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Guilty consciences always make people cowards. —Pilpay.

FATAL JINGOISM.

Perhaps the Pan-German jingoes brought on this war. Herman Ridder once feared they would. Glance over this, from the New York Sun, where it appears as a communication:

To the Editor of The Sun—Sir: The New York Staats-Zeitung is a strong supporter of the German cause and lays the blame for the present condition of affairs upon Russia and England; yet in the editorial columns in January, 1905, it addressed some very plain words to the Pan-Germans in connection with the Pan-German meeting at Luebeck in that year. The gothic is mine:

If and how far German interests will be injured by the agreement between England and France can first be known after it is found out whether or not France keeps her promise to maintain the open door in Morocco. When, however, anybody undertakes to speak about the interests of Germany in this matter, it can only be commercial interests that are meant, and interests of that kind are not promoted by the provocative attitude of the Pan-German society.

If Germany today in general is unbeloved, and is able so easily to become suspected, the first and principal reason for this is the provocative activity of the Pan-Germans, their vainglory and their mania for treating other powers with mortifying insolence. When they complain about the agreement between France and England they should not forget their unmeasured enmity against Great Britain has driven that country into the arms of France. The Pan-Germans should begin by criticizing themselves. They are a small minority, but they understand how to exert a kind of personal influence over the German people which any day might prove itself in the highest degree fatal.

The fear expressed by the Staats-Zeitung in its editorial of nine years ago has been justified by the facts. READER. Hartford, Conn., Nov. 25.

There are plenty of American jingoes. We have German-Americans who seek to enfold us in Germany's behalf; and we have jingoes of all national descent who are forever pecking at Japan.

Ten years hence, we may ourselves be enfolded in a great war—and may be able to look back and see what jingoism did for us.

IF THE BELGIANS RISE

Nobody could much blame the Belgians for rising. To starve is a fate no human being would endure. If they fling themselves upon the bayonets of Germany we must have only pity.

There has been no period in human history in which mankind has endured more misery.

George V had a rough passage to France; but not such as to cause him to throw up his kingdom.

However, there is no need to go to the other extreme and declare the United States could not lick a postage stamp; because the war tax is proving that most of us can lick 'em.

If revealed religion is not so strong as it might be these days; it may be it is because so many rogues and crooks make so strong a pretense of it.

A Chicago church treasurer has skipped with the till. Serves 'em right for skipping the minister to hoard it.

Only twenty more days until Christmas. Holiday shopping should be the happiest and gayest season of the whole year.

If done correctly, it means a great many "looking trips" to the stores and much time spent in "window wishing," at the lovely things that are now displayed behind the big plate-glass store windows.

The arrival of the delivery wagons, during the early December days, the secreting of mysterious packages in places forbidden to the investigator, the accidental discovery of caches by the other members of the family, the guessing of who is to get the bundle that was grabbed so hastily from the delivery boy and carried off upstairs—these are the pastimes that fill the days before Christmas with an excitement, which for pure delight, has no equal.

The Christmas gift that is hastily picked out on Christmas eve loses half of its charm.

From now until the twenty-fifth, the Missoula stores should be filled with Christmas shoppers, each one pleasantly animated by good cheer, jovial secrecy and loving thoughts of others.

A STUDY OF ELECTION FIGURES

Some days ago, we published an article from The Montana Progressive, showing the striking coincidence between the increased democratic vote for congressman, at the recent election in Montana, with the decrease in the vote for the progressive congressional nominee.

As we now recall the figures, the socialist vote was approximately the same as two years ago. The democratic vote increased 11,000, the republican vote 2,000, the progressive vote decreased 9,000.

With the 4,000 increase in the total vote divided equally between the democratic and republican congressional candidates, the 9,000 increase in the democratic congressional vote exactly corresponds to the 9,000 loss to the progressive congressional ticket.

Over in Idaho, according to The Boise Capital News, the same coincidence appears in the vote of that state at the recent election.

The News says: "It is also worthy of note that Alexander's (the democratic nominee for governor) total vote was 13,626 more than the total vote received by Hawley, the democratic candidate for governor two years ago, while McElroy's (progressive) vote was 13,742 votes less than Martin, the progressive nominee for governor two years ago, received.

"The very close similarity between the vote lost by the progressive nominee to that gained by the democratic nominee for governor cannot fail to impress students of elections and of political sentiment as being most striking, to say the least of it."

The Way They Take It

MORE NEW COUNTIES

(River Press) The area and taxable resources of Chouteau county will be reduced to comparatively small proportions if the plans for creating several new counties in this part of Montana meet with success. The county division forces of some of the promoters are being mobilized preparatory to a campaign that proposed to make radical changes in the map of this vicinity.

The Pondera county scheme, with Conrad as the proposed county seat, has been revived. It proposes boundary lines that include about nine townships in the western part of Chouteau county and a large portion of the eastern part of Teton county. The necessary petition has been filed in the office of the county clerk of Teton county, that being the county from which the larger portion of territory would be appropriated, and December 16 has been set as the day for hearing protests against the program of the Pondera county divisionists.

