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THE WARS HEAVY TOLL

Estimates that do not pretend to be exact, but that are approximately so have been made of the losses in the European war. The total of the military killed is placed at 4,441,200 and of these the allies have lost 2,890,400, and the Teuton allies 1,550,800. The allies have 1,676,500 wounded against the Teuton 922,000. Of missing and prisoners the allies have 1,652,500, the German allies 912,000. To these must be added 400,000 civilians dead or missing among civilians mostly on the Balkan and Russian fronts. The totals killed, wounded and missing are for the allies 6,318,400, and for the German allies 3,384,800. The grand total of killed, wounded and missing is above 10,000,000. Counting the losses among non-combatants such as the Armenians, the deaths due to mal-nutrition, and caused at least indirectly by the war, and especially the infant mortality, and the grand total will perhaps run close to 15,000,000. If the war continues another year the total of casualties will perhaps be above 20,000,000.

This is a pretty heavy price to pay for the killing of a prince by a crazy man.

At last if the reports from Mexico are to be believed that country has had an election like a civilized country, and without a revolution starting the same day. Carranza has been re-elected by a practically unanimous vote, and his followers have been elected to the Mexican congress. For the first time since 1911 Mexico now has a constitutional government. Perhaps now the revolutions will quit and the Mexicans settle down to developing their wonderfully rich country. With a stable government, laws properly and honestly administered and graft and official plundering stopped, Mexico would soon be one of the richest nations in the world. In raw materials no other country can compare with her, and this is especially true of her mineral wealth.

The militant spirit is general. T. L. Tang, military adviser of the Chinese president is on his way to Europe to study military methods, and see how christian nations kill each other. He says China is a non-military nation but "it may become necessary for her to take more interest in military affairs." It is a good thing for the world that China is inclined against war in all its forms. If she once woke up and adopted modern military methods she would, or could endanger the world. With a population greater than all Europe she could raise soldiers faster than the balance of the world could kill them and would be irresistible unless the balance of the world combined against her.

The tornado having paid its annual visit to the middle west, it is now time for Spring to arrive. We have some rain out this way and of course grumble about it occasionally, but if we had to hunt a storm cellar every time a cloud came up we certainly would have something to complain about. Following the tornado at Muncie Sunday there was a torrential rain storm. Out here in Oregon the rain "Fletcherizes" as it were, and takes its time about getting down.

Count von Bernstorff bitterly denounces the British for their close search of his party at Halifax. He made no protest when American Ambassador Gerard's party was stripped and searched before being allowed to cross the border into Switzerland. It makes considerable difference in judgment, according to the ownership of the ox being gored.

With a deficiency in rainfall of 14.23 inches for the season, there will be "low" high water this year. The snow fall has been unusually light and as the water is not in the mountains to come down it follows that it will not come.

The weather forecast from Washington for the week is "partly rainy." The forecast is correct so far, this being the part.

THE BRAND OF HIS SURPRISE

When Count von Bernstorff on his arrival at Copenhagen was told of Germany's attempt to get Mexico and Japan into an alliance for the purpose of attacking the United States he expressed "surprise." To a correspondent of the United Press Association he said: "It is news to me." Mark Twain described the rise of Pat O'Reilly, who, carrying a hod when he first arrived in this country, finally became an alderman and blossomed out as the Honorable Patrique O'Reille. He also described the Honorable Mrs. O'Reille, whose labors at the wash tub in Pat's earlier days had assisted him in getting his first saloon, and thus starting him on his political career. "She was a picturesque woman" said Mark, and was surprised at every thing common she saw. As he put it: "She was astonished at a potato. She asked what it was." There has been nothing since that time that equalled Mrs. O'Reille's surprise until the ex-Ambassador, Count von Bernstorff was so surprised at the news of Germany's action in regard to Mexico and Japan.

