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BOTH SIDES WRONG.

King George, in his recent address to Parliament, said: "Neither Irish unity nor Irish self-government can be attained by resorting to methods of criminal violence."

It is a true statement, harmonizing with the prevalent American view that the Sinn Fein organization now representing Ireland is making a grievous mistake by countenancing a "war" of ambushes and assassinations.

But that is only one side of it. The other side is given by many clear-headed Englishmen themselves, who see the appalling blunder the Lloyd-George government is making in its Irish policy. The latest notable utterance of this sort is from the pen of G. K. Chesterton. He says, in the Manchester Guardian, of the British rule in Ireland:

"What we are conducting now is not government at all. It is at best war, and a very wild sort of war. We are not ruling Ireland, we simply are raiding Ireland."

"The whole world," he warns his fellow-countrymen, "thinks England has gone mad. This is the first fact about foreign policy and international relations to be realized at this moment. We do appear to be engaged in Ireland in doing something quite wild and extraordinary, whether we ourselves believe it to be right or wrong."

Many critics of high standing, in England and America both, call attention to the primitive methods of reprisals and hostages resorted to by the British forces in Ireland, methods long supposed to be abandoned by civilized nations, though Germany practiced them during the late war. Chesterton frankly compares the British policy in Ireland today with the Prussianism which was condemned by the whole enlightened world, and suggests that "the same legend that grew up around Prussia is now growing up against England," to England's great peril.

Here are the two sides of an intolerable situation. It cannot be said that the wrong on either side makes the other side right. It is time to stop pretending that either the Irish guerilla fighting or the British military coercion is legitimate. It is time to call a truce, and either try to come to an acceptable compromise or else let the issue be adjudicated by some disinterested body as the League of Nations, or a body organized for the peaceful settlement of such questions.

NO BLACK TROOPS IN GERMANY.

"You heard," asked the German landwehr of her American employer, "how those colored soldiers in Germany are acting awful to German people?" Fortunately the American employer was informed on the subject, and promptly informed the landwehr that most of the stories of outrages committed in Germany by French Senegalese troops were lies, and that in addition to this fact these troops were no longer stationed in Germany and had not been for some time.

There has been a persistent German propaganda carried on in this country in regard to the conduct of the black French troops along the Rhine. Careful investigation by qualified authorities on the ground proved most of the charges to be without foundation. As stated above, the black troops were withdrawn many months ago. Yet the stories persist. They are part of the German scheme for stirring up opposition to the French and strengthening the German case over here. Founded on lies, the propaganda is vicious enough; but even if it were founded on truth, the unrelenting finger of memory points to the outrages committed by white Germans in France and Belgium, and the wonder is that Germany does not choose some other line for seeking sympathy.

COMMUNITY MOVIES.

In a small town in Connecticut a community association has been formed for the purpose of bringing good motion pictures to the town. The leader of the movement recognized the fact that the profit-seeking producer could not afford to bring the highest grade of pictures into so small a place. He recognized further that the town itself could not afford the low grade pictures shown there. Hence the community organization which will, of course, try to pay expenses, but will not seek huge profits.

All of which helps to show that improvement in the movie situation, as in anything else, is really in the hands of the interested public. Wherever enough persons care about the type of motion picture offered to themselves or to their children, they can do something about it. In the big cities they can stay away from the harmful or vulgar show and patronize only the worthy one. In the small community they can get together and bring in for themselves only the best—provided that "only the best" is what the majority wants. These two methods of reforming the movies mean the taking of a little serious thought by the entertainment-seeking people, and taking thought is about the hardest thing they have to do. Until they are willing to do their part, however, local complaints against producers and the-

Herbert Hoover says he can "see no reason why the United States should cancel the war debts of the allies when they are spending more for armament than it would take to pay the principal and interest." Hoover said a mouthful, and we pass it along. That ten billion dollars the allies owe us would feed a good many hungry Americans in these days of unemployment. Just because we are a rich nation is no reason why we should sit complacently and watch other countries default in their obligations to us.

If the federal treasury has hundreds of millions of dollars available for lending to pauperized European governments it would seem that this same money should be available for the construction of good roads in this country. Good roads have a definite value. European promises to pay have not.

What has become of the old fashioned Eastern Oregon winter when the mercury would shrink to sixty degrees below zero?—North Powder News.

Down, down, down, goes the price of oil, and up, up, up, stays the price of gas. And gas, you know, is made from oil.

