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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

AUTOCRACY IS FOOLED.

As Americans and accustomed to the simplicity of American ways and customs, there is not so much importance to the French decorations which will be the honorable recognition an American regiment will receive for the gallant acts near Toul. But as Americans we can feel justly proud of the achievements for which this French mark of honor stands. All the news reports now show that they were picked Germans, the very best that could be assembled, who undertook to barnstorm the Yankee boys off their feet. They didn't do it, and what is more they are not going to be able to do it.

Among the colossal blunders which the German military heads have made is that of underrating the importance of America's forces in the field and in this war.

They fooled themselves when they thought it would be an impossibility for Americans to get an army of any magnitude in France, and now that the forces have arrived they are further nonplussed over the fact that when they tackle the Americans they are running up against the real thing.

A German expert has just found out and has made public his discovery with greater frankness than might be expected that the submarine is not equal to the task of stopping American transports. There are now in the army and navy of the United States nearly two million men, and it is not unreasonable to estimate that fully half that number are now in France. The Kaiser and his "super" associates have been fooled, that's all. It is no wonder that old Hindenburg is anxious to get through the British lines before any more like the boys who defeated the stormers near Toul shall arrive and make the road to Paris and to the channel ports so much more difficult for the imperial hordes to travel.

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IN FREEDOM'S CAUSE.

This evening another quota of Union county's boys take their leave for the camps previous to an expected embarkation for the battlefields in France. They have responded readily and in perfect line with the policy adopted early in the period when it was found that the United States must help in the work of clearing the world of its most insidious and dangerous menace known since history began.

It was a happy thought in one of the speakers last night to recognize the loyalty of those called through the machinery of the draft as well as those who volunteer for service. "Agamemnon found it a very invidious affair to give preference to any one of the Grecian heroes."

The announced policy of the government in the beginning was not to raise an army by the voluntary system, but by the selective draft. The young men who have responded to the draft and when called are ready and willing to go will constitute a very large part of the dependable forces which will in the end make freedom's cause triumphant throughout the world. The young man who virtually says: "Here am I; take me and place me where I can be of best service," is filling the place of a soldier and a hero, and now tonight about thirty of such young men from Union county are to leave.

They are ready to take the places assigned them and whatever of misgiving may be held concerning them all is over-shadowed in the secure confidence that Union county's draft quota will be steadfast in Freedom's cause.

NOTICE TO DELINQUENTS.

The City Commission of La Grande will be in special session Monday and Tuesday evenings for the purpose of conferring with citizens who are delinquent in their payment of their improvement assessments. Those desiring to state their position or ask for special consideration are requested to meet with the Commissioners.

F. B. CURREY,
General Manager,
City of La Grande.

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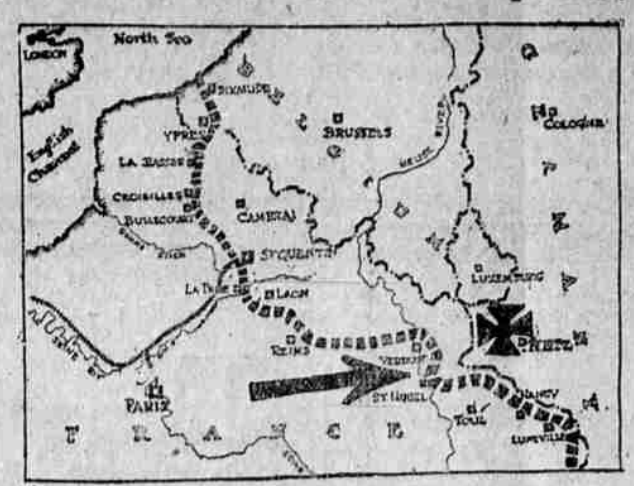
RUNNIN' RISKS!

Despite the prevalence of robbery, a few continue to keep money about their homes. In thus doing they are not only risking the loss of the money, but also their lives.
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American Drive at Iron Ore Fields of Lorraine Expected



CROSS SHOWS LOCATION OF IRON ORE BEDS. ARROW SHOWS DIRECTION OF EXPECTED AMERICAN DRIVE.

There are men in the American War Department who hope to see American troops some day drive eastward from Verdun into that portion of Lorraine now held by the enemy. They believe that at one stroke this would of itself almost end the war.
The reason is: IRON ORE SUPPLY.
When the Germans took part of Lorraine from the French in 1870 they took some of the finest iron ore beds in the world. They left to the French the ore in Longwy and Briey, and neutral Luxembourg had the rest. A few days after the present war was declared, Hun troops marched into French Lorraine and Luxembourg, getting possession of all this iron-ore supply.
A drive 35 miles eastward from Verdun would rob the Germans of three-fourths of their visible iron supply. That would ruin them.

WHY WE ARE AT WAR WITH GERMANY

By
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"The object of this war is to deliver the free peoples of the world from the menace and the actual power of a vast military establishment controlled by an irresponsible government, which, having secretly planned to dominate the world, proceeded to carry out the plan without regard either to the sacred obligations of treaty or the long-established practices and long-cherished principles of international action and honor. This power is not the German people. It is the ruthless master of the German people. It is our business to see to it that the history of the rest of the world is no longer left to its guidance."
—President Wilson, August 27, 1917.
GERMAN RUTHLESSNESS AN INCULCATED BARBARISM

A government asserting its right to conquer the world, denying any duty except that of increasing its own power, and a people drilled in this theory, produce a nation whose acts horrify humanity. Yet those acts are but the logical result of a ruthlessness in war deliberately planned. It was at first said by Americans: "Yes, there are occasional German atrocities; no doubt, but so there are in every war." We now know that cruelty and barbarism are a definite part of the German method of making war.

