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JAPAN seems ready to plunge into the bloody maelstrom which is crimeoning the East, and it is believed by many that she is going far out of her way to get mixed up in this war. She sends an ultimatum to Germany which is as follows:

"First—To withdraw immediately from Japanese waters German men-of-war and armed vessels of all kinds and to disarm at once those that cannot at once be so withdrawn.

"Second—To deliver on a date not later than Sept. 15 to the imperial Japanese authorities without condition or compensation the entire leased territory of Kiau-Chau with the view of the eventual restoration of the same to China."

and adds if an answer is not received by August 23, signifying an unconditional acceptance, Japan will be compelled to take action as she may deem necessary.

That means humiliation on the part of Germany, or a declaration of war by Japan. Humanity seems to have lost its balance. The humane is being crushed and the brutal is holding sway in the twentieth century civilization.

AFTER several decades of international and national debate, with over half a billion extended for its earlier failure and final success, the great commercial water highway, joining the Atlantic and Pacific, the Panama Canal was formally opened on last Saturday.

The vessel having the honor of being the first to consummate so wonderful an engineering feat which many declared could not be done, was the Ancon, carrying on its deck Gov. Geothels, Pres. Porras of Panama, and 300 officials and newspaper men.

What, in the last analysis, was the real motive for its construction? You answer that thousands of miles of ocean sailing might the same vessels plying between eastern Asia and the western shore of the United States, with the eastern part of the latter country. That is true. But it should now follow that those commodities coming or going in either direction should be made cheaper to the consumer. See whether transportation companies will not make this basic idea abortive. The Panama Canal ought to make living cheaper.

It is, indeed, gratifying at this time when the world itself, is almost turned upside down with the devastation of war, that this artificial strait is dedicated to the arts of peace, and that no warpanopied craft shall desecrate its waters by passing therethrough. Were this an avenue which is to lessen the distance from the middle Pacific to the middle Atlantic to be the means whereby combatants might get at each other's throats the quicker, better, we say, had never a spadeful of its soil been overturned for the Panama Canal.

THE war in Europe has apparently not fully gotten under way. The armies are moving together, forming a line anywhere from fifty to a hundred and fifty miles in length and when the real test takes place it will be a battle such as the world never heard before. The German Emperor has been severely criticised in the early stages; probably he deserved much that he received, but it is now beginning to look as if there was to be a European, and in part Asiatic coalition against the Kaiser. With all that, it takes good fighting to defeat the armies of the Kaiser. Defeat might have a good effect for the future peace of the world, but in war the defeated have to pay not only their own war expenses, but help pay the expenses of the victors. France in the Franco-Prussian war, had to pay Germany many millions of dollars and in addition surrendered her rich provinces of Alsace and Lorraine. The danger in this war in case the coalition will be successful, and it seems to be, is that Germany may be dismembered and instead of being the great, powerful and progressive nation, she will be but a helpless and hopeless country, surrounded by hostile peoples interfering with her progress. That would be a calamity not only to the Germans but to the world. The spirit of war is a bad spirit. Germany has had her full measure of this spirit. Germany is great and mighty, and no other nation on earth has brought a better class of people than Germany, and no people make better citizens than do the Germans.

While a spanking would doubtless be a good thing for the Kaiser's army, the dismemberment and annihilation of Germany would be a world-wide calamity. That Kaiser Wilhelm is meeting enemies where he least suspected them, there can be no doubt. England, according to his plans, was to remain neutral, Belgium was not expected to put up much opposition, Italy was counted on to render all possible assistance and the Kaiser never dreamed that Japan would think of turning against him. War is cruel and makes strange friends and strange enemies and gradually the whole of Europe is becoming a battleground, while the far East seems ready to enter the fray. America is still free from complications and should be able to maintain her position while the war of the ages is in progress.

It will pay you to buy your coffee at Bittner's Grocery.

Environment.
"Economics changes man's activities. As you change a man's activities you change his way of living, and as you change his environment you change his state of mind. Precept and injunction do not perceptibly affect men; but food, water, air, clothing, shelter, pictures, books, music, will and do."

Sailors Well Protected.
The British coast is so well protected with light-houses that if a ship sailed right around England, Scotland, and Ireland by night, only on six occasions would it be where it could not see the flash of a light-house lantern.

