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MEXICAN SHIPPING.

A new line of steamships is to be established on the Pacific Coast by a large Japanese navigation company. It will participate in the coastwise trade of Mexico in the Pacific and between Mexican and other ports in this ocean.

This information is contained in an article published in the Mexican newspaper *El Universal* of October 9, a translation of which has been furnished by American Vice-Consul Rowe of Mexico City. According to this announcement the Department of Communications and Public Works of the Mexican government has approved a contract with the Japanese company. The new line, of eight steamers, is to be established eight months after the signing of the contract, which means by June of next year at the latest.

The conditions agreed to are considered advantageous to the Mexican government. The new company binds itself to take into service students, pilots and engineers appointed by the government, and to make a discount of 75 percent on all passenger rates to Mexican immigrants. It also agrees to carry free of charge all correspondence and certain classes of freight. As compensation the company will receive from Mexico for a period of five years a subvention proportioned to the tonnage transported, but its obligations to the government will remain in force and shall be maintained for a period of ten years.

This new arrangement by the government of Mexico is to be taken as a notification that Mexico proposes to take advantage of every opportunity by which production, business and maritime commerce may be promoted. The condition by which Mexican young men may receive training in seamanship and steamship operation will prove very useful to the southern republic. Indeed, it is an essential preliminary to the establishment of a Mexican merchant marine.

That Japan is able to serve Mexico in this manner, and at the same time advance notably her own interest, is due to the lack of legislative restrictions and the presence of legislative help which Japanese shipping companies enjoy. There has been forehanded preparation for peace in Japan. The United States will be called upon to meet many similar situations in competing in the maritime trade of the world.

METHODS THE SAME.

Germany may have changed her form of government, but the composite heart and mind of the present governing authorities are suspiciously like those which ruled the empire during the last four and a half years. This at least is the inevitable conclusion to be drawn with such outward manifestations of the alleged new regime as have become known.

Take the propaganda bureau of the "new" German government as an example. It is following the same foolish, fruitless methods that characterized the monarchy. It assumes to go over the heads of the Ally governments in an effort to obtain the intercession of President Wilson for a softening of the armistice terms. And not satisfied with this indiscretion it ignores the

United States, which will be after the signing of the final peace agreement, probably not less than six months hence, the laws against sedition and dealing with the enemy should be enforced. There will be many enemy efforts, such as those mentioned above, which should be nipped in the bud.

THE TRUE SOLDIER.

General Petain is magnanimous and eloquent as well as brave and able. His address to his soldiers as they were about to enter Alsace-Lorraine as an army of liberators is in point.

"The freed provinces have had to submit to intolerable vexations and odious outrages, but you are not to answer these crimes by the commission of violence which, under the spur of your resentment, may seem to you legitimate."

Imagine such an expression emanating from the invading Huns! Or this:

"I address a fond and affectionate greeting to our dead, whose sacrifices gave us the victory. And I send a message of salutation, full of sad affection, to the fathers, to the mothers, to the widows and the orphans of France, who in these days of national joy dry their tears for a moment to acclaim the triumph of our arms!"

WAS THE "FLU" TO BLAME?

How important results sometimes hinge on inconsiderable and unexpected incidents is illustrated in the fight in the second senatorial district. Because of the prevalence of the influenza the polls of Ingot precinct in Shasta county remained closed on election day. In that precinct 95 voters are registered.

In the district W. B. Shearer defeated E. W. Eifendahl by three votes. Shearer is wet and Eifendahl is dry.

It is believed that the State Senate will be so constituted by this result that ratification of the national prohibition measure may be defeated. Eifendahl might have been elected if the polls of Ingot precinct had been open. It is also possible that a refusal by California to endorse this national amendment may be the turning of a tide against it.

