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THAT FRENCH PLOT.

The German government has once more found the true justification for its "war of self-defense." Chancellor Michaelis announced the other day, with impressive formality, that a French plot had been discovered, looking to the seizure of German lands beyond the Rhine. It is French "greed of conquest" that righteous Prussianism is combatting.

It is hard to keep from smiling at this naive accusation. A German government, with its hands red with blood and its paunch gored with criminal conquest, venturing now to indict a nation against whom it launched an unprovoked attack, is a spectacle for gods and men. Nothing is said, of course, concerning Prussia's plot for the conquest of France, Belgium, Serbia, Poland and other lands needed for its imperial program of world dominion. Nothing is said of the fact that every step in the evolution of Prussian power, from the brutal seizure of Schleswig-Holstein, through the attack of Austria and the rape of Alsace-Lorraine, up to the present expansion of German dominion, has been wrought by deliberate, violent robbery of unoffending neighbors.

The Prussian statesmen, of course, prefer that the world should forget all that. They may also imagine that the world is so stupid as to forget the previous excuses they have given for this war. Anybody who thinks back through the past three years will recall that Germany, according to Berlin explanations, was fighting at first to defend herself from the great Slav peril—a Russia aiming to crush German civilization. A little later German was represented as fighting for her "peace in the sun," to break through a barrier of foreign repression. Then she discovered that she was fighting for "freedom of the seas," to save the world from British tyranny. Now she is fighting because France—weak France whom she thought to crush so easily—has plotted her dismemberment.

What will it be next? No doubt it's our turn. Soon we may learn that Germany has been fighting from the first to protect her people and possession from the violent aggression of a United States of America seeking to dominate Europe.

A CHANCE FOR GRAY HAIR.

The steel trust has long had a rule that no unskilled man over 35 years of age should be employed, and no skilled man over 45. Men already in its employ might remain far beyond that limit, but in hiring new men the rule was rigidly applied, and the principle involved was often influential in getting rid of men with years of service to their credit. Old men were not wanted. It was the young man's era.

The Pennsylvania railroad had a similar rule, with the age limit of new employes at 45. Both of these great corporations, and many others that have followed their example in discriminating against old and middle-aged men, have now abandoned these rules. The steel trust is taking all the men it can get, and asking no questions about their age or strength. It gives them all a chance to make good. The Pennsylvania has announced that it will accept men up to 70 years old, provided their physical condition is sound enough for the work assigned them.

This is one of the incidental results of the world war. The gray haired man, lately relegated to obscurity or pauperism regardless of his intrinsic economic value, once more has his inning. He can match his strength and brains with those

of youth. If he is really inferior to men in their twenties or thirties, he may nevertheless be assigned to a job within his ability, and receive suitable recompense. But in tens of thousands of cases, needless to say, the gray haired man will prove himself equal or superior to youth. What he may lack in vigor and flexibility he may make up in knowledge, experience, judgment and steadiness.

The Oster delusion is vanishing. It has wrought much misery and loss. We are learning now to appreciate the merit of years and to utilize whatever economic value any individual possesses.

SPEAKING OF PRICES.

If you're dismayed at the cost of household provisions, just cut these cost-of-living items from Austria-Hungary:

In Budapest, ordinarily well supplied with food from the fertile plains of Hungary, skimmed milk is selling for 60 cents a pint. There is no butter or cheese. Chickens are selling at \$2.50. Green peas are quoted at \$60 a pound—that must be an error, but 60 cents a pound is plenty. There are no eggs or potatoes to be had.

In Austria conditions are said to be still worse. In the cities a luncheon cannot be obtained at a restaurant for less than \$5. Meat averages about \$1.70 a pound. Olive oil is \$10 a quart. Butter is \$5 a pound. Chickens are \$10 apiece. Cheep up! We don't know what high prices are.

The information given out in this city today that the local Indian office is to be abolished is a matter that concerns the people of Roseburg in no small degree, and immediate steps should be taken to see if in some manner, that this order from the department cannot be rescinded. The abolishment of the office means a great financial loss to the city and vicinity and an effort should be made at once to retain it. If, on the other hand, our efforts are in vain, then it might be well to start a little investigation of "all our own" to see who's who in matters vitally affecting the interests of this community. The dispatch received in this city cancelling the office states that it is in accordance with the "new policy" outlined by the department—but Roseburg doesn't want to be the "goat" for all the new policies inaugurated.

