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Dear fatherland, no danger thine; Firm stand thy sons to watch the Rhine! They stand a hundred thousand strong...

MARRIAGE. See that boat rowed by two men! When they keep time, in rowing it goes smoothly over the rough waters...

HILLS OF GOD. The hills of God are hard to climb. Oh, tender little feet! They stand up high above the plain...

THOUGHTS ON MAN. In one respect man is the nearest thing to me, so far as I must do good to men and endow them...

AN OLD BATTLEFIELD. The softest whisperings of the scented south, And rust and roses in the cannon's mouth...

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Fine Exhibition of Gymn Team

The gymnasium exhibition by the Wofford College team last night at the Anderson College was a thoroughly interesting and enjoyable affair, according to those who witnessed the performance.

7,584 National Banks. WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—There are 7,584 national banks in the United States at the close of business November 30.

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF COUNTY TREASURER. The books of the County Treasurer will be opened for the collection of State, County and School taxes for the Fiscal Year 1914, and Commutation...

Table with columns: State Taxes, Constitutional School Tax, Ordinary County Purposes, Past Indebtedness, Roads and Bridges, Public Roads. Total 16 1/2 Mills.

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The State Constitution requires all male persons between the ages of 21 and 69 years, except those incapable of earning a support from being married or other causes, and those who served in the War between the States, to pay a poll tax of one dollar.

W. A. TRIPP, County Treasurer.

Yellow Book Bearing On Causes of Present War

Recital of the Negotiations Which Followed the Delivery of the Austrian Note to Serbia and Which Preceded the Declaration of War by Germany on Russia and on France.

PARIS, Nov. 30.—The French ministry of foreign affairs today made public a yellow book bearing on the causes of the present war. This volume is much more complete than publications of this nature given out up to the present time by other governments.

The French report is devoted primarily to a recital of the negotiations which followed the delivery of the Austrian note to Serbia (July 23, 1914) and which preceded the declaration of war by Germany on Russia (August 1, 1914) and on France (August 3, 1914).

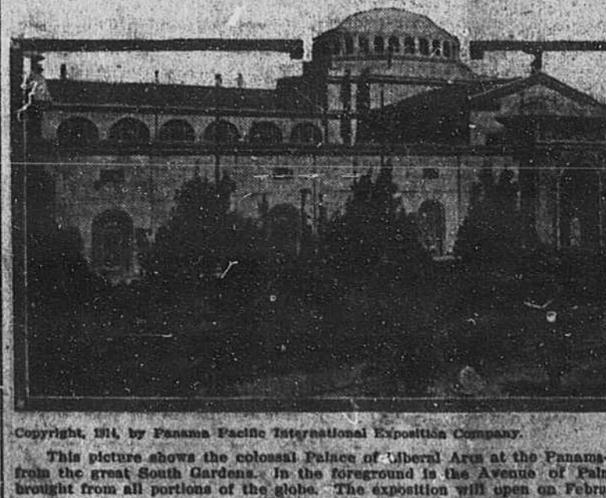
"England proposed to avoid a crisis by submitting the Austro-Serb difficulty to the official mediation of the four powers which were not directly interested therein. France and Russia accepted this proposal to internationalize the question, but Germany refused under the pretext that she could not thus humiliate her ally, and she proposed the opening of direct conversations between Vienna and St. Petersburg, saying the latter was ready to consent to this arrangement.

"The chances for peace now seemed greatly reduced, particularly as the Austrian army began the bombardment of Belgrade. The powers of the Triple Entente did not, however, give up all hope of accomplishing something in these last remaining minutes.

"These belittled dispositions constituted a permanent danger for the peace of Europe. "From a perusal of the six other chapters of the yellow book which there is to be deducted and supported by evidence, the following impressions are obtained: The combination between Austria and Germany had decided upon war, and that on four successive occasions this combination endeavored to precipitate war by violent proceedings, the purpose of which was to prevent or to insure the failure of all efforts of conciliation.

"At the beginning of the conflict Germany had commenced military preparations, and she continued them with feverish haste. At the moment when her representatives in foreign countries were protesting her pacific intentions, the 31st of July in the evening, Germany addressed to the Russian government an ultimatum giving Russia 12 hours in which to demobilize on her Austrian as well as her German frontiers. The alternative was that Germany would mobilize.

STUPENDOUS PALACE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOUTH GARDENS AT THE GREAT PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION, SAN FRANCISCO, 1915



This picture shows the colossal Palace of Liberal Arts at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, as seen from the great South Gardens. In the foreground is the Avenue of Palma, bordered by semi-tropical growth brought from all portions of the globe.

