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GEORGE HARVEY AND THE PRESIDENT

By far the most interesting war weekly that we have seen or read is the North American Review's War Weekly, edited by George Harvey. Mr. Harvey is by far the ablest writer and editor that we have in the magazine field today. He is a Democrat, he has no particular reason to love the President, on account of his turn down while editor of Harper's Weekly, when Mr. Wilson disdainfully refused his support for the Presidency. But Mr. Harvey is like many others at the present time; he is neither a Democrat nor a Republican; he is a patriot. Mr. Harvey supports the President very ably and sincerely. But he will not be muzzled. He does not support Secretary Baker. In fact, his attitude toward the secretary is rather satirical. He says of the week ending January 4:

Nothing happened in the East during the past week. What may happen next week, or the week ensuing, we leave with more hope than confidence to the prognosticators who formulate the Monday morning bulletins of the Secretary of War.

And again of Secretary Baker's War Council, wherein Mr. Baker undertook to beat Senator Chamberlain to it, probably realizing the demand of the people that the War Department be reformed, by appointing and creating a War Council of his own, inside his department, Mr. Harvey says:

If the War Council is really intended to be the means whereby the war can be won and not merely an added frill on a camouflaged screen to conceal the operations of the War Department from public gaze, the Chief of Staff, already a much overburdened man, will either have to surrender his legitimate duties so as to devote all his time to the War Council, or he must try to perform the impossible and divide himself into two parts. There is a limit to all human endurance, and when it is taxed beyond that limit it loses value.

The Secretary of War has, we fear, mistaken shadow for substance. A Council of War we believe to be absolutely necessary for the proper prosecution of the war, but in that case it will be a council not within the War Department but outside of it, to which the War Department, and even the Secretary of War himself, will yield obedience. Mr. Baker has simply created the machinery for greater delay. And of delay we have had enough.

These two extracts from the War Weekly give an index to Mr. Harvey's blunt speech when he runs across mistakes at Washington, where he has his headquarters and edits his weekly. But the tone of his writing with reference to the President is genuinely patriotic, as witness the following:

The two noteworthy events of the week (week ending January 12) were the speeches of Mr. Lloyd George and the President. The Premier spoke first and spoke well, but Mr. Wilson's declaration was a veritable masterpiece. He has never done, and we doubt if anybody living could have done, better. We liked particularly his definiteness. There was none of the hazy rhetoric which sometimes characterizes his utterances and leaves the reader guessing. His numerical summary of the fourteen war aims was quite foreign to his usual method and, perhaps for that very reason at a time when the whole world was eager for something specific to take hold of, was tremendously effective.

Naturally and necessarily, the declarations of the two leaders coincided in all essentials, differing only in degree with respect to Alliance-Lorraine and Russia. Lloyd George bluntly asserted that her lost provinces must be restored to France, while Mr. Wilson insisted only that "the wrong should be righted." It is easy to understand that the British Premier felt a positive necessity of upholding the French in their chief purpose, but from the

American standpoint the President's prudence was most wise and wholly sound. Surely, in the event of this remaining the only question undetermined, nobody could reasonably expect the United States to continue frightful warfare over a bit of disputed territory. That "the wrong should be righted,"—yes by all means, but the President did well to stop there, although it is a singular symptom of public sentiment that this particular phrase, misinterpreted in the hearing as a demand for full restoration, evoked the loudest applause from Congress.

With respect to Russia, we cannot but conclude that Mr. Wilson was wholly right and Mr. Lloyd George was wholly wrong. The latter, in a word, indignantly and, to our understanding, quite peevishly proposed to let the distracted people stew in their own juice. The new government, such as it is, had broken faith with Britain—the unpardonable sin from the viewpoint of a nation which has been known upon occasion to be "righteously arrogant"—and as a fit punishment the whole country could go to hell. Mr. Wilson took the opposite view, recognizing the plight of a great mass of human beings groping out of darkness and highly deserving of the utmost consideration for their faults no less than for their pitiable condition. Frankly, we had not supposed it possible for Mr. Wilson, who has long been regarded as distinctively stern and not altogether unforgetting, to stretch forth a helping hand so frankly, so generously, so sympathetically, so pityingly, indeed, to the brother who had not only erred but persisted in his error. In any case, he did it and did it nobly, to the infinite credit and great joy of the tolerant and kindly people for whom he spoke.