Somebody is always taking the joy out of life, and here's President Bedford, of the Standard Oil Company, threatening to take the joy ride out. He says that all pleasure motoring must be stopped if the supply of gasoline in this country during the war is to meet the demands of the government and of business. It is a new thing in American life, this spectacle of men urging economy in the use of their products instead of trying to induce the public to use more of them. It shows how the war sets the world topsy-turvy. Well, if it's going to be fashionable to walk instead of to ride in a trolley, there are a lot of us who will have the consolation of knowing that we are in fashion without making any change in our habits.

EXEMPTION LINES DRAWN TIGHTER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—Renewed emphasis was laid by Provost Marshal-General Crowder today upon the fact that congress framed the army draft law in the interest of the nation, not the individual. For that reason the lines are being drawn tight in the matter of exemptions.

The government has acted slowly in bringing home to the country the right character of the draft act. There has been much discussion of the exemption problem, based on an erroneous view of the law's purpose which assumed that married men, for instance, would be exempted without question and that burden of military duty was to be carried fully by the single men among the ten million registered.

General Crowder has taken the position in recent rulings that married

men will be exempted only when it is to the interest of the government that they should be excused from service. If the removal of the drafted man from his family circle probably would result in the family becoming a public burden, it is to the interest of the government to leave him in his civil occupation, so as not to care for his dependents.

MURDERER IS STILL IN HIDING

William McCallister, who was shot between 8 and 9 o'clock Friday morning while at work on the log carriage at Spalding's mill, one mile north of Selma, died at 4:45 the same afternoon, says the Grants Pass Courier. His remains were brought to Grants Pass by his father and are at the undertaking establishment of Clark & Holman.

From talks which the Courier has had with eye witnesses of the tragedy, the first account of the shooting is confirmed with a few additions. No one seems to have any idea that any trouble had occurred between the men prior to the few minutes immediately preceding the shooting. Fellow workmen seemed to think that Turpin's wrath was the result of McCallister insisting that Turpin should get off the log carriage and stop molesting him.

STATE HIGHWAY SEAL DESIGNED FOR BONDS

The state highway commission has adopted as a seal a design typifying Oregon scenery as it will be revealed to the tourist by automobile travel. In the background of the design is depicted Multnomah Falls and the decorative Benson foot bridge and in the foreground a section of the Columbia highway with one of its artistic bridges. The seal is to be used on the highway bonds which are to be delivered to the purchasers in about two weeks.

RIDDLE GIRL IS CLEVER WOOD CARVER

An article in The News window that is attracting a great deal of attention today is a revolver carved from a single piece of wood, by means of an ordinary pocket knife. This was done by Miss Zolpha Perry, of Riddle, and is a very clever piece of work, indeed. Miss Perry is said to be quite an artist along that line having a large number of articles that she has carved.

LODGE WILL NOT ACCEPT WAR RISKS

L. J. Barnes, clerk of the local camp, Modern Woodmen of America, today received the following instruction from the head consul of the order in reference to men who have or intend entering the services of the United States in time of war:

"You are advised that the executive council of the society, by resolution adopted, decided that until otherwise ordered no person can be admitted to beneficial membership in the society, who, as a result of voluntary enlistment, or draft, or conscription is in the military or naval service of the United States or Canada, and you are further advised that "service" in the army or navy within the meaning of the resolution adopted by the executive council commences when a person is examined and accepted by the government for either military or naval service.

ADVERTISED MAIL.

The following is a list of letters and cards remaining unclaimed for at the Roseburg postoffice August 13, 1917:
 Bott, Miss Ethel; Bryan, Jack; Collier, Miss Gertrude; Dominion, F. T.; Gillespie, J. A.; Heaton, Curtis; Jennings, Ed.; Palmer, Mrs. Lillian; Carls.
 Belcher, Claude; Cole, Cecil; Cray, Mrs. H.; Cole, K.; Ingerson, Mrs. U. B.; Lewis, Mrs.; Larkins, James; Myhres, Earl; Rice, C. G.; Schultz, Mrs. Nita; Schinke, Albert. L. F. REIZENSTEIN, Postmaster.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. weather bureau, local office, Roseburg, Oregon, 24 hours ending 5 a. m., August 13, 1917.
 Precipitation in inches and hundredths:
 Highest temperature yesterday 90
 Lowest temperature last night 55
 Precipitation, last 24 hours..... 0
 Total precipitation since 1st of month.....Trace
 Normal precipitation for this month......33
 Total precipitation from September 1, 1916, to date.....26.80
 Average precipitation from September 1, 1877.....34.13
 Total deficiency from September 1, 1916.....7.57
 Average precipitation for 40 wet seasons (Sept. to May, inclusive.).....31.93
 WILLIAM BELL, Observer

erament for service in either the army or navy.
 "You are also advised that where a benefit certificate has been issued to a person, who, since his application has been received and accepted by the government for army or naval service, such certificate should not be delivered to such person, but should be returned to the head clerk of the society at Rock Island, Ill."

