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Weighing Wilhelm's Responsibilities for War

The German crown prince has maintained that the Hohenzollerns were not at all responsible for the inhuman outrages perpetrated by their army in France and Belgium, "because, after all, my father and I are gentlemen."

Testimony of a different and stern sort has been presented in a report from eminent French jurists who were asked to pass on the question of the former Kaiser's criminal responsibility. The most impressive item is a letter written by Wilhelm, early in the war, to the emperor of Austria, in which he said:

"My soul is torn asunder, but everything must be put to fire and sword. The throats of men and women, children and the aged must be cut, and not a tree nor a house left standing. With such methods of terror, which alone can strike so degenerate a people as the French, the war will end within two months, while if I use humanitarian methods it may drag on for years. Despite all my repugnance I have had to choose the first system."

This is a frank admission on Wilhelm's part that the decision rested with him, personally, and that he deliberately chose a policy of terror and destruction which modern law regards as no less criminal in war than it would be in peace. There is apparently no question of Wilhelm's free will in the matter, and therefore no question of his moral and legal responsibility. Such, at least, is the judgment of the French jurists given to Premier Clemenceau.

It may be expected, then, that this arch-criminal will be brought to trial for his misdeeds like any other malefactor, as soon as the peace conference can get around to his case.

The Soldiers' Attitude Toward Farm Employment

It is all very well to talk of "bringing the soldier back to the land." But suppose the soldier balks.

As the demobilization proceeds, there is disquieting evidence that the big cities are filling up with soldiers. "The men from the country do not want to go back to the farm after they have seen New York and other big towns," explains an army man.

If the men accustomed to farm life will not go back, how can men unfamiliar with farming be expected to flock to the land? Besides the lure of the city, which appeals likewise to them, there is the natural disinclination to tackle a totally new job in a new environment.

Obviously farm work has got to be made more attractive if the two great emergencies now confronting the nation are to be met. If the farms are going to be made fully productive and if labor is going to be fully employed.

The department of agriculture is busy with plans to solve this double problem. Its efforts are along a different line from those of Secretary Weeks. While Weeks' department seeks to induce soldiers on new lands, the agricultural department seeks to place men on farms already developed which lack the single element of man power. It is recognized, wisely, that the first essential in attracting new men to such farms is that their jobs shall be of the emergency or seasonal kind, but temporary places. The men must not be employed in any way that they would expect to be in a factory.

They must also have good wages. And there must be good working conditions in order to attract the most dependable type of worker, the man with a family. If farm work can be reorganized along these lines, it will work a new lull in the farming industry as well as be a timely relief to the over-crowded cities.

Woman Suffrage Next in Order

After prohibition—woman suffrage.

It used to be said that if the women were given the ballot, they would vote the country dry. So they would very likely. But the situation is oddly reversed. The reform that most persons expected to come second has come first.

Suffrage will not be retarded thereby, but rather hastened. With the liquor problem pretty well out of the way, it is possible to concentrate on suffrage, in states and communities where further endeavor is needed. There will be less opposition now, too, because the liquor interests, hitherto the most active opponents of equal suffrage, no longer have much incentive to keep up the fight.

It is to be expected, then, that the federal prohibition amendment will be followed soon by a federal suffrage amendment. The demand for it is likely to be strengthened by the evidence just furnished by the legislative landslide for prohibition of the ease with which it is possible to get an amendment ratified when a considerable majority of the people want it. Another year or two is likely to find this revolutionary policy written into our organic law.

A Recommendation Regarding the Flu

The ravages of the influenza epidemic seem to be on the decline in practically all parts of the country. Everyone is glad that it is so. But there are none, we think, as foolish as to think that it is going for good. Exceptionally fine weather has prevailed pretty generally all over the past couple of weeks and this is likely partially due to the improvement in health conditions.

Winter is not over, however; and incidentally, we believe, neither is the "flu." Cold days will come again; people will not get out into the fresh air as much as they do these sunny days; susceptible folk will "catch cold" again, and so, the "flu" will be with us again, as dangerous and as menacing as ever. It is not conceivable that these disease germs will exhaust themselves in one or two attacks upon humankind; they will wait lay to again when conditions are suitable, and we think we are not being pessimistic when we say we believe that the next attack and others which may be expected to follow it will in all probability be more demoralizing than any we have suffered so far.

The "flu" is plainly an enemy not to be disregarded and underestimated simply because it is absent, and it seems therefore that the public, or the nation as a whole, should take action now to make the possibility of further incursions upon our social and industrial life by the disease as unlikely as possible. Along this line we read with interest the recommendation of Dr. George W. Middleton of Salt Lake City, concerning precautions against a recurrence of the widespread of the epidemic. Dr. Middleton has sent to each member of the Utah delegation in congress a communication urging that the national government take control of the fight against Spanish influenza, and not leave this work to the local health boards in the various states, cities and towns. His letter is of sufficient interest to be reprinted in full, and it is therefore given below as it appeared in the Salt Lake News:

"Dear Sir: You will pardon my calling to your attention a matter which, I think, apart from the great peace conference in Europe, to be the most important thing confronting the United States, and each individual state at the present moment. I refer to the great epidemic of influenza which has invaded every remotest hamlet of the republic and levied its heavy toll of human life from the very cradle of our race, and still projects its malign shadow over the months, possibly over the years, to follow. Problem for Nation. I believe the solution of this problem is not one to be left to the irregular and uncertain action of the local health boards. This is a problem for the nation as a unit. We went into Havana and cleared up the yellow fever situation for the Cubans when they had not been free from that plague for a hundred years. We went into Panama and cleared out yellow fever and malaria, and made that country, which had been so fatal to Europeans, as healthy as any part of the globe. The problems involved in that work would seem infinitely greater before they were solved, than the problem of freeing our country from this fatal plague which has fixed its fangs on every part of our land, and is now on the march to the ends of the earth to clean up other people's back yards, but has failed to give the least attention to our own alarming situation. This epidemic of influenza will not only destroy more lives than the Civil War did it has not only killed the greatest number of our citizens...

