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IS THERE ANY PLACE TO QUIT ?

The Italians have captured Goritz the Austrian stronghold that guards the way into Austria from the west, and are now in a position to invade it. With its capture the Austrians lose not only the fortress, but from 15,000 to 20,000 of her best soldiers, with the usual complement of heavy guns and munitions.

This victory shows the effect of the concerted attack of the allies at all points at once. It is evident the Austrians have had to draw heavily on their forces along this, the Isonzo front, to try to protect their lines in Galicia, thus weakening their defense.

Pressed hard by the Russians they were unable to send aid to their hard-pressed armies along the Italian front, and so they lost. What they can do toward resisting the advance of the Russians and Italians on two different fronts remains to be seen, but the indications are that they will be unable to resist successfully on both fronts at the same time. It is also apparent that the Germans are unable to send them help at this time. The fierce fighting at Verdun, and the continuous battle along the Western front requires all her forces apparently to hold against the assaults of the French and English.

In the beginning of the war the Russians and Italians were not prepared for a determined resistance and the result was that the Germans and Austrians were able to move their troops from one point to another, facing first one enemy and then another. This enabled Germany to throw a strong force against her enemies on all fronts. Under the present combined attack this cannot be done. She cannot take her troops from any point without weakening it to such an extent that it is in danger. Germany could spare troops to help her ally, when she was attacked on one front at a time, but with attacks being made at all fronts simultaneously, she can send no aid to Austria, nor can the latter draw on one army to help another.

While Germany is putting up a desperate resistance along the western front, and will in all probability be able to hold the allies from making any important gains, she will require all her troops to accomplish this and her drives into the territory of her enemies have probably ended.

It looks now as though both Germany and Austria would be forced to make only a defensive war, and that they will eventually be driven back into their own territory seems now the probable thing. When this happens the allies will find with each mile advanced ever increasing obstacles. As the German and Austrian lines are drawn together their armies will become that much stronger and the fighting for each foot of ground that much harder. It does not seem possible the allies can ever get far inside German territory, and that a situation will soon arise where the allies will be in similar case to the Germans at Verdun. When this condition materializes what will the warring nations do? It will be useless to continue the war, but can they stop? Each wants concessions and neither can compel them. Will they continue to fight when this condition is before them? The answer will be known only when the condition arises, for to the outsider the situation now appears to be that neither can win a decisive victory, and that the final settlement will be in the nature of a draw.

Hughes as governor of New York vetoed the law which would have given women school teachers the same pay as men. This is his act as compared to his present promise concerning equal suffrage. If elected will he set aside the party platform in regard to suffrage? That says it is a matter for the states to settle. Will he stick to his promise to his party or to his promise to the women?

Eddie Somebody wants to compete in an auto race over the Columbia Highway. That scenic road was built for the pleasure of everybody, not for speed maniacs and any attempt to use it for a race track should be followed by the person so doing being sent to the rock pile for six months at least.

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SAVINGS DEPARTMENT

A conservative estimate of the prune crop places it at 35,000,000 pounds, and with an average price of six cents, which is considered conservative, the value of the crop would be \$2,100,000. They are reported dropping badly in some orchards, but as this is the usual thing and there are plenty left, the estimates are probably under rather than over what may be expected from the crop. Salem is the prune center of the valley and a good crop means much to it. Last year the yield was light and on top of it the hop crop was also light. The result was that Salem was about as hard hit as any place in the United States. The fact that she pulled through an extraordinarily hard year, while having as near a failure of her principal crops as was ever known in the valley, speaks well for the stability of her business foundation and business men. The latter have had a heavy load to carry, and they came through with it without falling.

Word comes from Mexico that conditions there are decidedly better and improving steadily. The governor of Yucatan says in his state there never has been any trouble and that conditions are the same in many of the other Mexican states. In this country we have been looking on Mexico as being entirely in the hands of bandits. This it seems is not the case, for in many of the states there are no bandits and no trouble. It is only along the border that trouble has arisen, and with 80,000 Carranza soldiers clearing the border states of the Villistas and other robber gangs, it looks as though the Mexican trouble was about at an end. It would not be at all surprising to learn that the United States troops would soon be withdrawn and the militia boys sent home.

The trainmen have consented to arbitrate their differences with the railroads, and the strike which threatened the paralyze the industries and business of the country has been averted for a time at least, and perhaps may be avoided entirely. If both sides really want the matter settled peaceably it will be done. Mutual concessions and a putting themselves in the other fellow's place will cause them to reach a settlement. On top of this each side must keep in mind the rights of the public on which both depend for their employment, and to remember that a strike will injure all their fellow citizens.

Advancing wheat prices come just in time to make the convention of bakers in Salt Lake City rejoice with exceeding great joy. They were much worried as to the reception their proposal to raise the price of bread would receive, and were calling attention to everything that affected the price of flour. Today it jumps fifty cents a barrel in Chicago, with promise of going still higher. The bakers can afford to smile—which is more than the consumers can do.

In a special message to the New York legislature in 1909 Candidate Hughes, at that time governor, urged the defeat of the United States constitutional amendment authorizing the income tax. This has since been ratified and is now the law. Was he just "an American" then or was he just objecting to what John Sherman said was the most just tax law ever placed on the statute books.

The execution of Mary Cahill and that of Sir Roger Casement are of the same class, both murders. England can no longer point the finger of scorn at Germany over the former.

If that outfit preparing to pull the Bear off the reef near Eureka succeeds, it can get a steady job at good salaries by applying to Francis Joseph.

Candidate Hughes issues so far seem to be simply a mass of glittering generalities, interspersed with glinting scintillations of frothy "Americanism."

Billy Hearst at one time nicknamed Hughes "the feather duster." But then Hearst is, was and always will be unreliable.



