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THE INCONSISTENT OREGONIAN.

The Oregonian is mightily worked up because President Wilson appeals to the voters to support his administration. It quotes a number of professional republican politicians over the state in an attempt to make it appear that the president has insulted the g. o. p. of Oregon.

Did the Oregonian register a protest on behalf of the "insulted" democrats of this state when Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, during the Spanish-American war, as spokesman for the administration, issued the following appeal to the voters on the eve of election in November, 1898:

"Remember that whether you will or not, your votes this year will be viewed by the nations of Europe from one standpoint only. They will draw no fine distinctions. A refusal to sustain the president this year, will, in their eyes, be read as a refusal to sustain the war and to sustain the efforts of our peace commission to secure the fruits of war. Such a refusal may not inconceivably bring about a rupture of peace negotiations. It will give heart to our defeated antagonists; it will make possible the interference of those doubtful neutral nations, who in this struggle have wished us ill."

If what Colonel Roosevelt said then (and the Oregonian endorsed it strongly at the time) was true, the same logic may be applied now. The war is nearing its end and the great problem of the terms of a permanent peace must be decided by the allies. How would this country fare in these councils if the president and his administration are discredited by the people. This is as important a consideration as the effect of the repudiation of the administration (which is the government at the present time) might have upon Germany at the present critical moment.

We believe this is a time for patriotic citizenship to come to the fore. The Capital Journal realizes that Oregon is in a peculiar situation, and that President Wilson's appeal is general. We must re-elect Congressman Hawley, republican, because there is no candidate opposing him. In the case of West and McNary we think the president would prefer the republican candidate to a democrat who will play the roll of "me, too" to Senator Chamberlain's policy of obstruction and baseless criticism. The Oregonian, if it was honest enough to view any question from an independent standpoint would advocate West's election and oppose McNary because it has patted Chamberlain on the back every time he has assailed the administration in his frothy harrangues. Logically it should support his man West and in not doing so reveals its purpose in praising Chamberlain when he was giving encouragement to the enemy by discrediting the government and hindering war work. It was merely using him for partisan purposes to discredit the president of the United States in time of foreign war for no other reason than the fact that he was a democrat. Its patriotism is enslaved by its partisanship.

The Capital Journal will be more honest with readers and a better supporter of the government at a time when it needs the support of every citizen. It will say that it would prefer to see McNary elected senator over West, although West professes to be a democrat.

The Oregonian's course only impresses one with the fact that its intelligence is of a low standard or that it under-estimates the intelligence of its readers.

The strongest indication of German collapse is contained in the dispatches announcing that the people are hoarding their money and making runs on their banks. When the people get afraid of their government's ability to pay its debts the end is not far away.

The voter who marks a plain "no" on every initiative measure on the ballot on November 5 will make no serious mistake in any instance. Some of the measures submitted to the voters are positively bad and the others are either questionable or not worth while.

Better be a good stenographer than a poor kaiser when he comes to taking dictation.

The sinking of the steamer Princess Sophia in Lynn canal and the consequent loss of 343 lives--every soul on board, is the worst tragedy of the coast. Full details of the wrecking have not been received, but it seems it was due to the same cause that leaves the auto victims scattered along the track by the train they tried to beat to the crossing. Lynn canal is one of the most dangerous passages along a most dangerous coast, narrow and with swift currents. It was through this narrow passage the captain attempted to pilot the steamer in the midst of a blinding snow storm and a breeze almost a hurricane in its proportions. It is barely possible there may be a few survivors but those acquainted with the location do not think it at all probable.

Saturday was another "Independence Day," this time the declaration being made by the representatives of 65,000,000 people, inhabitants of Europe, and composing the kaiser's intended "mittel Europa." This declaration was made in the same hall as that of the American people nearly a century and a half ago. A new liberty bell was cast for the purpose of announcing to the world the birth of a new republic.

Perhaps the next thing from the war zones will be a story of the Greeks making a drive at their old enemy the Turk. It looks very much like it was Thanksgiving time around Constantinople, and therefore far from cheerful for the Turkey birds.

Austria is just now paying no attention to what is going on in Berlin, or suggestions offered her from that point. If this course had been taken some four years ago the dual monarchy would feel much happier just now. The blind followed the blind and both are now in the ditch.

A Winlock, Washington, pastor refused to let his congregation get a sermonless Sunday on account of the Spanish influenza, and so had his sermon printed and mailed to each member. Now he will always have the pleasing doubt as to whether they each and all read it.