The net outcome of the two speeches is that Germany, whether as a people or as a kaiserbund, now knows precisely where she stands; if she will neither fish nor cut bait she can and will go ashore. All we ask of the President is to stand to his guns and he will have a solid country behind him, ready and eager to stay till the uttermost depths shall be covered with ice so thick that no squirming Hun beneath can hope ever to hack his way through.

It must be a fine thing for a studious, careful observer to live at the present time in Washington. No doubt there are at times cause for elation. No real true American can help feel proud when Mr. Wilson issues a state paper, makes a speech, or acts as spokesman for the Allies. He rises, and he lifts the whole country with him, to heights of moral grandeur; and the lofty spirit of the Revolution and of '61 is renewed in us. Other events are depressing, such as the revelations of waste and incompetence on the part of government officials, reckless voting billions by Congress, reckless extravagance by the departments, efforts on the part of contemptible business men to rob the government. But the latter are only incidents. As Mr. Root says, we must steadily pursue our way in this war with our eyes on the goal; mistakes we will make.

Incompetent and careless will fall by the wayside. But there is no question, with Mr. Wilson as a leader, but that we will get to the goal, and when we do it will be a goal worth fighting for, the freedom of all the peoples of the world. A new national ideal will be established as an actual fact. And Mr. Wilson's name will be established firmly as one of the great men of history.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

The Hoarded Dollar

Frank A. Vanderlip hit the nail on the head in a speech at Cincinnati, when he said that "a hoarded dollar is a dacker." Work for the war is necessary and of primary importance, but industry and business cannot be overlooked without fatal results. The campaign against the enemy must be backed by industry and business going on to a great degree as usual, else the wherewithal to finance the war will be cut off. To stop manufacturing, trade and transportation, to hoard is killing the goose. Money must be kept in circulation, and let it be kept at home so that it will come back in the natural cycle of business dealings. Trade with intelligent discrimination, that's always wise but do not hoard.—Denver Telegraph.

WALLOWA NEWS NOTES

Miss Violet Osborne Returns—Mrs. Oscar Crossen Called to La Grande
 Wallowa to Have Lyceum Course.
 WALLOWA, Feb. 1.—(Special)—Miss Violet Osborne who was called to Olympia, Wash., about a month ago, on account of sickness in her father's family, returned today and will resume her work in the senior class of the high school.
 Miss Katie Omsland of Enterprise, attended the Wallowa-Enterprise basketball game Saturday night. She was a guest of Miss Maida Doolittle while here.
 Rev. Mr. Atkins made his usual trip to Lostine over Sunday.
 J. C. Conley, county school superintendent is making his yearly visit to our schools.
 Mrs. Oscar Crossen was called to La Grande today on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. J. McCauley.
 Mrs. Frank Miles and baby have returned to Lostine after spending the week end with her aunt, Mrs. Davis.
 Mr. Walter Lowe of the Redpath Lyceum bureau was in town Sunday and Monday and while here placed a course for next year with the high school.
 Quite a change in the weather has taken place in the last day or two.

COMEDIES OF CAMP LEWIS



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WALLOWA WINS FROM LOSTINE IN DEBATE

TWO HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS DEBATE COMPULSORY ARBITRATION

Tonight the Championship of Valley Will Be Settled Between Wallowa and Enterprise.

WALLOWA, Feb. 1.—(Special)—The debate between the high schools of Wallowa and Lostine Tuesday night resulted in a victory for Wallowa.

The question under discussion was "Resolved, that questions between capital and labor should be settled by legalized courts of arbitration." The affirmative side was upheld by Grace Hall and Ethel Hendricks, of Wallowa, while the negative side was upheld by Anna Royce and Albert Daisely of Lostine. The question was well handled considering the subject and the age of the contestants. A good sized audience listened with interest to the debate and a short musical program.

The judges were: Rev. B. S. Hughes, Rev. S. R. Sibley, and Dr. Roberts, all of Enterprise.

At the same time Wallowa's negative team met Lostine's affirmative team at Lostine. Guy Davis and Hazel Soden represented Wallowa, while Ethel Harris and Promiee McKenzie represented Lostine. Wallowa won at Lostine also, which entitles Wallowa to meet Enterprise, the winning team of the Enterprise-Joseph debate. This contest will be held tonight at Enterprise and Wallowa. This debate will determine the championship of the valley.

