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TRUTH FOR GERMANY.

Says a returned war correspondent who knows Germany extremely well: "President Wilson's indictment of the German government will be a hard blow to the kaiser and severely shake the existing governmental system. It will be a revelation to the German people—if it reaches them in a correctly translated form."

The German people he explains, have had it pounded into them by the government controlled press that "coalitions were being formed to crowd them out from equality with other great peoples."

It will indeed be a revelation to learn that they themselves have been spending their blood and treasure to further an evil plot for extending the dominion of their imperial masters and riveting their own political shackles tighter; and that they may have the peace they so ardently desire, with assured equality in the family of nations, if they will only open their eyes, oust their criminal leaders and establish an honorable, representative government with which the allies may safely deal.

It may startle them into a realization of the true state of things—if they read the president's reply to the pope. But there's the rub.

How can they read it, with the boundaries of the German empire sealed against truth from the outer world, with a governing class whose continued authority depends on its keeping the truth from the people, with a constitution that makes it impossible to change that government except by the voluntary consent of the kaiser, and with a press that thus far has submitted with shameful servility to the dictates of the imperial freebooters who made the war?

It is said that only one German newspaper ever printed a full and accurate translation of President

Wilson's war message to congress, in which he stated our reasons for entering the conflict. It is considered unlikely that any German newspaper will print the recent message to the pope, except in some garbled and perverted form devised by the Prussian authorities.

Our government, however, is taking pains to see that the Germans, at least, become acquainted with the truth. Careful plans are being laid for distributing copies of the message inside the German lines by means of airplanes and "underground" routes. It is hoped that thus, little by little, the facts will penetrate to the consciousness of the German public.

When they do penetrate, we may reasonably expect a revolution in Germany. The Teutons cannot be so utterly different from other people that they will tolerate continued tyranny, suffering and disgrace when their plight is made plain to them and they see an honorable way of escape. They can have peace merely by changing their government. And though hobbled by one of the most ingenious systems ever invented for keeping a nation in bondage, they can free themselves whenever they care enough about it to take the steps that so many other nations have taken.

There are signs that the heaven of discontent and aspiration is already working. The reichstag, hitherto little more than a debating society, has lately been demanding a real voice in national affairs. And the public shows signs of awakening. Germany may yet be free. And with a free Germany we can be friends.

PROMOTION MADE EASY.

Plans announced by the war department fulfill the expectation that men entering any branch of our military service will have the amplest opportunity of promotion.

Thus far, in the enlargement of the national guard and regular army and the organization of the national army, great numbers of officers have been taken from the civilian training camps. It has been decided that after the completion of the courses now in progress in the officers' training camps no more commissions will be given to civilians. All future officers will be selected from the men already in the ranks.

It is within the power, therefore, of any private soldier to win whatever advancement his zeal and talent deserve. There is literally no limit. If the war lasts long, it is possible that men donning khaki today for the first time may emerge from the conflict with the rank of general and with names that will live in history.

There is to be a systematic effort made to pick out those most capable of command. In every divisional camp there will be a school for embryo officers, under the direction of military experts, aided by French and British officers direct from the battle front. Every private who shows promise will be admitted to this school and placed in line for promotion. There may be 50,000 or more commissions bestowed in this way.

NO NEWSPAPER WAR TAXES.

Now that it's over, newspapers can with good grace speak freely regarding an attempted injustice. The United States senate has refused to approve the committee recommendation that all net earnings of newspapers in excess of \$4,000 a year should be taxed 5 per cent. The rank discrimination involved in this proposal was so evident that it was repudiated without a roll call.

Just why the newspapers should ever have been singled out for an imposition of this sort remains a mystery. If it had been proposed to lay a 5 per cent tax on the net earnings above \$4,000 of every business institution in the country, it might have been comprehensible. But the press alone was singled out for the levy.

It could not be defended as a tax on war profits, because a newspaper has no war profits. While nearly all other businesses have made money directly or indirectly on account of the war, nearly all the newspapers have lost money. It costs them far more to turn out their product, and they have not raised their prices proportionately.

It seems strange, too, that the statement who framed up this attack on the American press took no account of its public function and the vital part it plays in the successful prosecution of the war. While other enterprises have been fattening on war orders, the newspapers have been giving their services for nothing. They have lent their moral support to every necessary policy and plan of the government, and contributed gratis an enormous amount of publicity which costs real money to print and distribute.

