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AT PETROGRAD

We Americans find it not easy to get a clear idea of conditions in Russia or reach intelligent conclusions concerning the part that country will take in the war's future. We know that it is a power that counts a population almost twice as large as that of the United States dwelling in a space that is as large as North America, with a good deal of South America thrown in.

As for Lenin, one of his most recent pronouncements is that Russia "must encourage every attempt made by the soldiers on both sides of the line to fraternize" and thus place all the belligerent nations "in the hands of the revolutionary proletariat which alone can restrain the whip hand of capitalism."

A NOTABLE CAREER

That John Watson Foster had a fair claim to the title of Dean of the American Diplomatic Service could not be questioned. His length and character of service, his career was notable. For practically half a century he had had a leading part in shaping affairs of magnitude in which his country had an interest.

In this country Mr. Foster was recognized as an authority in diplomatic matters and his knowledge of political conditions throughout the world was as thorough as it was extensive. After his retirement he unofficially was called upon as adviser to his government in important diplomatic affairs.

Mr. Foster succeeded Blaine as secretary of state. Up to the time of his death his memory went back to the days before Blaine became a commanding figure. In some respects he

followed the policies of Blaine when secretary and he made an earnest effort at that time to cultivate cordial relations between this country and the nations of South America. As secretary of state his most notable act, perhaps, was a treaty with the Americans in Hawaii who had been concerned in the overthrow of the native queen, providing for annexation of the islands to the United States.

THE FINAL FIGURES

In anticipation of the coming of checks on the last Thursday of this month, under the president's proclamation, the nation can get from the federal government's most recent reports plenty of cause for gratitude for the present condition as far as abundant food is concerned. The reports for corn last of the last week gives in the earlier statement, in a sense there should be compensation in this item for the failure of wheat to come up to the earlier estimate. It is true that rice and oats and certain other staples do not show yields as large as were hoped for but their average is good, while the amount appropriate for all the harvest makes a new record in the national statistics.

HE HAS IMAGINATION

At the outset we Americans know that Herling, the new chancellor of Berlin, does not like us. He made a vigorous speech before the Bavarian parliament which attracted considerable attention a short time before he was chosen as the successor of Dr. Michaelis.

Herling pitched into the United States hard. He made the statement that the "American empire has become too strong" that it is determined to control Europe in commerce, industries and the like, that the neutral powers and the smaller states on the continent are aware of it and that therefore, they, as well as the thousand people throughout Europe, will be more disposed to be friendly toward Germany in the war so as to be protected against aggression by the United States.

IN A DISTANT ZONE

The Flanders region and Northern Italy about the American public's attention so completely that it is next to impossible to keep track of hostilities in other war zones. For one thing, the fact that Jerusalem is liable to fall into the hands of the British forces has had more passing notice. Yet the developments with which this item is associated are of much importance.

A British army advancing from Egypt has been making an active campaign in Palestine. Some time ago there came word from London that this army had captured Gaza. That achievement gave this fighting force a mood center adjacent to the Mediterranean where supplies can be received by a new and much better route.

From Gaza to Jerusalem the distance is hardly greater than from Butte to Deer Lodge; the most recent prediction is that the English will continue their successful campaign and be in possession of the city of Jerusalem before the end of the year. While these operations in a remote field are not of chief account they nevertheless have a place of considerable importance in the current story of the war.

DOING ITS SHARE

Silver Bow county's record in respect to pledges asked by the national food administration is in keeping with every other helpful thing it has done in connection with the war. Last week it developed that the county had established a record in the matter of soldiers furnished the government; its showing in respect to Liberty bonds was unique in this country and it did wonderfully well in over-subscribing its apportionment for the \$100,000,000 Red Cross fund.

heard support given the campaign in this section. He has reported that 90 per cent of the families of the county have signed the pledge. That is far better than the average response throughout the country. Last Friday it was reported that the food administration had come within less than a million of its goal for pledges. On that date \$1,947,700 households had signed the pledge and the success of the movement had been assured. If all parts of the country had extended the same measure of co-operation as was given by the people of Silver Bow county, the number reported in the United States would have been about doubled.

In all that appertains to the war, Silver Bow county can be expected to do more than its full share. For that reason the campaign now progressing for the Y. M. C. A. work in the army will end with success. It's a good cause and Silver Bow county will maintain the lead in a substantial way.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- 1128 - Colonel Dundas defeated Canadian insurgents at Prescott.
1818 - General Nixon abandoned by Santa Anna and occupied by American forces under Commodore Conner.
1841 - Count Bismarck, minister of interior, murdered in Rome and body beheaded in the palace.
1842 - The Prince of Wales (Edward VII) married at Frimley, England, on the return from his American trip.
1842 - Edward Everett delivered the oration at the dedication of the national cemetery at Gettysburg.
1858 - Pedro II. of Brazil compelled to abdicate and Brazil was declared a republic.
1858 - A German naval expedition occupied Kiao-chow, China, in retaliation for the massacre of German missionaries.
1862 - An attempt upon the life of King Leopold of Belgium was unsuccessful.
1864 - An extradition treaty between the United States and Germany was signed at Washington.

