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THE DISGRACEFUL TWELVE.

It is hard to find words that would be permitted in the mails, with which to properly characterize the action of the twelve United States Senators whose filibuster defeated the armed neutrality measure in the closing hours of the sixty-fourth congress.

What the motives were that impelled that action is hard to fathom. In the face of the criticism which they must have known would be visited upon them, it must be accepted that each and all of them are men of the Bryan type, of peace-at-any-price advocates.

Whatever may have been their motives, it can not now be denied that they misrepresented the states from which they were elected. Their action, has, more than anything save the exposure of Bernstorff's duplicity, united the American people behind the President.

By thus crystalizing public sentiment with the President these obstructionists have defeated their own object. They have but delayed the time when the power sought, and rightly sought, will be granted. They have forced upon Congress and particularly the Senate a revision of the rules which made possible their action.

Many of these men are now old in public service. Their record has been made. In the time they have left little opportunity will be given them to regain the confidence of the people. They can not justify their actions on any reasonable ground. They can not cry peace, peace, for there is no peace when women and children are being murdered without warning on the high seas. Having thus placed themselves as those who would deny the protection of the American flag to American citizens they have brought down upon their doddering heads the ignominy of unfaithful servants. Whatever they have done in the past for the good of the Nation will soon be forgotten, but the evil of their filibuster will live after them, a blot upon the escutcheon of otherwise fair names.

Recall Lane.

The head of every loyal Oregonian hangs in shame when he thinks of the action of Senator Harry Lane in being a party to the ignominious action of the disgraceful twelve. In no uncertain terms the people of this state thru the public press have registered their disapproval. If he has one iota of self respect he will at once resign. He is out of tune with the spirit of the people. His presence in the senate of the United States as the representative of the people of Oregon is a disgrace to the state and to its people.

Oregon has the recall. If there ever was a time when it should be called upon to oust an incompetent official this is that time. Let the question be raised whether or not the people of the state or the Senate have the right to say who shall represent it in the highest legislative tribunal.

Even tho the Senate might rule that one of its hitherto accredited members could not be replaced by the people who elected him, yet it would serve as a notice to the nation that the people of Oregon are behind the President and it would serve as a lesson to the Senator by serving to show him, how low, in the estimation of the people he has fallen.

In view of the fact that a special election is to be held in June to vote on the referendum measures the recall of Senator Lane could be had at that time without expense to the taxpayers. If it were placed on the ballot there is no doubt concerning the outcome.

If we do not misread the popular opinion of today the pacifists who insist that a referendum on war be called would be in a vast minority.

Uncle Sam has not received one of the Kaiser's Iron crosses, but Herr Bernstorff handed Uncle a beautiful specimen of the double cross.

VINDICATED.

When the Associated Press reports of the German intrigue first appeared in the morning papers last Thursday thousands of citizens thruout the United States yelled, "newspaper fake." What must these same citizens feel now that the accuracy of the report has been authenticated, not only by President Wilson, but by Foreign Secretary Zimmerman, the author of the note?

Had these citizens read the report carefully they would not have given utterance to sentiments of doubt. The statement was so made that those who are at all familiar with newspaper making recognized its authenticity.

But there is another thing that many people fail to take into account when judging newspaper stories. They fail to realize that to the right thinking newspaper man his reputation for veracity and accuracy is as dear to him as is the reputation of a merchant for fair dealing, or of a professional man for excellence in the practice of his profession.

Reputation for reliability is the newspaper man's stock in trade. Ruin his reputation and you deprive him of that by which his livelihood is gained. The history of newspapers is filled with proof of this fact, tho of course the public is not aware of it.

Like all classes of business and all professions, that of newspaper making is often judged by the work of the dishonest and unscrupulous members, rather than by those who, so far as it is humanly possible in the short time given them, endeavor to present facts as they are.

The Associated Press, however, has been established too long and is made up of men of all shades of nationalities and political opinions to be subject to influences from without its ranks. Its editors and reporters owe their positions to their reliability and integrity, and as in the case of German intrigue story, they have time without number demonstrated their ability. While they may err, as all humans do, when it is remembered that the Associated Press reports for each day number nearly 50,000 words, the proportion of stories thus carried which are not absolutely correct is mighty small indeed.

It must be remembered, too, that these men have to rely on the words of others for their stories. They do not, in the nature of things always have honest men to deal with. It is safe to say that the vast majority of their stories which are not true to the last detail come from misinformation given by men from whom they originally emanated.

HELP THE STARVING BELGIANS.

In another column the Argus this week presents the appeal of the Progressive Business Men's club of Portland in behalf of the starving children of Belgium.

