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To "Clear the German Conscience."

Prof. Delbruck and other Conservatives appeal to the German government to name a committee of "impartial men, including prominent neutrals," to inquire into breaches of international law by Germany during the war, says the New York World and adds:

Rank and dignity are to be ignored in the inquiry, so that "the German people may be able to clear its conscience." Of course the German conscience really is clear; all that it desires is a certificate of character from "prominent neutrals," who will not doubt gladly furnish it, now that Germany no longer threatens the neutral world by its power.

Exculpatory material is abundant. Germany never invaded Belgium; she merely prevented France from getting there first. She never used poison gas to strangle soldiers trusting in the laws of war and utterly defenseless. She never bombed children and women in bed in beleaguered towns. She never took thousands of neutral and non-combatant lives by sinking passenger ships at sea. She never sold civilians of occupied countries into slavery. She never connived at the starvation of Serbs or assisted in the massacre of Armenians.

History may some day undo the cruel wrong that contemporary opinion has done to the most merciful, the most humane, the most generous of nations. It will be a long task, since injustice has had a four years' start. But the German people may "clear its conscience" easily enough, with or without a commission. War has touched its repentant stomach; its snow-white conscience never!

Germans and British Prisoners.

The outburst of indignation in England over the mistreatment of British prisoners of war by the Germans is not to be attributed entirely to the newest revelations of Germany's knack for abusing her captives. From the very outset of the war one of the outstanding characteristics of the German system has been its studied brutality toward British prisoners. Germany has treated all prisoners badly, but the British and the Russians have consistently had the worst of it. The Russians were abused because Germany despised them for ignorant peasants; the British because Germany hated all things British.

This malevolence has been carried right through to the end, for in freeing British prisoners in accordance with the terms of the armistice the Germans have in many cases simply turned them loose a long way from their lines, without food or proper clothing and left them to get home as best they could, with distressing results. And this, to, at a time when German were sending out pleas for

unbearable relief, especially in the matter of food. There is no doubt that the British representatives at the peace conference will insist upon strict punishment for German officials who were responsible for cruelties to prisoners. These men are known, and there is an abundance of legal proof against them. In their hatred for the British they went to greater extremes of torture and neglect than have ever been known in civilized countries.

The United States, after the civil war, hanged a German of the name of Wirz who had made himself notorious by his rule of the confederate prison camp at Andersonville, Ga. Yet his crimes were slight compared to those of certain German commanders.

Justice, Punishment and Repentance.

Fortunately for the world, the terms of the armistice were dictated by military commanders. No pacifist propaganda enters into them. In effect they have us completely disarmed Germany as though she had unconditionally surrendered.

Ultimate peace must be dictated in the same spirit and in the same sound manner—that is, in the spirit of justice and insistent purpose to effect decisive results.

These results are, first, that the freedom of the world outside of Germany must be made secure forever from German ambition for power.

And, second, that the military leaders and the German people (who are in every way guilty with their leaders) shall receive stern and just punishment for the awful agony which they have inflicted upon the world.

Only so can they be taught that selfish, aggressive war, undertaken for plunder, does not pay, and that the penalty is ruin.

There is nothing of repentance in Germany's attitude thus far, whether of the German people or of the German government, nothing to show that they have the least comprehension of their gross wrong-doing, nothing that would lead to any other treatment of them than as condemned criminals.—Bache's Review.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

Sunday School 10:30 a. m. Sacrament meeting, 2:00 p. m. Primary, every Tuesday, 4:00 p. m. M. I. A. every Tuesday 7:30 p. m. Relief Society, every Thursday, 2:00 p. m. Religious class, every Thursday, 4:00 p. m. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

CHARLES J. BLACK, Pastor.

SALVATION ARMY

Sunday Services. Holiness meeting at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Salvation meeting at 8 p. m. Ensign Olive Children, the official.

CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY.

Residence 1103 L. avenue. Phone Main 9. First mass, 8:00 a. m. Second mass, 10:30 a. m. Week day mass at 8:00 a. m. Followed by benediction. P. J. DRISCOLL, Rector.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. A welcome is extended to all who wish to attend.

Subject for the morning service, "A Plea for the Prosperous." Dr. Ira Aldrich, superintendent of the La Grande district, will preach in the evening. N. SHERMAN HAWK, Pastor.

ISLAND CITY CHURCH.

A. W. Roberts, Pastor. Sunday school and preaching in the morning. Epworth League and preaching in evening; large chorus. All cordially invited.

SPIRITUALIST

The First Spiritualist Church of La Grande will meet over Harris Grocery Store on Fir street every Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

10 a. m. Sunday School. Rev. C. H. Powell, general missionary, will preach every third Sunday in the month. Everybody welcome.

FIRST METHODIST

Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Epworth league at 6:30 p. m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

Sunday morning service at 11 a. m. Subject: Ancestral and Modern Necromancy, Atlas Meamerism and Sunday school at 10 a. m. Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock.

The reading room is open to the public. Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 2 to 5 p. m. All are welcome to attend our services. Corner First and Washington.

TRAINING CONFERENCE

The District Training Conference of the La Grande district of the M. E. church will be held at the M. E. church in La Grande on December 18 and 19. A strong centenary team including Dr. Mecklenburg of the board of Sunday schools and Bishop R. J. Cooke resident bishop of the Helena area, will be present. Program will be announced later.

CENTRAL CHURCH.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Morning services, 11:00 a. m. Evening services, 7:30 p. m.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Dr. Petty of Portland, will speak at 11 a. m. No evening service. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. S. C. Lapham of Portland. Morning subject: "The Vicarious Atonement; Humanity's Lesson from the Great War." Evening subject: "The Religion of the Trenches."

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 1, 1918. Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. At this hour the prize winners will be present. Morning Service, 11:00. Evening service, 7:30. Rev. Bogus of Wallowa will introduce Rev. Dunn, the State Evangelist who will deliver the sermon of the evening. A short business meeting will be held following the morning service. All members requested to be present.

DEATH REPORT CONFIRMED

The Elgin Recorder says that Mr. and Mrs. Albert Klostra received a telegram Monday from the Adjutant at Washington, D. C., giving official confirmation of the death of their son, William, overseas. The telegram stated that "Billy" died October 2nd as the result of pneumonia, following an attack of influenza. The first information of the death of this young man came from his lieutenant, who told of the castron in which he was held by the members of his company.

Wallace Reid in "Firefly of France" Arcade, Monday. 11-30-11

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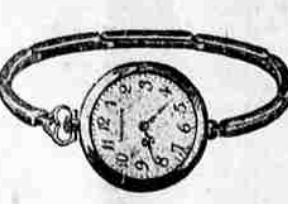
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