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GET THE ISSUES STRAIGHT.

THAT Mr. Bunnell's private character is all that is claimed for it in a platitudinous editorial in the Juneau Daily Empire of August 7th we have no intention of disputing...

Is this not another effort to overplay the credulity of the public?

"Won out" what and how? Conceded that Delegate Wickersham played an important part in the defeat of the iniquitous Beveridge bill...

But what of actual accomplishment and how was it accomplished? The question before the people of Alaska now is not one of rewarding someone for public service performed sometime in the past...

The question before the people of Alaska concerns the future. It is simply this: Do Mr. Bunnell and his platform and political faith offer more hope to the people than do Judge Wickersham and the platform he has offered to the people?

A cablegram is received by the Governor of Alaska from Senator Key Pittman, chairman of the committee on Territories in the Senate...

A WHOLE NATION AT WAR.

THAT was a graphic picture those Chinese medical men brought from the Interior of Germany. Imagine a whole Nation off to war while the old men, young boys and women folk do all the work at home!

It means that Germany will not be stayed in its campaign of aggression easily. It means that whole Nations must meet the whole Nation in arms or suffer defeat at its hands. It means more than a few hundred thousand soldiers from Great Britain will be needed to save the day.

The events of the last few days have demonstrated that there is no child's play about this contest in Europe, nor is there any question about the fighting power of the German Empire.

It has been said that it is ridiculous to suppose that the Germans can whip all the Nations of Europe. Probably so; but when all the Germans go to war they can beat a part of the men of all the Nations of Europe.

Welcome to the United States Francisco Carbajal, and may you serve your adopted country as well in the walks of peace as you have served Mexico in peace and war.

PROBABLY EXAGGERATED.

IT is hardly conceivable that such a disaster as that which the New York Herald alleges has overtaken the British Navy could have been kept from the general public or censored out of the dispatches from Europe and left to German wireless telegraph stations for distribution to the public.

The circumstance that England still has the German navy bottled up and the seas open for commerce counts against the probability that her navy has been seriously crippled.

If the British navy has lost 39 vessels or any considerable portion of that number, the chances are that most of them have been smaller craft—destroyers, torpedo boats and auxiliary ships of one kind and another.

SHIPS OF ENGLISH AND GERMAN FLEETS

The following named constitute the dreadnaughts and superdreadnaughts that are supposed to be in the North sea fleets of Great Britain which have faced each other almost since the beginning of the war:

- The British Fleet. These are the dreadnaught types probably in the British fleet in or near the North Sea and their tonnage: Tiger, battle cruiser, 25,000. Queen Elizabeth, 27,500. Queen Mary, battle cruiser, 27,000. Prince Royal, cruiser, 26,350. Ajax, 23,000. Audacious, 23,000. Centurion, 23,000. King George V., 23,000. Conqueror, 22,500. Monarch, 22,500. Orion, 22,500. Thunderer, 22,500. Colossus, 20,000. Hercules, 20,000. Neptune, 19,000. Collingwood, 19,000. St. Vincent, 19,250. Vanguard, 19,250. New Zealand, battle cruiser, 18,000. Indefatigable, cruiser, 18,800. Bellerophon, 18,600. Temeraire, 18,600. Superb, 18,600. Dreadnaught, 17,900.

These are all big gun ships completed, except the Dreadnaught, since 1908. They are the chief support of the home fleet. Such other vessels as the King Edward VII., the Dominion, the Commonwealth, the Hibernia, the Britannia, the Africa, the Indomitable, the Invincible, the Agamemnon, the Lord Nelson and the Cornwallis, which have been used in the Mediterranean fleet, may have been recalled to the North Sea although of course, some protection must be left at home, at Gibraltar and in the Mediterranean. The British North Sea fleet has about 70 destroyers.

The German Fleet. The more important German war vessels concentrated at Kiel and Wilhelmshaven, to meet the British fleet are: Oldenburg, 22,500. Helligoland, 22,500. Ostfriesland, 22,500. Thuringen, 22,500. Friedrich der Grosse, 24,310. Kaiser, 24,310. Goeben, 22,600. Moltke, 22,600. Von der Tann, 18,700. Posen, 18,300. Rheinland, 18,300. Westfalen, 18,200. Nassau, 18,200.

Besides these the Koenig Albert the Kaiserin and the Prinz Regent Luitpold probably are in commission, giving Germany 16 or 17 dreadnaughts to about 32 for England. All the above German vessels are big gun vessels laid down since 1907. In destroyers the Germans are very strong, having 141, mostly in the North Sea, and these can be mobilized better than the larger British destroyers. The Germans also have 47 torpedo boats and 30 submarines, so that in the first attack, which is almost certain to be a torpedo attack, the Germans should make a good showing.

PROVIDENCE, Aug. 22.—The textile mills throughout Rhode Island will probably have to close within a few weeks because of lack of adequate dyestuffs, which are imported from Europe, particularly from Germany. Rhode Island mills have less than six weeks' supply on hand.

