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When the great war is ended, whatsoever else may be the results, the United States will in all probability be the world center of finance and industry, if not also of literature, politics and art.

This is not only because Europe is being weakened, demoralized and shattered by war, but more because of the high character and ideals of the American people.

America's domination of the world was bound to come in time; the Europe-shattering war has only hastened it.

This means far more in this country than mere money-making. The American ideal of supply and service is not grounded in greed.

The United States has set up for its citizens the highest standard; it has made the greatest demand of civic duty upon the people that any country has ever made. It did that at its birth. In great moments in its history, as when Lincoln spoke of "government of the people, for the people and by the people," that high demand has been reiterated.

No other country has ever had such elements of material prosperity, and upon the success of the United States in working out our government wisely and successfully, in spite of dangerous influences, more than upon the success of any other country in the world, the future of mankind depends.

Traditions are for a nation what habits are for an individual man. And just as the man lives largely by force of habit, just as each one of us does automatically many actions by habit and conforms to a certain moral standard which habit has formed, and would feel that he was going wrong if he fell below that standard, because he is accustomed to it, so nations feel bound to stand at the level of their traditions.

We all of us have moments in our lives when there seem to rise up in us visions of what our own lives might be if we were able constantly to live at that standard to which we are able sometimes to rise when our emotions are touched, and it is some such ideal as this that the citizen of the United States should always keep before him. He should hold ever the splendid vision of the republic, not only prosperous, but pure and an example to the world.

Strenuous times now for editors of G. O. P. papers. The word has evidently gone out from national headquarters that no matter what course the Wilson administration pursues on any question the newspaper organs of the stand-patters must take the other side. This order naturally causes many sudden flops and quick changes, and worse still not all the editors flop at once, some naturally being quicker to think and act, and as a result we have republican newspapers on both sides of every so-called national issue. For instance, when the news dispatches report that American troops are about to be withdrawn from Mexico, that is the signal for an attack on the national administration for leaving that unhappy country to its fate. A few days later, news reports indicate that the troops will not be withdrawn and then Wilson is criticised for an unwarranted invasion of our sister republic. The same course has been pursued regarding the German submarine negotiations and various other questions until many of our grand old party exchanges seem to be hopelessly adrift on a sea of contradictory editorial utterances. After all, are there really any well defined national issues pending before the American people at the present time?

The scarcity of jute has caused the grain dealers to adopt the eastern system of handling grain in bulk, and elevators are being built in the eastern Oregon grain belt, two going up at The Dalles. It will make considerable reduction in the cost of handling grain.

England claims to have an army of several millions stored away somewhere, but nobody seems to know where. However if she has that many now she will have about the same number when the war is over, for she is taking awful good care of them.

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Judge C. A. Sehlbrede, well known in Salem, is a candidate for the republican nomination for circuit judge in the second judicial district. Three judges are to be elected in that district, one of them, under the provisions of the law, from Coos county where Judge Sehlbrede resides and has practiced law for several years. Before going to Marshfield he was a resident of Roseburg for many years, representing Douglas county in the state legislature, afterward serving as United States commissioner for the District of Alaska. In public life the judge has an excellent record, as a lawyer he stands high in the profession, and as a private citizen he has always been highly esteemed in the community in which he resided. Having known Judge Sehlbrede for many years we feel certain the republicans of the second district will make no mistake if they endorse his candidacy at the polls and nominate him for this important judicial position. He seems admirably fitted for the place.

Henry Ford says he has no desire to be president. Colonel Roosevelt says he is not seeking the nomination, and W. J. B. says nothing, but realizes that he could not get either even if he so desired. It reminds one of a story about another one-time presidential possibility, who tritely remarked: "I would rather be right than president." He was informed by a measly newspaper man that "there was little chance of his ever being either."

Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor says the granting of a raise in wages to some 706,500 workmen will cause a demand for a similar raise by more than 2,000,000,000 more. He adds that he expects many strikes on this account. It is quite the natural result, though, for when there is a pie cut at the family table each one wants a piece.

After all there is really something in caste, and privileges for the elect of the earth denied to common mortals. Just think how grateful Sir Roger Casement must feel in the knowledge that if he is to be hanged his executioners must have the job done with a silk instead of a hempen rope. This comes about as near being "Hobson's choice" as can be imagined.

Many Oregon towns are setting dates for clean-up days, and Salem should do the same. The back yards and alleys should be cleaned and the rank growth of weeds and grass along the streets and on the vacant lots cut. Nothing is more attractive to the visitor and tourist, or reflects more civic pride on part of its people than a clean, well-kept town.

A new serial story, "The Lost World," will begin in Saturday's Capital Journal, from the pen of A. Conan Doyle, author of the famous Sherlock Holmes stories. We think our readers will find his newest work very entertaining and desire to call attention to it so that the opening chapters will not be overlooked.

It is said our criminal laws are patterned after those of England. If this is true the sparking plug must be out of gear, for there three political prisoners were tried, sentenced and executed in England while the preliminaries under which their trials were to take place would not have been arranged in this country.

The war clouds have disappeared once more from our national horizon. Germany concedes all our demands on the submarine question, and Carranza is willing, apparently, to allow us to hunt Villa to our heart's content. That is the way it looks today—the story of tomorrow may be different.

