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A DIFFERENCE.

The Austrian proposition covered a couple of columns or more of platitudinous preambles and mock righteousness, but with all its fine diplomatic verbiage its intent and motive was well understood. The reply was in a half an hour from the time of its receipt and was direct, plain and understandable. That is the difference between "daylight diplomacy" and the other kind—the German kind which says what it doesn't mean and hides its ulterior purposes behind the mask of false pretense.

There is nothing now left in the way of polite and meaningless diplomacy to quibble over. It should be as "plain as daylight" that this is a war between two irreconcilable principles, with the motives on the one hand concealed and covered up and mystified, and on the other broad, open and wholly exposed.

Another difference is observable in the way the cunning proposition from Vienna was sought to be made effective. Just now the Central powers are very much interested in the good offices of His Holiness, the Pope. A copy of the peace discussion proposal was hurried to the Vatican the first thing. It was only a few short months ago when there was a papal request to suspend the long range bombardment of Paris on a religious holiday. Instead of complying with this reasonable entreaty to give the religious people of France a brief respite to observe an established custom, the shells burst in a church and killed over a hundred people who were congregated for worship.

All the fog surrounding the early days of the war is clearing away and there is nothing that can change the irreconcilable conflict and nothing to stop the war until the aims and plans of autocracy are ground to powder. This can only be accomplished through "Force, force to the utmost."

NO COVENANTED PEACE.

America, unless we repudiate civilization and abandon humanity and put a premium on savagery and brutality, can make no covenanted peace, no peace by agreement or negotiation with Germany. It would be a covenant with hell, a partnership with infamy.

Nor would such a peace secure peace, except so long as it suited Germany. We can judge the future only by the past, and to Germany sacred treaties are scraps of paper only. Germany's whole history is a record of national treachery, national bad faith, national dishonor, national murder and national infamy.

Article Fifty-six of The Hague Convention, to which Germany solemnly subscribed, is: "Family honor and rights, the lives of persons and private property, as well as religious, convictions and practice, must be respected. Private property can not be confiscated."

The world knows how Germany has

observed this article. There are millions of individual witnesses to her flagrant breaches of it. Every acre of foreign soil Germany has occupied bears mute, but unimpeachable evidence of it, too.

"The goods of different sorts seized in the enemies' territories are in such large quantities that the difficulty of knowing where to put them increases day by day. At the request of the Prussian minister of war, all chambers of commerce have been asked to give all possible information with regard to storehouses, sheds, etc., which could be used temporarily to warehouse the spoil." (From the Frankfurter Zeitung, January, 1918.)

The German papers have been crowded with advertisements of sale of property taken from France and Belgium. Members of the Reichstag have boasted of, others have censured, the amount of booty brought to Germany from the occupied territory, and the destruction has been far greater than the confiscation.

Of the old men and children murdered, of the women and girls ravished, of the noncombatants taken from their homes and deported to work for their conquerors, of the merchant ships sunk and passengers and crews murdered, of the hospital ships sunk, the hospitals and unfortified cities bombed, of the mutilation and murder by crucifixion and otherwise of the wounded and captured soldiers—of all this beastliness there is plenty of evidence, evidence that no one can disbelieve.

The best answer to German peace propaganda is sinking more U-boats, sending more men to France, speeding up our work along every line, and a heavy subscription to the Fourth Liberty Loan. Peace must mean the triumph of right and justice, the defeat of Germanism, not a truce with it, not a compromise with it.

Our soldiers in France are gloriously doing their part toward victory; the Liberty Loan subscription must show them that the people at home are doing theirs.

MUCH IN LITTLE

Turn flattery wrong side out and you have slander.

Stones marking the Mason and Dixon line bear the Penn and Baltimore family coats of arms.

German inventors have brought out an automobile which travels on three sets of movable runners instead of wheels.

Current is transmitted through ball bearings in a new swivel joint for telephone and electric light wires, designed to prevent them from twisting.

Two Crimean veterans, probably the last in Ireland, have died recently. One was John Hayes, aged ninety-two, who was wounded at the siege of Sebastopol, and the other Denis Heiligan, aged ninety-four, who had 38 years' service.

The agricultural department at Washington has published complete reports on the caloric value of every known article of food. For instance, a pound of pure lard would supply all the calories that a 200-pound individual would need in 24 hours.

The law prohibiting the importation into France of foreign postage stamps has now been extended to apply to the stamps of France itself. The reason for this is that some 3,000,000 unused French stamps have been stolen by the Germans from post offices in the invaded part of France, and it is desired to destroy their value to their present holders.

Discussing the democratizing influence of the war in the Tokyo Magazine, Kosen Asada, a well-known publicist, says that Japan cannot expect to keep clear of the tremendous changes that are affecting the world. He adds: "The development of political parties and of the press have been most noticeable since the Russo-Japanese war, and this increased influence has gradually put the influence of classism in the shade."

GLOBE SIGHTS

Most patient men are patient simply because they are spineless.

The longer a marriage is put off the less probability it will come off.

