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THE EVACUATION OF MEXICO

General Pershing will withdraw from Mexico. It is to be hoped that this will end our troubles with Mexico. Maybe it will and maybe it won't. If we go in again, we should go in to stay and finish the job.

PORK BARREL BILLS

The president is considering vetoing the so-called pork barrel bills, the public building, the rivers and harbors, and flood control bills, aggregating \$120,000,000 in appropriations. We would hate to see the river and harbors bill vetoed, but a halt must be made somewhere in the gigantic appropriations of congress.

OUR NEWS SERVICE

The Observer is printing some of the best articles by United Press correspondents. These are high priced men and it is only by belonging to a big press association that The Observer is enabled to present this special service to its readers.

The Observer is also trying to build up its country correspondence. It will try to merit its patronage and improve its news service in 1917.

LAW VIOLATIONS

A Seattle man pleaded guilty to smuggling in \$40,000 of liquor. He stretched it, by mixing in water and other ingredients, and sold it for \$200,000. This illustrates the difficulties of enforcing the prohibition law. Many men will run chances of jail and the penitentiary if they see big profits in law violations. It is the same with men who become multi-millionaires by evading and violating anti-trust laws.

Nineteen-seventeen will be kind to you if you deliver the goods and make good.

We wish you and yours a Happy New Year.

Happy New Year

To you and your's, we wish you a happy New Year's Day—a day whose joys may abide with you through many, many days to come. We wish that it finds you a better and richer man or woman, than last year. If not, why not? Now, today, open an account with us. Make a resolution that the close of the new year will see you better off than you now are.

What is Your Decision?

La Grande National Bank

Lawson has been invited to prove his charges regarding a leak to Wall street of the contents of the peace note. If he has any information to should give it; if not, hold his peace.

After all the way to make the New Year happy is to get out and hustle and bring home the bacon.

Write it 1917.

Burglars Waxed Rich.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—(United Press)—Burglars did fewer jobs, but got more loot than in former years, the 1916 report submitted by Chief of Police Healey here today showed.

Don't Let Skin Troubles Spread.

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ADDITIONAL SOCIETY.

(Continued from Saturday's Paper.)

Christmas Tree Party.

Conspicuous among the many social events of the holiday season was the Christmas tree party with Miss Hilda Thony as hostess in her studio at 1606 Sixth street, to her friends of camp-fire days. This is a small group of congenial girls who yearly have "camped out" in the mountains, and the spirit of wood fires was renewed in the decorative scheme. The guests were ushered in the library where a beautiful tree, softly brilliant in candle light, bore the tribute of one friend to another. After the warming up the tree began to shed its blossoms of unique and attractive gifts. This was followed by a two-course supper in the dining-room this too being an appreciated variation of the usual. In the center of the table was an elaborate and faithful representation of the last camp. The woods effect was brought out in beautiful detail and the little figures at their various camp duties and recreations were easily recognized by all. Those enjoying the evening were Mrs. G. S. Birnie, Misses Dorothy Myers, Runa Bacon, Gladys Oesterling and Sarah Smith.

Thirty-two young people were present at a surprise party given at the J. R. Oliver home on First street last Wednesday evening. The affair was managed by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver and Miss Dorothy Haworth and was given in honor of Miss Mildred Oliver, who is spending her vacation here. Various games afforded the entertainment of the evening and punch and wafers were served. Miss Oliver will return next Wednesday to Whitman to resume her studies.

Over forty young people gathered at the home of Rev. S. M. Roberts last evening for a surprise on his son, Aubrey Roberts, who is visiting here from Prosser, Washington. The young man was at the high school when the guests arrived and was very agreeably surprised on his return. An enjoyable evening was spent by all. Light refreshments were served.

Last night about twenty-five young people gave a sleighing party in honor of Miss Ruth Winters, a student in the Willamette University, who is spending her holidays in the city. After the long sleigh-ride the participants adjourned to the Winters home where refreshments awaited them.

This is only the first of a series of dances which this society will give this winter. The committee has announced that one will be given every Friday night from 8:30 until 11. The young people are expecting a number of good times from these same dances.

The initial dance of the M. I. A. for this winter was a success. The new hard wood floor is a great improvement and the music which was given by J. D. Haines was up to its usual high standard.

Preceding the party tendered Miss Mildred Oliver, Mrs. S. R. Haworth gave a dinner in her honor, Wednesday evening. Only a few were present.

Miss Hazeline Wilson and Ellis Horn, both of Union, were united in marriage here Tuesday, Justice of the Peace A. C. Williams officiating.

Miss Effie Stevens and Otto Wall, both of Union, were married in this city on Wednesday.

Miss Gladys Taylor entertained a few girls last evening at her home on O avenue.

Tulley-Womack Wedding.

Slipping out on the train Saturday, accompanied by her friend, Mrs. Milo Schilke, Miss Olive Tulley was quietly married at La Grande to Marion Womack. They returned on Sunday to spend the holidays with the home folks. Both of these young people are graduates of Wallowa high and are well known here, having been raised in this county. They will be greatly missed in all of the social activities of the town. After February 15th they will be at home in Parma, Idaho.—Wallowa Sun.

RUSSIAN PEOPLE WIN

(Continued from Saturday's Paper.)