Daylight savings seems to be a subject which leaves a great many people in the dark.

Wars are national brainstorms. Diplomats must start with people's minds.

Let it not be overlooked that Germany is leading the world in the matter of a naval holiday.

Remember how you cheered on Armistice Day? Paying your income tax is evidence of real patriotism.

A dish of prunes a day keeps the doctor away.

The trouble is that too many business men instead of stepping on the gas are stepping on their own feet.

Do your income tax paying early. Uncle Sam needs the money.

Yes, the winter of 1920-21 has been a truly notable one, but I don't know why.

Oxford is Oldest University. The oldest college is University College, Oxford, founded in 1090.

Daily Ration of an Oyster. It has been calculated that an oyster five inches long consumes one-tenth of a cubic inch of salt water daily, and in a year it must filter six gallons of salt water.

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

GRANDPAW
Things ain't like what they used to be in dear old grandpaw's day. Butcher's sold the "cheaper cuts." And gave the bones away. Grandpaw bought a suit of clothes, Suspenders, they were free. Price was sixteen ninety-eight. In eighteen ninety-three, Grandpaw had a bank account. Of some amount, they say. But things ain't like what they used to be in dear old grandpaw's day.

Grandpaw used to get *fraternalism* And see a burlesque show. That's where we can smile at him. He had to pay to go. We just have to walk down the avenue, The boulevard or street. There's no musical comedy That offers such a treat. All the charms of burlesqueness. Are daily on display. For gowns ain't like what they used to be in dear old grandpaw's day.

ON THE POLICE BOARD.

The members of the police board of La Grande are: Chief Fleece, Assistant Smith, Haines, and Biscoil. This information is given in answer to several inquiries.

We are negotiating with one of the downtown merchants for the lease of a spacious goods box to be used as a residence. The only thing that is holding up the deal now is the question as to whether the stove shall be put in by this store or by us at our own expense.

Farmer—"Hey there, how come you to be up in my apple tree?"

Boy—"Please, mister, I just fell out of an airplane."

CUSTOMS CHANGE.

"An old fashioned horse thieves around Crimmon Gulch?" asked the visitor in quest of adventure.

"No," replied Cactus Joe, "the horse thieves have all gone east and took to stealin' automobiles, which is less risky and more remunerative."

NOT A LOOK-IN.

The wise girl is she who makes her husband think he is the whole thing, and at the same time, in truth and in fact, he hasn't got a look-in or say-so in any single part of the management of Home & Company.

A SLIGHT DROP.

Union drug stores have announced that a chocolate malted milk will now be twenty cents, war tax included, instead of twenty-two, and seventeen cent drinks are now fifteen. Eight cent drinks are seven.

WE CAN'T DO IT HONEY.

No, Marybelle, dear, we thank you very much, but we can't answer your note, because our wife won't let us.

WED LIKE TO HAVE SEEN THIS.

One surprise sprung on our Supreme Officers was the ladies' team that took the last candidate through the work—all dressed in white with red sashes. This gave the men's team a chance to dance and get ready for the dance, which followed from 1 p. m. to 2 a. m.

One took the prize-ring beginner cast at the husky pug who was slated to oppose him. Then he advanced to the center of the roped arena, his hand outstretched:

"Well," he said cordially, "if I don't see you again, Hello!"

Silverthorn's Germicide Used in Ill.—Silverthorn's Family Drug Store, La Grande, Oregon.

Please find enclosed \$3.00 for which mail me 3 bottles of your Germicide for the hair. I have used this preparation of yours with fine success. It stops the dandruff and stimulates the hair. A friend of mine has much trouble with his scalp. He has used a bottle of your Germicide and is now about cured and will use one of the bottles I am ordering.

