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GERMANY'S REPLY A DISAPPOINTMENT.

The Imperial government of Germany has replied to President Wilson's note regarding the Lusitania disaster. But the reply is a plain disappointment. Instead of going straight to the point Germany brings up new questions, and mentions the original questions as having different angles than the President asked.

It is different from what anyone would have expected from the sturdy, straight-forward German nation.

This country is now up to the point of making itself plain to Germany. If the first note was not understood, as the answer would indicate, then it is the bounden duty of President Wilson to enounce his next official communication in language that cannot be misunderstood.

No one wants war, no one wants even strained relations with the great empire, but America is plainly in a position where the lives of her citizens are at stake and where her national honor must be reckoned with.

President Wilson will meet the occasion in a manly fearless manner, judging by his past experiences in this very trying time and what he says and does will have the united support of the American people regardless of birth place, regardless of blood, regardless of former sympathies.

There is absolutely no ground for the jingo talk about German-Americans refusing to support the flag of this country and people who indulge in such expressions are unfair.

Let us hope Clyde Penington on his trip overland to San Francisco will not see any roses prettier than his own raised in La Grande, for it would be regrettable to have his enthusiasm for rose culture subside.

Prosecuting Attorney Eberhard will enter upon a strenuous term of court for his initiation into his new office. Court sets next Monday and there are some very important cases to try.

And the old boys in blue turned out yesterday as they have not in years before in La Grande. Along with them was the largest crowd of citizens that has taken part in Memorial services for some time. It is well.

It must be admitted that a few people are attracted to the west by the big fair. Anyway railroad business is picking up and quite a number of people make La Grande by auto on their way to the big show.

The plate glass insurance companies got a hard swat when a dynamite boat blew up and damaged \$40,000 worth of plate glass. Better keep those boats further out at sea.

It can easily be guessed that Billy

Vogel's anxiety about the cloudy weather is just as great as can be imagined. The Live Stock shows starts Wednesday at Union.

The delay in Mexico seems to be about at an end.

ANENT THE UNION CHURCH.

La Grande, May 31.—(To the Editor)—Referring to a recent communication touching the burning of the Christian church at Union the statements are so distorted and so far from the truth that in justice to myself I feel an answer should be forthcoming. Your correspondent, only judging from the statements made, must have been very ignorant of conditions or possessed of a vast reserve supply of imagination.

First, there was no dissension. The parties making trouble were not members of the Christian church at Union. Second, the pastor has not been let out. The entire trouble arose over the action of a few people who illegally and without warrant attempted to force from the church membership without notice one of the members, and made an effort to deprive the church of the property. I am adverse to rushing into print to air church trouble but since the communication in a recent issue of the Observer I feel that nothing else can be done. May I add there is a Christian church in Union. It holds its services in the Purcell building under a lease. Its pastor is the undersigned,

J. J. MORSTON.

CARE OF BABIES.

(Government Bulletin.)

A mother may shield her baby from suffering and illness in many ways. Her wise and loving care is never so invaluable as in the first year of the baby's life. In this country thousands of babies under one year of age die during the summer because mothers who love them do not know how to take care of them.

No other thing a mother can do for her baby means more to him than to feed him at her own breast. Babies who are fed entirely at the breast usually do not have diarrhoea, unless overfed, but bottle-fed babies are very likely to have this trouble even if their milk is carefully prepared. This is true at all seasons of the year, but it is especially important in summer when the heat and flies make bottle feeding so dangerous.

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3. Milk of the same temperature throughout the feeding.

4. And, most important, milk made especially for and especially adapted to the needs of baby.

If she feeds him from a bottle, she is not sure of any of these things, for in no way can cows' milk be made as good as breast milk.

A mother can usually nurse her baby if she has been properly cared

for before the baby's birth and at the time of birth and no mother who wants to give her baby a good start will consent to deprive him of breast milk, at least during the first few months of life.

After the mother milk comes, usually on the third day, the baby may be nursed every three hours, at 6 and 9 a. m., at 12 noon, and at 3, 6, and 9 p. m. with one feeding during the night. On the four-hour plan the nursing will come at 6 and 10 a. m. and 2, 6, and 10 p. m. In the intervals she should give him a little water which has first been boiled and cooled.

When the baby is four months old he should no longer be nursed, and at six months the mother should begin to lengthen the time between feedings a quarter of an hour each week until the length of time between nursings is four hours. If the milk is plentiful, the breasts at one feeding in order to satisfy the baby. The baby requires no other food, save breast milk and drinking water, until he is eight or nine months old.

High School Girls Wed.

Pendleton, Or., May 31.—Graduation day was bridal day for three young women of the Pendleton High school. Two of the girls, Miss Lois Hampton and Miss Carrie Ferguson, had become brides when they stepped upon the rostrum at the high school Friday evening to receive their diplomas, but this was known only to intimate friends. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Hampton did not know of their daughter's wedding but knew it was to be soon. Miss Hampton became the wife of Lucargus W. Owens, a former high school student, now an Adams farmer. Miss Ferguson was claimed as a bride by Vernal Backman, also a former high school student. Miss Maude Suiste, the third of the trio of brides, was married Saturday afternoon to A. M. Boyden, operator of the Pendleton-Weston stage line.