Carload of apple butter jars and butter jars, at Habel & Phillips. ad

As to Overwork.
Either you are necessary to providence, and then you have no right to kill yourself by overwork, or you are not necessary to providence, and then you have no need to kill yourself by overwork. I put that dilemma to you in all seriousness, and leave you to escape from it if you can.—Charles Kingsley.

Daily Thought.
All but God is changing day by day.—Charles Kingsley.

3 packages Corn Flake for 25 cents at Bittner's Grocery. ad

PICKED UP IN PENNSYLVANIA

Western Newspaper Union News Service
Altoona.—Local hotel men were notified by the wholesalers that because of the European conflict bottled whiskey, which formerly sold for \$10 a case, containing a dozen bottles, would hereafter be \$12, and \$12 whiskey would be raised to \$14. No attempt will be made to increase the price on the local consumer, unless the war lasts for some time. The liquor men are evidently preparing to pay the proposed tax on whiskey, made necessary by the reduced revenues from the tariff. Meanwhile, it is currently reported that cases of wife beating are increasing and that landlords are increasing the rent because of the paint being eaten from the walls.

Greensburg.—Five persons were injured in a unique automobile accident in the Pittsburgh-Philadelphia pike, at Grapeville. The injured: John V. Hieber, compound fracture left arm; Mrs. John V. Hieber, bruises, suffering from shock; infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Hieber, bruises; Mrs. John Stoll, bruised, suffering from shock; John Stoll, bruised. The occupants of the car, all of Etna, were returning from the Western Pennsylvania Volunteer Firemen's association convention at Connellsville. At Grapeville telephone line men were putting a cable across the pike and as the machine passed, the cable fell. It became entangled in the wheels of the car and upset it. The injured, except Stoll, were brought to the Westmoreland hospital in another machine.

Titusville.—When Officer Smith Lasher returned to the police station he smelled smoke. He started to the women's quarters in the second story, and when the corridor door was opened he was driven back by smoke. Officer Platt was called and the two officers found that Frank McCoy, a prisoner, by using his crutches, had pulled down clothing belonging to the police force which was hanging on a hook across the corridor. He had made a pile of the clothes, and had then evidently placed some inflammable material on the end of his crutch and held this over an open gas light in the corridor, thus starting the blaze. There were six other prisoners in the corridor. McCoy has been pronounced insane by a commission of physicians, and as soon as the papers are made out will be taken to the asylum at North Warren.

Clearfield.—Albert S. Brown of Osceola, this county, well-known coal operator and a member of the firm of Brown, Baird & Co., and of the Mosbanon Coal Co., was instantly killed in an automobile accident at Biegler, nine miles east of this place. The party were driving home from Clearfield and in attempting to cross the N. Y. C. tracks the pay train struck their car.

Kittanning.—As a result of the European war the German Lutheran church at Ford City is without a pastor. The Rev. John Bergdorf, pastor of this church, went to Germany, his native land, to spend his vacation, and while he was there war broke out. He is bound to be pressed into service, as he has not resided in the United States long enough to take out naturalization papers and is still a subject of the Kaiser. Meanwhile his flock is worried.

Altoona.—Relics and heirlooms are being received by Mrs. S. D. King, chairman of the Blair county branch of the Woman's Suffrage association, as contributions to "self-sacrifice day." A woman 76 years old gave a gold pin which had been an heirloom in the family many years. An old coin, dated 1802, has also been received.

Kittanning.—Henry Jacobs, a Burrell township farmer, has bitten on the same old game. Two weeks ago a stranger offered him \$15,000 for his farm, and left \$100 to bind the bargain. Two days later another stranger appeared and offered him \$20,000, and expressed great sorrow upon hearing of the first bargain. A few days later stranger No. 1 appeared, and Jacobs gave him \$500 to withdraw his claim. Jacobs is now waiting for the second stranger.

Leahurst.—Caught under a falling derrick pole, Thomas Iseman, aged 60, a well known farmer of Gibson township, was killed almost instantly. John W. Crosby, a prominent local contractor, narrowly escaped being caught under the pole. Iseman and Crosby were cleaning out a gas well on the Iseman farm and the pole, loosened in some manner, crashed to the ground. Iseman jumped to escape but was caught and his back broken. He leaves a widow.