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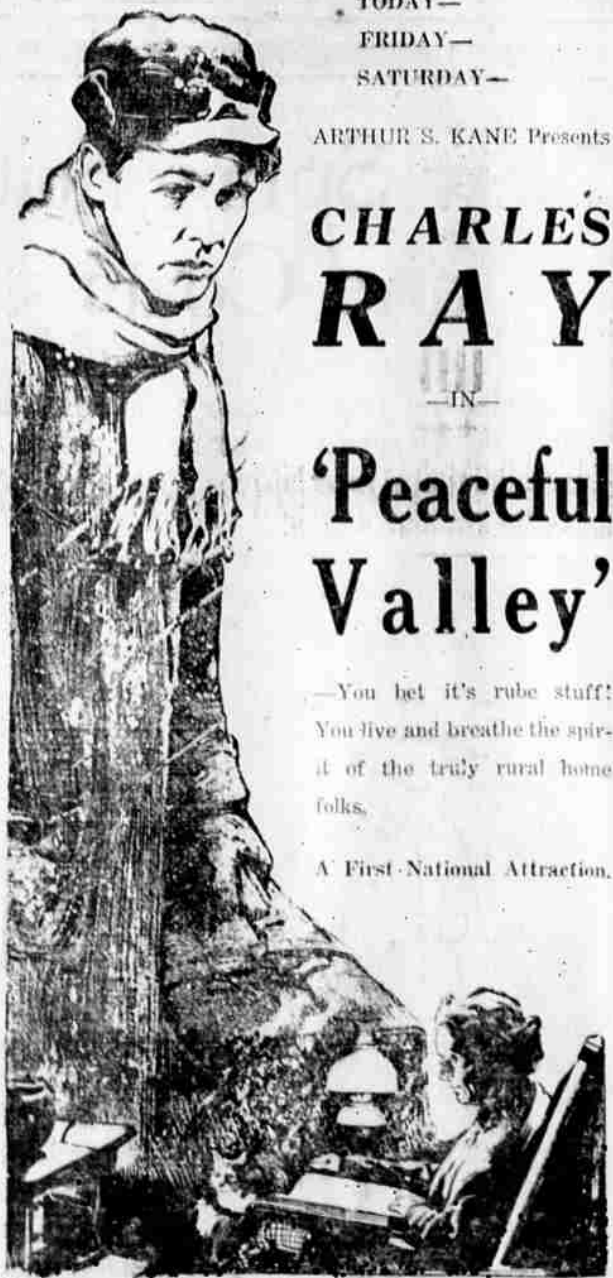
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—IN—

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—You bet it's rube stuff!
You live and breathe the spirit of the truly rural home folks.

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Ray's Second Big Independent Production

From His Own Studio.

This Theatre Holds the Exclusive Franchise for the Showing of Charles Ray's New Pictures.

New Spring Footwear

OXFORDS AND PUMPS—"ARMSTRONG" MAKE

Prepared in every way to take care of your shoe needs for spring, we are today arranging for display and selling, several newly opened cases of ARMSTRONG Pumps and Oxfords.

These famous shoes have won their place in La Grande, and many women who have been waiting will be glad to learn of their arrival. ARMSTRONG shoes are exclusive with this store. Their superior quality, fit and beauty are outstanding features. Here we list you some of the newest arrivals—

—BROWN KID OXFORD, \$10.50—Military heel, best welt sole, Armstrong make; a shoe of superior quality.

—BLACK KID OXFORD, \$10.00—Same as brown, Armstrong make.

—BROWN KID OXFORD, \$10.—Cuban heel, welt sole, Holdshape.

—BLACK KID OXFORD, \$9.00.—Same as brown, Holdshape.

—BROWN CALF OXFORD, \$8.75—Low swagheel, welt sole.

—BROWN CALF OXFORD, \$6.25—Low heel, heavy welt sole, brogue style.

—BROWN KID PUMP, \$9.50—Military heel, turn sole, plain; all sizes.

—BLACK KID PUMP, \$8.50—Same style as brown.

—BROWN SUEDE STRAP PUMP, \$8.50—Louis heel, cross straps, button at the side; something very new and novel.

—BLACK SUEDE STRAP PUMP, \$8.50—Plain black, with kid trimming, single instep strap, two buttons.

—BROWN KID STRAP PUMP, \$10.50—Armstrong make; a beautiful shoe, of dark brown kid, Louis heel, welt sole.

—BROWN STRAP PUMP, \$5.25—For girls; of heavy calf, and welt sole; instep strap; sizes 2½ to 7½.

—BLACK PATENT PUMP, \$5.25—For girls; same as brown.

New 27 Inch GINGHAMS 18c

—New shipments this morning brought many new plaids, in bright colored, 27-inch Gingham, to sell for 18c a yard.

—The past week has indeed been a Gingham week; hundreds of yards went out of the store to satisfied purchasers. Prices are so much lower that every woman can afford several pretty gingham dresses for wear about the house or on the street. See these new pieces.

—Also new pieces in pretty checks and plaids at 25c yard. See them on display here.

New Shipments
AGATHA PERCALE, 25c.



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