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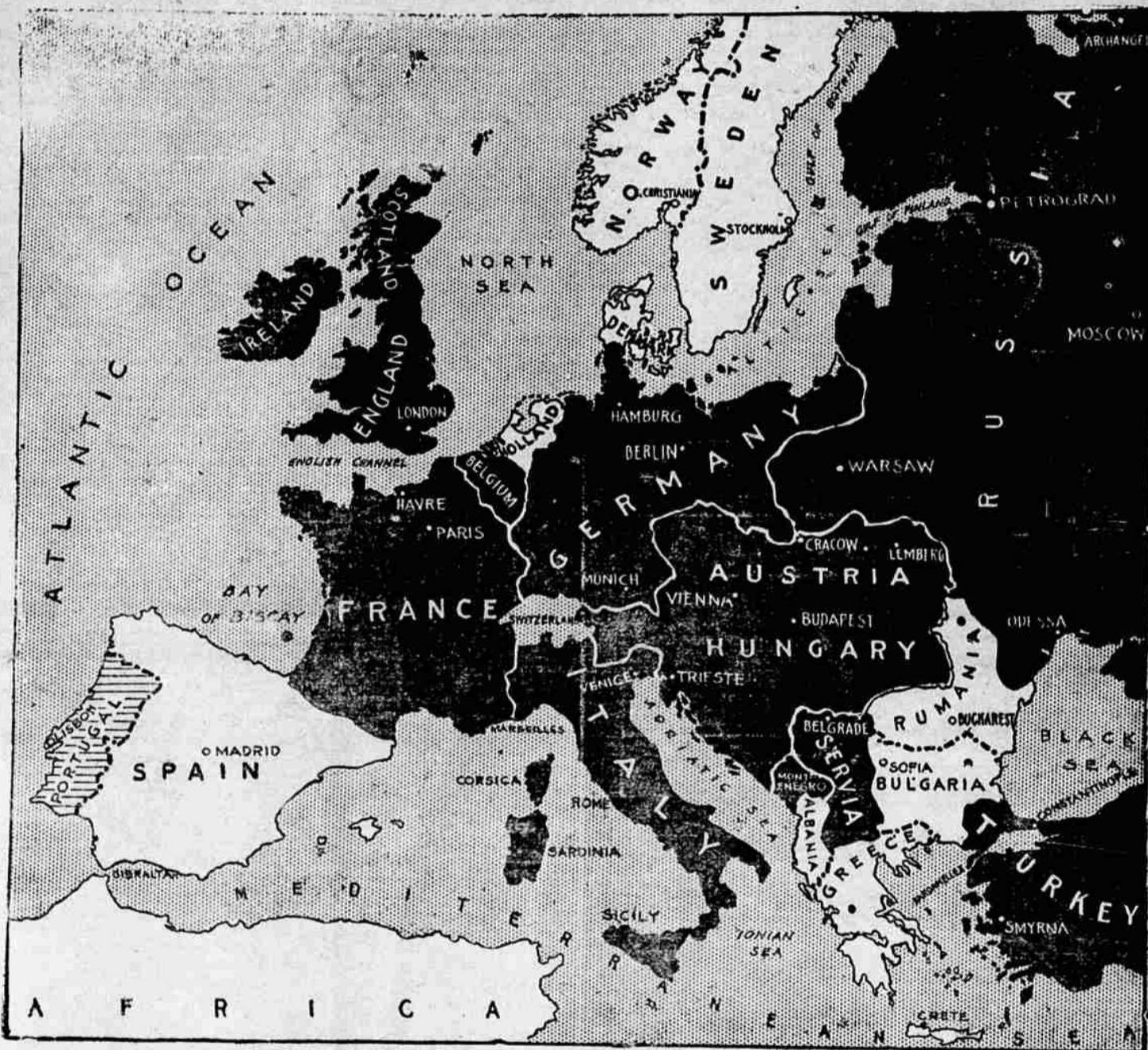
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VALEDICTORY

(Valedictory poem for the eight grade written by Wilbur Shaw and given at the dinner for grade teachers)

The day dawned clouded, and the clouded skies
 Threw gloom o'er all the day when the school bell
 Sends echoes that ring out and slowly dies
 With accents of a last farewell, farewell.

We've struggled through the high-ways steep and rough,
 Thought paths of learning for a higher prize,
 Unto the heights where wisdoms fountain gushed,
 And where mountains of knowledge skyward rise.

Yet still the prize is far, so far away,
 These mountains veiled in slow dissolving mist
 Loom nearer in our pathway day by day,
 The calling voice we once heard now is whist.

The voice that called through fast-departing years,
 And beckoned on into the brighter way;
 But some have doubted, held by unseen fears,
 Before they step into the future day.

Yet we have passed another mile-

stone mark,
 Dividing up the long and winding way,
 Will some of us leave cloven on the bark,
 Our records of receding yester-days.

Now ere the sunset slowly dies and fades,
 Into the queenly night with misty haze;
 A pleasant dream in dreaming's deeper shades
 Will bring a vision of the past school days.

Farewell, Farewell the day speeds on the darkness
 With folding wings will gather in the day,
 The hills with purple tops dim and uncertain
 Will evening shadows o'er the valley lay.

The day will yield its breath unto the night,
 And reign it down in quiet subdued ways
 The stars peep out in scintillating light
 And we say farewell to the past school days.

One congressman called another a tadpole statesman, but lei usnot forget that he will grow up in time and be able to jump over issues as rapidly as any of them.

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