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## CLAMORING FOR WAR WITH MEXICO

Tall Timothy Geer, who was governor of Oregon once upon a time to the intense dissatisfaction of his constituents, is out in a communication to the Oregonian demanding war with Mexico. He would shoot real bullets instead of notes. Dean Collins, an empty-headed scribbler whose poetical efforts constitute about the worst conceivable outrage upon the public, contributes to the same issue a demand for a "surge of blood to purge the stain from the sands of Carrizal."

The Oregonian prints these incendiary contributions quite gleefully because it will do anything to score a political point. That has been its rule of action for over half a century and patriotism and all humanitarian impulses are subordinated by the force of habit. Only two weeks ago the president of the United States—not of the democratic party or any other party—was cartooned and held up to obloquy as the "man who got us into war with Mexico." It was an insult to every patriotic citizen ready to answer the call to arms at any time from the nation's head; it was saying to the Oregon boys who were just then entraining for the Mexican border, "Your commander in chief—the president—is sending you to useless slaughter—why should you obey the order?"

No copperhead editor or politician in the days of the civil war ever aimed a more dastardly, treasonable blow at the government than did the Oregonian when it printed that foul cartoon.

That was only two weeks ago and yet, with a reasonable prospect of a peaceable settlement ahead, the Oregonian is already clamoring for war. In another week it will probably be cartooning the president again—this time for not getting us into war—in addition to printing the stuff that little mental shrimps like T. T. Geer and Dean Collins write.

Does not the Oregonian realize that if war with Mexico comes some of the 1500 manly boys who marched away from Portland, Salem and other Oregon cities, will never come back again; that many will return home maimed and crippled for life, a burden to themselves, their country and their families. The horrors of war will be brought to our own doors—and what will Geer and Collins and the editor of the Oregonian say then to comfort stricken homes which have lost a father, brother or son?

This country is not afraid to fight no matter what the cost may be, but it wants a real reason for fighting and the Mexican question may or may not present a real cause for war in the end. It is simply a dirty mess which we may be compelled in time to clean up in order to give our border security and for the general good of the western world. We have always thought it would come to that some time, but endorse the president's course in avoiding it by any reasonable means if it can be done. Critics will say that if Huerta had been recognized or if this or that had been done conditions might have been better. We doubt it. There is not and has not been since Diaz' time any responsible government to deal with, and the best course to take has been anything but plain. The president has no doubt done the best he could to handle the problem and work out a solution without bloodshed, just as Mr. Taft did before him. Just as he has stated time and again in his public addresses we have no reason for going down into Mexico and slaughtering a poor, weak, ignorant people who in their own blind way are really engaged in a struggle against centuries of serfdom and oppression. There is no reason why a single Oregon boy should be sacrificed on account of the Mexican trouble unless matters along the border reach such a state that this country is compelled to act, and if that time comes not a soldier boy will fail to do his duty.

In the meantime every father and mother in Oregon will stand back of the president in his efforts to devise a plan whereby the Mexicans may eventually work out their own emancipation from misrule and anarchy without the assistance of American bullets and bayonets.

The epidemic of infantile paralysis now sweeping New York City has a higher death rate than any previous one

of the kind. In spite of the combined forces of sanitary skill and medical wisdom the disease keeps on the even tenor of its way, seemingly unchecked. While doing all that apparently can be done in the case, New York City has asked the federal government for assistance. Usually the disease runs its course during the summer fading away as the cold weather approaches, August being generally its most active month. This would give it about two months for its worst stages and then it will pass. Here in Oregon every precaution is being taken to prevent its introduction, medical experts being stationed at every station on railroads at the points where they enter the state. These will examine children coming from places where the disease is prevalent, the railroads at those places sending advance notice as to all such passengers. Every day gained in keeping it from getting a hold in the state is of great help as it takes that much off the two or three months it has to run.

The appearance of the submarine in the transportation business puts a new phase on the whole submarine question. As the Deutschland which recently made the initial voyage across the Atlantic, has no torpedo tubes and is unarmed she cannot by any course of reasoning be considered a war vessel. At the same time our marine laws may be a stumbling block for they provide that all vessels carrying passengers shall have a certain number of life rafts and boats, which it is evident the submarine could not carry. Of course she does not need them, but that makes no difference with the law which presumes she ought to use them anyway, and which was made without reference to submarines.

