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THE CAUSE OF THE SPIRIT OF HATRED IN GERMANY.

We have known the Germans who have settled among us as a kindly, patient, enterprising and inoffensive people. Such also was the estimate which most nations had formed of the German race. The atrocities which Germany committed in the war—its relapse into the cruelties of barbarism—have been the marvel of the world—impossible of belief until proved by unimpeachable testimony.

The original cause of these cruelties was the spirit of hatred which the German government instilled into the army. In the early days of the war the author of the "Hymn of Hate," a rancorous and bitter poem directed against England, was decorated by the government, and the verses themselves were sung with acclaim throughout the army. The same spirit was shown when the German government struck a medal commemorating the destruction of the "Lusitania."

The evidence of hatred has been notably absent from the French armies. France has suffered more cruelly from the war than any other of the allied nations, but we read that her soldiers as a rule have showed much kindness toward German prisoners.

We trust that our young men will hold the same humanity in their hearts—that as our president has always done, they will discriminate carefully between the cruel and autocratic German government and the misled people who obeyed and trusted it.

We shall look for our boys to come home with just indignation, indeed, toward the German war-time excesses and cruelties, but with only sympathy in their hearts for the German civilian and peasant classes, who have suffered much in the years of war.

THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

Christmas is the only one of our holidays the observance of which is based upon love and thoughtfulness for other people than our individual selves. Other holidays are for the most part, as is fitting, in recognition of a great national event or in memory of those who have done and suffered great things for their country. Thanksgiving expresses gratitude for our blessings, and New Year's, if we keep it with thoughtfulness, is an occasion for a little self-examination and some fresh resolves.

But Christmas is rightly a day of generosity and love. We make the children happy with toys and candies, we think of the gift which will please mother, wife, sister, husband, we plan pleasant home entertainments. But Christmas lacks something if our observance of it is bounded by our family circle and our friends.

The festival will be an especially joyous one for America this year. The shadow of a great and cruel war has been lifted from us. We look forward to an era of peace and prosperity.

But at the same time there has never been a year when generosity was more needed. Prices of all commodities are appallingly high, and the little income of many a family has been sadly diminished by the absence of one or more of its wage earners in the army. If we consider this and, not forgetting our own dear ones, do what we can to bring relief and pleasure to those in need, we shall indeed feel the blessedness of a real Christmas. As we have been prospered, so let us give.

PRESIDENT WILSON AND THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

President Wilson's trip abroad to attend the peace conference is a wise and appropriate undertaking. There are several reasons why he should be at hand.

In the first place, the German advances for peace have been made to him and presented to the Allies through his agency.

In the second place, at the conference many questions will naturally come up which will be subject to marked differences of opinion. The Allies, necessarily harmonious in time of war, may disagree in regard to the terms of peace. President Wilson's authority and personality are likely to be a strong factor in composing any such differences. The fact that America has nothing to ask for herself will strengthen his position.

In the third place, though America seeks neither indemnity nor annexation of territory, she has a real and grave interest in many of the adjustments to be made. Who can handle these matters as well as Mr. Wilson? We applaud his decision to go.

THE JOB HE LEFT BEHIND HIM.

Many expedients have been suggested as to what is the best thing we can do to make places for returning soldiers and sailors.

Reclaiming land by clearing stumps, reclamation, irrigation, drainage, etc., are sought to be made popular undertakings.

Allowing for the restless and unsettled frame of mind produced in many men by war, most of them will want to return to their jobs.

Unemployment is a ruthless enemy, and what any man wants first of all who works for a living, is a job, upon his return to civil life.

The first thing for our returning millions of men is good times with business and industry in a vigorous, uplooking condition.

The worst thing for our boys who are coming home is to find industry slack, business slow and prosperity a minus article.

Industries should not be hampered and discouraged by foolish legislative experiments, regulations and high taxes.

SCHOOL NOTES

Cacalia Mielke—Editor

Due to there being no lights the basketball practice has been neglected, but is now starting in earnest. After a little practice they will be able to give us such games as we enjoyed last year.

Mrs. Pearey is the composer of the words and music of another beautiful Stayton High School song. The following are the words:

In a good western town there's a school of renown,
Old Stayton High, Old Stayton High.

