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AMERICA'S CAUSE FOR WAR.

"The new German policy swept every restriction aside. Vessels of every kind, whatever their flag, their character, their cargo, their destination, their errand, have been ruthlessly sent to the bottom without warning and without thought of help or mercy for those on board, the vessels of friendly neutrals along with those of belligerents. Even hospital ships and ships carrying relief to the sorely bereaved and stricken people of Belgium, though the latter were provided with safe conduct through the prescribed areas by the German government itself and were distinguished by unmistakable marks of identity, have been sunk with the same reckless lack of compassion or of principle."

"I am not now thinking of the loss of property involved, immense and serious as that is, but only of the wanton and wholesale destruction of the lives of noncombatants, men, women and children, engaged in pursuits which have always, even in the darkest periods of modern history, been deemed innocent and legitimate. Property can be paid for; the lives of peaceful and innocent people can not be. The present German submarine warfare against commerce is a warfare against mankind."—Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States.

GERARD'S LETTERS.

On the whole Ambassador Gerard's letters are interesting. They contain many revelations of the social life of the court of Germany and many interesting observations upon the life of the people. Mr. Gerard does not picture the life of the workingman in Germany as the bed of roses we had been led to believe. The latter, under workmen's compensation, old age pensions and the like, does not seem to be as prosperous and well cared for as we thought. His lot is not nearly so fine as that of the American workingman. Mr. Gerard shows that the government of Germany is practically an oligarchy, in which the rich landlords, the rich manufacturers and munitions makers, are the real rulers through their alliance with the military. Such men have no real sympathy with the common people; and that is the real battle in Germany, the eternal conflict between the people and their despoilers. We have real hopes that the German people will be aroused. The bare fact that the German press published President Wilson's answer to the Pope is encouraging. There are real democrats in Germany as well as extreme radicals. The chances are that the heaven is now working. The

Observations

A woman may be the light of man's life. We're sure she is when she splutters.

Justice isn't what a lot of people hope to get; it's what they hope to escape.

The man who saves his money always has a friend to turn to.

Our personal opinion is that even without whiskey man would have ways enough left to make himself ridiculous.

October is like a beautiful woman; sooner or later you know she is going to turn cold.

Sept. 10th last day to pay water rent without penalty.

9-6-3t.

Personal Mention

Born, Sept. 4 to Mr. and Mrs. Harley McClure, a boy.

Mrs. J. S. Aitken of Salmon River, Idaho, and Mrs. M. A. Mellory of Union went to Elgin this morning for a few days visit.

Ferne McKinnis and Perry Lanman of Summerville were La Grande visitors yesterday.

Born, Sept. 3 to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Peacock, a girl. Mr. Peacock is the Post Office Inspector for this District.

Dorothy Krouse returned tonight from Portland where she has been visiting for the last month with her grandmother.

N. Bisailou of Portland went to Joseph this morning on a few days' business trip.

Maggie Wolcott returned to Enterprise this morning after a few days spent here.

A. T. Hill, Ray Logan and Ed Coolidge returned last night from a few days' motor trip to Heppner.

Soda water days are still here and the soda fountain at Silverthorn's Family Drug Store is running full blast.

9-6-tf

Howard Richardson and party spent yesterday in the hills.

Ray Logan went to Pasco this morning for a few days on business.



School Starts Monday!

Time now to outfit the children for School. You'll want to have them ready when the School bell rings Monday morning.

We have selected here a list of the Children's needs for School, and the kind that we know will give them all the wear that you will expect. Satisfaction means to us just what it does to you.

SUITS

Boys' School Suits—The most for your money you have ever seen—stylish, strong and durable. Wearing qualities come from very careful and precise making.

Prices \$5 to \$15

SHOES

Shoes for the Children—Boys' and Girls'—all styles and leathers. Made of the best materials obtainable under present conditions, and made by the best of workmen. We know them to give you satisfaction in every way. Let us prove what we say.

Prices \$1.50 to \$6

CAPS

We have just received a new shipment of Caps for boys and have them ready for you now. All new colors and designs to match the boy's suits.

Prices 50c to \$1.50

DRESSES

A splendid collection of Wash Dresses for School wear—also a few Wool Dresses in 14-year-old sizes and above. We invite you to inspect our ready-to-wear department for the young ladies.