How costs have increased in unusual directions is indicated in the announcement that the expense of the election in San Francisco approximates \$70,000, as compared with that of the last municipal election, which was \$44,940. The increase was not due to extra material or labor. The difference in the amount of paper consumed owing to the larger ballot was about offset by the provision requiring extra clerks in municipal elections, the poll officers not being required to sum up the result, but carrying the ballots to the Registrar's office to be counted. The increase in election costs was general. The public derives no more benefit from this high cost of voting than it enjoyed when the cost was a fourth as much, and the method of indicating the electoral preference for men and measures certainly ought to be susceptible of simplification.

It can be imagined what an intense celebration will commemorate the unveiling of that statue in the Place de la Concorde representing the two provinces Alsace-Lorraine, which for almost fifty years has been perpetually dressed in mourning, and which once a year, on the anniversary of the annexation of these provinces by the Germans, has been covered with mourning wreaths. The lost provinces have been regained, and the joy of the mother will be mingled with that of her children who were so ruthlessly severed. In all the time that has elapsed, notwithstanding the bereavement has been intensified by brutal efforts to "erase" the home yearning. There has never been

any such thing along that other things may be considered, the "opening" of Russia comes next. And Russia is a good deal of an oyster, if properly conserved after it has been opened.

Railroad travel has greatly increased since the armistice was signed, and the time is bound to come when the traveler on his way will not be penalized if he aspires to a Pullman berth.

The person who entered the hall or fame through being differentiated as "The Yellow Kid" has just been convicted at Chicago of an offense committed in 1915. At that, as the account goes, he forced the trial, supposing there would be nothing to it on account of the unpreparedness of the prosecution. Can you beat it?

When we read of what the Bolsheviks are doing in Russia and attempting in other countries we are better able than ever to realize how little we need the I. W. W. They are off the same piece.

Helen Keller is going to Russia to "see" how it is for herself. This remarkable blind and deaf woman has developed an intellectuality and humane interest that few persons have equaled and none transcended.

Uncle Sam, as pictured in the cartoons, now wears his hat at a rakish angle and breaks out in a smile, wherein his physiognomy is contradistinguished from that depicted during the war, when it was serious and very determined.

France has such definite evidence of atrocities having been committed by certain German officers while they were in French territory that it has resolved to try them. Where it can lay hands on the culprits they will participate in the trials. If it ever comes up with the absent ones it can proceed forthwith to hang them, without irritating delays.

The reassuring news is that the several countries in which the ugly Bolshevik head was reared are reducing the situation so that there is less danger of a cataclysm in the Hun countries than there was.

There will be satisfaction if the Dutch ride out the storm. It will be too bad if these sturdy people, after having withstood the furious blasts of the last four years, founder just as clear sky appears.

The British long ago indicted the one-time kaiser for murder. That country could be heard from with interest as to whether it proposes to proceed under the indictment.

SPIRIT of the STATE PRESS

The garbage disposal contract between the city and Richard Schmidt, under which Schmidt will handle the city garbage for six months, paying the city \$1000 a month, has been signed. The district between Iowa, Twenty-fifth, Army and Kentucky streets has been designated as the place where garbage may be dumped. The property is chiefly water lots owned by the Western Pacific Railroad Company. When the garbage is dumped and disinfected it is covered with slush pumped from the bay. San Francisco Journal of Commerce.

One Oxnard saloon has closed its doors. The owner has a bean and lemon ranch in Satcoy and concluded he would not take out a license to continue the business. Now Oxnard has but nine saloons. Ventura Free Press.

There are two ways of becoming popular in angling circles. One way is by catching the fish in a sportsmanlike manner, and the other way by giving credit without any mental reservations to the angler who beats your record. Catalina Islander.

"Sunshine" Williams, famous as founder of the Santa Clara Blossom Festival, held annually at Saratoga, died in San Francisco Wednesday. Rev. Edwin Sidney Williams was one of the well-known retired ministers in California. His optimism and cheerfulness had won for him the name of "Sunshine" from admirers.



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