IDLE ENVY

I see the husky young man pass, and mutter to myself, "Alas! How much I envy him! I'm bent beneath my weight of years, the finish to my view appears, while he has strength and vim." But when I've pondered things a while, I reconstruct my faded smile, and wear it on my face; I say, Youth has more grief than age, more worry, trouble, futile rage—I'd not be in his place. I sit beneath my fig and vine, and sweet serenity is mine, naught can disturb my calm; extinguished are the fires that burned my heart in youth, my eyes are turned to Gilead, its balm. The smoothest girl in town may pass, the most resplendent, gorgeous lass, no rapture will she rouse;

but that young man I envied late, will spend the night before her gate, and fill the air with vows. He'll lose his sleep and appetite, and silly verses he'll indite, on wedding bells intent; he'll fret and fume and rend his soul, and when she finds he's blown his roll, she'll wed some other gent. Oh, youth is full of rage and pain, and only age is safe and sane, consoling and sublime; and so I sit beside my door, and moralize an hour or more, and have the blamest time.

THE TATTLER

Who is this fellow Chargit that Salem merchants are complaining about?

The city council finally came across with that playground appropriation, but they had a regular flax harvest of a time doing it.

It couldn't have been a dog license tag that was found in a sausage at a local eating joint Sunday. Dog license tags are not being worn here this season.

Same class to that drowning accident reported from down the river Sunday. Boy dived into a hole where there was a jagged rock. Boy didn't know rock was there. Never touched it.

It is only vulgar people who mention the peaches at Riverside. Dip when fruit prospects are up for discussion.

It is said there are more automobiles in the Willamette valley than bath-tubs. Must be a lie.

Reported that the government is in need of truck drivers on the Mexican front. Good job for some of the sports who are driving around town breaking the speed limits.

"I am on to you, and your name is mud." That is what the rap said to the dust.

First thing the weather man knows some of his clouds will get away from him. He came mighty near scaring off a good band concert Tuesday night.

TABLOIDS

New York.—"Let me go this time, judge," pleaded Mary Morrison. "and I'll meet you in heaven." Magistrate Haumer said he'd "take a chance" and let her go.

New York.—Theodore Roosevelt said "damn" only once during the wild west championships at Sheephead Bay, according to the show's press agent.

New York.—Hot weather has caused a shortage of fizz water along Broadway. Drug store drinks as well as those including gin, etc., are therefore scarce.

Chicago.—Chicago university co-eds were shocked when a nude man strolled through the hallway of the classics building. The "naked ghost" evaded capture by janitors, by jumping through a window and escaping.

Chicago.—Police had to force their way through a crowd to rescue M. R. Cobb, haberdasher, when he was mistaken for Candidate Hughes. "I can't go on the street without a crowd following me," said Cobb.

Concerning Normal School at Pendleton

Portland, Ore., Aug. 9.—Strong endorsement for the initiative measure looking to the establishment of a state normal school at Pendleton has been publicly given by Prof. Robert C. French of this city, former president of the normal school located at Weston. Prof. French was for a number of years at the head of the normal school at Weston and was still serving when that school was abandoned. Probably no man knows better than he the urgent need of a standard normal school in an eastern Oregon city with public schools sufficiently large to give the normal students ample practice training.

"No other section of Oregon is as dependent on its public schools for social and cultural influences as eastern Oregon," he said in discussing the measure.

"Professionally trained teachers are, therefore, even more necessary to the welfare of eastern Oregon countries than to more accessible sections of the state.

"The previous history of the normal school in eastern Oregon proves that a large number of young people, to whom other educational institutions are not easily accessible, are ready to avail themselves of the privileges offered by a normal school to prepare themselves for community service in public school work.

"An immediate establishment of such a school at some central point such as Pendleton would prove a great asset to the state of Oregon."

SAYS IT WAS RUSSIA

Washington, Aug. 9.—Upsetting all previous historical records Marquis Okuma, premier of Japan, declares it was Russia, and not the United States which opened Japan to the world, in an article under his signature published by the Kokumin Shimbun of Tokio, a copy of which was arousing great interest here today. Commodore Perry, the article says, was 50 years late.

WANT TO ADJOURN

Washington, Aug. 9.—With a view to adjourning by September 1, Senator

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John M. Scott, Gen. Pass. Agt.

Southern Pacific

Portland, Oregon

Gallinger late today called a caucus of senate republicans for tomorrow at which they will consider a legislative program which Democratic Leader Kern submitted today. It includes the revenue, shipping, workmen's compensation and appropriation bills.

WILL TRY TO PULL THE BEAR OFF THE REEF

Eureka, Cal., Aug. 9.—The first effort to pull the steamer Bear off the reef on which she went two months ago, with the loss of five lives, will be made at 6:30 tonight. A tug went to the scene this afternoon to attach lines to the vessel and make the first pull. It is not expected that the Bear will be floated tonight, however. The final pull, by several tugs, will be made Sunday.

WATER-POWER BILL DEAD

Washington, Aug. 9.—House-senate conferees have struck a deadlock and the Shields waterpower bill denounced

by Gifford Pinchot and other conservationists as a "monopoly" and "grab" measure, never will become a law, Chairman Adamson of the house commerce committee announced today.

Hughes Indorses Abuse Injunction Says Gompers

Washington, Aug. 9.—To show, he said, the "mental attitude" of Charles Evans Hughes for the benefit of "working people and liberty loving citizens all over the country," President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, has sent a letter to Thomas H. Nichols, of Alliance, Ohio. Gompers writes that Hughes endorses the abuse of the writ of injunction against wage earners which they have vigorously protested and which they have tried to correct by remedial legislation in order that they might enjoy the rights and opportunities of free citizens.

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