The appeal is one that should touch the heart of every full blooded American citizen. A mental picture of the drawn faces of the little ones of the war torn country must bring tears to the eyes of every father and mother, as they think of how their children would suffer, were they in the places of the little Belgians.

There is an especial reason why this appeal should be answered by the people of Malheur county. The great increases in the prices of sheep and cattle, and thus directly the high prices for hay and grain, which have made possible the present prosperity here are due to the very causes which have made these Belgians starve. Out of the horn of plenty which has accrued to the benefit of us here, surely, we can all give something to the little war sufferers.

The First National Bank of Ontario will receive and forward donations to the proper authorities. It will take but a moment to drop in there and start the ball rolling that will save a life. Will you do it?

The Commercial club has started a new year with the new officers. These officials, have the enthusiasm, they have the ability. If they are given the hearty co-operation of the citizens, not business men only, but the men who have property to rent, and those who call this their home town, Ontario will make some real progress in 1917.

In view of the amazing revelations of German intrigue how could the average citizen make a judgment on international questions necessary to safely consider a popular referendum on the question of war.

As a reward for the help they gave a wellknown community in the county-seat fight, said wellknown community would take the headquarters of the Payette Valley train crew from the city of Payette.

WILL YOU HELP THE INNOCENT, STARVING BELGIAN CHILDREN

Four Million of Innocent Victims of the European War Are Slowly Starving—Will You Help the Effort to Save Their Lives.

By J. E. Werlein, Portland, Oregon.

This is an appeal on behalf of little children, and I want to reach:

- The wheat growers East of the Cascade mountains.
- The cowboys of the same district.
- The fishermen of the rivers of Oregon.
- The dairymen in the valleys West of the Cascade mountains.
- The mothers and fathers, and the school children of every school district in the state.

I want to remind you wheat men and you cow men, dairymen and home builders of the unprecedented prosperity that has been yours during the past two years, and to point out that it is possible for you to enjoy the good things of life because (and for no other reason) of the most awful war in the history of the world.

In the pathway of that contest stood a little country which was unfortunate enough to oppose the advance of an invading army—it was Belgium.

Today the little children of Belgium—4,000,000 of them—are paying the price. Innocent the children of any wrong doing, but nevertheless they pay.

Four million Belgian children are hungry today. A large percentage of them are starving, and will die regardless of the haste with which money is raised and rushed to them to buy food.

But a larger percentage of them can be saved.

Will you try to get this picture in your mind? Imagine a long bread line; every child in it is hungry; some of them are starving, and there is not enough food for all. An officer comes down the line. He examines each child and he separates the hungry from the starving, and the "hungry" are pulled out of the line, screaming and kicking.

Get that again. The "hungry" are separated from the "starving."

That is a true picture, and it is the basis of this appeal to all Oregonians who have received big pay for their products sent to the war zone.

We ask you to pay back a little sum of money to send to those children, so that all may have sufficient food to keep them alive until the war is over. We appeal for any sum you wish to give, but send it quickly. All remittances should be made to S. L. Eddy, care of the Ladd & Tilton bank, Portland, Oregon. It will reach the committee in charge of the Belgian Children's Food Fund, and will be promptly forwarded.

The committee can keep a Belgian child alive at a cost of \$1 per month, or a little over 3 cents a day. One hundred dollars will feed 100 children one month; \$1,000 will feed 1,000 children one month. The children will only have three slices of bread spread with grease and a bowl of vegetable soup, but it will sustain life.

I want to ask some big-hearted fellow in every town where my appeal is printed to read this appeal and to then get right out and pass the hat for contributions. Don't wait for some other fellow to do it; do it yourself.

I want to ask every school in Oregon to undertake the support of as many Belgian children as the pupils think they can care for. A fund of \$5 a month from every school in Oregon would be caring for several thousand hungry kiddies.

Sunday, March 4, has been designated as Belgian Children's Relief Fund Day. I urge every minister and every priest to speak of the conditions in Belgium, and to take up a collection to buy food for the little ones.

I urge every Mayor, every County School Superintendent, every commercial organization to help in this work. Call meetings and organize to save these innocent lives. Each community should go at the work in its own way, but all remittances should be sent to Mr. Eddy. They will be acknowledged, and full credit will be given each town and city for what it does.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. WERLEIN,

Chairman Belgian Children's Food Fund, Progressive Business Men's Club, Portland, Oregon.

ALL THE YEAR 'ROUND.

Oregon Short Line week-end, and Sunday rates have been so popular that they will be continued indefinitely. On sale every week, all the time. They are for your convenience; use them frequently. Ask O. S. L. agents.

