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THE RISING TIDE OF MILITARISM

Again we note how the tide of militarism rises. This week the annual convention of governors of the states is meeting in Boston, and not only did the several state executives agree in advance that the chief subject of discussion should be national preparedness for war but the state of Massachusetts mobilized its entire national guard to parade before the visitors.

The difficulty is there is no such thing as rational preparing for war. When the war spirit seizes a nation reason departs, defense is forgotten and the spending for aggression goes forward.

If the nations of Europe had not been so well prepared for war there would have been no war. But with half the world mad there seems no alternative for the other half but to arm against it.

By the way, these conferences of governors have been greatly disappointing. When they began much was expected of them in the way of suggested legislation and especially of uniform legislation for the various states.

The Scientific American has been doing some figuring on the cost of automobiling in this country, and this is the result: On June 1 of the current year the number of automobiles in the United States for the first time reached 2,000,000.

For the first time in its history the United States leads the world as an exporter. Occasionally we have surpassed the United Kingdom in the exportation of domestic products but it was only in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915, that our total exports, domestic and foreign, exceeded those of the United Kingdom.

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FOR A WORLD DEMOCRACY

"The Union of Democratic Control" is the name of a movement started in London a year ago, just after the outbreak of the war, which has grown in Great Britain with amazing rapidity, and which has sounded the keynote on which universal peace can be permanently based.

The bottom principle on which the Union is founded is that war shall never be declared by any nation until the question has been submitted to the people and their favorable verdict has been given.

If this had been done in the case of the present war there would have been no war. Even the people of Germany, loyally as they have supported their military leaders, would probably never have deliberately voted to declare war against Russia, France and Great Britain; and there is increasing reason for believing that if the matter were submitted to the people of Germany today they would vote for peace.

Another principle of the Union is: "No province shall be transferred from one government to another without the consent of the population of such province."

The influence of such a proposal as this in favor of peace is too apparent to require explanation.

Other features of the policy of the Union look to the securing of democratic control of the foreign policies of all nations, and the creation of an International Council, the decisions of which in international affairs shall be binding upon the nations.

The fundamental idea of the Union is, clearly, that the government of every people shall be based on the consent of the governed; and this means the transformation of all the governments of the world into republics.

Excessive rains are causing a great deal of damage in Missouri this summer if we may believe the St. Louis newspapers. Worst of all weather conditions are making it almost impossible to see a ball game in a city which possesses three major league clubs.

The Eastman Kodak Company is being prosecuted as a trust. Now if some of those kodak fiends could only be shut up on some sort of a charge the public would see that it is at last getting a square deal.

Just now there is very little sneering being done at the expense of President Wilson's diplomacy, in this country or elsewhere. His methods of handling our international questions seems all to the good.

The farmers took some interest in the public market today, and it may be the beginning of what will grow into an important institution. Its success or failure largely rests with the producer.

Possibly those Mexican raiders might be induced to give due warning before they murder American citizens.

There seems to be a rift in the war clouds—at least so far as this country is concerned.

STATE NEWS

Modified Mail: Recognition by the Southern Pacific railroad of Center Lake, and a publicity campaign by the department of the interior, stinging the wonders of its natural beauty to the world, are two of the future promises for one of the world's greatest and best known scenic marvels.

Enterprise, Ore., Dispatch: Setting up their wedding altar on the summit of a high bluff above the Grand Ronde river at Bondswan, two couples who live in the timbered highlands of western Willamette county, were married.

Medford Sun: Eighteen carloads of peaches have been shipped from the valley this far this season. Save for seven cars, shipped by the Rogue River Valley Fruit Co. cooperative association, the fruit has been sent to eastern markets.

How to heal town rivalry, as the Eugene Register would go about it: "The row between southern Oregon towns over tourist travel has become quite bitter," says the Medford Mail-Tribune.

Snake story in Medford Mail Tribune: "Harvey Fields killed a rattlesnake with 10 rattles and a button Sunday while walking on the desert. The reptile was coiled ready to spring, with all rattles rattling when Fields

sighted him about six feet away. He whipped out a revolver, and the first shot clipped off the head of the serpent. The skin will be preserved as a trophy."

The editor of the Monroe Leader recognizes in Otis H. Griswold, who lately bought the Newport Review, a former office devil who served him when he was a publisher in Iowa, 33 years ago, and says, "We will have to go over to the seaside and swap reminiscences with him."

"Probably the greatest factor in the work of improving and beautifying Dallas," says the Observer, "has been the street paving. In itself a long step forward, the better streets have exerted a great influence in other ways. A well paved street compels adjacent property owners to spruce up and as the stately influence extends to all parts of the city."

The Medford Sun beams as follows: "Hats off to Gold Hill, at present the richest community in Jackson county! May she receive the reward her energies and courage justify."

Baker Democrats: The matter of quick transportation between isolated sections and the city, is being solved by the auto road. No longer is hope for a railroad necessary. The auto track is meeting the long felt want.

Gold Rooster Ore. Item: During the past week a big run of salmon has been coming into Rogue river, and, owing to the high price paid the fishermen have been making the biggest earnings in the history of the fishing industry here.