The activity of the Pondera county promoters is supposed to be due in part to the discovery that the Chester people have begun an aggressive campaign for the formation of a new county which has been christened Marías county in advance of its birth, and which proposes to take in certain parts of Chouteau county that are included in the Pondera county scheme.

It is also rumored that county division schemes are in process of incubation at Big Sandy and Geraldine, and may soon hatch out. They are not sufficiently advanced to announce the lines along which the campaign of their promoters will be planned, but a large area of Chouteau county will undoubtedly be included in each new county that it is proposed to form. In the meantime, residents of localities affected by any of these new county propositions should give the matter careful attention, and decide whether it is in their best interest to aid in the support of a new county government that will necessarily call for additional expense which must be met at some time or other by the taxpayers. The prudent citizen will hesitate to affix his signature to a new county petition unless he is prepared to foot the bill.

(Conrad Independent)

County division talk has been rife during the past week, and much activity has been reported. It is said that Valter is circulating petitions and will ask for the creation of a new county from the western and north-western portions of old Teton, leaving Cut Bank in a narrow strip by itself attached to the old county. Chester also has a division scheme on, and on Tuesday a delegation of business men from that town arrived in Conrad and asked assistance in getting the signatures of the residents of three townships, located in ranges 1, 2 and

3 east, township 28, directly east of Conrad, in Chouteau county, which they proposed to include in Chester's new county. The people of the territory mentioned of course wanted nothing to do with a new county with Chester as the county seat, and passed up the invitation.

(Havre Democrat) The county commissioners have received the plans and specifications for the new courthouse from Frank Boss-out. It will be three stories high, surmounted by a large dome. It is estimated that it will cost near \$125,000.

(Gallatin Journal) The Havre land office established a record last month for the amount of business passing through it which has never been equaled in the northwest. The office took care of 617 final proofs, over 700 filings, several contests, and receipts for the month amounted to almost \$45,000.

(Glasgow News) A campaign is being started in Glasgow for the creation of a seed lien law in Montana by the next legislature, and which, if adopted, is expected to prove extremely advantageous to newly arrived agriculturists in Valley county who may be beginning homesteaders' lives on short money. Charles Griffin of the Great Northern immigration department, spent last Saturday in the city consulting with business men relative to this proposed legislation.

(Chinook Opinion)

An effort will be made to organize seed growers of the valley at a meeting to be held in the Griffin Amusement hall Saturday forenoon. The object is to form a producers' organization that will build a warehouse and will take the members' alfalfa seed and clean it and market it. The cost of handling will be divided among the members in proportion to the amount of seed sold. The interest seems to be aroused in this proposition which has been advocated for a long time.

TRAIN IN EGYPT.

London, Dec. 3.—The official bureau announced today: "Australian and New Zealand contingents have been disembarked in Egypt to assist in the defense of that country and to complete their training there. When this training is completed they will go direct to the front to fight with other British troops in Europe."

A SIGN OF EXPERIENCE.

The young man carefully removed the cigars from his vest pocket and placed them on the piano. Then he opened his arms. But the young girl did not flutter to them. "You," she said, coldly, "have loved before."

CURRENT POETRY

WINTER

The summer comes and the summer goes. Wild flowers are fringing the dust lanes. The swallows go darting through fragrant rains. Then all of a sudden—it snows.

Dear Heart, our lives so happily flow. So lightly we heed the flying hours. We only know winter is gone—by the flowers. We only know winter is come—by the snow. —Thomas Bailey Aldrich.

LOVE IN A COTTAGE

I rented me a cottage. With a woodland nook; I bought me pans and pottage; I captured me a cook. All life seemed rapt and rosy; Birds sang in every tree. "Here with my sweet, how cozy," I thought, "the days will be!"

My love has lips like peaches. As sweet as ever kissed; But she is fond of speeches— She is a feminist! And so my pans and pottage. They failed to hold her thrall. She said, "Fly on your cottage! You'd better hire a hall!" —Clinton Scollard.

FAMOUS SECOND LINES

A clever Boston woman is responsible for the following: "How doth the little busy bee?" Pick him up and you will see.

"Lest we forget, lest we forget." One finger wears the red sting yet.

"O say, can you see by the dawn's early light?" If I should wake up I think that I might.

To which we beg leave to append a few: NOT SO FAMOUS.

"If you're waking call me early, call me early, mother dear!" But don't keep up the racket when you find I do not hear.

"Backward, turn backward, O time, in your flight." (This is a bluff—you are doing all right.)

"I would not live always, I ask not to stay"; But I still hang right on in a general way. —State Journal.

LONELY EVENING'S

'Tis awful lonely, evening's! All day I got my work to do: The childer wants a seem' to: An' so I'm tired be lime I'm thro'. But 'tis awful lonely, evening's!

'Cos Joe was allus done be eight, An' rare's the time I've had to wait For him—fur he were never late. But now 'tis lonely evening's.