SWEATERS

Light weight Sweaters for Fall wear in navy, maroon and cardinal. All wool, made to give wear and warmth.

Prices \$1.75 to \$2.50

HOSIERY

Black Cat reinforced Hosiery for School wear. The Hosiery for the active boy—perfect fitting and durability. Let us show you the triple reinforced knee for the boy who wants to give them rough wear. We invite attention to our Fall line of Hosiery for boys and girls.

Buying the best is a better business proposition than buying a cheap article.



millions of Socialists have no real love for autoeracy. So when the people of Germany realize that they alone must make peace, that the other countries will not deal with their rulers, there will come the clipping of the wings of the Kaiser and his oligarchy.

RUSSIA NEEDS RECONSTRUCTION.

Russia needs reconstruction. It is unfortunate that this need is caused by strife within. One has only to read the reports of ex-Consul Roth, an American consul to Germany, to realize that the Russian collapse has been deliberately planned by the Germans. German officers in the Russian army have been responsible for military mistakes, for the failure of supplies and ammunition to arrive, for mixing and confusion of orders, for the slaughter of many thousands of Russian soldiers by betrayal of Russian military plans. It seems now the Russian government realizes this and is taking steps to round up the German spies and the Russian traitors. This means a rigid regime and it will bring to mind the "terror" of the French revolution. Russia is going through the same cycle that the French did: First the acclaim of their liberty and equality, then the reign of terror, then a dictatorship and finally constitutional government and democracy. It is a pity that a reign of terror has to precede a stable government after a revolution, but such is usually the case. Russia has a long hard road to travel; she must choose between German autoeracy and anarchy. If she prefers anarchy to a constitutional form of government, she will fall into the hands of the Germans who are already planning to sweep on to Moscow. May we hope that the German advance will be followed by a retreat as disastrous as Napoleon's?

TASK OF MAKING FIGHTING MEN OF ROOKIES BEGINS

BY GEORGE MARTIN.
(United Press Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 6.—With the first 34,350 draft rookies in or nearing the country's 16 cantonment training camps today, the task of making them over into

fighting men began.

The first thing every recruit did on reaching camp today was to take a bath. From the bathhouses, one by one the boys were taken before the medical examiners of the Regular Army. As a result of this final and most rigid physical test, many of the boys who closed the door on civilized life and left lonely mothers, wives or sweethearts inside less than 36 hours ago will be back home tomorrow, maybe tonight.

Those who pass the physical test will be vaccinated for typhoid, para-typhoid and smallpox. Recommendations will then be made to company commanders for special exercises for each individual to correct any slight physical defects. The first two weeks of training will be occupied almost entirely with these special exercises, light setting up drills and physical schooling of the young soldiers-to-be.

During the second two weeks regular training will begin. The rigorous work will be increased gradually. The division surgeon and his assistants will keep a watchful eye on the general physical condition of all the men. Through instruction in personal hygiene, sanitation and first aid will be given them during the first two weeks.

These boys in short, will be put into the best physical condition they ever were in in their lives. Should anything intervene to keep them from going ahead toward France, after their three months of training, they will return to civil life sound as nuts, physically hard and fit for any work.

As they arrived at cantonments today, the men were assigned to sections of the camp reserved for recruits from their own local section of the divisional area for which each cantonment is established. In other words, the men who know each other and who come from the same states will be put together.

As later shipments arrive September 19, and later, the same rule will be followed, so that when the entire first draft of 687,000 men are finally in camp they will all be among fellows they knew. As soon as all the men are in camp, however, those from the same town will be separated, though they will remain in the same sectional division for the general part of the country from which they come. This will be brought about by the segregation of men by occupation. According to what their previous occupations have been they will be transferred to different branches of the service, such as artillery, machine gun, infantry. Thus will the regimental and battalion organizations be kept intact, though shifting the makeup of the companies to get all the men of similar bent together.

Supporting the Government

This is a time for every citizen to support the United States Government and many are doing so at considerable cost or sacrifice to themselves.

We have joined the Federal Reserve Banking System established by the Government to give greater financial stability and strength to the member banks and protection to their depositors.

You can give your support to this great Government enterprise and also obtain its protection for your money by becoming one of our depositors.

Member
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System

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