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Victory That Presages Defeat

(Goodwin's Weekly.)

The president has scored another triumph. He has bulldozed the free tolls bill through congress and has signed it.

As it goes out to the world it means that so sensitive is the government of the United States of its honor, it withdraws all protection to its coast shipping at the behest of foreigners.

As though the outside world had any legitimate business in our coast shipping.

What really has been done in this. In the direct interest of our railroads and railroad-owned shipping, and in the interest of foreign ship-owners who for twenty years have sought to take from our coast shipping advantages given them by a law which has never been questioned for a century, the president has aimed a direct blow at our coast shipping and congress has approved the demand.

If that is a good law or common sense, then the work of fortifying the canal should at once be stopped, for by direct implication the United States has no rights in the canal zone which the nations of the world are called upon to respect.

Before President Wilson was elected he pictured the magnificent merchant marine which was under a Democratic administration, to restore our flag to all the oceans in its pristine loveliness, and without resorting to bounties or subsidies. His only act since relating to our shipping interests has been to bulldoze through congress a bill suggested by steamship and railroad monopolies to cripple our coast shipping.

We suspect that he and his near friends are rubbing their hands and saying: "Well that trouble is over." We hardly think it is. If after the fourth of March, the house of representatives has a majority against him and his politics, when he begins to question how it happened, if some friend will say to him: "One of the chief causes was your going back on your platform and at the behest of monopolies on both sides of the ocean, aimed a direct blow at legitimate and American shipping," he will be telling him a direct, if unpalatable truth.

LOST—A bay mare, branded W on left shoulder. White star on left side of forehead. A reward will be paid. Notify Montanan office, Choteau, Montana.

Mrs. English and daughter and Dorothy Anderson, all of Dupuyer, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Pings. Mrs. English is a cousin of the Manix family.—Augusta Times.

The post office department has awarded the contract for carrying the mail between Farmington and Choteau, daily except Sunday, to Howard Lindseth, of Farmington.

The Choteau Club room will be open to the public on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 3, 4 and 5. The ladies are especially invited to make themselves at home in these rooms at this time.

Major M. D. Baldwin has returned from a trip in Cascade and Teton counties. He reports having seen several parties of Milwaukee railroad surveyors working near Cadott pass in Teton county. This line through Cadott pass will connect with the prospect line from Missoula to Kalispell.—Kalispell Bee.

Frank Jefferson, forest ranger at the Willow Creek station met with a very severe accident Wednesday, being thrown from his saddle horse with the result that he is suffering from a badly dislocated shoulder and several other bruises. Dr. Fouts was called to attend the patient and it was several hours after the doctor arrived before he regained consciousness. He is reported as resting easy.—Gilman Optimist.

Look Who's Here:

The following article is copied from the last issue of the Cut Bank Pioneer Press: "It is quite refreshing to note the change in attitude during the past few weeks in some of our North Teton exchanges. We publish this article at this time without comment on our part, accepting the explanation of the editor of the Pioneer Press as genuine and sincere, receiving it in the same spirit in which apparently it has been given:

"The attack on the county board and so-called Choteau 'ring' that appeared in the last issue of the Tribune, following the lead of Patron Saint Busey, caused a number of Cut Bank citizens who attended a reception in honor of a Valier delegation here not long ago to speculate as to the reason for the radical change of feeling on the part of Publisher Rigney. At this meeting a local citizen censured the county board quite severely for their indifference, as he viewed it, to this section of the county. Publisher Rigney followed the speaker in question and assumed the role of apologist for the board, declaring that in a county the size of Teton the work of the board was most arduous and that harsh or captious criticism was unwarranted.

"It occurs to the Pioneer Press editor that the criticism indulged in by our contemporary down the street is in bad grace at this time. Criticism of the 'Choteau ring,' will hurt no one, for the very good reason that such a 'ring' is probably more mythical than real. It is always good play and makes an appeal to the groundlings to talk 'ring' and 'machine' on the eve of election, and county seat towns are always supposed to harbor a multitude of c-r-u-e-l-l and malignant political villains.

"This writer has frankly criticized the county commissioners on a number of occasions for seeming indifference to the wants of this part of the county. Of late the board has shown a disposition to treat us well: They have arranged for a bridge over the Cut Bank and will meet with us in a few days to discuss other public improvements in this north country. It seems ill-timed and in rather poor grace to attack them in view of their seeming desire to give us what we justly desire from henceforth. We do not believe such criticism voices local sentiment at this time."

Health Board Report

Helena, June 20.—There were 847 births and 370 deaths in Montana last month, according to the monthly reports of the state board of health. Deer Lodge county, excluding Anaconda, had no births but 16 deaths—a rare occurrence in county reports. There were 461 males and 386 females born.

Measles was the most prevalent communicable disease, there being a total of 393 cases. Other diseases were reported as follows: Smallpox, 119; diphtheria, 13; scarlet fever, 66; typhoid fever, 46; spinal meningitis, 1; spotted fever, 2; tuberculosis, 12; whooping cough, 1.

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