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"There could be no doubt as to the answer to such an ultimatum. From that moment the cause of peace was definitely lost, the reason being this precipitate action on the part of Germany. The obligations of alliances had to be observed and the great powers were drawn into the fatal conflict.

"Events which then took place are fresh in the memory of everyone. On the 31st of July there were acts of hostilities clearly defined, on our frontier; the second of August saw the violation of the neutrality of Luxembourg and the entrance by German troops upon three points of our territory, while our troops were holding themselves at a distance of 10 kilometers (six miles) from the frontier.

"In the light of the documents contained in this yellow book, the roles played by the different powers in this crisis show up with striking clearness. It is scarcely necessary again to emphasize the responsibilities of Austria, primal cause of the conflict. The responsibilities of Germany are even more crushing, in spite of the fact that in the beginning she stood for the second plan.

"When the Russian government showed that public opinion and the historic traditions of Russia did not permit it to turn a deaf ear to the fate of Serbia, Germany endeavored to force France, by intimidation, to associate herself with the exerting influence of St. Petersburg, but at the same time she refused to undertake like steps at Vienna.

"France, with an indefatigable good will, associated herself with the greatest sincerity with every effort made to compose the conflict. France can say truthfully that she did not take up arms except after she perceived military measures and military provocations which placed her rational existence in peril.

Campaign Will Be Pushed Vigorously

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 1.—General Francisco Villa's entrance into Mexico City under an arrangement with Emiliano Zapata seemingly has not lowered the spirits of the followers of General Venustiano Carranza here. They say the campaign will be pushed vigorously from the west south and north.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—President Wilson went over his forthcoming annual address to Congress with the cabinet today. It is short and deals with the legislative program already known in general terms, the conservation bills, the bills for a government-owned merchant marine, the Philippine bill and the regular appropriation measures.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy—The Mothers' Favorite

"I give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to my children when they have colds or coughs," writes Mrs. Verne Shaffer, Vandergrift, Pa. It always helps them and is far superior to any other cough medicine I have used.

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—(By wireless to London)—The following official announcement was given out in Berlin today: "There is no news to hand from the western arena of the war. In East Prussia and in southern Poland it was generally quiet yesterday. In northern Poland, south of the Vistula, our war booty was increased still further as a result of the successes announced yesterday.

General Situation In Mexico City Is Considered Very Good

Dispatches From Mexican Capital Give Much More Hopeful Optimistic View of Conditions Than the Washington Government Has Received in Many Weeks.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Optimistic reports showing that the Villa-Zapata coalition, supporting the provisional government of Eulalio Guiterres, is keeping order in Mexico City and restoring normal conditions were made public today at the state department.

"The official dispatches gave a much more hopeful and optimistic view of conditions than the government has received in many weeks. Following is the summary issued by the state department of a telegram from the Brazilian minister, dated 2 p. m. Sunday and just received:

"A few cases of robbery and violence by irresponsible bands were reported in the suburbs during the first two days of occupation by Zapatistas. These were against Mexicans and foreigners indiscriminately, Americans included, but such cases have been punished—even with the execution of the culprits in some instances.

"The diplomatic corps is being attended to and requests being complied with as effectively as possible. The finance department has issued a decree making valid and acceptable all bills until present bills are replaced by a new issue.

OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENTS

PARIS, Dec. 1.—(1:40 p. m.)—The following official communication was issued by the war office tonight: "In Belgium the German infantry has ensnared, without success, a sortie against those trenches to the south of Rixhoeote between Bethune and Lens. After a rather brisk affair we captured the chateau and the park of Vermelles (south of the Lys river.)

VIENNA, Via London, Dec. 1.—(11:17 p. m.)—An official announcement issued today says: "In the southern war theatre a step in the operations has reached a victorious conclusion. The enemy, who for several days has been offering strong resistance east of the rivers Kolubara and IJid (Serbia) again attempted to take the offensive, but was repulsed, suffering heavy losses in his retreat. On the battle field at Komatische alone our troops found 800 unburied bodies.

BERLIN, Via wireless to London, Dec. 1.—(12:40 a. m.)—Referring to the Russian official communication of November 29, German headquarters says: "A great story of success for the German troops has come to light in the fighting near Lodz. German forces operating against the right flank and in the rear of the Russian 2d, in their turn, were attacked by Russian units who pressed them hard, coming from the east and south.

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