Furthermore, the Roumanians outran military discretion by plunging too quickly into Transylvania and by leaving their rear, in Dobrudja, insufficiently protected. An opportunity for the use of high strategy was thus presented to the German general staff, and in the trial of military genius that followed, the German commanders wholly outclassed their Roumanian and Russian opponents. Thus, an adventure that might have resulted in cutting Teuton communications in the Balkans has ended, for the present, in large material advantage to the Germans who are now in possession of valuable Roumanian grain and oil fields.

The British and French started this summer their combined western offensive, in an effort to demonstrate whether the trenches constructed by the Germans under the most skillfully developed scientific methods, could be overcome by an unprecedentedly intense concentration of artillery fire. The result, up to the end of the year, has tended to show that although fortresses built above ground cannot withstand besiegers guns, defensive tactics underground seem to be superior to any but very prolonged bombardments which to be successful must be confined to small areas.

The French forward movements at Verdun, undertaken while the battle of the Somme was in progress may, however, change future military opinion of the comparative impregnability of trench warfare. How the French made their quick and successful assaults along the Verdun front is not known. The assumption that the Germans were compelled to denude part of their Verdun line of men and guns is not borne out by the fact that comparatively unimportant sections of the Verdun front have not given way, while the best defended parts are the ones that were broken. The French higher command may have discovered a new flanking system applicable as yet only to the local conditions prevailing at Verdun, but possibly capable of wider development.

Italy's capture of Goritz this year is her most important success of the war. Its effect, however, is partly lost by the advance the Austrians have made in the Trentino districts. Italy more than holds her own on a balancing of accounts, but the year's developments have indicated that the Italian government is not prepared to pay the cost of victory with continuously large casualty lists. The chance of capturing Triestis on these terms has not been shown to be to Italy's liking.

Germany's Verdun campaign brought very serious losses to her during the year, without compensating advantages. The destruction of Teutonic man power in that ill-advised adventure cost General von Falkenhayn his post as chief of the German general staff. The promotion of Marshal von Hindenburg to the supreme command was followed by brilliant victories in Roumania.

GERMANY READY FOR PEACE OR FOR WAR

(Continued from Saturday's Paper.)

orientierung" — meaning "readjustment of the nation to changing condition." Really, it is the German Renaissance of 1916—a peaceful, political revolution working so quietly that even some Germans do not see its developments.

Repeatedly the Danes and the Dutch and other neutrals ask "When will the revolution begin?"—believing that changing conditions can only be brought about by force, and not being aware that the only revolution is a renaissance or rebirth.

That rebirth is already under way. Everyone from the Chancellor down to the laborer is playing a role.

The Chancellor in the Reichstag sounded the keynote of the movement when he said: "There must be free opportunity for all capable people."

In other words, the new movement is a universal change by the people,

A Happy and Prosperous New Year To All
Ann Pennington
The diminutive favorite who appeared in "Susie Snowflake" is here in a photoplay so surcharged with circus atmosphere you'll almost smell the sawdust. There are scenes in the lion's cage, balloon flights, parachute descent, several side-show stunts and Miss Pennington dances her famous Hulua Hulua in one scene. All of these scenes are blended into an extraordinary photodrama called The Rainbow Princess Today and Tomorrow
ARCADE

the reichstag and the government to give the people by franchise and through the Reichstag more of a voice in the nation's affairs.

The socialists have been saying—"We want more authority." And the government, instead of extending a deaf ear, is listening to all suggestions. Through the Chancellor the government is showing a spirit of willingness to get together.

Thus, the Neuorientierung is making such headway that from present indications German's rebirth will be a peaceful readjustment to new conditions.

In three ways this new movement has been manifest—

First, in the Reichstag; second, in the press; third, the relations between royalty and the commoners.

So far it is almost impossible to say exactly what the Reichstag is grasping for. Almost a year ago some radicals said that when the war came to an end the ministers must be thereafter responsible to the Reichstag—but in the Neuorientierung this has been undebated.

Various propositions have been advanced in measures introduced in the Reichstag. The National Liberals asked recently for formation of a special committee to advise with the government on foreign affairs. Another member suggested a parliamentary undersecretary of state, responsible to the Reichstag.

But even today, although the Reichstag does not name ministers its members are consulted and privately claim the unwritten power to make or unmake cabinet members.

In regard to point two—that democracy is making inroads in Germany is evidenced in the press. Scores of times editors have published opinions that they knew would result in confiscation of their editions. But they willingly submitted to this confiscation to publish their ideas. One particularly apt illustration of the growth of the freedom for the press was indicated in the Vössiische Zeitung's criticism of the method of selecting diplomats. The newspaper said openly that Germany's diplomats were accused of being the worst in the world—and then went ahead with specific criticisms of certain diplomatic appointments. This was almost unheard of in Germany.

The mingling of royalty with commoner has been exemplified on every battlefield.

Two or three instances of this kinship may be cited. First, a certain Count, whose wife is an American, and who was serving as a captain, was stopped by a private soldier and asked for a match. Before the war such a step was utterly unheard of. Again, when the Kaiser recently met a large number of citizens in the Chancellor's Palace to discuss the food situation, Dr. Charles Mueller—the only socialist office holder present was singled out by His Majesty for special conversation.

Of the palpable, material developments of the past year, Germany's

foremost achievement has been her victory over Rumania. Her occupation of Little and Great Wallachia gives her some of the richest farming country in the world. Her armies swept forward with such resistless force and with such amazing speed that their booty was an immense store of grain, food and other supplies.

The year 1916 saw accord with America definitely established on the submarine issue and has proved the utter failure of the allies "starvation blockade." This year 1917 will see harnessing of the nation's unity through the "man power" bill already enacted.

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