We want so much to put one of our electrically operated Apollo Player-Pianos in a home in Ontario that we will make a big discount on the first one, knowing that enough orders will follow to warrant the sacrifice. It plays by hand and pedals also. A letter of inquiry will do no harm. Or you may ask Mrs. Weese in Ontario. Wise Piano House, Boise, Idaho. 474

OREGON EASTERN BRANCH

West Bound

No. 371 Mixed—Leaves Ontario 10:00 a. m. Daily except Sunday; Arrive Vale 10:50 a. m., Juntura 2:00 p. m.; Riverside 3:20 p. m. Crane 5:20 p. m.

No. 372 Mixed—Leave Crane, Ore. 7:30 a. m. Daily, Except Sunday, Riverside 9:30 a. m. Juntura 10:35 a. m., Vale 1:15 p. m., Arrive Ontario 2:00 p. m.

BROGAN BRANCH

No. 373 Mixed—Leave Ontario 1:30 p. m. Daily Except Sunday, Leave Vale 2:30 p. m., Arrive Brogan 3:30 p. m.

No. 374 Mixed—Leave Brogan 3:50 p. m., Vale 5:05 p. m., Arrive Ontario 5:50 p. m.

HOMEDALE BRANCH

Extra Mixed—Leave Ontario 8:15 a. m. Daily Except Sunday.

No. 363 Mixed—Leave Nyssa 9:25 a. m. Daily Except Sunday, Arrive Homedale 10:35 a. m.

No. 364 Mixed—Leave Homedale 10:55 a. m. Daily Except Sunday, Arrive Nyssa 12:05 p. m.

Extra Mixed—Arrive Ontario 12:30 p. m.

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- The after effects, sometimes
- are worse than long whiskers.
- We make a specialty of the care
- of your face—Give us a trial
- and if not satisfied tell us.

MOORE BARBER SHOP
A. K. JOHNSON, Propr.

SPECIAL TRAIN FOR MUTT AND JEFF AT WEISER MARCH 14

Mutt and Jeff's Wedding, the big musical comedy with thirty people, mostly girls which will be presented at the

WHEATON THEATRE

WEISER, NEXT

WEDNESDAY NIGHT,

MARCH 14th

will have a special train leaving Ontario at 7:00 p. m. returning immediately after the performance.

As a greater inducement a popular price has been agreed upon, making the entire lower floor one dollar, no higher, the first time in the history of this popular play house.

The Salt Lake "Tribune" has this to say regarding the attraction:--

MUTT AND JEFF'S

WEDDING.

Fisher Carton Set to Music Is Laugh Producer at Salt Lake Theater.

"Mutt and Jeff's Wedding" at the Salt Lake theatre last night was a hilarious and rib-ticking as their every morning appearance in The Tribune. In fact, the show was the animated presentation of the antics of these two jolly pals in good luck and bad, and it pleased the house just as Bud Fisher's drawings make The Tribune cartoon the first demand of the kiddies in every Salt Lake home, even before the breakfast food.

The opening night of this show, which may be seen again only this afternoon and tonight, was a genuine reunion of the youths from 7 to 70, who joined in the giggles, gurgles, chuckles, ha-ha's, and down the musical gamut of appreciation to daddy's outburst of haw-haw!

Even before the doors were open there was a line of little fellows on hand. Somehow they had obtained the price, and they were not all in the balconies or gallery either. Some were much concerned as to how Mutt and Jeff got off the Tribune job and if they still would be cutting up in the paper this morning.

In fact, there were two shows, one on the stage and the other watching the kiddies coming and going and during the performance. Little girls dignified the boxes where society sits in state for the high-brow dramas, and their shrill little squeals, "Oh my-mamma, they're so funny," pleased the parquet fully as much as the joys and miseries of the "long and short of it" in the play.

In addition to being funny, the musical comedy is tuneful, sprightly, in good taste and without a dull moment. The title tells the story. Jeff is married to a stately, domineering beauty, while Mutt dominates a timid beauty. They live in the Twin apartments in Honeymoon flat with nothing but a chalk line between and wind up their complications at a masquerade dance in the Lobster Palace on the Great White Way.

The part of Mutt is cleverly handled by Ben Byron, while Louis Merkle gets the laughs as Jeff. Tony Cornette, as Pasquale Salami, "Just like Caruso, but—" is a funmaker on his own account. The two leading women, Kathleen Neal as Sadie Castle, the soapmaker's daughter, and Effie Pearson as Lucette Roundheart, a widow, but—" both make attractively excellent foils to the twin fun-makers of the Fisher funfest.