Uncle Sam did a wise and timely act when he railed the lieutenant of Kaiser Bill, who are parading under the false names such as "Socialists," "I. W. W.," "Friends of Peace," and "Friends of Irish Freedom," etc., all of which are being paid by Germany to make trouble in this country.

Even if the kaiser should agree with President Wilson he would have to convince the crown prince.

Mr. Hoover should talk seriously to the hen and speed her up in the performance of her patriotic duty.

Henceforth there should be more teaching of the English language in Chicago schools.

Three years of war shows up the blow-boies in the "law of military necessity."

Good tobacco will help the American soldiers to smoke out the kaiser.

Congress is very jealous of its honors—such as they are.

LEO DEVANEY AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Among the troops today was Sergeant Foss of the 90th aerial squadron, stationed at San Antonio, Tex. Sergeant Foss has charge of the 451 drafted men who arrived in Roseburg at six o'clock. Sergeant Foss gave some interesting information to Ralph Baldwin about Leo Devaney, a former Roseburg young man. Devaney was once sergeant major, so Sergeant Foss stated, but has now passed all examinations and has charge of two aerial squadrons.

After Sergeant Foss arrives at American lake he will be allowed a few days furlough. He will visit with his folks at Chehalis, Wash., for a few days, and will stop off at Roseburg on his return and visit friends for a short time.

NORMAL INSTRUCTOR RETURNS.

Miss Rosa H. Parrott, a member of the faculty of the Oregon state normal school, who has been spending her annual vacation in this city, returned to Mouthout today where she will assume her duties in the normal school next Monday.

The Home restaurant on Sheridan street, in the Rapp building, has been remodeled this week, and by readjustment of the lunch counters and furnishings much more room is obtained for patrons.

Going to Camp Green.

Donald McClallen, at present stationed with his company at Camp Withycombe, Clackamas, will entrain there next Monday for Camp Green, Charlotte, N. C., and will reach Roseburg the evening of the same day. Donald McClallen is a Roseburg boy, and holds the rank of corporal in his company. He is well known here, and his many friends will be glad to greet him as he passes through this city. He will be in the first section with the machine gun crew.

Mark N. Tisdale Appointed.

Governor Withycombe has appointed Mark N. Tisdale, president of the First State Bank, chairman of the Sutherland war library fund committee. The amount apportioned by the council to be collected in Sutherland is \$35, and of this over one-third has already been subscribed. The object of the plan is to raise \$1,000,000 to equip libraries in every camp and cantonment in this country and France for the soldier boys. The subscription paper is at the First State Bank, and those of our citizens who are interested in this matter are invited to respond as early as possible.—Sutherland Sun.

Live-wire Doings of City

Motor From Scottsburg. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Sawyer, who reside at Scottsburg motored to this city yesterday.

Will Attend Meeting. Dr. A. C. Seely left last night for Portland where he will attend a meeting of the state board of health. Dr. Seely will not return for several days.

Oakland Visitors Return. Mrs. Eliza Hunt and children, Dorothy and John, of Oakland, who have been visiting at the home of Mrs. John Banks in this city, returned home this morning.

Myrtle Creek Visitor. Tom Jackson, who resides on North Myrtle Creek was a business visitor in this city yesterday. While here Mr. Jackson added his name to the large list of News subscribers.

Will Visit at Portland. Miss Frances Alley, stenographer at the offices of Rice & Rice, will leave Saturday afternoon for Portland where she will visit at the homes of Mrs. Gust Edlund and Mrs. William Clarke.

W. J. Lander Returns. W. J. Lander, district warden of the Douglas County Fire Patrol, returned to Roseburg last night after an absence of several days. Mr. Lander has been investigating the forest fires on the coast range.

Returns From Montana. Vere Perry, who has been employed as a brakeman on the Great Northern, returned to this city from Great Falls, Mont., last night. Mr. Perry will probably remain in Oregon as he very greatly prefers this state to Montana.

Leaves for Salem. F. Schmidt, superintendent of the county hospital, left last night for Salem with the Douglas county produce which is to be exhibited at the state fair. Mr. Schmidt is greatly interested in such work and no doubt Douglas county will be on the top notch.

Paving Bridge Approach. The Oak street bridge was closed all day until 5:30 this evening, the work of paving the east approach to the structure necessitating this action. The inconvenience attendant to closing the bridge will more than be offset by the better condition of the street at this point.

Leave for Central Oregon. J. L. Scott has rented his farm on Windy creek to J. T. Quantie, for three years. Mr. Quantie and family will occupy the place, so the children will be closer to the Glendale schools. Mr. Scott will leave in the near future for central Oregon, and will probably locate at Bend.—Glendale News.