One does not have to look long anywhere for an excuse to find fault.

So many people are only able to recognize opportunity from a rear view.

A mass meeting probably accomplishes less in proportion to its size than anything else.

Ab Adkins admits he is getting older as some of the stories he heard as a boy are now going around disguised as new ones.

Suffering in silence is the most unusual performance.

THE WAR has taught one important thing to those who are willing to learn. It has made things cost more; and when we pay more for a thing we're apt to be more particular to know what we're getting. The war has taught that good quality pays in economy, tho we have to pay more to get it.



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Be patriotic about buying clothes

You may not need new clothes this fall; if you can get along with what you have, save the money for Liberty Bonds or War Savings Stamps. If you have to buy, remember this:

You don't buy anything in which quality is more important than clothes; you ought to be very particular about what you get for your money, especially because it's so easy to make poor quality in clothes look very good, and there's

plenty of poor quality to be had.

Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes are one of the ways in which we serve; all-wool fabrics, the best tailoring, the most distinguished style; clothes that you can rely on, absolutely. Such clothes as these, made carefully for service, are the best means of saving money for yourself and resources for the country.

The new styles are economical

In regard to style, you'll find that they are as smart looking as ever; but there's greater simplicity in them, and everything has been designed to save materials and labor. You'll like the new models we're sure; we have many good things to show you.

Store Closes
Saturday
8:30 P. M.

H. K. West & Co.
THE QUALITY STORE

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Saturday
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Society



Miss Lillian Ludwig

Miss Lillian Ludwig, accomplished little 13-year old niece of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bode, arrived Sunday from Spokane to attend school here this winter. Among her other accomplishments Lillian is a clever dancer, having graduated from the Bouley Academy in Spokane. For some time past Lillian has been captain of the Junior Red Cross at Spokane, and in addition has been one of the most energetic of workers in other lines of patriotic endeavor. She was awarded the government certificate of honor for the best four-minute essay on "Buy a Liberty Bond." This composition reads as follows: When I hear anyone say there can't or won't or don't believe in buying Liberty Bonds I think of

Hannibal the Hero of the first Punic War, 243 to 187 B.C. When he was left and deserted by his own people (the Carthaginians) in the heel of Italy, surrounded by his most hated foes and enemies.

Now, we have already given in bloody furnished war-torn Europe thousands of our best and bravest sons and brothers and we are continuously sending more; they have come to defend liberty, humanity and justice—but they must be fed, clothed and cared for when disabled, and it must be done from home—and the allies too must be supported, both their men who are fighting and their thousands of starving babies and mothers and children made orphans by this most barbarous Hun warfare.

They are begging and praying continuously for relief from our own dear free land of wealth and plenty. Who could hear this appeal and not respond?

Liberty bonds are the direct means of helping to relieve this deplorable situation.

Who could refuse? Who dare say it is not right to buy Liberty Bonds? No man, woman or child with a drop of human love, sympathy, justice or patriotism can fail to feel—and, if possible, not heed—this most pathetic call for help. Buy Liberty Bonds, save our sons and liberty, don't leave them like the Carthaginians did Hannibal.

Would we sit idly at home, wrapped in the lap of luxury, while our most beloved fathers, brothers and sons are fighting, facing hardships and death—to defend the continuation of the liberty, justice and plenty we are now enjoying? Would we be the cowardly traitors to deny them the small, paltry sum of a Liberty Bond? No, never! We must, we will buy bonds.

"Our fathers wielded well the sword at Bunker Hill. 'Tis up to us to get the sword of Junker Bill."

But we cannot do it without money. We must buy bonds.

Now, not only am I pleading for my own three, dear, brave, stalwart clean, temperate brothers, who willingly gave their services and, if necessary, their lives to protect this great and just cause, but am pleading too for those brave good boys who have left no sister at

home—possibly no mother to plead for their support, maintenance and protection while they so manfully struggle to protect justice, freedom and liberty.
Buy a Liberty Bond.

VISITING FROM SPOKANE

Miss Anna Alexander, former Deputy County Clerk, in La Grande.

Miss Anna Alexander, for a number of years deputy county clerk, is an arrival from Spokane and in enjoying a vacation with relatives and friends. Miss Alexander is now employed with the Federal land bank, holding the position of bond clerk. The young lady is well pleased with her situation as well as with Spokane. She brings word that Mr. and Mrs. Turner Oliver, former La Grande residents, are well and contented in their new home. Mr. Oliver is the registrar of the Federal land bank.

Humane Societies Began in England. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was founded in London in 1824; soon Germany, France and the United States organized societies for the like purpose, the first United States society having been chartered in 1866.

Continuing: Fighting Bill Duncan. 9-18-18

Primitive Methods of Farming. In Central America many primitive agricultural implements are still retained. The native farmer still uses a plow with a crooked tree-branch pointed with iron. The objection to the modern two-handled plow is that one hand is needed for guiding the animals, hence the introduction into Honduras of a trial modern-style plow with one handle.

All the new fall styles in Millinery are represented at the Walling Millinery at close cash prices. 9-18-18

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