Some things are all right in theatrical circles but they sound rather odd among every day folks. The Oregonian had a story yesterday about "Miss" Sadie Burt who talks to her daughter over the long distance ever week. Outside of theatrical circles unless a woman wrote "Mrs." in front of her name she would in communicating with her daughter, not be getting her picture in the papers to give the fact publicity. No doubt "Miss" Burt is married, but if so why pose as a single woman? Is it because she thinks she will draw better houses? If so is she not obtaining money under false pretenses? These be the days of full measure, exact weight and all materials just what they claim to be. Why not then compel the actress to give at least one of their married names? As a matter of fact the larger portion of them posing as headliners are really misses.

J. L. Hill, M. D., of Albany, writes the Oregonian defending Senator Lane. Among other ideas he advances to show that Lane is right is "If two men are shooting at each other from opposite sides of the street and a third walks between them because the street is public property, and gets killed, the verdict of the people will be "a fool died for want of sense." Very true doctor. That is why this government does not intend to walk between them. It proposes to make them stop shooting when it wants to pass up the street. How long would the doctor's little city stand for the shooting across its main streets by a couple of angry citizens?

Commissioner Daly has announced his candidacy for the mayoralty of Portland on a law enforcement platform. Daly is showing unsuspected talents as a humorist. He should make some showing as to what became of that little woodpile of a thousand cords or more that leaked out of the city's woodshed, before being given power to run the whole city.

As a final deciding feature of the war, it may be the nations with the greatest power to resist hunger will be the victors. After Millions of lives being sacrificed and billions spent in death dealing implements, and munitions, the war may be decided in a contest of stomachs.



A REJECTED PATRIOT

When first arose the talk of war, I offered to enlist. I said, "I'll gladly knock the tar from fifty foes, I wist." But Uncle Sam refused to take my offer; he cried, "Scat! A dandy soldier you would make, with all that load of fat." I'm doomed then to ignoble peace, while others laurels win, because I'm blessed with ample grease, and have a double chin. I must not flash my trusty blade, or don my suit of mail, because, they say, if I were weighed, I'd break the village scale. The beardless stripling may enlist, but there's no chance for me; and I could take him by the wrist, and throw him o'er a tree. My breast is filled with martial ire, I court the scrap and fuss, and I would gladly trade my lyre for sword or blundersbus. But, no! I hear my country cry, "You can't enlist, that's flat! You're not allowed to bleed and die, because you are too fat!" The slender men must stand in line our spangled flag to guard. A melancholy fate is mine, because I've too much lard.

MRS. BROSIG PASSES

Mrs. Antonia Brosig of Scotts Mills, died at the Willamette sanitarium, Salem, Saturday, March 3, at the age of 53. Mrs. Brosig had been sick for several months and was taken to the sanitarium only a few weeks ago. Mrs. Brosig was a widow, her husband having died a number of years ago. The Brosigs were old residents of Silverton and vicinity and were well known by many people. Deceased is survived by five daughters and four sons, as follows: Mrs. Thomas Smith, King, N. C.; Mrs. Sterling Clark, Baker, Or.; Mrs. W. D. Miles, Salem; Miss Anna Brosig, Oakland, Cal.; Miss Edith Brosig, Seattle; Frank, Ernest and Joe Brosig of Scotts Mills, and John Brosig of Oak Point, Wash. The funeral was held Tuesday at the Miller church at 2 o'clock, Rev. F. T. Porter officiating and burial was made in Miller cemetery.—Silverton Appeal.