Visiting at Glendale. W. H. Darby, of Salem, is here on a combined business and pleasure trip with his brother B. L. Darby. He has a quarter section of timber land on Windy creek, and with his brother has started a crew of men to cutting 1000 cords of wood. They have ordered a gas saw, which arrived today.—Glendale News.

High School Nearing Completion. J. Finnegan, of Finnegan Bros., of Portland, arrived in this city last night. Finnegan Bros. have installed the heating plant in the new high school and it was being tested out this morning. The new school is rapidly nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy next Monday when school will open.

Registration Continues Tomorrow. In order that the women of Roseburg may still have the opportunity of registering, the booths at the Red Cross headquarters and the public library on Jackson street will be open throughout the day Saturday and a general drive for registrations will be featured by the Girls National Honor Guard and the Mental Culture club.

Roseburg Home Tract Sold. An important real estate deal was consummated in Roseburg yesterday when H. Carmichael sold the Roseburg Home Orchard tract, located in Garden valley, to James Pearson. Mr. Pearson recently arrived in Roseburg with his family and states that he is delighted with the Umpqua valley. The deal was made by Rice & Rice.

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Railroaders Sent From Portland.

Fifteen firemen and engineers of the S. P. Co. were deeded to this city last evening from Portland and will assist in conveying the troops on their northward journey.

Eastern Oregon Visitors Here.

L. M. Smith, of Dufur, Ore., arrived yesterday to visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. O. P. Henderson, of this city. Mr. Smith was joined here today by his wife, and George Otey and wife, who have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Julia Leatherman, at Wilbur. Mrs. Leatherman is a sister of Mrs. Smith and Mr. Otey.

Man Imbibes Too Freely.

A conscripted man from the 515 troop train last evening, having taken on too much of the alcoholic beverage "somewhere in California" was taken ill while in this city, the case further developing into delirium tremens, in which snakes figured prominently for a few moments. A local physician was called to the rescue and soon brought the man "down to earth" with some "anti-alcoholic" serum.

OUR BUSINESS IS BANKING. It requires time, straight dealing, conservative business, close attention to business, a substantial capital and surplus and men with proper experience to make a bank. We claim all these essentials, which are necessary to make our business that of banking and offer the people of Roseburg and Douglas County the services of a bank whose adequate capital and surplus endow it with solid strength and absolute safety. You are invited to do your banking with a bank that tries to make business relations mutually profitable. THE UMPQUA VALLEY BANK. B. W. Strong, President; J. M. Throne, Cashier; D. R. Shambrook, Vice President; Roland Agos, Vice President.

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KEEPING UP THE QUALITY AND KEEPING DOWN THE PRICE—Welworth Blouses Are Still \$2. New Welworth Models on Sale Tomorrow. Conceded to be the Finest \$2 Blouse in all America. Here's a good example of how this store always tries to keep prices down to the lowest possible level—as well an illustration of how our patrons benefit from our close, intimate co-operation with representative manufacturers. Welworth Blouses were always exceptional values—now their supremacy is more pronounced than ever before. Just a Limited Quantity of Charming New Styles Now on Sale. Welworth Blouses are Sold Here Only Bellows Store Company.

FALL GRASS SEEDS OF ALL KINDS. SOLD BY Peoples Supply Co. Best Quality, Lowest Prices in All Lines.

Flags Torn Down. A somewhat crude attempt at "joking" was featured during the visit of the troop train last evening when a crowd of fellows "roamed about the streets tearing down the flags which adorned the fronts of various business houses and arraying themselves with them, and proceeded to announce to the citizens "that this burg would be minus all their flags before they were through with it." A joke several merchants of the city are today without their flags and the stunt will cost them ten or twenty dollars as a consequence. NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS. Sealed proposals addressed to the county court of Douglas county, Oregon, and endorsed "Proposals for constructing pavement between the West City limits of the city of Roseburg, Oregon and the Oregon State Soldiers' Home" will be received by the county court of Douglas county at its office in the court house, Roseburg, Oregon, until three o'clock P. M. of the 29th day of September, 1917, and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read. All proposals must be made upon blank forms to be obtained from the county clerk at his office, Roseburg, Oregon, must give the prices proposed both in writing and figures, and must be signed by the bidder, with his address. Each bid is to be presented under sealed cover and shall be accompanied by cash, a bidder's bond made payable to Douglas County, or a certified check made payable to the county treasurer of Douglas County, for an amount equal to at least five per cent of the amount bid, and no bid shall be considered unless such cash, bond, or check is enclosed therewith. Such bidder's bond shall be conditioned that if said bid be accepted the party bidding will duly enter into and execute the contract. Should the successful bidder fail to execute the same within ten days (not including Sunday) from the date of notification of such award, such cash, bond or check shall be forfeited to Douglas county and the same shall be the property of the county. All other cash, bonds and certified checks will be returned to the successful bidder who submitted the same. A corporate surety bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract in a sum equal to one-half (1/2) of the total amount of the bid. All bids are to be compared on the basis of the county engineer's estimate of the quantities of work to be done. Plans may be seen and forms of specifications and contract may be obtained at the office of the county clerk, Roseburg, Oregon. The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals, or to accept the proposal deemed best for Douglas county. R. W. Marsters, County Judge. B. F. Nichols, County Commissioner.