PRESIDENT WILSON AND WALL STREET

In the current issue of The Forum, The Wall Street Journal is taken severely to task for saying that "a president of coarser fibre, but of sounder business experience, would have realized the mischievous effect of further regulatory legislation long ere this, and would have found no difficulty in winning Congress to an abandonment of such measures for the present session at least."

The kind of "coarser fibre" president wanted by The Wall Street Journal is precisely the kind of president the American people do not want; the kind of president the American people want is the kind of president they now have in Woodrow Wilson, a man who is carrying out "a scheme of magnificent constructive legislation," as The Forum says, "in spite of the threats of financial gangsters, or the personal spleen of traitors to the party, or the jeremiads of all the pessimists who believe that the country is inevitably going to perdition because it has a Man at its head."

The three essential elements of the president's character, brains, backbone and heart, make it impossible for Wall street and its shifty clientele to like him; but the Americans elected him, they like him, and that is enough. —Seattle Sun.

NOTICE TO DEMOCRATS.

There will be a meeting of the Juneau Democratic Club Monday evening, August 24, at 8 o'clock, in the new club rooms, 18 and 19, Valentine building, for the purpose of making arrangements, fixing the hours and place of voting and to nominate candidates for delegates to the Democratic primary election called for August 28, to select delegates to the Democratic Divisional Convention, called for the First Judicial division of Alaska to be held in Juneau September 7.

SUSPEND MONEY ORDER SERVICE WITH AUSTRIA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—The postal money order service with Austria has been suspended by the United States Postoffice Department.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—The United States Senate has passed House bill increasing amount which one person have on deposit in the postal savings bank from \$500 to \$1,000.

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LONDON PRESS PRAISE PRESIDENT WILSON

LONDON, Aug. 8.—The newspapers print appreciative editorials on President Wilson's offer of mediation, and are specially laudatory of it because it was made when he was beset by private grief.

"It is with profound satisfaction, say the Times, that the British people have taken note that the cause in which they are fighting has the sympathy, virtually the unqualified sympathy, of the American kinsman. The United States Government itself has of course proclaimed official neutrality."

"It is the only first class power of the Western world that can maintain an attitude of even comparative detachment toward the combatants. As such there may be reserved for President Roosevelt in the war between Russia and Japan."

Sympathy for President. "President Wilson, to whom at the moment the sympathy of the whole British people is extended in his private sorrow, has indeed already intimated his willingness to act in the interest of European peace whenever occasion present itself. That time is distant. There is much stern work to be done before any Government is likely to avail itself of his proffered services."

The editorial closes as follows: "What they (the Americans) are now beginning to appreciate is that the rise of Germany to the power and influence hitherto enjoyed by us would be inimical to American interests in the Caribbean and in South America and the Pacific, and a menace to the position and freedom of the United States as a world power."

"It may even be that to a greater extent than they yet imagine the people of Great Britain and her friends."

May Listen in Time. "President Wilson is one of the very few heads of states at the present time," an editorial in the Daily News says, "toward whom his fellow citizens have reason to feel warm gratitude. Even in the midst of his own troubles, it would be churlish not to give some expression to the sympathy which men of good will everywhere must feel for him in his heavy sorrow."

"He wrote his offer of mediation from the bedside of his dying wife. It has fallen for the time, as it was bound to fall, on deaf ears in warring Europe. Not every man can thus completely subordinate his private griefs to the service of mankind."

TEXTILE MILLS MAY HAVE TO CLOSE

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BIG BANKER LOOKS FOR GOOD TIMES

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—A. Barton Hepburn, president of the Chase National Bank, says: "This country certainly must profit by the disastrous conflict in Europe. War will paralyze the industry of Europe and it will force Europe to look to us for staple foodstuffs and other commodities of life."

"The fact that practically all the foreign controlled steamship lines will be compelled to suspend operations during the war will give America a chance to re-assert itself as a shipping power."

AMERICANS WANT CASH FOR WHEAT

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—All exports of grain to Europe will stop until buyers deposit money here. Big houses seek legal means to cancel all contracts.

CHURCH NOTES

Catholic Church. Communion mass at 8 a. m.; Parish High Mass and Sermon, at Evening services at 7 p. m.

Christian Science. Services are held in Christian Science hall, Third and Seward streets at 11 o'clock. Subject of lesson sermon: "Mind." All are welcome. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Wednesday night meetings at 8 o'clock. Free reading room each Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 5.

Presbyterian Church. John B. Stevens, Pastor. Morning service at 11. Subject: "The Design of Christian Trust." Evening service at 8. Text: Revelation 3:11, "Hold that fast which thou hast that no man take thy crown." The Perils of Unprotected Strength. Sunday school meets at 12 m. The Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. McCaughy on Friday afternoon at 2:30.

Trinity Episcopal Church. Rev. Geo. E. Renison, Rector. Holy communion at 8 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m. Subject of Sermon: "Three departments of Prayer, Private, Public and Family." Music by the full vested choir. Everyone is most cordially welcome. Sunday school meets immediately after morning service. Choir practices on Thursday evening at 8 p. m. Beginning Sept. 1st the evening services will be resumed.

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