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**THE MODERN BARBARIANS.**

The soldier's letter from Herbert A. McGinnis, who is with the hospital unit, tells something. This boy is from the La Grande high school and what he relates as to the barbarous conduct of the German soldiers may be set down as absolutely true. In the reference to the Irish girl who is nurse there are many things in the way of cruelty that can be gathered only by inference. This is straight from the front and is in line with published reports that have been coming all along.

The justification for wiping out German militarism is multiplied a thousand fold, if the only object to be attained were that of stamping out modern barbarism in all its forms. This is a holy war; its importance transcends all the worthy efforts ever yet made to Christianize the heathen.

In fact most all the heathen people, including the American Indian especially, were accustomed to greet their enlightened brethren cordially. The imperial German mind is "super" in its way—its inventions for barbarous cruelty far surpasses that of the heathen.

There was the flimsy excuse offered in the earlier part of the war that all reports which reached this country were colored by British influence; that the German aims and purposes were distorted and misleading. Even if such reports are discarded, there still remain facts of inhumanity with which the English, the French or the Italians had nothing to do. There was no British influence which caused the German military aggression to run over Belgium and wage a "defensive" war entirely outside and beyond German territory; there was no allied influence which murdered

women and children on the high seas; or which produced the recent mechanizations for Russian bitterness toward the United States. On the contrary, the evidence is plain that the effort is centered on producing world terror of the German military machine both through generations of military equipment and the employment of ruthless practices that would make a heather blush.

The determination to stamp out this menace to the peace of the world is more than justifiable if for no other purposes than to avenge the murders and mutilations which the German military adopts as one of the necessary means of perpetuating its gruesome power.

**"ON WITH THE DANCE."**

There is to be a "dance" at Rex hall this evening. This is not an ordinary affair and is worthy of more than passing notice. It is one "grand ball" of the year that should be attended. It should be attended whether the participants care anything about the mazy gyrations or whether they do not. It is enough to know that the affair is for the benefit of the Red Cross. The work of the Red Cross women goes on and on, but there must be some funds to supplement the needles and the ceaseless labor of those engaged in silent devotion when "every stitch is a prayer." All the German propagated stuff in regard to the Red Cross efforts being misapplied and other attempts at discrediting the motives and dampening the efforts of the workers has been proven over and over to be the rottenest kind of "bunk." The dance this evening should be a shining success—not because it is a dance, but because it is for the boys in the trenches.

### Editorial Comment

Now and then we get a real glimpse of Germany. We see hunger, suffering, a deep unrest. We also see war profits; wages relatively quite as high as here or in England; theatres all open and doing brisk business; various evidences of liberal spending, as when a collection of art objects fetches prices such as were never heard of before the war. In short, we see the phenomenon of what are commonly called good times—free circulation of money, increased saving and increased spending too.

One of the ablest historians of the Civil War remarks that except for good times in the North—high wages, money circulating freely, war profits, liberal spending—the military disasters and disappointments of the first three years might have forced Lincoln's hand and stopped the war indecisively. In the South, on the contrary, industry of all sorts was prostrate and there was profound discouragement long before Appomattox.

There is no doubt about the importance, to a country at war, of what are called good times. We have seen recipes for winning this war—one ounce of bread, two ounces of water and two yards of crepe per diem for each inhabitant—that would be inevitable if only we could get the Germans to adopt them.

The great need of saving to the practicable utmost and the need to keep business rolling present rival claims. The government and individual judgment must strike a balance, looking at both sides—Saturday Evening Post.

## With the Colors

From Victor Neiderer.

Somewhere in France, Feb. 27.—Dear Father:—Your letter and the postcards reached me on the 22d and I wish I could write one as good and long in return. It was a new inspiration to me and an more willing than ever to "get the kaiser" now. We all too hope to soon arrive again in "God's country" but we will fight for her as long as she needs us.

I have often compared our country's government with that of our enemy's and have always been thankful I belonged to the first mentioned. But the whole world must surely be awakened to the fact and justice of what we are fighting for soon and then there shall be peace.

Of course we are all very busy over here doing our little parts as they come, whether it is in training camps, in transportation systems, at the front, or in the air. It was a befitting illustration when you said we will go over Germany like a plague of grasshoppers. The flying machines can very readily simulate that part in the air.

I would like to tell you about the place we are quartered but it is a part of the beautiful France, and if I ever do get the opportunity to go to Switzerland I will expect to find that as beautiful, and I will try to go to the top of that beautiful mountain you mentioned.

An evening, a little French each evening. My instructor is a French soldier who speaks a little English which he has learned the last two months, besides he speaks German, so between us we make grand progress. Funny German should be our intermediary language. He is a school teacher in civil life.

One meets all kinds of soldiers as he passes through France, French, English, American, Italian, Algerian, Canadian, Scotch, etc., all with their own distinctive uniforms and one is impressed that the world democracy is a possibility when so many nationalities are fighting shoulder to shoulder. In fact it has already been tried, has it not, in the grand old U. S. A. where we have people, living under one great democratic government, from every nation under the sun, peacefully and harmoniously; freely.

Sunday I saw some movies of the French front and it is really magnificent to see all the strength and talent represented there and one must almost stand spellbound to think of it for all fronts. Of all that can finally stop and be utilized again in peace what power to improve living. But on with the war to rout out with their own weapons such a government as our enemy's.

For this time I must close but always happy when I get your letters.

Your son,  
 VICTOR.

Address, Sgt. Victor E. Neiderer, Co. D, 162 U. S. Inf., A. E. F.

### Attention Knights Pythias.

Knights of Pythias are notified that at the regular meeting tonight there will be work in the Esquire degree, and a full attendance is desired. By order,  
 C. C. McCORMICK,  
 Keeper Records and Seal.