There's a spirit that's free, it's a good place to be,
Old Stayton High, Old Stayton High.

If you want to be glad, for the learning you've had,
When your high school days are o'er,

Come to our good old school where success is the rule,
And be happy for evermore.

It's the High School for you,
It's the High School for me,
It's the High School for come who may.

It's the best in the West,
Do we love it? I guess!
Hurray! Hurray!

While you're molding your life
Might as well make it right
'Cause there's lots in this world to do.

And I reckon you'll do it,
So that you'll never rue it,
In our good old Stayton School!

Does your life seem too drear, 'cause you look at things queer?
It seems too bad, it seems too bad,
But you lose all your blues, when you get broader views.

Then you'll be glad, then you'll be glad,
And you'll go out from school with a courage to rule.

And a heart that's big and true,
Life will seem quite worth while,
When you're wearing that smile
That you got at old Stayton School.

The work has been somewhat disarranged during the absence of Miss Miller, the work being taken over by the other High School teachers.

Several pupils are absent on account of the 'flu,' but since there are no new cases the health officer urged that school should be kept in session.

Lynn Neal and Lawrence Mulkey made a trip to Lyons Tuesday to get repairs for gas lights.

Mr. George Keech, representative of the School Board, gave an interesting talk to the student body Monday.

Miss Caryl Ruble assisted Miss Crabtree during the absence of Miss Schifferer last Thursday.

The athletic manager is working hard to line up a full schedule of games.

Miss Maryan Alexander has returned to school Monday after spending the last two months in Portland with her sister Mrs. G. F. Kornick.

Miss Ray gave us a delightful surprise in the assembly Friday morning by singing to us. Her singing was greatly appreciated and we hope she will soon be back again.

Mrs. Halford is teaching Mrs. Creech's classes while Mrs. Creech is taking care of Miss Miller.

Miss Margaret Schaefer made a business trip to Albany Monday.

The school has made a donation to the Boys and Girls Aid Society of five boxes of fruits and vegetables.

Mrs. Humphrey and Miss Crabtree have several pupils absent this week.

The grades are all busy making Christmas presents in art work.

MT. PLEASANT

Miss Effie Ray and Lewie Ray returned home Sunday after a two weeks visit in Eastern Oregon.

H. R. Shank motored to Jefferson Wednesday.

W. R. Ray was an Albany visitor Saturday.

Mrs. P. H. Lambert has been on the sick list the past week. She is reported better at this writing.

Mrs. Roxie Shank and daughter Roxana and Melvin Shank and Clifford Downing were Sunday visitors at the Ed Smith home.

Miss Hazel Lambert called at the Lee Downing home Friday.

Miss Bessie Shank called on Marguerite Ryan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Shank and son visited at the Mrs. Roxie Shanks home Thursday.

Joe Pietrok visited with home folks Sunday.

Miss Crystal Shank visited at the Lee Downing home Sunday.

Von Gott has not yet been named as a delegate to the peace conference.

A Happy Christmas For Everybody



A HOLIDAY STOCK that is FIRST IN VARIETY and QUALITY, and FAIR-EST IN PRICE

Our beautiful display of Gifts meets all requirements from first to last. We have a most complete assortment of presents that everybody appreciates. Pleasing and beautiful, at the same time practical and useful. Every department is filled with fresh goods at fair prices. Come where there is a wide choice, a fine variety and grand opportunity to get the best and most suitable gifts for young and old. Remember, our up-to-date Stock is in close touch with the times and anticipates your every want.

Make this a Red Cross Christmas

The happiest, merriest Christmas the world ever knew is almost here. But in the rejoicings of peace and freedom there is one note of seriousness, that America must not forget—there is misery and distress and sickness in war-torn Europe. Relief must be given. The work of the Red Cross MUST go on. And to carry on, the Red Cross MUST have the support of your membership.

Join the Red Cross
—all you need is a heart and a dollar

THIS SPACE CONTRIBUTED BY

DON'T put it off too long; come early to select your Christmas Purchases; we shall be less crowded, and better yet, our stock will be unbroken. While our line of Holiday Goods is yet complete, it must diminish very rapidly as Christmas approaches. Our latest novelties and choicest bargains will be first to go, and while we shall use every effort to meet all demands for duplicates, we can not expect to secure them in many instances during the holiday rush.

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