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PRUSSIAN FACTS ABOUT U.S.

From an article in the *Wager Zeitung* of Bremen, written by a certain Major Hoffe of the German general staff, we learn these depressing facts:

The various measures taken to increase the American army will result in the formation by spring of an army of about 1,300,000, which has only received minimum training.

No considerable part of this army can reach Europe before summer, while in any case a large number must be retained at home so that not more than 400,000 or 500,000 men can be sent to Europe.

The transport difficulties, Major Hoffe explains, will absolutely prevent the sending of any large force. To transport and supply 10 divisions will require 2,500,000 tons of shipping, and the total American shipping, even allowing for compensated ships and new construction, will be spring be only 4,000,000, of which the navy requires 2,500,000.

The U-boats, by the way, are sinking more and more ships daily.

The fighting value of the American troops is not great, probably about equal to that of the Romanians, and there will certainly be fewer of them than of the Roumanians so Germany will have an easy task. In fact, it is doubtful whether the Americans will risk the venture of sending an army to Europe at all.

Deadly discouraging, isn't it?

Well informed Americans have had an idea that we already had nearly 1,000,000 troops, and that with the completion of present military plans we should have over 2,000,000 men under arms before next spring. We have been told by recent statements from Washington to believe that we shall have 1,000,000 men in France ready to participate in the spring drive. It is understood here that General Pershing's expeditionary force has already grown almost to the number which Major Hoffe pronounces our utmost possible maximum, and that it continues to grow with every week.

We have learned too, that our shipping was getting along very well, that we had reached the mark Major Hoffe sets among future limit that with 2,000,000 tons of new construction commenced, and contracts let for nearly twice our present, we should be in pretty good shape next year. What surprised too, from recent U-boat reports, that frightening news came periodically.

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ONE-FAMILY'S PROBLEMS

An American diplomat, his wife and two sons, all of whom are serving in the American forces, have just sold their home in Oregon. The price was \$1,000.

100 bushels of peas, \$300; 200 bushels of corn, \$450; 2,000 bundles of fodder, \$75; syrup, \$100; sweet potatoes, \$15. Total, \$2,620.

The only large expenses mentioned in this list are rent, \$110; help, wages, \$150. His seed had been figured in last year's expenses, as it had been left over from last year's crop.

It looks like a neat profit doesn't it? Then the farmer adds he has counted in the value of the land, estimated on his own table, the price made on the sale of butter, eggs and vegetables.

Although India receives a subsidy of \$2,000 a year, it every farmer and his master the profits of this one acre Lawrence type would be a judge.

The willing soul is more than willing to own in the company his lands for war purposes. No mention of the master has shown greater spirit in the campaign, and no section of the country has responded with greater enthusiasm to the spirit of the fact that the war that promised to be socially sterile is the war that needs to be fought.

The newspaper that pressures to renew the social understanding with Japan after something that the world has not yet heard of yet, will bring a message direct from the magazine of the suffering and hardship of trench life. Miss Kipling will lead the audience in singing some national anthems, and if you have not already learned the words to this ancient song of liberty, get busy and be ready to join in the patriotic program tomorrow evening. It does not speak well for an American audience to be unable to take part in the singing of their national song, and this has been proven to be true in many occasions in Roseburg. Hon. A. C. Marquettie will make the opening address of the evening, presenting the layman's viewpoint on the Armistice. Mr. A. and Rev. Warrington will follow. Private Hannah will tell of the tremendous moral and spiritual influence of the armistice. In the present world war, the Roseburg band has gladly consented to be present and play several numbers during the evening. Remained the time and place, 8 o'clock Wednesday evening at the Methodist church. This auditorium will seat 200 people, and the room should be crowded to the doors. Assuredly no collection will be taken.

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Y. M. C. A. TRIANGLE
EMBLEM EXPLAINED

New that the red triangle emblem of the Y. M. C. A. has come to the front to take its place beside the emblematic red cross, while others to name to the organization of supporters, inquiries are frequently made to association workers as to whether or not the symbol has special significance.

The triangle has been the symbol of the Y. M. C. A. practically since its inception, coming into use to denote the organization's desire to assist the development of man's three natures, spiritual, mental and physical. These words—spiritual, mental and body—frequently appear on the specific bibles of the triangle.

Adoption of the yellow red, in which the emblem is now successfully displayed, is not so easily accounted for. I take it, states a general in one leader, that the red has been adopted in connection with the war service. Red symbols are used in connection with the war, and the red color of the emblem is used to denote the war.

Heads of the various organizations that previously used the emblem in their designs have decided that since the war has ended and with peace we will continue to use the emblem until again it suits another more important purpose.

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HEAR THE STORY OF
RETURNED SOLDIER

A Big Meeting at Methodist Church Tomorrow Night, Nov. 14.

PATRIOTIC ADDRESSES

Private Earl G. Hannah, Who Was Wounded During Service on the Flanders Front, Will Tell of Situation.

At the Methodist church tomorrow evening the people of Roseburg will have an opportunity of hearing the story of a returned soldier from the Flanders front. Private Earl G. Hannah will be with us, and will bring a message direct from the magazine of the suffering and hardship of trench life. Miss Kipling will lead the audience in singing some national anthems, and if you have not already learned the words to this ancient song of liberty, get busy and be ready to join in the patriotic program.

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And after this we'll all settle down, demobilized, as established throughout the world. The women of Russia might be taking the right of suffrage away from the men.

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MASKED MEN WHIP
MEMBERS I. W. W.'S

TULSA, Okla., Nov. 12.—Knights of Labor organizations are holding formal thanksgiving services in connection with the concluding of arrangements for the Thanksgiving ball, for which the "girls" are the sponsors. Classes in first aid, telegraphy and surface drill will also be included in the exercises, a calendar of events will be taken at the beginning of the proceedings and those who can be present and do not respond to meetings in the future will be automatically dropped from the membership. The close cooperation of every girl in the labor guard is needed at this time. It is not necessary the work of the individual members of the organization as a whole, but the team work and help of every girl that counts. The Roanoke girls are being shaped into one of the most important organizations in the entire state, and soon the recognition of the world, the 10th National Union, will be given to them.

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