It has cast its blighting shadow over our common school, and our higher institutions of learning. It has closed our churches and paralyzed our social activities. It has filled the land with houses of mourning, each day becoming more numerous. God only knows where it is going to stop if we allow it to run its course unchecked. It advances and recedes like the waves of the sea, leaving behind the dead bodies of men and women in the prime of their usefulness, like shells heaped on the sandy shore. Must Fight Harder. "It is insanity to sit idly by and do no more than we have done in common with the nation at large to abate it. We are not acting up to the civilization we have boasted of. We are not applying the knowledge of sanitation in our possession. But this is a problem plainly for the nation and not for isolated communities. If by our energy in any given locality we clear out all the cases, we are still liable at any moment to be reinfected from contiguous territory where officials and citizens have been more indifferent. The national government could handle the situation as a unit and avoid these inequalities. Besides, the national government would not be influenced by these commercial interests which silence newspapers and try to sway officials in their endeavor to place dollars before human lives. I trust you will understand the motive of this communication and give it due consideration. Thanking you in advance, and with due appreciation for your service to our common state and our common country, I am, yours respectfully, "GEO. W. MIDDLETON."

Less than 3 per cent of the wage-earners are church goers, laments an Ohio minister. It must be the fault of the preachers. Doubtless they are so much more interesting than they used to be that the tired wage-earner can no longer sleep through the sermon. Fears of an anti-cigarette amendment to the constitution may be set at rest. How could any of the highly moral folk who have been sending cigarettes to soldiers have the heart to urge it? No more "book of verses underneath the bough, a jug of wine, a loaf of bread, and thou!" Omar will have to be revised something like this: "A sporting section 'neath an apple tree, you, and a thermos bottle full of tea." An educated person is one who knows what he wants, knows where to get it and when he wants it, and how to use it after he gets it. It's not what you go in "for," but what you come out "with" that counts. KEEP THE KIDNEYS WELL. Health Is Worth Saving, and Some La Grande People Know How to Save It.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of and under the seal of the circuit court of the state of Oregon for the county of Union, bearing date the 24th day of January, A. D. 1919, and to me directed and delivered upon a judgment duly rendered, entered of record and docketed in said court on the 15th day of January, 1919, in a suit wherein Jessie McLean is plaintiff, and W. H. Gibson, Lily A. Gibson, J. J. Carr and C. J. Wilson, were defendants.

It is ordered, adjudged and decreed, that the complaint filed herein be dismissed as to defendant J. J. Carr. It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the plaintiff have judgment and decree as follows: (1) That plaintiff have judgment against the defendants W. H. Gibson and Lily A. Gibson, and each of them, jointly and severally, for the sum of seventeen hundred and fifty-three and 33-100 (\$1753.33) dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent per annum, from and after the 22nd day of June, 1918, for the further sum of two hundred and seven and 24-100 (\$207.24) dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from and after the 5th day of October, 1918, for the further sum of \$200.00 as reasonable attorney's fees herein, and for plaintiff's costs and disbursements in this suit incurred, and taxes of \$27.88, and for the accruing costs, 18c. The said sum of money, above set forth be decreed to be a good, valid and subsisting debt, under said mortgage, upon the property described therein and being described as follows: All of block fourteen (14) of Roman's Addition to the city of La Grande, Union county, Oregon, including therein, all of blocks two (2) and four (4) of Carr's Sub-division of blocks thirteen and fourteen of Roman's Addition to the City of La Grande, Union county, Oregon, and that said mortgage be, and the same is hereby foreclosed on said property and that said property be sold, as provided by the laws of the state of Oregon, under execution; and that the proceeds of said sale be applied as follows, to-wit: (1) to the payment of the expenses of said execution, and sale, and the costs and disbursements of this suit, including the reasonable attorney's fees herein; (2) to the payment of the judgment herein, to the plaintiff; (3) the balance, if any there be, to be paid into court, and disposed of as the court may direct. That the said mortgage be and the same is hereby decreed to be prior in time and superior in right to any right, title or interest, claim or lien, or any claim of any right, title or interest, or claim or lien of the said defendants, W. H. Gibson, Lily A. Gibson and C. J. Wilson, or either or any of them. That at the time of said sale, that the sheriff put the purchaser of said premises into possession thereof, and at the end of the period for redemption, make, execute and deliver to said purchaser a deed for same, in case no redemption thereof be made.

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That, after the sale, as herein ordered, and the application of the proceeds as ordered, it shall be ascertained that such proceeds are insufficient to pay such costs, expenses and judgments, as hereinbefore ordered then, that the plaintiff have and recover over and against said defendants, W. H. Gibson and Lily A. Gibson, and each of them, jointly and severally, judgment in that amount of such deficiency. That the said defendants, W. H. Gibson, Lily A. Gibson, and C. J. Wilson, and each and all of them be and they are hereby forever foreclosed and barred of and from any and all right, title or interest, or claim of interest, in or to the said mortgaged premises, and as hereinbefore described, and every part thereof, and from all dower or claim of dower therein, and from any and all rights of equity or redemption therein, save only the statutory right of redemption. Therefore I will on the 27th day of February, A. D. 1919, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the court house door in La Grande, Union county, Oregon, sell at public auction, for cash, the hereinabove described real property, to satisfy said execution and order of sale as hereinabove specified. Daily, 1-29; 2-5-12-19-26, 1919. LEE WARNICK, Sheriff of Union county, Oregon. By WAYNE GRAHAM, Deputy.

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