

"I'LL PAY MY BILLS SO YOU CAN PAY YOURS" IS A VERY GOOD SLOGAN AT ANY TIME

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GERMANY DETAINED AMBASSADOR GERARD

United Press Correspondent Tells of Efforts to Coerce Him to Sign Treaty Permitting Foreign Ships to Leave

(By Carl W. Ackerman, United Press Correspondent)
Berne, Switzerland, Feb. 12.—Germany is delaying many Americans in Berlin. She contemplates possible retaliatory measures in the event of war. The foreign office is attempting to keep United States out of the war. The military party is fully prepared for American hostilities and will not support efforts to preserve peace.

The Germans demanded Ambassador Gerard to sign a treaty guaranteeing permission of foreign ships to leave American ports in the event of war. They threatened to hold American correspondents as hostages unless the treaty was signed. Gerard refused to sign. He told German officials that the United States would regard American detentions as a war cause.

Mr. Gerard wanted permission to send a code message to Washington, asking instructions. Count Monteglas, representing Germany, refused. The foreign office collected the newspapermen's passports ostensibly for visa. Monteglas repeated his threats. Ambassador Gerard said: "I told Monteglas I would sit in Berlin until Kingdom come, and not leave until all Americans were permitted free exit."

The German police seized the passports of American financiers, Red Cross workers, citizens, correspondents. They returned the correspondents' passports four hours before the embassy train left Saturday night. Ambassador Gerard cabled Washington immediately when he reached here.

Thirteen Perish In Minneapolis Fire.

Minneapolis, Feb. 12.—(United Press)—Thirteen are believed to have perished in the Kenwood Hotel fire. Twelve corpses were buried in the debris.

China Breaks Off Diplomatic Relations With Germany.

London, Feb. 12.—(United Press)—It is authoritatively reported that China broke off German diplomatic relations.

La Fallette Would Prohibit Arming American Ships.

Washington, Feb. 12.—(United Press)—Senator La Fallette offered a joint resolution prohibiting arming American ships while the United States is at peace. He asked the resolution remain tabled until discussion at an opportune time.

War Is Costing Great Britain \$28,000,000 Daily.

London, Feb. 12.—(United Press)—Bonarlaw told the commons the war was costing Britain twenty-eight million dollars daily. He moved a new vote of credit.

Government Said To Be Arming Sea Going Tugs.

Galveston, Feb. 12.—(United Press)—A naval official said the navy had completed arrangements for arming all seagoing tugs at Atlantic ports. An ample number of six and three pound rapid-fire guns and sufficient ammunition are available.

"Remember Now Thy Creator In The Days of Thy Youth"

(By Rev. Upton H. Gibbs, pastor of the La Grande Episcopal church.)

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not." Ecclesiastes 12:1.

"Remember thy Creator," means to mind Him, as a child minds his father's care, he will thus remember the latter.



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ther. If from the first he is trained in obedience to his father, it becomes a habit, and as long as he is under his

father's care, he will thus remember the latter.

This obedience insures his own welfare, because his father's commands, authority and advice are based on love and experience, and directed towards his child's benefit. On the other hand, if he disregards his father, he invites misfortune. We see too many instances, on all sides, of boys and young men thus doing. Too late they find out their irretrievable mistake. The day has passed, when they could have been helped, by the advice and assistance of their fathers.

Thus it is with us in regard to our Creator and Heavenly Father. We have a duty towards Him, which is paramount to all others, and which is life long. We are too prone to neglect this and Him. So the admonition in the text is one which we should engrave on our minds. While life is young and plastic, and comparatively free from cares and anxieties, the habit of being mindful of God is easily formed and it will stand us in good stead, when the trials of life bear heavily down upon us.

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THE MAN WE HONOR TODAY



This is the statue to Abraham Lincoln, erected in the courthouse square at Hodgenville, Ky., where a great Lincoln memorial has been erected.

LITTLE STORIES OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN THAT ILLUSTRATE HIS WIT AND WISDOM

A "Lincoln story" has come to mean an anecdote that is pat to an emergency. Ever since the great man's death there have been industrious collectors of Lincoln stories—and, indeed "Old Abe's Jokes, Fresh from Abraham's Bosom," made a fairly sizable volume before Booth's bullet cut short the career of the one man to whom the nation might well look for adequate solution of all the fearful problems consequent upon the Civil War. The assiduity in collection has continued during the generations. Yet today it is doubtful whether even the

most astute authority on Lincoln's life could vouch for the authenticity of many Lincoln stories universally accepted as his.

It is equally doubtful whether hundreds of pungent anecdotes, told around the world, do not belong, at least by light of sponsorship, to that foremost American raconteur.

About all the more well authenticated stories attributed to him there is a characteristic savor, unmistakable to the faithful student of his humor. He never hesitated to tell a story because the point of it cut into his own vanity

—probably because, of all men, he had the least.