**TOMORROW**



**TONIGHT**  
**Ella Hall**  
 in  
**"NEW LOVE FOR OLD"**

### FARMERS AND THE DRAFT.

By Paul H. Spillman.

The following statement has been issued by the United States Employment Service of the Department of Labor:

"A new draft of about 90,000 men shortly will be called to the colors. The provost marshal general has ordered that men actively and completely engaged in the planting or cultivation of a crop but who are listed in Class I of the draft and within the new quota should be deferred until the end of the new quota."

**Must Make Affidavit.**

"The local draft boards, being judicial bodies, cannot defer the call of such men, however, unless the farmers employing them support their claims for such deferred classification with affidavits. It is therefore of vital importance that farmers immediately execute and file such affidavits with the local boards."

**Immediate Action Urged.**

"If farmers whose hands are affected in this new call fail to follow this advice, they should have no cause for complaint if their men are taken from them at this critical time. It will be useless and unreasonable later to protest if they have done nothing to retain their help. Immediate action on the part of every farmer whose employees are affected is essential and should not be delayed under any circumstances."

The above information has been called to my attention by the U. S. Department of Agriculture requesting that farmers take immediate action wherever there is a need.

**Don't Close the Schools.**

"Don't close the schools; use them to maximum capacity," says Secretary of the Interior Lane in approving a statement just issued by the Bureau of Education of his department, wherein is presented the government's need of the schools in war time as seen by those in Washington charged with the conduct of the war.

The statement says: "The entire spirit of the Administration in Washington is, and has been from the beginning, that the war should in no way be used as an excuse for giving the children of the country any less education, in quantity or quality, than they otherwise would have had. Both the present demands of the war emergency and the prospective demands of the necessary readjustments inevitably to follow emphasize the need of providing in full measure for the education of all the people."

### MOST GIRLS LOOK TO MAN'S SALARY.

(By United Press.)

DALLAS, Tex., March 30.—Six Dallas High School girls today told the United Press the kind of husbands they want.

"He must have a chummy roadster and earn \$5,000 a year, and he must be literary inclined,"—Lois Bell.

"My man must earn \$7,000 a year. He must have a chummy roadster and not belong to any clubs,"—Gladys Finks.

"He must be good looking and a fine dancer and earn at least \$10,000 a year,"—Jewel Root.

"I want an ambitious man; his looks and earning capacity do not matter,"—Cecile La Taste.

"My man must have refinement and good morals; the rest can take care of itself,"—Hortense Henberg.

"I won't marry unless I can have either a lieutenant or a captain,"—Rieta Bishop.

**Recruiting Farm Reserve.**

The United States public reserve shortly will begin a national campaign to enroll at least 500,000 men for war-emergency farm service this year. The date will be announced late. This reserve, with the 250,000 boys now being recruited for farm work by the Boys' Working Reserve and the full-time labor recruited by the United States Employment Service, should be ample to cultivate and harvest the great crops which farmers are called upon to plant this spring.

This force of a half million is to be essentially a reserve. It will be composed of men who are ready to give from one to two days a week to work on farms in their neighborhood or a month or more wherever they may be most needed.

### W. R. KING'S PLATFORM.

Democratic Candidate for Senatorial Nomination Files Declaration.

Will R. King has filed his declaration with the Secretary of State and says:

"I, Will R. King, reside during the term of my federal official work at 18th and Eye streets, Washington, D. C., but my permanent residence, domicile, and post-office address is Ontario, Oregon. I am a duly registered member of the Democratic party. If I am nominated for the office of United States senator in congress at the primary nominating election to be held in the State of Oregon the seventeenth day of May, 1918, I

## The Kind of Shoes You Want

Did you ever buy a 75c axe? You can get them, but in most cases they are not worth even 75c; the axe dulls right up; too much soft metal; adulteration, in other words.

Well, that's just the trouble with lots of shoes you buy now. Because leather is scarce and high, many manufacturers are adulterating them—paper heels, paper counters, cotton thread instead of linen, etc. Such shoes don't wear long, and lose their shape. So you've got to be careful in buying.

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  - Same Shoe, in high heel..... \$6.00
  - A Military Boot, in Nubuck leather, welt sole, wing tip..... \$6.00
  - An English Walking Shoe, of White Canvas, with rubber heel, welt sole..... \$3.50
  - A low heel, English Walking Shoe, in Nubuck leather, welt sole..... \$4.50
  - A low heel English Walking Shoe, in canvas, with Kid Strap across toe, rubber heel and sole..... \$3.25



### KEDS.

- These light, rubber sole, Canvas Slippers in the Mary Jane style, that were so popular with the kiddies last year. A tennis slipper made into a "dressy" little pump.
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will accept the nomination for the term of the above-mentioned office known as the "long term" of six years, to begin March 1, 1919, and will not withdraw, and if I am elected I will qualify as such officer.

"If I am not nominated, I will

not accept the nomination or endorsement of any party other than the one in which I am registered.

"If nominated and elected I will during my term of office unreservedly support President Wilson's war aims, and the administration in the reconstruction necessary after war for a greater democracy, industrially and politically. Am for development of Oregon's unlimited resources; the protection of human and property rights, human rights first; for the best in the world for

the boys in the trenches; and through federal aid for reclamation of all arid, swamp and logged-off lands, and for good roads and the improvement of the national parks. My record in legislature, on bench, and in reclamation service guarantees my promises.

"Words to be printed after my name on the official ballot: My trinity: uphold the administration; support our soldier boys; develop Oregon's resources."

WILL R. KING.



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