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HOPE OF PEACE.

That Germany wants peace is well established. The censor's ban has been lifted from peace talk, and people may say what they like about their desire for the end of the war as long as they refrain from speculating about the terms.

Pope Benedict is using his influence to bring about the reign of reason. Now comes the word that King Alfonso of Spain is ready to seize the first favorable opportunity to convince the warring powers that peace with honor to all is possible.

But the central powers alone cannot make peace, even with the aid of well-intentioned neutrals. Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy must be convinced not only that the end of the war is possible, and desirable, but that they stand a chance of coming out of the peace negotiations as well off as they were when they entered the struggle, except, of course, the cost in men and money. Of late there has been a lapse of "indemnity" talk on both sides; it is scarcely likely that neither will demand the "crippling" of the other by the payment of billions of dollars, especially after the lesson of the Franco-Prussian war, where the payment of five billion francs failed utterly in its object of giving France an irreparable setback.

GREECE'S PLIGHT.

It doesn't pay, in this war, to be a small nation, even if one is able to keep out of active hostilities. Belgium was in Germany's way, and had to succumb. Now Greece is in the way of both sides. Because she is small, and could do nothing to preserve the inviolability of her territories, she was forced to allow the allies to use Saloniki. Now she is compelled to give the Bulgarians equal

privileges in another part of the kingdom. Without herself entering the war, she may become a battlefield. Her forts are occupied and may be bombarded; her citizens may be endangered and even slain, and her property may be destroyed, but she is powerless.

Militarists can draw no lesson from Greece's plight, for she is "prepared" to the limit of her resources. With the king pulling one way and Venizelos and his followers another, the country has not been able to enter the war on either side. She would have gained nothing; she has gained nothing by remaining neutral. She is a small nation; therefore, she is helpless.

Her plight and the injustice of her position may have been in the mind of President Wilson when he told the League to Enforce Peace:

"We believe these fundamental things: \* \* \*

"The the small states of the world have a right to enjoy the same respect for their sovereignty and for their territorial integrity that great and powerful nations expect and insist upon."

And what applies to Greece may just as well apply to Mexico.

A SMALL FORTUNE BUT AN ENDURING NAME.

When it is announced that Kipling or Joseph Conrad or Irvin Cobb has been paid some fabulous sum for a piece of his work—one or two or five dollars a word—someone is likely to recall the fact that Milton received 10 pounds for "Paradise Lost." But times have changed, is our comforting comment. Nowadays a genius could not starve; nowadays we have a livelier appreciation of the fine things of art and literature. And yet a brief note in the day's news brings home the realization that after all times have changed very little. Remembering the miserable life of Blakelock, the painter, and the penury which made the lot of Morgan Robertson so pitiful, we need not be completely taken by surprise in reading that Stephen Phillips left an estate of five pounds.

Phillips wrote some masterly poetry and some powerful drama. His plays were performed, most of them with indifferent success, it is true, by prominent actors; they were elaborately staged; thousands of dollars were lavished in the mountings of them. In the hey day of his popularity he was one of the rare spirits of England; his presence was desired at dinner tables, around which were seated the flower of letters, art and the theatre; his advice was sought and his words of praise, of condemnation and of comment were cherished. Then he died. And now we discover that he left behind him only \$25 in this world's goods. Besides, he leaves some deathless poetry, but deathless poetry we know by Milton's and Poe's lives, is not always exchangeable for bread and butter. It just serves to remind us once more that there are men who love the great things, the enduring things, sufficiently not only to live for them, but to starve for them, to die for them.



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PERSONAL MENTION

Maude Childers of Lostine is a guest with the Pomeroy family in South La Grande. Mrs. E. M. Brooks and son Ralph are here from Reith visiting her father E. M. Pomeroy. Ellis Williamson, a student at the University of Oregon, has returned for the Summer vacation. Cecil Galloway, a member of the county court of Union county, returned today from a trip to Portland. Deputy County Clerk Kenneth McCormick went to Union this morning for a day at the Stock show. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Davis and daughter Edna came over from Union this morning for a short visit. J. M. Hiltz, Circuit court bailiff, took advantage of the legal holiday today to visit the big stock exhibit at Union. Mrs. Fred Taal, who submitted to

