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

"GERMANS WRONGED MOST."

The Classmate, a Sunday school
publication put out by the Metho-
dist Book Concern, prints the fol-
lowing editorial under the title,
"Germans Wronged Most":

"That imperial group of gang-
sters known as the German war
party have committed unspeakable
wrong upon the world. They have
devastated Belgium and deported
the Belgians. They have trampled
over France and despised the
French. They have raised death
on England and hated the English.
They have invaded Russia and be-
trayed the Russians. And so on
to the end of the bitter chapter.

"But no nation has been wronged
so permanently and irreparably
as Germany; no people so comple-
tely ruined as the Germans. Bel-
gium has been given a position of
imperishable fame in the world's
history. So long as the stars shall
shine no one will ever call the
French a 'decadent people.' Rus-
sia has started on her long jour-
ney toward freedom. England has
written a new and glorious chapter
in her history. Italy is at last a
real centralized nation. America
has become the world's greatest
champion of liberty. But Germany—
If the war should end tomor-
row she is a ruined nation; her
people are hopelessly disgraced.
Like a blind Samson she has pulled
down the fair temple that has taken
her 500 years to erect. Ger-
many has become an outcast na-
tion. Her colonies are taken from
her; her commerce swept from the
seas; her language from the
schools; her goods debarred from
the world's markets. (It does not
matter what laws are passed,
"Made in Germany" will be suf-
ficient to damn her merchandise
for many a year.) Her reputation
for art and culture has become a
by-word. The bloody footprint of
the Hun will be seen on every page
of her former glorious record.
When her symphonies are played
men will hear the shrieks of mur-
dered children and ravished wo-
men. When her culture is men-
tioned men will think of Edith Ca-
vell. When her religion is spoken
of the world will sneer.

"Never was there a nation so
completely ruined. Never a people
so destitute of everything worth
while.
"If there is any class of people
that has reason to hate these auto-
cratic murderers it is the German
people. Our German friends never
again can speak with pride of their
"fatherland." They never can
speak their native tongue without
being sure that the very cadence
of it will cause someone to shud-
der. It is a terrible loss to a man
when he can no longer be proud
of the land of his birth, and to be

proud of Germany today to con-
done her dastardly deeds. The
right-thinking German must feel as
one would if his father had turned
outlaw and his mother harlot. Sure-
ly the German people have been
terribly wronged. Such wrongs
can never be righted."

UNION COUNTY LEADS.

It is gratifying news that Union
county is receiving such prominent
recognition at the state fair. When
it is announced that this county
has the lead over other counties
of Eastern Oregon it means some-
thing. The other counties com-
prising this part of the state have
great products and enthusiastic
exhibitors and for this reason the
contest is close. It is not like a
walk away in a contest where ev-
erything is one-sided. Not by any
means.

In the live stock division a Un-
ion county cattle breeder takes the
championship. He does not get
this recognition without strong
competition, so that makes his suc-
cess all the more prominent. There
are other cattle counties in East-
ern Oregon, and other breeders
who are alert in developing the
highest types in this class of live
stock.

The other awards that have been
secured by this county are also
gratifying to all who have an in-
terest in the country's advance-
ment. In all efforts of this kind,
and with due appreciation of the
fact that our neighbors are also en-
titled to full credit for what they
have and what they can do, it is
a matter of no little pride and no
small source of advantage to know
that Union county leads.

YOUR CHANCE NOW.

Commenting on conditions that
will prevail after the war and the
golden chances that are in sight
at the present for all to better
their conditions, the Oregon Jour-
nal appropriately says:

Here is what the opportunity
consists of: Every dollar you can
save now will, in what it will pur-
chase, be almost equivalent to \$2
after the war. A dollar buys but
nine loaves of bread now; it
bought 20 before the war; it will
buy 20 when normal times return.

Your \$10 shoes will be \$5 shoes.
Your 30 cent cotton will be 8 cent
cotton. Your 60 cent breakfast
bacon will be 30 cent bacon, your
50 cent ham will be 30 cent ham.
Your \$5 war stamp then, in what
it will buy will be approximately a
\$10 War Stamp. Your \$50 Lib-
erty bond will be approximately a
\$100 Liberty bond.

And there are the wages—what
will they be? And the jobs—
where will they be?

The wages are big and the jobs
plentiful now. But after the war,
what?

The man of foresight out in the
country who says he is going to
work for somebody in order to
benefit from the big wages, visions

the future. He is going to get all
he can and save all he can now
while the getting is good. He
reckons that these golden days of
earning power will not last always.
He is going to embrace opportunity
while it knocks at his door. He
knows that there will be fewer
jobs and lower wages later.

OHIO BOY TELLS OF HOT BATTLE.

By Frank J. Taylor.
AN AMERICAN HOSPITAL IN
FRANCE, Sept. 2.—(By Mail.)—
How the Polish troops from Amer-
ica helped stop and turn back the
Hun tide that attempted to sweep
around Rheims in the first days of
the last German offensive was told
today by Stanley Zalesny, who is
almost recuperated from wounds he
received in the fighting.
Stanley Zalesny is a Cleveland
boy by adoption. He went from
Poland to Cleveland to be free
from German Kultur, and studied
in the Cleveland schools. He is
a clean-cut robust American boy,
now, with a slightly Polish accent,
and wearing the uniform of the
Polish Legion, to which he volun-
teered.

"We were near Subpres, east of
Rheims," he said, "just before the
offensive; we found Americans
were on our right, and we were
sad. We wanted to fight alongside
of them. Our outfit was made up
to a large extent of Poles from
America and England. So we were
English-speaking, though we had
a French General commanding us.
He had two Russian Polish gener-
als under him.
"When the Germans came over
there were lots of them, and the
artillery was heavy. We knew the
Americans would hold them on the
left, and the French on the right,
so we shoved them back, and wait-
ed after them. I was with the
first Polish troops to get to the
German trenches.

"Then I was sent out on a pat-
rol with seven other boys of my com-
pany. We got into a pretty hot
place, and it was bad. Six of them
were killed, and only two of us
got back. We were taken to the
American hospital and cared for
by the Americans, and were glad
to get back with our own Ameri-
cans. I am having the time of my
life, and feel fine now. You see
how well we are getting."

Young Zalesny speaks Russian
and some German in addition to
Polish and "American." He says
that most of his comrades speak
Russian too. They are hoping to
get to the Russian front now, he
says, because they believe they
could do more good, not only
fighting, but by the influence they
might have among the Russians
and Poles who could be shown that
the Germans must be conquered.

The Polish Legion is interesting,
especially to the Americans, who
encounter these rugged chaps in
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tive square-topped hats, and an
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