MUST RETURN TO WORK: Cardiff, Wales, Aug. 27.—The 10,000 miners on strike in Wales must return to work pending settlement of the dispute between the men and operators over the recent arbitration award. This decision was reached today by the executive council of the miners' federation. While the council voted in favor of resuming work, the demands of the miners are not to be abandoned and another departure from the federation will go to London in a second attempt to adjust all differences.

WOMAN'S LONG MOTOR TRIP: After driving her Maxwell from Long Beach, Cal., to Dallas, Texas, Mrs. K. L. Kent is now on her return trip. Her only companions are her 10-year-old son and "Buster," a husky bull terrier. Mrs. Kent made her eastward trip in 11 days and expects to beat this fast time on her way home.

WAR NEWS OF ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

Four French army corps repulse German force at Oulsh in North Artois, France. German troops are reported passing through Belgium going east to reinforce resistance to Russian advance, it is believed. Five Russian army corps reported repulsed by Germans south of Allenstein. Austrians reported driving Russians out of Galicia. Russian report contradicts German and Austrian announcements of success, fall of Allenstein to Russians being reported, on contrary, and repulse of Austrian advance. Two hundred German prisoners taken in naval battle in Bight of Holland, reach London. Populace rejoices. First naval fight of war. German officers hurrying to Turkey and declaration of war by Turkey is expected.

DEATH OF MRS. HOSTETLER.

The community of Needy was saddened upon the death of Mrs. Lizzie S. Hostetler, wife of M. H. Hostetler, at her home on the evening of August 23. The summons was unexpected, deceased having recently undergone an operation for appendicitis and was apparently recovering. Mrs. Hostetler was born in Indiana May 10, 1870, and married Mr. Hostetler in 1890. With her husband she came to Oregon and resided in the neighborhood of Needy until her death. There survive her husband, five sons, three daughters, three grandchildren and other relatives. The funeral was yesterday, services being held at the Zion meeting house, Bishop Trover and Rev. Mr. Hertzler, of Albany, officiating. Interment was at Zion cemetery. The attendance at the funeral was very large and there was great grief displayed at the departure of a most noble woman, a devoted wife and mother, and who will ever be remembered for her Christian fortitude and innumerable acts of neighborly kindness. She had hosts of friends as was testified by the immense throng at the funeral. Much sympathy is felt for the sorrowing husband and children.—Woodburn Independent.

YOUNG MAN DIES AT LYONS.

Allen Charles Fox was born in St. Paul, Minn., March 29, 1893, and died at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Brown, at which place he had spent the summer, August 19, 1915. His early life was spent in Taylor Falls, Minn., and at the age of 13 he came to Oregon. He was married January 1, 1914, to Miss Laura DeBorde, of Salem, and resided in Portland until a short time before his death. Besides his relatives, he leaves a host of relatives to mourn his death. Interment was in the Fox valley cemetery, Saturday, August 21, and the funeral arrangements were conducted by the Ringo-Hirst Undertaking parlors of this city. Rev. McCleod, of Mill City, officiated.—Stayton Mail.

OLD PIONEER PASSES.

James Shelton, well known in Stayton and Lane county, and related by marriage to J. T. Pollock, of Kingston, died at his home in Albany, Tuesday, August 24. Mr. Shelton was 88 years of age at the time of his death and one of the very oldest pioneers of Oregon, residing by ox team from Missouri in 1852. He lived the most of his life in Lane county, near Jordan, and was one of the most respected men of his neighborhood. His only surviving child is Haman Shelton, of Jordan. J. T. Pollock and family attended the funeral in Albany yesterday.—Stayton Mail.

WOODBURN SCHOOLS SEPT. 20.

The public schools of Woodburn will open for business on September 20. It is expected that the attendance this year will be much larger than last year. All of the teachers have been engaged, but the principal for the Eastside school, The staff of teachers chosen will be as follows: J. H. Collins, superintendent, formerly of Rainier; W. J. Miehler, principal; C. B. Lantz, manual training; B. L. Pfaff, Missa May J. Cong. Jessie Sims, Alice Wilkins, Evelyn Conklin (domestic science), Mabel A. Simpson, Flawin Schimm, Mary B. Scoullard.—Independent.

MOUNT ANGEL NEWS

Fred Schwal returned from the fair Saturday, after a very enjoyable visit. T. W. Lusk, Al Nickerson and M. J. Van Valkenburg of Silverton, were in town Monday. Miss Mary Overrodder returned to Portland Wednesday after a visit in town with her parents. Peter Kuehnlich, living on the Gervais road, is the first to begin hop picking in this vicinity. He started Wednesday morning. The Messrs. Schaffer and Windshar and the Messrs. Overrodder attended the dance at Silverton last Saturday night. Mrs. G. T. Gottenberg went to Silverton Saturday to spend a couple of weeks with her daughter, Mrs. A. Booth. The dairy inspector has been working among the farmers in this vicinity for a week or more and reports unsatisfactory conditions in some cases. J. F. Smith underwent an operation this week, which became necessary by reason of an accident sustained a couple of years ago. Alfred Oswald and Gus Schnee went to St. Louis Sunday to play ball with the Silverton team, and as might be expected, won the game. Miss Henrietta Schbarach has returned from a visit at the home of Alex Schbarach near Salem. Paul Schmidt spent a few days last

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