THE ANNIVERSARY IN THE EUROPEAN WAR

- 1914 - Russian advanced on Chancellorsville.
1915 - Severe infantry fighting in the "Salisbury" in Arras.
1916 - Germans pressed French back on the Somme.

FROM HERE AND THERE

An American first invented the process for condensing milk 26 miles ago. The Tennessee river this season yielded 6,900 tons of excess wheat, selling at \$15 to \$20 a ton. The British army absorbs in the way of victual supplies more than 60 miles of railway a day. A great percentage of a Danish member of parliament is the right to a free Turkish bath anywhere in the kingdom. The British and Foreign Bible society has published the scriptures in 500 different languages and dialects. Mr. Svatkoff, who was until recently Russian minister of war, has been to be executed as a private soldier in a "stock" installation. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman is the only British premier whose death has taken place at the official residence in Downing street.

Nearly 50 years ago Jules Verne, the famous French writer of fiction, forecast the use of the airplane, the tank and the use of shells filled with poison gas. In the Bahamas the Irish language is spoken by many of the negroes, who are mixed descendants of the Hibernian patriots banished long ago by Cromwell to the West Indies. The famous evangelist has been known to get 100,000 words in the course of one of his sermons. Costa Rica, which country has added its name to the list of nations allied against Germany, can muster an army of 50,000 men under war conditions, as there is conscription for all males between the ages of 16 and 50.

According to a prominent photographer, who has had extensive opportunities to study the expressions of various people at different ages, after 30 years of wedded life 50 per cent of married couples begin to bear a marked likeness to each other and in every case it is the wife who grows like the husband, and not the husband like the wife.

CURRENT ATTRACTIONS IN BUTTE THEATRES

- AMERICAN: Moving pictures: Today and tomorrow, Billie Burke in "The Mysterious Miss Terry."
ORPHEUM: Moving pictures: Today, Mme. Petrova in "The Silence Sellers."
RIALTO: Moving pictures: Today and tomorrow, Mrs. Vernon Castle in "The Mark of Cain."
PEOPLES: Hippodrome vaudeville: Today and tomorrow, Miss Gene Knight and Six Symphony Belles, and five other acts.
ANSONIA: Vaudeville and moving pictures: Today and tomorrow, "For the Freedom of the World."

ODD EVENTS IN TODAY'S NEWS

SEES SMOKE 56 MILES.

Portland, Ore.—On the lookout station at the top of Mount Hood, over 11,000 feet high, Ensign Osburn remains during the fire season. With his glasses he covers an enormous area of forest. Some forest fires 50 miles away burned the heights on which they had slept and Osburn at once reported the smoke.

SOMETHING WRONG.

Pargo, N. D.—At least three empty box cars are now awaiting in North Dakota, but the destination is such that they are not being used according to reports made to Dr. H. F. Ladd, state food director, he announced. Dr. Ladd also has received reports that the town of Plaza, in North Dakota, has been without potatoes for two weeks.

\$5 FOR SWATTING FLY.

Hawthorn, Kan.—It was if N. Zimmerman, a business man, it was a fly that did a special job and landed on his bald head. Mr. Zimmerman was attending church when the swatting occurred. The man who swatted money and had asked for a description when a fly landed on Mr. Zimmerman's head. He raised his hand to brush away the fly and the preacher caught the movement. "N. Zimmerman swatted a fly which will be the next," the preacher announced. Mr. Zimmerman paid the swatting as he said it was worth the price of the annoying fly.

BUILT HOUSE IN 10 HOURS.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—In a speed test carried on by contractors engaged in building homes for miners for the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal company, a double dwelling eight feet two stories high, was erected in a state of completion for placement in 10 hours. This feat was accomplished at 4 o'clock the first stack of wood was laid on the foundation. At 5 o'clock the building was ready for plastering, floors laid, heat pipes and plumbing installed, roof on chimneys capped and the outside treated in one coat of paint. Architects, contractors and subcontractors were on the scene and each had a large force of men engaged.

LUKE M'LUKE SAYS

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There are all sorts of people in the world, including the fellow who would rather tell the trouble than be popular. That you have never heard of a man who would rather be popular than tell the trouble is not surprising. Some fellows who find work because the only job they can get is them is the job they want.

