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

Are Beginning to Know the Truth.

The present furor of grief, bitterness and acrimony in Germany has one result, at least, which the allied nations can view with relief and satisfaction. It really seems to be dawning on the German people at last that they lost the war.
Heretofore there has been hardly a sign that the general mass of Germans realized their defeat. Their army never admitted that it was beaten. The soldiers were welcomed home as conquerors, and willingly fitted into that role. The leaders, of course, knew the real situation. But the nation as a whole has either believed or pretended that Germany stopped fighting of her own free will.
So far as the German mentality could be fathomed, the war was regarded as a draw, in which Germany had, if anything, a shade the better of the argument. The armistice was "negotiated"—a business arrangement by which Germany generously agreed to undergo certain temporary hardships, without any real loss of honor or prestige or any permanent disadvantage.
The treaty that is being crumpled down Germany's throat naturally brings a rude awakening. After the first outbursts of rage, even the stupidest German cannot help concluding that the Allies would not dare propose terms of such severity if they did not have Germany absolutely in their power.
There is an evident disposition to argue that this power has been gained by a trick—that Germany was betrayed into disarmament by her trusting reliance on the "Fourteen Points," which the Allies are now accused of disregarding. But this line of reasoning will not long satisfy inquiring minds.
Sooner or later the conclusion must dawn on those Germans that they had to quit fighting and now have to accept what ever fate the Allies impose, simply because they were everlastingly licked. That dawn is breaking now. It will do Germany good, too. For it may bring humility and repentance, and only thus can there be any hope for the German national soul.
Going Back on the Professors.
One of the most curious bits of information leaking across the Atlantic lately is the statement that in the

new German regime college professors are given no government offices and no official recognition whatever.
Labor representatives from the Councils of Workmen are given a place in the government, but the learned scholars who formerly occupied such honored places in the seats of the mighty are spotted.
Is this the reward of the loyal service rendered during the war, in which German scholarship rushed en masse to the support of Prussian militarism, and the "best brains of Germany" signed a round-robin justifying the war, and every spectacle specialist did his best to explain how the progress of civilization was helped by the invasion of Belgium, the sinking of the Lusitania, the use of poison gas and the bombing of English babies?
It is, indeed, whether the present government means it or not. And to an outside observer, the reward is pre-eminently fitting.

The Air Fire Patrol to Save Forests.

Army airplanes will inaugurate the forest fire patrol service June 19, with the opening of two routes starting from Marshfield.
Of all the services to be performed by airplanes this would seem to be one of the most valuable. It is catching the fire early which alone can prevent the terrible loss of property and often life which accompanies a great forest conflagration.
Nowhere else does fire do such irreparable harm, "For only God can make a tree" and it takes Him centuries to make a forest of fine old timber.
It is especially suitable for the fire patrol to cover northern California, for that is the home of the Redwoods, and what could compensate for the destruction of those forests which have not their match in all the world.
Extending the Glad Hand to All.
The Union County Ad Club is on the right track in an effort to secure grounds for camping convenience for the auto tourists and for others who happen to come this way. Many live communities are becoming awakened to the fact that the extension of the glad hand, is not only a fine bit of courtesy that never fails of appreciation, but is worth while in many ways.
One test of the proposition is to put the shoe on your own foot and see what difference it would make in your memory and appreciation if you were traveling over the country and would happen on to a place where the people gave straight out evidence that your visit and your presence was ap-

precited and not spurned or merely tolerated with chilly indifference. And it would not lessen your appreciation in the least if you knew it was being done for the selfish purpose of making you feel at home because it was profitable. You would not think about that, but you would continue to think, "Well, there is a community of live wires."
While many auto tourists may be inclined to stop at the places provided for transient guests, the vast majority of them are nomadic, and inclined to the Gypsy plan, and it isn't out at that. It is the instinctive desire to be in the great outdoors. The localities which provide reasonable facilities for their comfort and enjoyment, even as transient guests, will be compensated over and over again for the courtesies extended.

FORUM

AUTOMOBILE MEN NOT MEANT.
To The Observer: I noticed in Sunday's Observer an article from "One Who Handles Automobiles," and it is only fair to state that in the article a week ago last Sunday no automobile dealer was included.
There are many automobiles in La Grande that are used by other than their owners and the incident mentioned was one that came under attention.

The automobile has taken its place in industry and civilization, but it is doubtful if it was intended to encourage or promote immorality.
The dealers, so far as known, are men of honor and would not either approve nor practice such acts.

DECEMY.

Operating with generals, colonels, majors, captains and lieutenants, who will have groups of privates under their direction, the state Elks' drive which is to raise \$250,000 for the home service fund of the Salvation Army, June 22 to 30, inclusive, was almost completely organized last week in readiness for the intensive campaign.

Oregon and Washington mills will participate in lumber orders aggregating one billion feet for immediate exportation to western Europe, according to John R. Walker, trade commissioner of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce.

If your stomach is out of order and you need a good family pill, you will find those Little Liver Tonics, sold at Silverthorn's for 25c for a box of 80 pills, just what you need, and you get three times the amount you generally get for 25c. 5-181f

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GRADUATES TURN TO PRACTICAL THEMES

Economic and Social Value of Industrial Training Commended by Department of Labor
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20.—A very practical question which promises to be generally discussed by high school and college graduates this spring is the economic and social value of industrial training. Interest in this theme is evidenced by the large number of letters being received from all parts of the country by the U. S. Training Service of the Department of Labor. This branch of the government has been in communication with all the high schools in towns of 2,500 and over in the United States and with all American colleges and is supplying them with especially prepared information on industrial training for use in writing graduation essays and orations.
The widespread interest in industrial training carried on in manufacturing plants, with the advice and counsel of this government service, indicates that school graduates of the present generation are turning to very practical questions for their final school-day discussion.
Letters of inquiry to the Training Service show that the question of industrial training appeals especially to young people in towns and cities where there are manufacturing

plants—communities where industrial problems are very real and close at hand. The prospective graduates evidence a desire to relate their discussions to questions of immediate practical interest. The success which has accompanied the establishment of training departments in more than 200 plants in this country furnishes a wealth of material possessing human interest and scientific value for use in the orations and essays.

THE ENGLISH SCHOOLS HAVE CANTEENS

LONDON. (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Captains in which the rural school children of England may have their daily lunch are being opened in all parts of the country. Thirty grants have already been made by the Ministry of Food, and others are to follow as soon as the details are worked out.

The Lebanon Canning company has concluded contracts with San Juan farmers for the growing of 13000 tons of squashes for next fall's delivery.

MACCABEES SOCIAL

La Grande Review No. 27, Lady Macabees, will give a social at the K. of P. hall Wednesday evening, May 21, to which they invite their husbands and friends. Cards, dancing and refreshments. Admission 25 cents. 5-18-19

Dainty New Voile Dresses.
Have you seen any quite so fascinating as these we are showing? No doubt you have these as they are altogether new. To buy not, as they are altogether new. To buy dresses without seeing these first or last, will be an ill-advised move, and possibly a source of later regret.
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