Lincoln was far from being a mere punster, yet occasion could bring from him a play on words, usually with a real laugh in it.

A New York firm, while he was practicing law in Springfield, wrote asking for the facts as to the financial standing of a neighbor. He replied as commendably as he could:

"I am well acquainted with him, and

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Impeachment of Federal Reserve Board Demanded
Washington, Feb. 12.—Representative Lindbergh, of Minnesota, demanded impeachment proceedings be brought against Governor Harding and Paul Warburg and other members of the Federal reserve board. He charged "high crimes" and misdemeanors. He alleged maladministration of the currency laws and conspiracy with Morgan "which is injuring the American people to the extent of several billion dollars."

White Star Liner Adriatic Is Overdue

New York, Feb. 12.—(United Press)—The White Star liner Adriatic is 24 hours overdue at Liverpool. She carries munitions and one American passenger.

CARRANZA IS IN FAVOR OF EMBARGO OF NEUTRALS

Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—(United Press)—The Mexican News Bureau announced that Carranza sent a note to all neutrals, urging prohibition of the importation of food and munitions

to belligerents. He believes the embargo would hasten the end of the war.

CHINESE ARBITRATORS TO SETTLE TONG WAR

Portland, Ore., Feb. 12.—(United Press)—Three Chinese arbitrators are enroute here from San Francisco to settle the tong war. The district attorney sent a deputy to Albany to watch the incoming trains and prevent entrance of imported gunmen.

Christian Church Meetings Interest.
The Christian church meetings are interesting the audiences each evening.

Did you ever think that you and I can make ourselves as Lincoln? It's just a question, "Do we want to?"

TWO STEAMERS ARE TORPEDOED

London, Feb. 12.—(United Press)—The British steamers Netherlee and Lycca were submerged. Lloyd's report showed that 15,700 tons had been sunk since previous report.

ENTERPRISE HIGH TEAM BEATS UNION

The Enterprise high school basketball team defeated the Union high school team at Union Saturday night, 38 to 26.

FOREST GROVE POSTOFFICE DYNAMITED AND LOOTED

Forest Grove, Ore., Feb. 12.—(United Press)—The postoffice safe was dynamited and looted. The postmaster has not divulged the sum that is missing. Two explosions occurred. The safe was blown to bits and the paper money burned.

GERMAN CON- SUL WARNS NAVY TUG

Tells United States Officer Boarding Geir Would Be "Hostile Act."

CREW OF POMMERN ARRESTED BY MARSHALS

Geir Crew Stay Aboard Five Hours and Then Abandon Vessel—Pommern Crew Tried to Open Seacocks.

Honolulu (By Mail to San Francisco), Feb. 12.—(United Press).—The German consul, George Rodiek, stood on the deck of the burning German raider Geir, after the crew had set fire to her and warned the commander of a United States naval tug that any attempt to board the vessel would be construed as a "hostile act."

The tug sheered away. The Germans held the burning raider for five hours and then the rapidly spreading flames finally forced them to abandon the ship.

The United States official investigation revealed the fact that the Germans had damaged interned ships to the extent of half a million dollars.

The crew of the Pommern attempted to open the seacocks. United States marshals rushed aboard the vessel and arrested the Germans.

GERMAN NOTE IS ANSWERED

Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—(United Press).—The state department today admitted that Germany had sent a note through the Swiss minister expressing "a willingness to negotiate with the United States provided the commercial blockade of Great Britain was not interfered with."

The United States replied that it would "gladly discuss any question provided the submarining would be halted."

HOUSE PASSES AND KILLS BILLS

Salem, Ore., Feb. 12.—(United Press).—The house adopted Rittner's resolution barring lobbyists from the floor. It defeated Lewis bill regulating purchases of public property. It passed the Jones bill providing all dogs be licensed except in coast counties. It killed Martin's bill limiting Oregon Agricultural college president's salary to \$5000 a year.

ONTARIO HIGH TO PLAY HERE THURSDAY

Visitors Are Champion of Southern Idaho and Opponents, La Grande M. I. A., Also Have Good Record.

The Ontario high school basketball team, champions of southern Idaho, will meet the La Grande M. I. A. team here Thursday night. The visitors were defeated by the M. I. A. on the latter's recent trip into Idaho but there was only a three point margin in the scores. Several of the local team's members have been on the sick list since the return from the barnstorming trip but all are out again and expect to win.

"Sticks" Woods will in all probability be in the game as he has already reported for practice and is in good shape. He recently played a game at Rexburg, Idaho. Woods and Hoolister at the guard positions, make the nucleus of a team which becomes hard to beat.

THE WEATHER

Portland, Ore., Feb. 12.—(United Press).—The United States weather bureau forecast: Fair; colder. North winds.