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PROPOSED ROAD WORK

To the Editor: Referring to your editorial of Thursday last under the caption "Where Money Will Be Spent," I do not agree with you as to the scope of the phrase "it would do the greatest good to the greatest number." While the Columbia Highway is included in that phrase other parts of the state where they are ready for paying will not be excluded. Certainly the Willamette valley would not be in that category. It must be remembered that as soon as this act becomes a law, there will be available under it \$1,000,000; that on the first of January next will be available \$2,000,000, and the year thereafter the remainder \$3,000,000 of

the \$6,000,000 bonds authorized. It must also be understood that this \$6,000,000 must be expended for hard surface pavement on roads which must be prepared for this surface wholly at the expense of the counties where the improvement is made, with the exception of Columbia, Clatsop, Hood River and Jackson, where for valid reasons given, the road bed may be prepared at the expense of the state. It must also be remembered that when introduced, this bill bore the emergency clause, which was afterwards eliminated. Had that clause been retained work could have begun early this spring and would have made it possible to have finished the grading and sub-grade work on these Columbia River Highway gaps in time to have hard surfaced at least a portion of them this fall. But now should this bill become a law, the work would begin so late in the season as to make very little hard

surfacing practicable. In the meantime the highway commission will not be sitting on the bank of the Columbia river waiting for the first work to be done there, but there will be something doing in their own district requiring their presence. The law provides: "Section 10. The State Highway commission is hereby authorized, empowered and directed whenever the county through which any portion of said hard surfaced road may be located, shall have constructed all or any section of any such hard surfaced road in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the State Highway commission, along routes prescribed by said commission and shall have provided for suitable drainage of said roads in accordance with the requirements of said commission and shall have prepared the foundation in

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MURIEL SEES CLIFFORD

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I had written Muriel that Lola Gardner, rather Lola Lockwood now, had written me that Clifford looked ill, but had not suggested that she write me concerning him. However, a few days after writing her I received an answer to my letter in which she told me that she had met Clifford in the street, and that Lola had not exaggerated when she said he looked ill. But that he had said he was feeling all right. Leonard Brooke had written again saying he was going west on a business trip and unless I positively forbade it he was going to stop over and see me. I don't yet know what impulse made me reply that I should be glad to see him; nor can I forget the fever of impatience with which I awaited his coming. The morning he was to arrive I could not keep still. I walked from room to room or stationed myself at the window only to do something else the next moment. His train got in about noon, but by 10 o'clock I was dressed and waiting. It seemed that time never passed so slowly. And then after all my watching and waiting I did not see him until Mandy had opened the door and ushered him in.

"How well you are looking?" "I am well," I answered, a sudden constraint, almost a bashfulness coming over me. We went into my tiny living room and closed the door. At last we were alone. I don't quite know what I expected, but when he quietly kissed me then held me off to look at me, a feeling of disappointment surged over me, and instead of throwing myself in his arms as I was first tempted to, I drew myself away, and eluded him: "You know we were to be very platonic until I had my divorce." "Yes, I know. And aren't we?" Leonard replied as he released my hands. He had been holding them all the time. Just then Mandy told us luncheon was ready, and we went into the dining room. During the meal we chatted and laughed; talked of Muriel and our friends in Glendale. Leonard admired my temporary home, and complimented me on my looks. What more could a woman expect? Yet all the time I was conscious that I missed something in his manner; that I was disappointed, though I did not know why I couldn't have told.

Newton and Edith came down stairs attired for their walk. Edith was delighted to see Leonard; he always had been a favorite of hers. "Is your going to live with us?" she asked as he picked her up in his arms. "No, dear, but I'm coming to see you again when I come back." "That's nice," she responded, then I presented Leonard to Miss Newton. I noticed that as he bowed he looked admiringly at Edith's nurse, and I didn't blame him. She was dressed most becomingly in a suit of dark blue, a tunic to match, under which her wavy brown hair broke away in ringlets on forehead and neck. Her eyes were bright, and she looked happy and contented. "What a charming looking person. You are fortunate to have so refined a girl to care for Edith," Leonard said as they left us. "Indeed I am!" I answered enthusiastically. "And Edith adores her." "Not such a difficult thing to do!" he laughed, "be careful or some one will steal her." At the time I thought nothing of his words, but afterward they recurred to me. Leonard Meets Miss Newton. Just as we finished luncheon Miss-

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