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WITH THE RAIN OF THE last three or four days of last week comes a feeling of gratitude to the Almighty as the showers means thousands of dollars to the small grain crops of Eastern Montana. For several weeks the dry weather along with the violent winds have been causing looks of anxiety to creep upon the faces of the farmers but now that appearance has been replaced by the unfading smile and another big crop is assured for the tiller of the soil. The moisture came in the right time and with a little sunshine now the face of the earth will soon be cloaked in a garment of the beautiful green.

All the small grain has been sown and the greater portion is up but the continued winds and dry weather did not look very promising but the first of the week things looked decidedly different, not only to the farmer but to the entire populace of Fallon county.

ONE OF THE GREATEST demonstrations ever held in this country was made in New York City, last Saturday, when nearly 150,000 men and women marched in a monster preparedness parade. There were 64 divisions of civilians in the line of march with 200 bands and the march started at 9:30 in the morning and the last division did not pass the reviewing stand until 10 o'clock that evening. More than 20,000 women marched in this great pageant and more than a million persons stood by and cheered the great spectacle.

This was indeed one of the greatest demonstrations ever shown in the history of the United States and should be a lesson to those who have been so ardently opposed to preparedness. These patriotic men and women have set an example to citizens all over the nation. They have taught us a lesson and a valuable one it is.

The nation should be prepared and at last congress has made a move in that direction by passing the military bill in both houses which calls for an army of 654,000 men, in both regulars and militia. The bill calls for a Federal force of 206,000 men at all times. At last congress has awakened to the needs and demands of the people and while the army is not as large as it should be it is far from what it was.

Besides the defense force the new law provides for 448,000 national guardsmen or 800 for each senator and representative which is to be under readiness at all times to be called to the front when necessary. An appropriation of \$20,000,000 was made for munition plants.

At last the spinsters in the congressional halls have come to themselves and the demands of the greater part of the populace have been partially granted.

With the threatening war on all sides and with little or no army or navy it was high time to do something along military preparedness.

PRESIDENT WILSON HAS FOR the last three years been guiding the destinies of the nation and for almost two years has been kept constantly busy keeping the United States at peace with the warring nations of Europe. With the advent of the past week he has entered upon a new role and that is the one person which can bring about peace between the countries of the old world who are now locked in the deadly embrace of war.

The president does not hope to be the one agent to do this but he cherishes an ambition to aid in the great work of effecting a durable peace. These things he disclosed to a committee from the American Union against Militarism which waited on him on Monday of last week.

The president did not say in so many words that he himself hoped to play the part of the peace leader, but it is enough at this time to know that he views sympathetically with the only sane and practical plan for the guarantee of perfect harmony among the powers. He could not well do more at this stage of the conflict. His extremely important, if formal, utterances before the committee that waited on him revealed that behind his reserve and reticence, befitting at the present hour, the President cherishes an ambition to aid in the great work of bringing about peace. It is well. He could not do less, as at the head of this enlightened neutral nation. He could not do more for humanity if he were to live a thousand years.

THINGS HAVE TAKEN A SERIOUS turn regarding the affairs with Mexico and by the present appearances the United States will have to go down there and teach those people another lesson of respectability. For some time the Mexican dog has been snapping at the heels of Uncle Sam and the time is ripe for uncle to turn and kick him in the ribs and teach him where his place really is.

For the last few weeks raids across into the border of this nation have taken place and each time several lives were lost. The national guard from Texas, Arizona and New Mexico has been called out to protect the border and the reserve forces all over the nation are ready to move. Americans have been warned to leave Mexico. This is beginning to look like serious trouble.

It is useless to do any more fencing with the self appointed authorities of Mexico. Let the leaders of this nation place a standard for the Greater country to adhere to and then be firm. Let us not fool longer with Carranza nor other leaders but show them that we mean business.

THE BUTTE MINER HAS EXPOSED a scheme by which the republicans of the state hoped to bring about a disunion among the democratic ranks in Montana. This seems to be the outcome of the overwhelming vote which was given President Wilson at the past preferred primary. The scheme that was tried by a number of republicans and bull moose papers and was to publish an editorial on "Who Butchered Bryan." The copy was prepared for all the papers and was the same with the exception of a few minor changes which were made by the editors of the various publications.

It is indeed a rather childish way to bring about disorganization in this manner but every campaign brings out many amusing features which sometimes have the desired results but this matter of republican "canned" editorializing to try to cause disruption in the democratic party is a real joke.

Often one hears the remark that Fallon county belongs to either one or the other of the leading political parties but from all indications and by

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Dousman were at Miles City calling on friends a few days the latter part of last week. While there they attended the Shriner's ball, Friday evening.

Mrs. A. M. Brockway of Miles City is visiting on the Bennett ranch, this week.

L. F. Hall went to St. Paul, Tuesday morning. Mr. Hall recently came to Baker from Oklahoma and will make this place his home. He is planning on embarking into business within the next thirty days.

A. Schorsch of Webster made this city a short call, Thursday.

I. Pusthus of Wibaux was in Baker a few hours, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Haven of Ekalaka were Baker visitors, Thursday.

Fred Clearman of Miles City was a business visitor in the city several days the latter part of last week.

T. A. FitzSimmons of Calumet was transacting business in the city the first of the week.

Henry J. Hoag of Minneapolis arrived in the city, Tuesday and is employed by the Beaver Valley Railroad Co. to survey the light-railway.

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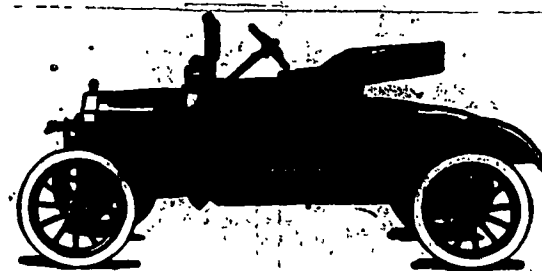
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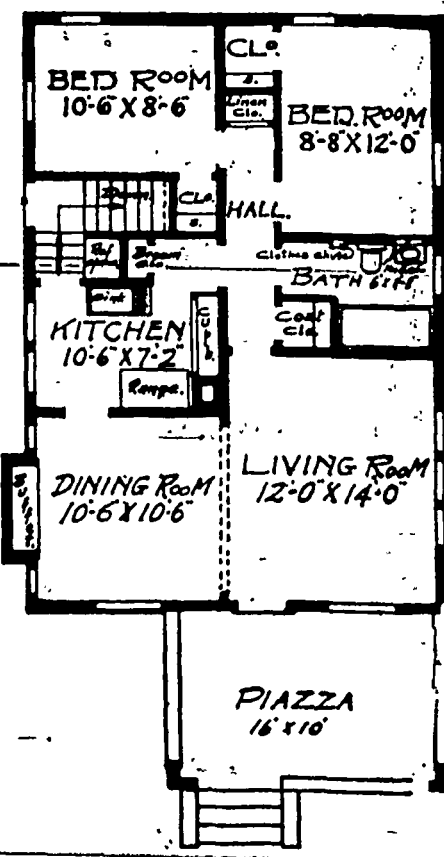


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