He pater set jest over thee— Yes, that were his partic'lar cheer— An' smoke his pipe and sup his beer. An' talk to me o'evenin's.

But now, becoss he's done his bit, An' hev his scars to show for it. He's had to go agen, an' quit. His easy time o' evenin's.

They see it's right as he should go: He said hisself as that were so. But then he never seemed to know How lonely I'd be, evenin's.

How awful lonely, evening's! W' nothin' else to do but pray. As he'll come back to me some day. He'll be that shy. But I'll be fey. An' then p'raps both on we'll say: "Twere awful lonely, evening's!" —Edwin Pugh.

BRANTNER RETURNS TO FACE CUSERS

Portland, Ore., Dec. 3.—To face a charge of using the mails in furtherance of a scheme to defraud in connection with the location of settlers on the land of the Oregon and California land grant, Fred Brantner, an alleged conspirator with J. W. Logan and Dan J. Conners, who were convicted and are now in the federal prison at McNeil's island, returned voluntarily to Portland today and surrendered himself to custody. He had been in Vancouver, B. C., a fugitive from justice under indictment by the federal grand jury, but, although he was safe from arrest, he telegraphed Mr. Reames last week that he would come to Portland and give himself up.

He is charged by the government with having been a leader in the alleged conspiracy.

PERE MARQUETTE HEARING

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 3.—After listening to more testimony, Commissioner Hall of the interstate commerce commission adjourned indefinitely the hearing in the federal investigation of the financial affairs of the Pere Marquette railroad, which is now in the hands of a receiver.

MAN

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THE AVERAGE PERSON

As seen by his fiance, his mother, his wife and his stenographer

PATRICK J. GILROY IS MISSING, SAID IS SUICIDE

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inside, a pair of glasses and other things known to belong to the missing man, who was last seen here Tuesday night. It is the opinion of those who know most of the circumstances of the case that Mr. Gilroy committed suicide during a fit of despondency.

A Forest Ranger For over a year Mr. Gilroy has been a forest ranger in the Indian service, making his headquarters at Ronan. His first came to the Flathead in 1910, when he took up a homestead and brought his family here from Butte to live. A few days ago he lost his position with the Indian service.

His folks were away, having gone to Butte some time ago, and Tuesday afternoon Mr. Gilroy came to Polson. He registered at the Central hotel, leaving his grip there. He did not occupy his room that night, but late in the evening was seen by an acquaintance on the street, when he made a remark that now seems significant.

Good Night to End It "This is a fine night," he said. "A good night to shuffle off."

That was the last that has been seen of Patrick Gilroy. The tracks were discovered by fishermen, E. F. Steeds and Frank Sawyer of this place, when they reached the spot along the bank of the river this afternoon. They brought the word here immediately and an attempt was made to find some traces of the man by telephone. He had not been seen about any of his usual haunts since he left Ronan.

A search will probably be made along the river tomorrow in an attempt to find the body that is believed to be in the stream. At the point where the tracks led to the edge the water is deep and swift. No man could stem the tide there and get out alive.

Well Known in Butte Patrick Gilroy made his home in Butte for many years. He served as deputy county clerk under Clerk John Weston and was then elected. He has a wife, two sons, Joe and Jack, and a daughter, Molly. Jack is ill with typhoid fever at the Sisters' hospital here. The daughter is a teacher in the Butte schools. The son, Joe, recently lost an arm in an accident in Butte.

KANSAS CROP.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 3.—The 1914 corn crop of Kansas was worth \$59,829,146, according to the report of J. C. Mohler, secretary of the Kansas Board of Agriculture, issued tonight.

The same report places the value of this year's oats crop at \$17,789,294. This makes the total value of three Kansas crops \$288,684,671, the value of the wheat crop being estimated at \$121,583,621 in a report recently issued. There were 5,279,552 acres planted to corn this year. The total yield was \$7,338,272 bushels.

INCOME TAX WILL MAKE UP BIG DEFICIT

RUSSIANS OF WEALTH TO PUT UP SUM LOST BY CUTTING OUT VODKA INDUSTRY

London, Dec. 4.—The Petrograd correspondent of Reuter's Telegram company, writing under date of Thursday, says:

"A meeting of prominent economists and leading representatives of Russian commerce and industry approved today a temporary imposition of an income tax in order to balance the loss to the government of the revenue formerly derived from the sale of vodka, traffic in which has been prohibited.

"Count Karolyi and Count Andrássy, the leaders of the opposition in the Hungarian chamber of deputies announced that they would postpone criticism of political matters until peace was resumed. The house sent greetings to the armies in the field, expressing admiration for the work accomplished and confidence in the ultimate accomplishment of a victory which will bring rich advantages to Hungary."

hibited. Count Sergius Witte opposed an income tax and favored instead a levy on the owners of big estates and an increase in the existing taxes."

AUSTRIA ADOPTS U. S. ARBITRATION

Berlin, via wireless to London, Dec. 3.—The German official press bureau tonight gave out the following official statement:

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