Fifty Below—J. L. Kline had a letter from his son, Douglas Kline, who is on his way east with a detachment of troops going to Macon, Georgia, saying that he was in the Dakotas and that it was fifty below zero. He recently visited his father and mother in La Grande.

WALLOWA HIGH SCHOOL HAS HIGH BANK

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visit to the Wallowa High pleased him. But there is an especial reason, possibly, for the care and attention paid to their class rooms and the furnishings by the Wallowa pupils. They have been trained that way and have manufactured a very large part of the furniture used in many of the class rooms have even plastered the walls, painted the wood work and partitioned off class rooms.

Let me tell the readers of the Observer some of the things I saw, and all work done by pupils of the High, largely by the boys, but the girls also have done their share.

Built a Gymnasium.
 The High School, ably assisted by the Wallowa graded school, has built a gymnasium 30 x 24 feet, a gym with a large stage, balcony around three sides, dressing rooms, scenery, and everything in fact that a gym, theatre and auditorium should have. This is a solid substantial building with no posts in it but arch and truss construction, electrically lighted, footlights on the stage, switch board and everything complete, and all built, wired and scenery even painted by school boys and girls, and all paid for by the youngsters who have given entertainments and in other ways collected and earned the money to pay for this building.

It goes without saying, of course, that they have been ably assisted and backed by Wallowa residents who are mighty proud of their school and scholars.

Mr. Conklin Deserves Credit.
 Not all of the credit can be given to the youngsters however. They

could never have done this and other work that I shall just mention if it were not for the seven years faithful work of their principal, Prof. Roy Conklin and their former manual training master, Mr. Train. It is a labor of love with Mr. Conklin who has seen the school grow from nothing, just two or three pupils to a High School class of 132 in 1917. A school with a thoroughly equipped manual training department, a chemical department, laboratory room, physics and botany room, domestic art room, domestic science, stenography and typewriting class rooms, and a well equipped business course room, with a regular bank in one end.

Furniture Made My Pupils.

Mind you, every bit of furniture in all of these rooms, tables, chairs, benches, drawers, banking department, even the plumbing, partitions and plastering in some of the walls has been done by the pupils, yes and several hundred folding chairs for their gym. Why, even the frames of the looking glasses used by the attractive looking domestic science classes were made by the boys.

The physics table is a particularly fine piece of work. The domestic art room has four sewing machines. The domestic science room has eight electric plates and a range. The shorthand and typewriting room has seven typewriters. These were about the only articles, apparently, that the boys and girls were unable to make. The boys and girls have both good bath rooms and lockers in the High; they made the lockers. Lately they have leveled off their school grounds and intend to beautify them with grass and flowers. They will also, a little later, put in a moving picture outfit in the gym.

There are many other things that the writer noted, such as handsome desk, a model barn, baskets, the complete supply of tools in the manual

PALM BEACH SUIT OF ROUGH SILK



For southern resort wear—and Palm Beach fashions forecast those of the northern Easter parades—the white suit of heavy silk or light wool is as popular as it is essential. Oyster white khaki knoll, of which the costume in the photograph is made, has all the charm of a heavy rough silk which lends itself well to semi-tailored lines, with a lightness of texture which suggests summer materials. This suit is one of the smartest designed for the Palm Beach season.

training department, even to a gas engine.

Domestic Science Department.

Great credit is also due to Miss Maida Doolittle—she has done much of the Domestic Science department. Miss Doolittle is an O. A. C. girl and not only teaches her class but has taken in hand the Camp Fire girls, takes them on hikes, becomes one of the girls, but never forgets to instruct and help her girls in a hundred different ways that a born leader of girls do.

Miss Richards, another O. A. C. girl has charge of the business course and is making business men and girls out of her classes. Prof. Conklin has also a night school and class in mathematics. There is also a night school for older ladies in conservation, etc.

Many Boys Enlist.

Wallowa High School last year had 132 students; this year it has 85. Nearly all of the graduates of last year's class are in Uncle Sam's service. Several of them are already in France and fighting for the liberty of the world. Many of the youth of Wallowa who would be in high school this year are working on the farm and "doing their bit" in other ways to help their country win the war and will finish their education later. Their manual training teacher is building ships to carry provisions to our boys at the front, his successor has gone to the front as a soldier. There will be no manual training class this year in the Wallowa High.

Wallowa is proud of her schools, proud of its scholars and proud of its High School principal who has made the school what it is, and turned out classes of scholars that Oregon is proud of mentally and physically.

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