"The war is coming to an end in such a manner as no man in Germany desires," laments the Berlin socialist organ, Vorwaerts. If Vorwaerts were true to its name and principles it would rejoice.

The Italians are crowding the Austrians hard on the Piave front and it is quite likely they will break through the steadily weakening defense and sweep toward Vienna and Budapest.

The Germans are reported as discussing the price of peace. This is pure waste of time for all they have to do is to pay the price, the other fellows owning the goods.

The meanest thing the allies have done is to utterly ignore Austria's last peace note. It looks as though that country was considered as no longer existing.

Now is the time to gather nuts. Club the Hohenzollern family tree.

Rippling Rhymes

by Walt Mason

THE SERBS.

We admire the fiery Serbs, who have come back so strong; their dauntless courage nothing curbs, or side-tracks, very long. We thought the Serbs had looped the loops, were done, for good and all; but they came back, wit, ringing whoops, this most auspicious fall. They've undergone enough of woe to rend their souls in two, kerflummixed by a brutal foe that never mercy knew. That foe believed all Serbs were canned who were not in their graves, that never, in their native land, would they be aught but slaves. The peoples everywhere believed that they with war were done; and this explains why men were peeved when speaking of the Hun. And then one morning brought the news, "The Serbs are coming back! They're sprinting, in their six-league shoes, upon the Bulgar's track! They prance along, with buoyant step, upon the mountain road; they're loaded up with so much pep they threaten to explode!" Oh, gallant Serbs, you suffered much, first victims of the fray, and now it simply beats the Dutch, how you put up the hay! Oh, Serbs, they made you the excuse for this atrocious war, and now they wonder what the deuce they made that blunder for.

THE WIFE

By JANE PHELPS

MR. MANDEL URGES RUTH TO TAKE A REST. SHE REFUSES. CHAPTER LXIX.

Ruth had wanted terribly to ask Brian not to take Mollie King out while she was away; but she had no right to. She was leaving him, he would recruit any suggestion as to how he should

spend his time during her absence. Then too, she was happy that he had been so loving and kind at the end of their interview.

Altho she had told Brian she was a clerk like all the rest, and she really did mean it, she well knew that Mr. Mandel did not furnish taxis for the others. Yet she saw no sinister reason because she was so favored. She was

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the highest paid woman, consequently the most valuable one in his employ. He probably figured that her strength was worth more to him than the price of the taxis.

Her helplessness as regarded Brian's intimacy with Mollie King, sent her heart down sickeningly. Yet she well knew that any false move on her part--while she kept her position--would make a breach between them. That it was already there, she would not admit even to herself.

She had forgotten a paper she wished to take with her, so after getting her bag, and giving Rachel directions for Brian's comfort while she was away, she went back to the store to secure it. Mr. Mandel found it for her, then said:

"You have been working hard lately, worrying a little, too, I fear. You have shown it, he answered her questioning look. 'Now, my dear Mrs. Hackett, my best interests can only be served when you are feeling at your best, mentally and physically. You've earned a play spell. Take a couple of days and go to the Springs.'--he named a famous resort near the city she was to visit--'Here is extra money for your expense while there. Don't hesitate to take it, you have earned it.'"

"Oh, but I couldn't!"

"You couldn't, why?"

"Oh, I couldn't stay away from Brian, Mr. Hackett, just to have a good time at some fashionable resort. That wouldn't be fair. It is hard enough for him when I am on business. Thank you just the same, Mr. Mandel, but I will come directly home when I finish the work."

Ruth had spoken with feeling. There had been no hesitation at either her speech or her manner. Yet the idea had a wonderful appeal for her; there had been much to attract her in the proposition. It sounded like rest and also recreation, both of which she knew she needed. Not so much because of her work, as because of her almost constant worry over Brian, and his attitude toward her.

"I am sorry you feel you can't take a rest," was all Mandel said, as he laid the envelope he had offered upon his desk.

"Please do not think me ungrateful. You are very kind to me," Ruth had not intended to show any feeling, but his thoughtfulness had touched her deeply, and there were tears in her eye, when she raised them to his.

"I never think of any but kind thoughts of you, little lady," he replied, with the nearest touch of comradery in his tones he had allowed himself.

Ruth thought only of Brian, as the train carried her away from New York because of his constant fault finding on account of her work, his sensitiveness as to his status in the household Ruth had not found the spirit to praise and encourage him of late as she used to do when they were first married.

Nor was Ruth the only one who found the tension under which they lived, hard to bear. That he no longer had Ruth's outspoken encouragement to hearten him, to urge him on, was hard for Brian. He had sort of depended on her cheerfulness when things went wrong, or were "slow" at the office. He lived mostly on hope, in these days; clients were few, pay (when he did find one) uncertain. Ruth's cheer was badly needed--And Mollie King was always sympathetic, always cheerful.