First the teachers and professors: "Where German soldiers had to seize the incendiary torch, or even to proceed to the slaughter of citizens, it was only in pursuance of the rights of war." "One single highly cultured German warrior represents a higher intellectual and moral life-value than hundreds of the raw children of nature whom England and France, Russia and Italy, oppose to them." "Even if there were no question of vengeance, . . . the crime of opposing the development of Germany is so great that the most trenchant measures are scarcely a sufficient punishment for it." "The more pitiless is the victor, the greater is the security of the ensuing peace. In the days of old, conquered peoples were completely annihilated. Today that is physically impracticable, but one can imagine conditions which should approach very closely to total destruction."

Next the army officers: "By stepping himself in military history an officer will be able to guard himself against excessive humanitarian notions; it will teach him that certain severities are indispensable to war, nay, more, that the only true humanity very often lies in a ruthless application of them." "The warrior has need of passion. It must not . . . be regarded as a necessary evil; nor condemned as a regrettable consequence of physical contact; nor must we seek to restrain it and curb it as a savage and brutal force."
Last the clergy: one incident, and one quotation from an address on the Sermon on the Mount is enough for Americans: "Whoever can not prevail upon himself to approve from the bottom of his heart the sinking of the Lusitania, . . . and give himself up to honest delight at this victorious exploit of German defensive power, . . . him we judge to be no true German."

German teaching has borne fruit and the world is aghast. Yet we have become so accustomed to "German atrocities" that some of our horrid acts are now regarded as "normal." It is wiser to remember. Volcanoes are needed to live, merely, the proved cases of barbarity—for Germany by refusing investigation through a neutral jury proposed by Cardinal Mercier, has confessed guilt. No, rather, she acknowledges the acts charged against her and glorifies them.
But let us not forget that German soldiers in 1914 with an *estrenu*, raped the women of Belgium and France in the first advance; that they placed screens of children before them; that they executed, as a warning against a feared Belgian rising, fifty innocent Catholic priests and thousands of innocent citizens; that they gave themselves up "in a hundred different places to standing

incarceration, imprisonment, massacre, and sacrilege" (Cardinal Mercier), that in France they have deliberately made a desert of territory in retreat, with an object, not of this war, but of destroying productivity for at least a generation to come; that Germany openly applauded Turkey upon the massacre of nearly one-half the population of Armenia; that Germany, by the cruel starvation and deportation of conquered populations is attempting to "Germanize" the lands of Poland and Russia; that she torpedoes hospital ships with "defenseless" beings, wounded or mutilated in war, and women who are devoting themselves to the work of relief and charity" (protest of the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva); that no other government, in the world's history, ever ordered or approved a *Lusitania*.
This war is lost, and a greater will follow it, unless it is fought to the point where Germany knows for all time that such acts are, in the end, fatal to the government that commits them.

This is the fourth of a series of ten articles by Professor Adams.

TONIGHT,
"That Girl's Fellow," a lecture with a touch, by Rev. Geo. H. Feeser, April 26, May 3-10-17-24-31

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IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR UNION COUNTY.

LA GRANDE DISTRICT.
The Legal Adjustment Company, a corporation, plaintiff,
vs.
Ed. Fuller, defendant.

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

To Ed. Fuller, the above-named defendant:
IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you are hereby required to be and appear in the above entitled Court and cause and answer to the plaintiff's complaint filed against you in the above entitled action, on or before six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons specified hereinafter, and if you fail so to appear and answer said complaint, within said time, plaintiff will take judgment against you in the sum of \$18.40, together with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum from the 15th day of September 1917, until paid, and for the further sum of \$7, together with interest thereon at a like rate from the 18th day of March, 1918, until paid, and for the further sum of \$9.92, together with interest thereon at like rate from the 6th day of September, 1917, until paid, and for the further sum of \$38.10, together with interest thereon at like rate from the 1st day of September, 1917, until paid, and for plaintiff's costs and disbursements in this action, and will at the same time apply to the Court for an order requiring the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company to pay into said court, wages, to wit: \$78.48 due from said company to said defendant or as much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy plaintiff's claim, interest and costs.

By order of Arthur C. Williams, Judge of the above entitled Court, which order was made and entered herein on the 25th day of April, 1918, this summons was directed to be published in the La Grande Evening Observer, once each week for six consecutive weeks, requiring the defendant, Ed. Fuller, to appear and answer the plaintiff's complaint on or before six weeks from the date of this first publication of this summons, which is the 26th day of April, 1918.
ARTHUR C. WILLIAMS,
Justice of the Peace.
April 26, May 3-10-17-24-31



Your Outing Pleasures Depend on Your Outfit

You don't go fishing just for the fish; if you did, all you'd need would be a willow pole, a hook and line. You go for the pleasures, the outing—and all that depends on your outfit, your pole, tackle, your basket and the clothes you wear. You want your khaki water repellent pants and coat, your hat or cap, and a good pair of high top boots.
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