A POISON OAK ROMANCE.

(By Mrs. O. G. Collins.)
 Young Lucy Dane, went for a walk accompanied by her lover. They walked not in the grassy lanes, Nor yet in fields of clover.

They strolled among the murmuring pines
 They exchanged happy jokes,
 And as they strolled all unawares,
 They strolled among poison oaks.

Now neither knew the poisonous shrub
 So innocent it looks
 And all their knowledge of it was
 What they had read in books.

They sat upon a knoll to rest,
 Grown weary with much walking
 Beneath a shady bush they sat
 And spent some moments talking.

The bush bent low, their voices lower,
 The branches brushed their faces,
 They did not know that awful bush
 Would leave for days its traces.

Upon the face, the arms, the hands,
 Of those, the happy lovers—
 Or any one who chanced to stray
 Beneath its shady covers.

An hour was spent, the happy pair,
 Strolled back to town so cheerful,
 They had adieu, all unawares
 That danger stalked them fearful.

Next morning Lucy tried to rise
 She groped about her blindly,
 And growing frightened, gave a cry,
 Which brought a voice so kindly.

To learn the cause of sudden ills,
 Such as attacked poor Lucy
 And nursemaid recognized the signs,
 Or poison oak so juicy.

Her eyes, her nose, her mouth, her chin,
 Her hands and arms were twitching,
 And as she tried to dress herself,
 A thousand specks seemed itching.

Meanwhile her lover, what of him?
 Was he in pain and twitching
 From poison oak's severe attack
 And every pore seem itching?

Yes, yes, indeed, poor Harry Lane
 With poison oak was worried,
 And every doctor in the town
 At once to aid was hurried.

Banking by Mail

In many communities, there is often much inquiry about the finances of this or that man. This can be avoided by the modern convenience of Banking by Mail. The system is simplicity itself. You have only to send us cash in registered letter, postal money order, express money order, or check on local bank. We will make the proper entry in your book and return it to you by mail.

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Alas! alas! 'tis sad to tell
 Of all the pain and worry
 The poison shrub had caused the two
 So let us onward hurry

And learn that when the stricken pair
 Did chance next time to meet,
 They did not stroll among the pines
 Nor poison oak so sweet.

But kept along the boulevard
 Or risked the dangerous crossing
 And he asked her to go with him,
 Upon life's ocean tossing.

Said he, "We'll meet with many ills
 We'll see them all as jokes,
 Compared with suffering we endured
 Caused by the poison oaks."

CLASSIFIED COLUMN

FOR SALE—Good 5-year Jersey cow. Ring 31F12. 401-a-26.

FOR SALE—A horse. Inquire S. B. Crouch. 334-4f

FOR SALE—Good work mare, cheap. J. H. Brown, Looking Glass. Phone 23F11.

FOR SALE—A Ramboulet ram. Address G. O. Willis, Dillard, Ore., or phone 22F3.

FOR SALE—A No. 1 piano and some household goods. L. G. Cockran, Rt. 1, Green Station. a11p

PIGS FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Duroc-Jerseys. Chas. A. Brand, The Overland Orchards.

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FOR SALE—One Singer sewing machine \$7.50 and one writing desk \$3.50. Am leaving. Call at once. J. M. Carey, 230 S. Pine. a10p

ENJOY CITY LIFE—For short time will offer fine Roseburg property for small stock ranch. Parties with trade in mind will do well to investigate. Address Owner, care News. 304-4f

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FOR RENT. ROOMS TO RENT—10th or without board. Inquire or address 451 S. Jackson street. 403-1

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WANTED—An experienced girl to do house work, at once. J. B. Judd. a3

WANTED—Experienced waitress at once. Write or phone Hotel Clark, Glendale. 365-2

WANTED—A teacher for school district 37 for an 8-months term. H. E. Reed, clerk, Rt. 1, Roseburg, Oregon.

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