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EDITORIAL

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THE DIES IS CAST

Editors are writing columns, linotypes are spitting forth the words thus written, and printers and stereotypers are placing the hot metal on the big presses, and the public is being given the thoughts of the various newspaper editors, as to how and why and when these old glorious United States of ours have been forced into the war, but when the public has read the countless columns thus produced there is but one deduction to draw from it all, and that is we are now in the war, and John Troy, of the Juneau Empire has stated it all in a few words, words which ring true patriotism and loyalty to our President and our Country and our Flag. Here it is. Short, sweet and without comment:—

"The die is cast. We have officially accepted 'the gauge of battle' thrown down by the Kaiser." Our old United States is at war with a powerful foreign foe, and there is no turning back with patriotism or honor. We must look only forward and move only forward until we "bring the government of the German Empire to terms and end the war."

"This means that the time for analysis and discussion has passed. It terminated when the name of President Wilson was affixed to the war resolution at 1:13 o'clock this afternoon, Washington time. It is now the plain duty of every American to keep his own counsel, as best he may, and be ready to render such service as lies within his power for his country. It is no longer his to reason why. It is his part only to accept and obey the orders and wishes of the captain in the fight. The occasion is solemn and the ordeal may be trying. But come what may, the part of each one of us is to be a patriotic American. Let not a white feather be shown anywhere. Let it go forth that one hundred million Americans stand as one man—and that the President is his leader."

CHANGE VENUE GRANTED TO EASTER CONTEST

Washington, April 9—Egg rolling with the White House grounds on Easter Monday—a custom almost as old as the White House itself—was abandoned this year on account of the international situation and the grounds around the Washington monument was used. Under the present rule policemen kept all unauthorized persons at a distance from the White House.

Choice chocolates and bon bons at Keller Bros. Drug Store.

Wickersham To File Contest

Washington, April 9—The contest papers of James Wickersham for a seat in Congress as the delegate from Alaska will probably be filed today. The papers from Juneau which included certified copies of the proceedings and count of the canvassing board, oral and written opinions of Attorney General Griggs and copies of the court proceedings before Judge Jennings are included in the papers.

The contest as soon as filed will be turned over to the proper committee. Judge Wickersham under the rules has thirty days in which to file. Chas. A. Sulzer is then allowed thirty days in which to answer. The proceeding is then carried on before the committee on the complaint and answer filed.

The Alaska contest will probably be the last heard, and it may be three months before the committee reaches it. In the meantime Chas. A. Sulzer will serve in his official capacity, but owing to this being a special session of congress there will be little work to occupy his attention.

Hundreds Greet The Alameda

Hundreds of people lined the shore last Friday at Kalk Anchorage to greet the steamer Alameda, the first ship of the season to arrive there, according to Captain Clinger of the steamer, which returned southbound last night, says the Juneau Empire for last Friday.

At Seward, westbound, the people said that the Alameda would be unable to reach Anchorage on account of the vast amount of drift ice in Cooks Inlet and the passengers on the ship were very discouraged at the prospect of having to disembark at Seward. The Alameda encountered a snow storm off the mouth of Cooks Inlet and was forced to anchor many hours behind Chugach Island. The Alameda steamed through floe ice for seventeen hours, but finally dropped anchor off Anchorage.

The hundreds of people who lined the wharves watching for the steamer which was to mark the opening of navigation were rewarded when the lighters gathered around the steamer and the green vegetables, fruit, and fresh supplies were later brought on shore. The Alameda remained at Anchorage for 24 hours unloading her freight cargo into the lighters.

Investments In Russia and East

Washington, April 9—Russian and Far Eastern fields for American investments are to be investigated at once by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, of the Department of Commerce. A. W. Ferrin, president of the Moody Magazine and Book Company and editor of Moody's Magazine, has been appointed trade commissioner to make the investigation, and will sail from San Francisco on April 30. In the meantime he will visit some of the principal business centers in this country and consult with persons especially interested in the investigation.

Mr. Ferrin will include in his trip Japan, Russia, China, the Philippines, the Dutch, British, and French East Indies, the Straits Settlement, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, India, and East and South Africa. He will study investment opportunities in these countries and will report on financial conditions, banking, railroad and public utility, and other forms of finance, with particular reference to the extension of American foreign trade.

S. S. SPOKANE SAILS NORTH

Seattle, April 9—The Pacific Steamship Company's S. S. Spokane left this city at 10 p. m. Saturday for the north. Passengers booked up to three o'clock this afternoon are: S. Spradono, E. Anderson, Albert Bulger, and wife, G. A. Johnson, Elmer Farmer, R. Gest, George Mischerk, Olaf Hanson, L. T. Maloney, Henry Ostrom, Hugo Samudsen, Harmer Erickson, Peter England, Louis Strom, Earl Pierce, Maerua Pierce, for Skagway and Hal Knight and wife, John Roseane, Jr., and wife and Thomas Vogel and wife for Haines.

