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WHERE ARE THE ENGLISH ARMIES?

One of the things that no one this side the Atlantic understands about the war situation is what has become of the English armies and what are they doing? Last summer the world was told that England was organizing an army of at least four million and that these would be trained and ready for the front with the opening of Spring.

Out of a line on the French front about 500 miles long the British have a sector of thirty miles, the French holding the other 470. While the great drive against Verdun is being made nothing is heard of the British, except one small dispatch saying they had attacked the Germans in a sharp way, at some point along their short trench lines. Apparently so far as the dispatches show no effort is being made to assist the French in their defense of Verdun, although London is speculating as to what will happen if the Germans should force their way through and capture Paris.

One would naturally think that with a million men said to be in the field from England, that some effort would be made to prevent the German allies gaining this important advantage. Of course much may be doing that we on this side of the pond hear nothing about, but on the face of the returns it looks as though England was neglecting an opportunity that she may regret.

The Oregonian Sunday says editorially: "Now it is no longer a secret that the British have succeeded in putting at least 1,000,000 men in the field, a force organized and trained while France stood the brunt of the fighting."

This would imply that this force was intended for aiding the French, and that is where the mystery of the whole affair comes to the surface. Where are these million men and what are they doing?

One thing is certain and that is that if France ever needed their help she needs it now, and if England follows the tactics toward France she used in helping the Serbians, she may have a big job on her hands to finish alone, should the Germans succeed in breaking through the French lines.

Mrs. Johanna Mann, of San Francisco, besides having a rather masculine name has also a rather bad manly disposition. For some reason known only to herself she has it in for the cops, and six different times has been before the police courts for disturbing not only the peace, but the peace officers. She had an especial grudge against the desk sergeant at one of the stations and just to show it, invested in a whole paper sack full of eggs, warranted not fresh, and going to his court presented them to the sergeant one at a time at long range. Then she smiled that genial smile known only to those who realize that a good deed has been well done, and cheerfully took her medicine, which was six months in jail; but the judge, probably remembering that six months would soon slip into the past and that Johanna would be free again thoughtfully suspended her sentence.

The Oregonian reads a lecture to Portland people for patronizing foreign cities in the way of trade, by dealing with mail order houses; and insists the only place to deal is at home—to patronize home merchants. Of course, no complaint is made about people from all sections of the state sending to Portland for their supplies. That is different. However, sauce for the Portland goose should be equally good for the Salem gander. If you want Salem to grow and its payrolls to increase see that the things you need are, if possible, made in Salem. If that policy is good for Portland it certainly will not hurt Salem. Try it.

Two recent dispatches may not have any connection, but it looks suspicious at the least. One was to the effect that Germany would soon declare war on Italy, and the other that 300 Italians in Siskiyou county, California, had formed a society for naturalization purposes. In consequence of this the county clerk had to send a hurry up call to Washington for more naturalization blanks.

"Good bye, God, I'm going to California." This was the somewhat startling text selected by a minister of Santa Monica, California, for his sermon yesterday, and from which he delivered a philippic against the proposed parade Easter day when girls arrayed, or disarrayed, which ever you please, in fetching bathing costumes are to march and mingle with fashionably dressed men and women. As between the bathing suits and the text, the former strikes one as being the less offensive.

Jack Bernier, a Nisqually Indian, was sentenced to from five to fifteen years in the penitentiary at Walla Walla recently for stealing a pair of lavender colored silk stockings, the property of Miss Hazel De Haven, he breaking into her house to steal them. This seems to be a pretty large price to pay for hosiery, and the mystery of it is what a buck Indian wanted with ladies' lavender colored stockings and why he wanted them badly enough to commit burglary to get them.

A San Francisco Judge recently in granting a divorce to a wife whose husband spent most of his time and about all of his money riding in his Ford, made the punishment fit the crime by ordering him to pay her by way of alimony, "one Ford automobile." That was real cruelty, for while it would have been easy enough to get another wife, even a Ford costs money, and is much harder to get even though it may not be so speedy.

Parties in Washington county are taking steps it is said for the recall of County Judge Reasoner, being disgruntled over some of his appointments of road supervisors. If the judge is true to name it looks as though he must have made good selections for the places. Then too it is certain those after his official scalp are not as strict reasoners as the judge himself.