Philadelphia.—Five persons were drowned in various sections of this state. Michael Dicksy was seized with a cramp while swimming at Hauto. He seized James Melly, who went to his rescue and both lost their lives. Eleven-year-old Austin Montgomery slipped from a rock and was drowned at Berwick, while Michael Roski, 45, of Bethlehem met a similar fate at Wilkesbarre. Michael Komerick was drowned in a colliery reservoir at Pottsville.

Trenton.—Miss Hazel Hulse, a charming brunette of 18, started for Hong Kong to marry Arthur Bowman, whom she has never seen. Sure of herself and happy in her love, Miss Hazel will travel alone half around the earth. Bowman is employed in the American custom house in China. An uncle of Mr. Bowman showed him a photograph of Miss Hulse. So attracted by it was he that he began correspondence with her. After a few letters had passed between them an engagement ring was sent on from Hong Kong.

OBSERVATIONS OF MR. AND MRS. N. B. POORBAUGH.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Poorbaugh, of Glencoe, Pa., who spent June and July and a part of August at Roswell, New Mexico with their son, H. A. Poorbaugh, have gone to Lincoln, Nebr., to visit Mr. Poorbaugh's only living uncle, Gideon Poorbaugh, and other relatives in that part of Nebraska before returning home. They will also visit at Farrar and Colfax, Ia., before starting east.

While at Roswell they visited a good portion of the famous Pecos Valley of New Mexico, where nearly 10,000 carloads of alfalfa are grown and shipped annually to eastern markets in addition to what is fed there. They saw immense fields of the crop in its various stages until it reached the cars. Five crops are grown per season in the main portion of the valley and the yield is usually one ton per acre per cutting. They also saw good portion of the large acreage in apple orchards from which about 1,100 cars of apples were shipped last season. This season the crop will not be quite so large as last year. Before leaving they got to see the packing of several carloads of early apples.

Mr. Poorbaugh also visited a number of large sheep and cattle ranches in New Mexico, and soon after his arrival early in June, had the pleasure of seeing a force of about 100 men clip the wool from a flock of about 16,000 sheep. That end of New Mexico is noted for its big sheep and cattle ranches from which hundreds of trainloads of sheep and cattle are shipped annually to the fattening pens and markets in the central west.

On the trip west Mr. and Mrs. Poorbaugh struck Kansas just at the time that immense wheat crop was ripening. Mr. Poorbaugh regarded those immense wheat fields he could see from the train window represented the most picturesque view he had ever seen.

Osakis flour is guaranteed to give satisfaction and is lower in price, try it. Habel & Phillips. ad

PUBLIC SALE.

E. Miles Hay will offer for sale his livery equipment, on Saturday Aug. 29th, at 10:30 a. m., rear of the Colonial and Central Hotels. ad

3 bottles Pure Ketchup for 25 cents at Bittner's Grocery. ad

POPE PIUS X DEAD.

Pope Pius X died at Rome shortly before midnight Wednesday of bronchial pneumonia brought on by grief over the European war. For many hours before his death he had been kept alive with oxygen.

In a brief interval last night after having been in a state of coma since noon he regained consciousness and appeared to be stronger and the Vatican physicians expressed their belief that the crisis had passed. Soon, however, he lapsed once more into unconsciousness and rapidly grew weaker until the end came.

The Pope had a sudden relapse early yesterday afternoon and received the last communion and extreme unction.

The sisters of the Pope, convinced that a momentary crisis had arrived, lighted candles before the miraculous image of St. Joseph and remained prostrate in prayer for some time preceding the Pope's death.

Cardinal Merry Del Val, summoned to the bedside, left quickly and sent calls to all the Cardinals out of the city to return immediately. Several doctors were constantly at the Pope's bedside all day and every means was taken to prolong His Holiness' life by means of oxygen.

During the spells of consciousness, the Pope fully realized the seriousness of his illness.

The Pope's brother was summoned to his bedside.

Since the great European war began in all its fury, the Pope suffered intensely from grief. He sat for hours refusing to speak to papal attaches. On many occasions he prayed for the end of the present strife and called on all to do likewise.

SIX HUNDRED TONS OF DAILY OUTPUT.