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A man who never makes enemies attracts about as much attention in the world as does a thermometer on a pleasant day.

A girl always plus a boob who marries some other girl when he might have had sense enough to marry her. Some boys are not called and go to war. Others get married on a salary of \$15 per week.

It is just about getting to a point where modern children will organize and see that the courts compel their parents to be more obedient.

Some drivers result from a misunderstanding of the term "result" from the fact that married couples understand each other too well. The reason why a woman thinks her husband is the greatest man in the world after she has been married to him for 10 years is because if you pour a bucket of water at the foot of a hill the water will start running up the hill.

All men may be born equal. But fortune will smile on one man and try to bite another man in the leg. Sit down and think it over and then make a list of the men you know who would not impress on you if they could.

OUR DAILY SPECIAL

A Suspicious Man Judges Others By Himself. Names is Names. Bill Willcutt lives at Carthage, Ind.

IF

BY BERTON BRALEY. We'd describe our words and we'd quit right now. If the Pacifics had their way, we'd make some kind of a peace somehow. If the Pacifics had their way, we'd leave our allies to make their fight without the help of our wealth and might. Yes, we'd be a fine brave bunch all right. If the Pacifics had their way, we'd lie down and let a crown crew if the Pacifics had their way. We'd show that our word was a word untrue. If the Pacifics had their way, we'd save ourselves from the present. Then if the Kaiser should win the fuss why later on he'd attend to us. If the Pacifics had their way, we'd be the butt of the whole world's hate. If the Pacifics had their way, we'd meet the sword and glitter's fate. If the Pacifics had their way, wherever we went we'd find a ban. And I'd blush to be an American. If the Pacifics had their way!

1/2 HALF PRICE Clearance Sale of Fine Suits. Again Tomorrow Take Your Choice Your Pick at One-Half the Marked Price. If you do not heed the appeal of this great Half-Price Sale Of women's suits you are certainly overlooking a golden opportunity. See the Window Display. 1/2 OFF Again Tomorrow SALE OF FINE SUITS. 1/2 OFF GREENS SALE. All newest styles. No Old Goods Here.

RED CROSS ACTIVITIES IN THE BUTTE CHAPTER

An urgent appeal from the United States government has been received by the local chapter of the American Red Cross for assistance for the starving and perishing people of Armenia. The ladies of the local chapter request that donations of garments for men, women, children and babies, and especially the latter, be made at once to the headquarters in the Henry street store. The clothes donated should be in fairly good condition, clean and mended, so as to be available to be sent away at once. Mrs. J. E. Hampe turned in \$15.50.

THINK

When the time comes for you to leave all behind, what about those who are dependent upon you? Men, like animals, must prepare for the future. Have you prepared? Let us help you prepare. It means real comfort for all concerned. We Pay 4 Per Cent Interest on Savings.

Yegros. B. BUTTE MONTANA CAPITAL. 101 West Park Street.

EVANGELIST'S TABERNACLE IS FIRED BY INCENDIARIES

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 11.—Incendiarists, according to the police, made a large tabernacle in which Dr. Oliver, an evangelist, has been conducting meetings. The fire well started when the firemen and extinguished them. Several ago anonymous threats were made the building was doomed.

BRITISH FOREIGN TRADE FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER

London, Wednesday, Nov. 14.—Board of trade returns for the month of October, 1917, are as follows: Imports, \$209,963, an increase of \$11,000,000 the previous month, and exports, \$177,064, an increase of \$2,000,000.

FINDS LABOR SITUATION IN MONTANA EXCELLENT

"The labor situation generally in Montana is excellent," said John H. McIntosh, state secretary of the Yama Employers' association, who returned from a visit to Helena, Falls, Lewistown and Helena. McIntosh says that with the exception of the trouble at the sugar beet factory at Billings, there are no industries worthy of the name at the moment.

RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason. THE CHEERFUL MOTORIST. I crawl beneath my balky car, with fifteen kinds of wrenches tinker where its vitals are, 'mid gas and grease and stench, and done I am a sight to see, a sight for sore-eyed dragons; and prancing horses shy at me, run off and bust their wagons. I skid into a ditch, and haul some passing granger, to bring his mules along squashed, and haul me out of danger. I wallow round in squashed cold rain upon me drizzling, removing from the wheel a tire, and their accustomed splendor, and then I run into a post and my costly fender. A farmer stops me now and then, and asks me to dander, to pay for running down his hen, his sheepdog, or his pig. O'er arid hills I jaunt along, through meadows cool and ferny, something always going wrong, wherever I may journey. But I motor home again, from my adventures shocking, and mingle familiar men, you ought to hear me talking! "I had the finest I yip, while truth grows vague and hazy; 'no accident on all the roads—my car is sure a daisy!"