What the senate attempted to do and what it did were two entirely different things according to Senator McCumber, who says "If we take the usual construction on the tabling, the senate voted that the killing of an American isn't a cause for war." Our George says the same thing in explaining his vote.

The annual appropriation asked by the agricultural department this year amounts to \$24,500,000, of which \$225,000 is wanted for investigating citrus canker. An equal amount could be well spent in the northwest in investigating brown rot and other fruit diseases.

Sam Blythe, the incomparable writer, says "oratory is a pleasing art much practiced by those who have nothing to say." This definition would by inference make an orator "A windmill hard at work and running the faster because not connected with the pump."

Just as a change from harping on President Wilson repudiating the single term plank of the Democratic platform, why not tackle the republican administration that elected to revise the tariff downward, revised it the other way?

A Portland to Alaska barge service is to be inaugurated this summer according to a dispatch from the metropolis. Well, barges beat canoes anyway, and the move shows Portland is waking up.

The LaFollette seamen's law went into effect Saturday, and despite the fearful forebodings of ship owners the world still continued to turn on its axis and remain in its orbit.

If one term is enough for President Wilson, why figure on three for the Great It?



THE HERMIT

Old Hunx is a hermit and mystic, his manner is stately and grave, his diet is antipholistic, he spends all his years in a cave. "My health," he remarks, "is a wonder, although I'm as old as get out; rheumatics don't pull me asunder. I have not the string-halt or gout. I warble my optimist ditties, my soul's full of sunshine and hope; but when I resided in cities, I always was swallowing dope. I always had shingles or colic, or Bright's justly famous disease; the rheumatiz often would frolic all over my fetlocks and knees. If man would keep grief in the distance, and feel like a Percheron steer, he must lead the simple existence, and cut out the urban career."

"Methinks," I replied, "you are paying too heavy a price for your bliss; while far from the bright lights you're staying, just think of the fun that you miss! I'd rather have smallpox or bunions, I'd rather have seven-year itch, than fill up with turnips and onions, and live in a cave or a ditch!"

MR. WELLS NOT A CANDIDATE Ask Mr. Beckett there, he can't stand. "No, I am not a candidate for re-directing his remarks to his co-work election at the coming election," said Mr. Beckett, "how much money he was made Commissioner Wells yesterday when as commissioner during the past year, neglected relative to his position. Mr. Beckett failed to respond to the 'cannot afford to serve longer' in exterior other than with a significant that capacity. It means neglect of duty of the hand, which evidently was intended to denote 'go away, trou-son when I am most needed at home.'"
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LAMAR TOOZE TELLS OF HIS FORD TRIP

Was Taken for a German in England, and For a Swede in Norway

After traveling several weeks with the Ford peace party in Europe and having the opportunity of talking with representatives of several nations, Lamar Tooze, of Oregon university, is of the opinion that preparedness is all right but that the best kind of preparedness is economic rather than military.

The roughest pacifist who is too proud to fight and the rank militarist who demands the largest army and navy in the world, are the two hardest men to please, according to Mr. Tooze in his address Saturday evening at the Commercial club. A few idealists favor the plan of all nations disarming except one, which was to act as sort of a policeman for the rest of the world, said Mr. Tooze, but the trouble with this plan was that each country itself might prefer the job of policeman.

In Norway the feeling was for the allies, in Sweden for Germany and in Holland the officials were leaning towards Germany. The Germans feel kindly towards the French, hate the English, and believe we are helping the allies, were opinions expressed by the speaker.

No one is allowed to possess any gold coin in Germany and when any such coin is found, the government takes it and pays in paper money. For this reason, while passing through Germany, Mr. Tooze found it advisable not to wear his \$2.50 gold watch chain. He also experienced the sensation of being suspected by the Germans while

passing through the country and was given a thorough examination. In England he was taken for a German and in Norway for a Swede.

The general feeling in Germany is hostile towards this country from the fact that when a lot of ammunition is captured, it bears the stamp of made in the U. S.

As a member of the American Navy

Lengua, George F. Rodgers was called on for an expression of opinion. As our possible trouble would come from an invasion, Mr. Rodgers was decidedly in favor of a great navy and that with sufficient sea protection, our peace would be assured.

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