The rumors, although not seemingly well founded, that Villa is still alive puts a new phase on the Mexican situation, for if he is alive the contention of Carranza that the object for which the Americans entered Mexico has been accomplished, is of no force. It is quite probable Villa is dead, or so wounded he is out of the game, and that the present movement is headed by some of his former lieutenants who represent him as still alive and about ready to assume the field again. Among a certain element Villa was a hero, and his name goes far toward making any revolutionary movement popular. His lieutenants are working this fact for all it is worth.

It matters little to Salem who or what company is behind the proposed railroad to Bend and the eastern Oregon country, just so long as someone, or some company that will build it is doing the preliminary work. It is a road that will furnish considerable local trade in the way of lumber, but it is probably its main object is to become part of another through system. Rumor connects it with the Hills, the Harrimans and the Rockefeller systems, but the garrulous old dame does not seem to have any definite knowledge as to which it is.

The Villa plan of securing recruits for his robber bands has the merit of being successful, if no other. He offers no rewards except the promise to allow his soldiers to loot such cities as they capture, but on the other hand he slices off both ears of the peon who declines to join his forces. In the course of time he will have branded the Chihuahuans so thoroughly that it will be easy to distinguish them. The short eared will be the loyal ones, and the long eared the bandits.

Henry Ford leaves no doubt as to his position in the coming election. He sent word to President Wilson while the latter was in Detroit yesterday that "My hat is off to the man who has kept this country out of war." He also remarked when asked if he would accept the prohibition nomination, that "he would never run for the place against President Wilson."

"Britannia rules the waves," but when it comes to what's under them Germania has a long lead on her.



### CAMPAIGN WHISKERS

The statesman Hughes, as all men know, lets his alfalfa always grow; no richer growth has been produced, and there the robins come to roost. And Fairbanks, too, who hopes to win, has ballast on his shapely chin, and Marshall wears a long mustache, to strain his soup and corn beef hash. But there is comfort in this thought: There are no sideboards in the lot. More proudly would our banner wave, if all the candidates would shave, for whiskers indicate a mind unfitted for a statesman's grind. I greatly fear one can't command the confidence of this broad land, or reach the people's trusting heart, if whiskers have a place or part. Yet there is solace in this hunch: There are no sideboards in the bunch. I'd view this summer's thrilling fight with more of rapture and delight if all the candidates would go to barbershops, where artists mow the spinach off for fifteen cents, and make men look like human gents. I cannot whoop for those who wear a package of ingrowing hair. Yet this one fact must be allowed: There are no sideboards in the crowd.



## THINK ATTAAK WILL FAIL—PEACE FOLLOW

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plous. Of the crews, the Novara could rescue only nine British sailors."

The Strait of Otranto, where the naval engagement occurred, connects the Adriatic and Ionian seas. It lies between the southeastern coast of Italy and the coast of Albania.

### Reports Flatly Contradictory

By Ed L. Keen  
(United Press staff correspondent)  
London, July 11.—Flatly contradictory statements were issued by the British and German war offices today regarding the progress of the British offensive north of the Somme.

An official statement from General Haig announced that British troops last night captured the village of Contalmaison around which a bloody struggle has been waged for several days. The village is completely in British hands, the British commander in chief reported, and several lines of German trenches in the Mametz wood have been captured, giving the British possession of the larger part of the wood.

The German war office this afternoon announced the repulse of British attacks on both sides of the Bapaume Albert road, which runs just northwest of Contalmaison. Berlin mentioned stubborn fighting in the southern fringe of Contalmaison and the Mametz wood and announced the repulse of enemy attempts to recapture Trones wood.

The Berlin official statement also announced the repulse of attacks by French colored (African) troops on LaMaisonette height, south of the Somme, and the defeat of the other attempted French advances between Bellay and Hardecourt.

Heavy fighting is going on in Volhynia where the Germans are again strongly counter attacking in an effort to stop the Russian advance on Kovel. The German war office this afternoon announced that a German attack drove the Russians back from the Stokod river near Hulewicz, 22 miles northeast of Kovel, the Germans taking 700 prisoners.