Blackfield is the name given a new town that has been founded by Black Bros. of Meyersdale, who have opened up a new mine that gives employment to 100 men. The capacity of the mine is in the neighborhood of 600 tons and the product is used for the coating of the Baltimore & Ohio engines on the main line between Connellsville and Cumberland. Already 48 houses have been built and the contract for 20 more has been let, while the construction of a hotel and boardinghouse will also begin within a short time. The vein of coal is declared to be seven feet in thickness and of the very finest quality. The school directors of Black township will have a one-room building ready for occupancy by the opening of the school term and an effort is being made to have the post office department open an office there.

G. A. R. PICNIC AT RIVERSIDE PARK.

On Thursday August 27th, the M. C. Lowry G. A. R. Post will have their annual outing at Riverside Park and will have the beansoup as usual. The post is making efforts to have an unusually well attended gathering. These annual outings have been a very pleasant affair, and attract not only the old soldiers and the sons of veterans, but are made the annual meeting place of many others.

The ranks of the old soldiers are thinning and every effort should be made to pay them that honor in their declining days which is creditable to the community and the M. C. Lowry Post.

Let as many as can attend the outing, a warm welcome will be given by the old soldiers and a pleasant day socially will be spent; and remember a hundred gallons of bean soup and plenty of coffee will be furnished.

The Commander urges all to bring a cup and spoon along for the soup which will be given.

STOYESTOWN A TRAVELING CENTRE.

State Road Engineer A. W. Burk is completing arrangements to begin work within two weeks to resurface and oil the Pittsburgh & Philadelphia State road from Stoyestown station to Ligonier. This work has already been completed from Pittsburgh to Ligonier and will be pushed to completion over this section as rapidly as possible. The importance of this popular route is becoming more apparent every day since it has been made a section of the Lincoln National highway. From Ligonier to Bedford it passes through the most beautiful mountain section of the state with Stoyestown as a station in the valley midway between the Lanel Hill and Allegheny Mountains. Work on the Lincoln highway is being rapidly pushed in several western and central states and the time is rapidly approaching when Stoyestown will be a station along the most popular route from ocean to ocean.

1 lb. 6 oz. Jar Peanut Butter, for 25 cents, at Bittner's Grocery. ad

New baled hay and wheat wanted, highest cash prices paid, at Habel & Phillips. ad

Pure home ground, corn chop, corn and oats chop and wheat chop, at Habel & Phillips. ad

THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD!

Prepare for Peace, not for War. This is Childrens Week, their week of getting ready for School. Mothers and Fathers, will your children be ready when the school bell rings? This store can help you. Here you can get things for your children to wear at school and things for them to use at school. The prices will please you.

Boys' New School Suits

The new Bulgarian Yoke Norfolk Style made of all-wool goods, sold elsewhere at about \$6.00 or \$6.50, but here you can buy them at... \$5.00

A few suits carried over will go at half price.
Boys' Knickerbocker Pants at... 50c
Boys' Blouse Waists or Shirts at... 25c
Boys' Shoes at... \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.25
Boys' Pencil Boxes at... 5c and 10c
Boys' 480 page Tablets... 5c
Boys' lead pencils with tin caps and erasers... 1c
Boys' Combination Lead Pencils, Pen Holders and Erasers... 1c
Boys' School Book Bags... 10c

New Dress Goods For School Girls

We have made ample provision for Pretty Plaids and Roman Stripes, Shepherd Checks and the fadeless Bates Gingham, all reasonably priced. You will find very desirable fabrics at 10c yard upward.

School Ribbons at 10c Yard

PLAIN RIBBONS in blue, pink, red, black and white, 3 and 4 inches wide, your choice at per yard... 10c
MOIRE RIBBONS in pink, blue and white, 3 and 3-4 inch wide, your choice per yard... 10c
FANCY RIBBONS pink, blue, lavender and red grounds, 3 and 3-1-4 inches wide your choice... 10c

Pretty School Jewelry

Low-Priced
Pretty Bar Pins and Sash Pins... 10c
Sterling Silver Rings... 10c
Bead Necklaces, very handsome designs... 10c

Rah! Rah!! Hats for Juveniles

Good new styles, satin lined... 50c
Good new styles, unlined... 35c
Many other things for school use not mentioned herein. Come and see.

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MEYERSDALE, PENN'A.