The stock market has assumed the position of watchful waiting and what it will do depends largely on the contents of Germany's reply which is expected to be made public today. In other words the market wants to know whether that note is a bull or a bear before doing any more business.



SATISFACTION

I hired a man to hoe my squashes; he came, in gauntlets and goloshes, at the appointed hour; he threw his coat upon some boulders, and rolled his shirtsleeves to his shoulders, and hoed with vim and power. He did not pause at times to cackle about the war, nor yet to tackle the grievous income tax; he slew the weeds that threatened choking the vines, and kept his hoe a-smoking, and buckled down like wax. And when his toilsome task was ended, up to the house this worker wended, where I sat smoking hay; "Come out," he said, "where I've been hoeing, and see I've made a proper showing, before I draw my pay." I fell upon his neck and kissed him, and hung some laurels on his system, and cried, "You take the bun! For seldom do I see a fellow who cares how punk his work, or yellow, so that he gets the mon. I am enchanted with your labors, I'll recommend you to my neighbors, and boost you through the town; the toiler who, by every action, endeavors to give satisfaction, deserves a high renown."

"KAISER DEFIES U. S. IN REPLY" SAYS STATESMAN

Morning Mummy's Stroke of Enterprise Ends In Disastrous Fiasco

The morning Statesman held back its city edition today until 8 o'clock in an attempt to steal some of the Capital Journal's thunder. Evidently printing the news after the Capital Journal has had it is becoming monotonous even with the old and sleepy Statesman. In this case, however, the morning paper made the mistake of plunging us into war with Germany in a wood type headline which was anything but artistic and of itself a provocation for war in which it said, "Kaiser Defies U. S. in Reply." As a matter of fact the Kaiser did nothing of the kind, but the Statesman telegraph editor was probably getting sleepy and may not have been in harmony with this stroke of enterprise, when a stroke of paralysis was the most natural thing to expect in that establishment, and so jumped at conclusions, before the news was completed and ordered the paper to press with this country hanging over the precipice of war. Then to make matters worse there was also a front page story in the same edition bragging about the Statesman's enterprise, and the excellence and reliability of the Associated Press service which furnishes its telegraph news. Why the poor, old Associated Press, which is doing the best it can at its despatch age to serve its patrons faithfully should be writing into the mix-up we can't quite understand. If the telegraph editor had waited long enough it would have got the news to him about right in the end, but it is an organization that above everything else objects to being hurried.

The moral to be drawn from this unfortunate attempt of our esteemed contemporary to print the news first at least once in its life, is that walking while asleep is as dangerous a habit for a newspaper as an individual. The awakening is apt to be rude and startling as was this case.

Since the public is getting the German reply in full in the Journal, and as the Statesman's circulation is quite restricted and exclusive, no particular damage has been done, and probably no diplomatic notice will be taken of the Kaiser's virtual declaration of war.

Progressives Instruct Delegates for Roosevelt

Seattle, Wash., May 5.—"It's the most advanced and clear statement in behalf of preparedness extant," is the way County Chairman J. Y. C. Kellogg viewed the state progressive platform today.

The platform, adopted at the convention yesterday, not only pledged the 14 delegates from Washington to Theodore Roosevelt, but declares for "a small standing army of not less than a quarter of a million men and universal training." It also declares for "the most efficient and one of the largest navies in the world," and the manufacture of munitions of war by the federal government.

The preparedness program was adopted without discussion and the convention did not even hear the mention of any name but Roosevelt's for the presidency.

Motorman Finds Woman Holding Body of Husband

Los Angeles, Cal., May 5.—Hurrying back through darkness to find the victim his car had struck before daylight today, Motorman P. O. Berg, came upon Mrs. Frank Bedel sitting on the ground with the battered body of her husband in her arms.

Almost demented with grief the woman was crying hysterically for him to speak to her. Bedel, aged 39, had been struck by a Glendon car. The car was proceeding at such high speed that Berg did not realize he had struck a man until after the accident had occurred. Two small children survive the dead man.

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SUGAR AT 15 CENTS TOMORROW

Portland, Ore., May 5.—The price of sugar already at a record mark, will advance 15 cents more tomorrow morning, local dealers announced today. This jump will make one hundred pounds of sugar cost \$8.40.

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HIS RECORD GOOD

Thomas Brown, of Salem, is a candidate for reelection to the legislature before the republican primaries. He served in the session of two years ago and made a clean record. It is on this record that Mr. Brown seeks endorsement at the hands of the republican voters of Marion county. Here are the salient features of that record:

Author of gopher and mole bounty act.
Act to increase reserve of farmers mutual insurance companies.
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Fined For Arguing With Balking Horse

Clarence Howe and H. E. Kennedy were each fined \$25 yesterday by City Recorder Elgin for attempting to persuade a balky horse to do his duty. It appears that the horse assumed an attitude of watchful waiting and refused to pull. He did not have to wait long until the driver appeared with a lincol sprout and proceeded to warm the horse's legs after the manner followed by country school teachers of a few decades past.

Some women who were witnesses to the affair decided that perhaps the horse had a reason for not pulling, although the reason might be just "because" and not sufficient in the mind of the driver. At any rate the police were notified and Howe and Kennedy were arrested on a charge of cruelty to animals.

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