### The German Version

Berlin, July 11.—Repulse of strong British attacks on both sides of the Bapaume-Albert highway between the Ancre and the Somme, was announced by the war office this afternoon.

The attacking enemy forces were moved down by German fire before they came to close fighting.

The British embassy today corrected published reports that it was not actively trying to oppose the peace effort of the Deutschland. Any submarine, the embassy said, is potentially a war ship and any ship at sea would be unable to determine until too late to save itself whether a submarine was armed. This fact alone would prevent recognition of a submarine as a possible merchantman, according to the embassy's view. These facts, it was learned, have been pointed out to Acting Secretary of State Holt by Counselor Barkley, acting charge of the embassy.

Questions not only of the Deutschland's status as a warship or merchantman but as to her cargo and the cargo she will take back to Germany with her are to be taken up by the embassy with the state department.

The fact that the Deutschland's home going cargo is expected to contain nickel alone may cause a number of complications, it was learned. This may cause sweeping embargoes on any sort of goods from Canada or Great Britain to this country which might be imported to Germany by the Deutschland or other submarines which are reported on their way to the United States. Ninety per cent of the nickel used in this country comes from Canada.

Repeated attempts to recapture Trones wood failed, the enemy suffering heavy losses. Stubborn fighting is going on on the northern fringe of Contalmaison and the Mametz wood.

### Has 271,000 prisoners.

Petrograd, July 11.—General Brusiloff has captured more than 271,000 Austro-German prisoners since the beginning of the Russian offensive. It was officially announced this afternoon.

## OFFICERS MAKING

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ged his shoulders, smiled a strange smile and commented:

"As you Americans say, 'we should

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### HOW TO BE SLIM

\* If you are too fat and want to \*  
\* reduce your weight 15 or 20 \*  
\* pounds, don't starve and weak- \*  
\* en your system, or think you \*  
\* must always be laughed at on \*  
\* account of your fat, but go to \*  
\* Central Pharmacy or any \*  
\* good druggist, and get a \*  
\* box of Oil of Koraen capsules. \*  
\* take one after each meal and \*  
\* one before retiring at night. \*  
\* Weigh yourself once a week \*  
\* and note what a pleasant and \*  
\* reliable method this is for re- \*  
\* moving superfluous fat from \*  
\* any part of the body. \*  
\* It costs little, is absolutely \*  
\* harmless and a week's trial \*  
\* should convince anyone that it \*  
\* is unnecessary to be burdened \*  
\* with even a single pound of un- \*  
\* sightly fat. \*  
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worry," as long as the allies don't violate the three mile limit law. It was thought here that the Deutschland's sister ship, Bremen, will come to Baltimore eventually, even though it may visit Rio De Janeiro, as dispatches from there stated. One prospect of trouble for the Deutschland lay in the visit of Simon Lake, submarine inventor who frankly says that the Deutschland outwardly appears to be an infringement of his patents, though he was not prepared to say what action, if any, he plans against her. He will not libel her here, at any rate, he says.

**Building a Fleet.**  
By Carl W. Ackerman.  
(United Press staff correspondent.)  
Berlin, via wireless to Nayville, L. I., July 11.—Every Berlin newspaper today devoted a large part of its news columns to the arrival of the submarine Deutschland at Baltimore and in their editorials praised the submarine's crew.

The Vossische Zeitung said that several similar ships are being constructed to begin commercial relations with neutral countries, thereby breaking the British blockade. One of the ships is named the Bremen. All are of about 2,000 tons. The Deutschland was built at Kiel, work being started on her shortly after a company was formed November 8, 1915. German ship builders are laughing at Simon Lake's threat to bring suit against the Deutschland's owners for patent infringement. "Was it Lake or Jules Verne who discovered the submarine?" asked one shipping man. "If Lake had the patent why didn't he build submarines like the Deutschland?"

**May Load at Newport News.**  
Newport News, Va., July 11.—Plans were completed today for bringing the German submarine Deutschland here to complete loading cargo before returning to Germany. It is believed her departure will be sooner than officials of the North German Lloyd line have indicated.

**Another on the Wa?.**  
Rio De Janeiro, July 11.—The state chancellor has been officially informed that a sister ship to the super-submersible Deutschland is now crossing the Atlantic and will arrive here within 10 days, the newspaper Rina declared today.

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