an operation for appendicitis at the Grande Ronde hospital yesterday is reported to be recovering rapidly. Mrs. Mary B. Thatcher and daughter Genevieve are here from Ogden to spend the Summer with Frank C. Bramwell, daughter and sister respectively of the visitors. Mrs. M. Morris left on the morning train for Pendleton where she will remain a few days on a visit with the family of her brother, J. W. Terwilliger. Deputy Sheriff Hal Rees returned today from Salem where he went to deliver to the state prison authorities Union county's quota from the present term of Circuit court. Mr. and Mrs. Jay Shaw, the newly-weds, arrived home today from a bridal tour which included Portland and a few days additional at Albany. They left on the branch line train for their farm near Alicel where they will make their future home. H. J. Rinehart, of Elgin, arrived last night on his return home from attending the annual reunion of the Rinehart family which was held this

year at Mayville, in Gilliam county. He was the only representative present from this part of the state. Prof. A. C. Hampton, the newly elected principal of the La Grande schools, arrived this morning from Pendleton to confer with the school board and with the retiring superintendent, John Girdler, as to school records and other matters pertaining to the work to be taken up in the La Grande district. School Superintendent Ivanhoe left this morning for Elgin to visit a couple of the country schools in that vicinity. She was accompanied by Mrs. J. C. Henry, for many years a school teacher and still interested in the educational interests of the rising generation. The many friends of Mrs. Kenneth Evans will be pleased to hear that she has withstood an operation June 12th at a Portland hospital very encouragingly. While it was necessary to remove a large piece of the skull from the side of the head, the doctors in attendance believe her remaining eyesight has been saved. Although Mrs. Evans will remain in the hospital for some little time, with her daughter, Josephine, at her side, Mr. Evans will return to La Grande Thursday.

of the pardon is that Wade is to return to the penitentiary when his parents die if he is wanted by the officials of the pen. Wade cheerfully promised to return to serve out the remainder of his life sentence if he is allowed to aid his parents in their declining years. Wade was sent up from Jackson county December 16, 1895, to serve a life sentence for second degree murder. Part of the time he has been in the state hospital but the prison officials say that he has been a good prisoner and is deserving of a glimpse of sunshine from the outside at least while his parents live so that they may believe that their son has paid the penalty in full for the crime for which he was sentenced. A brother, Lawrence Wade, was tried and convicted at the same time for the same offense and his sentence was commuted by the Governor Lord in August, 1897, and released. Governor Withycombe also granted paroles to James Daley, sentenced from Union county, June 13, 1914, for larceny in a store and to W. H. Burton, of Union county, convicted April 3, 1915 of obtaining money under false pretenses.

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Cartoon titled 'OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE---By Condo'. Panel 1: A man plays a phonograph. Text: 'HUMMING AN ACCOMPANIMENT TO PHONOGRAPH SELECTION, SHOWING, IN AN OFF-HAND WAY, HIS INTIMATE ACQUAINTANCE WITH MATTERS MUSICAL. THIS IS HIGHLY ENJOYED BY THE OTHER LISTENERS.' Panel 2: A man says 'MY HAT!' while another says 'NEVER MIND YOUR HAT!!!'.

Honors Six Heros of the Air. BY WILBUR S. FORREST. London, June 13.—Six new names were written today on England's newest honor list—the aerial gallantry roll. As the result, six medals of the Distinguished Service Order or the Military Cross has been awarded to members of the Royal Flying Corps for a type of gallantry unknown before the present war. One of the birdmen newly honored is Lieutenant Malcolm Henderson, Seaforth Highlanders, who lost a leg by shell fire at an altitude of 7,000 feet. Despite his injury he succeeded in maneuvering his machine from above the enemy's lines to a place of safety behind the British lines, thus saving his aeroplane, his life and the life of his observer. Lieutenant Frank Hudson, 18, was severely wounded in the head while on reconnaissance duty flying over the German lines. He clung to consciousness until he had piloted his aeroplane to a place of safety and then fainted. On previous occasions he had brought down two enemy machines. "For conspicuous gallantry and skill" is the official worded announcement of honor for Captain J. E. Tennant, Scots Guards, who effected a night bombing of an enemy aviation shed. He shut his engine off, descended to within thirty feet of the objective and dropped his bombs. Although the explosion damaged his machine, he restarted the engine and escaped only to request another machine on his return with which to repeat the operation. WAS 20 YEARS IN PEN. Frank Wade Given Conditional Parole by Gov. Withycombe. Salem, June 13.—After serving 20 years in the state penitentiary Frank Wade was given a conditional pardon by Governor Withycombe today to go to the home of his aged parents at Central Point. One of the conditions

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