Arrived at her destination, Ruth sent a message to Brian before she left the station. Just a few words, "Arrived safely. Love." But she sent it happily, hoping because of his tenderness when she parted from him that it would find him at home eating the dinner Rachel would have ready.

A man's conscience--perhaps a woman's also--is very elastic. When she was with him, or when, as just before she left his office, Ruth showed her love for him so plainly Brian made all sorts of good resolutions.

So he had this time when Ruth left the office.

"I'll behave myself this time and not eat at home," he said aloud as he put away the papers over which he had been working. "It's lonesome as the devil, but Ruth is a good sort."

That Rachel was also an excellent cook may have something to do with his determination to go home to his dinner.

Tomorrow--Brian, Tempted, Spends the Evening With Mollie King.

FROM HUBBARD BOYS.

Mrs. S. W. Weaver received a letter from her son, Guy, in which he states that for a short time he caught up with his cousins, Gordon Grim and Seth Beebe. Soon afterwards they started out on three very hard night hikes, hiding in the day time. Gordon had had trouble with his feet and was not able to keep up with the rest and went back to a hospital. On the last day out the Germans shelled the woods along the road a half mile from where the boys were. Before starting on this hike, Seth Beebe was standing near the door of a building when a bullet came in the door and lodged in a post--all of which indicates the boys are not far from the front.

Guy also said that before he left England he thought he recognized Clarke Will passing playing in a band. He tried to get a note to him later, but did not get to see him.--Enterprise.

CHEMISTS BANISHES TRAGEDY

"The most tragic moment in a woman's life is when she discovers the first gray hair, because it is Nature's warning that youth is passing," an elderly Memphis matron said recently at a Newport hotel. "Then you are very fortunate," a Chicago lady remarked, "because apparently you never have experienced that moment of tragedy." "Indeed I have," the Memphis lady confessed, with a laugh. "Only my tragedy was intensified because several gray hairs appeared at the same time. I felt heartick, but I could not bear the thought of using a dye. Fortunately, about that time a chemist in Memphis developed a preparation which is called Q-Ban Color Restorer. You can imagine my delight when I tried it and found it restored the uniform color and lustre of my hair."

"Support The President" Said Roosevelt. When This Nation Was At War With Spain

In 1898, when this nation was at war with Spain, Theodore Roosevelt, who is now urging the American people to repudiate President Wilson's leadership, issued this appeal: "Remember that whether you will or not, your votes this year will be viewed by the nations of Europe from one standpoint only. They will draw no fine distinctions. A refusal to sustain the president this year, will, in their eyes, be read as a refusal to sustain the war and to sustain the efforts of our peace commission to secure the fruits of war. Such a refusal may not inconceivably bring about a rupture of peace negotiations. It will give a heart to our defeated antagonists; it will make possible the interference of those doubtful neutral nations, who in this struggle have wished us ill." On the eve of the November election in 1898 former President Benjamin Harrison urged the election of a republican congress to support McKinley and used these words: "If the world goes forth that the people of the United States are standing solidly behind the president, the task of the peace commissioners will be easy, but if there is a break in the ranks--if the democrats score a telling victory, if democratic senators, congressmen and governors are elected--Spain will see in it a gleam of hope; she will take fresh hope, and a renewal of hostilities, more war may be necessary to secure to us what we have already won."



THIS ARTISTIC BLOUSE IS REMINISCENT OF THE QUARTIER LATIN--This artistic blouse is dyed crepe de chine with a batik border in shades of rose. The sleeves are fringed with tassels made of worsted and beads. Copyright, Underwood & Underwood

SALTS IF BACKACHE AND KIDNEYS HURT

Drink Lots Of Water And Stop Eating Meat For a While If Your Bladder Troubles You.

When you wake up with backache and dull misery in the kidney region it generally means you have been eating too much meat, says a well known authority. Meat forms uric acid which overworks the kidneys in their effort to filter it from the blood and they become sore and paralyzed and leggy. When your kidneys get luggish and clog you must relieve them, like you relieve your bowels; removing all the body's urinous waste, else you have backache, sick headache, dizzy spells; your stomach sour, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment, channels often get sore, water scalds and you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night.

Either consult a good, reliable physician at once or get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, used for generations to clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness. Jad Salts is a life saver for regular water eaters. It is inexpensive, cannot injure and makes a delightful, effervescent lithia-water drink.

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