W. E. St. John, County Commissioner. Attest: E. H. Lenox, County Clerk. By Blanche Reed, Deputy. Roseburg, Oregon, September, 6th, 1917. Ds28

LODGE DIRECTORY. A. E. & A. M., Laurel Lodge No. 13. Regular communications 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month at Masonic Temple, Roseburg, Ore. Visitors welcome. BERNI, CARO, W. M. W. F. HARRIS, Secy.

EAGLES, Roseburg Arle meets in their hall on Jackson St., on 2nd and 4th Monday evenings of each month, at 8 o'clock. Visiting brethren in good standing always welcome. J. C. KOENIG, W. P. B. F. GOODMAN, W. Sec. Phone 153.

I. O. O. F., Union Encampment No. 9. Meets in Odd Fellows' Temple, every Thursday evening. Visiting brethren always welcome. K. H. PICKENS, C. P. O. H. PICKENS, H. P. OLIVER JOHNSON, R. S. JAMES EWART, F. S.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, Alpha Lodge No. 47, meets every Wednesday evening, cor. Jackson and Cass Sts. Visitors always welcome. C. A. CHAMBERLAIN, C. C. ROY F. DURBIN, M. F. E. E. WIMBERLY, K. R. S.

I. O. O. F., Rising Star Lodge No. 174. Meets in the Odd Fellows' Temple every Friday evening. Visiting brethren always welcome. J. D. REESE, N. G. CARL W. OHMAN, Rec. Sec. M. FICKLE, F. S.

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE, Roseburg Lodge No. 1037—Meets Monday evening of each week, at 8 o'clock in Macabee hall. All visiting brothers are invited to attend. W. J. MOON, Dictator. H. O. PARGETER, Sec'y.

O. E. S., Roseburg Chapter No. 8. Holds their regular meeting on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays in each month. Visiting members in good standing are respectfully invited to attend. MISS MARGARET PAGE, W. M. FREE JOHNSON, Sec'y.

B. P. O. EKS, Roseburg Lodge, No. 320—Holds regular communications at the Eiks' Temple on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. All members requested to attend regularly, and all visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend. E. B. STEWART, E. R. IRA B. RIDDLE, Sec'y.

B. A. Y.—Mt. Nebo Homestead No. 1828 meets at Macabee hall every 2nd and 4th Wednesday. Visitors welcome. E. W. WILLIAMS, F. M. C. W. CLOAKE, Cor.

I. O. T. M.—Philetarian Lodge No. 8. Meets in Odd Fellows' Temple, corner Jackson and Cass Sts., on Saturday evening of each week. Members of the order in good standing are invited to attend. F. I. PERRY, N. G. A. J. GEDDES, Rec. Sec. J. B. BAILEY, Fin. Sec.

WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT, Lilac Circle No. 49.—Meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday evening of each month at Odd Fellows' hall. Visiting members in good standing are invited to attend. DORA GILBERT, G. N. CLARA CAWFIELD, Clerk.

L. O. T. M.—Roseburg Hive No. 11, holds regular reviews on second and fourth Thursday evenings in Macabee hall. Sisters of other hives visiting in the city are cordially invited to attend our reviews. Macabee hall on Cass street. BERYL B. OGDEN, L. C. JESSIE RAPP, R. K.

WOMEN OF THE WORLD, Oak Camp No. 125.—Meets in the Odd Fellows' hall in Roseburg every 1st and 3rd Monday evenings. Visiting neighbors always welcome. J. M. THRONE, C. C. M. M. MILLER, Clerk.

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