Liquid Fire in War.

Liquid fire as a war weapon is thus described in an English journal:

In the earliest models the combustible liquid was propelled by a gas condenser out of a portable or fixed reservoir and was lighted by some automatic device as it escaped from the nozzle of the projecting instrument.

Later a double barreled liquid gun was devised, having the upper barrel much smaller than the lower and pivoted so as to turn independently. The fluid is shot from the two barrels simultaneously, but only that from the upper one ignites automatically.

This small burning stream is so directed that it unites with the larger, nonburning one at any desired point and then, of course, ignites the larger jet. The small stream is then shut off, the large one continuing to flow.

The flames do not spread backward along the jet toward the nozzle, but are carried forward to the target and, striking the ground, form a veritable sheet of fire, which continues to ignite the fluid as fast and as long as it falls.

The Making of Chipped Glass.

Sheets of glass that are covered with a shell-like raised pattern are in use for screens, partitions, electric light fixtures and other purposes. This chipped glass, for the pattern is often really chipped out of the surface, involves a process that is interesting. The sheet of glass to be treated is placed under a sand blast in order to give it a grain. This ground surface is next treated with a solution of good glue, and the glass is placed in a drying room on a rack, where it remains for some hours. Next the sheets of glass are removed to the chipping room, where they are placed on edge back to back, with the coated surfaces outward. This room is heated by steam coils, and when the heat is turned on the glue reaches its utmost degree of desiccation and curls off the glass in pieces from the size of a dime to that of a silver dollar, but it adheres so closely to the glass that in its effort to get free it tears a piece off the surface, the result being a beautiful pattern.

Why the Baby Cries.

Now we know why the baby cries. For a long time the cause was veiled in obscurity. It might be an inaccessible pin, or it might be the incessant discrepancy betwixt the heavenly kingdom and this world, or it might be a plain case of colic, called by what new-fangled term you please. It has been remarked for an advertising expert to discover that the baby cries in order to advertise. It is the baby's effective announcement in the imperative mood that he wants to be up and petted or he wants the moon or he wants something else, and "he won't be happy till he gets it." There is no denying that for an infant industry the baby's advertising is a great success. Nearly every time he gets results, and the most astute and alert professional selector cannot show a higher percentage of success.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Only a "Slip of a Boy."

One night while Mme. Sarah Bernhardt and her company were playing "L'Algon" in Montreal a very angry man left the auditorium and clamored at the box office for the return of his money. The manager naturally wanted to know why.

"I paid to see Mme. Bernhardt act," the man stormed, "and she's not acting."

"Mme. Bernhardt is acting," replied the astonished manager.

"No, she is not," retorted the man. "She does not take the part of the empress, and the only other characters are a man and the slip of a boy who plays the young duke."

It took ever so long to convince him that the "slip of a boy" was Bernhardt herself.—All Around Magazine.

His Magnificent Memory.

"Children," squeaked the ancient man, "I can remember just as well as if it was yesterday when I was a boy and beefsteak and potatoes were so cheap that we had 'em at our house most every day and were always permitted to eat all we wanted of 'em. Oh, I tell ye I've got a wonderful—hee, hee—memory!"

Later the children said among themselves: "Truly, Uncle Gulliver has an amazing memory. He can recollect things that could not possibly have happened."—Kansas City Star.

Dispatching Business.

Counsel For the Defense—Your honor, you neglected to ask the prisoner if she had anything to say as to why sentence should not be pronounced. Judge—Inasmuch as the prisoner is a woman, we will omit that formality in order to dispose of the case in some reasonable time.—Pittsburgh Press.

Stage Name.

"Yes, I am going on the stage."
"Well, I hope you succeed in making a name for yourself."

"That has already been attended to, my dear. I picked a really beautiful one out of a romantic novel."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Real Defender.

"Big" brother is reasonably good about defending little sister, but the real serious trouble comes when "big" sister sees some one imposing on little brother.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Stingy!

Omar—Miss Almee certainly has a lovely complexion, hasn't she? Hazel—Yes; and the stingy thing won't tell me what brand she uses.—Exchange.

The man who pays an ounce of principle for a pound of popularity gets badly cheated.



Captain W. H. G. Bullard, Chief of the Navy Wireless.

FRATERNAL ORDERS

Arctic Brotherhood. — Camp Skagway No. 1, A. B. meets every second and fourth Tuesday evening at 8:30 p. m. sharp. Visiting brothers cordially welcome. W. L. Stevenson, Arctic Chief. W. E. Burford, Arctic Recorder.

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