward, Alaska, May 13.—Fires raging in the Chugach national forest north of Seward are assuming menacing proportions today. The forests are on fire on both sides of the Alaska Northern railroad tracks at Mile Seven. It is charged that stamperders for Ship Creek have left numerous fires burning and scores of small blazes have been extinguished by other stamperders.

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DIVER ALMOST SUFFOCATED.

San Francisco, May 13.—William F. Loughman, the diver who was caught under water near the sunken submarine F-4 and nearly suffocated, arrived here today in the sick bed of the United States transport Sheridan. He was removed to the hospital at Mare Island.

San Francisco, May 12.—James Murray, age 46, salesman employed at the California Pacific Realty company and formerly of Portland, Oregon, was found with a bullet hole in his head in his hotel room. He had evidently committed suicide. Murray was well known and liked here. No man for his act is known.

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