

ST. JOHNS REVIEW

The Grouch Scored

Shame On Us! Some of us, those who talk about not "liking" war bread, for instance, those who grouch because sugar is doled out to them at hotels, those who go to their grocers and beg for "just a little white flour for me—nobody need know of it," those who tease their bakers to "bake just one white loaf for me," those who "can't" go without plenty of butter, those who will have meat every day though France starves.

Is it, for pity's sake, any time to talk about what we "like?" Do the boys who are marching from our homes in ten thousands "like" to go? Do the boys who have been in training camps for six months "like" getting up and going to the prompt command of a bugle? Do they "like" the life they are leading or would they rather come home? Do the boys in France "like" marching up to front line trenches to face Germany's guns?

Don't let us talk about what we "like" or don't like. Let us talk about what we can go without. There are a good many slackers around besides the boys, and men who try to get out of being drafted. There may be some cause for a chap's feeling a bit squeamish about trotting on the double quick up to a front line trench, but there's small excuse for any big pot-bellied man or whimpering spoiled-child woman making a fuss about what they get to eat while they hide their good-for-nothing carcasses behind the wall of kahki that's marching out to fight for them.

I heard of a man and his wife who went into a bake shop the other day and actually begged for a loaf of white bread.

"We'll both starve before we'll eat any of that stuff," they said. And they have a son in a training camp. Let them starve then, and good riddance to them—if they only would. But they won't. They—and their kind—will take their money and go to such stores as sell a portion of white flour with the necessary accompanying cereals, give away or throw away the substitutes, use the white flour, and buy more. And then when you go to them for a Liberty Bond or a Red Cross subscription they give you the smallest possible amount they dare get off with or none at all. It makes you hot and ashamed to own such American citizens—and they're not necessarily of German extraction either. They are of our own blood, often, and they are selfish beyond word or thought. Are such as they worth the shedding of our boy's blood for?

Over in Germany they are parading fifteen American soldiers—prisoners—about from town to town, starved, just to show the German people that the American soldier is nothing to be afraid of. These boys were captured in a trench raid last October and they have not been allowed to communicate with anyone. The reports say, they had no chance to wash or get clean clothes and had been marched for miles over hard roads to the towns and villages where they were exhibited to the German people by non-commissioned officers to demonstrate that the American Army could not stand against German trained soldiers. The Americans were then weak and dazed mentally as the result of their treatment. Their daily fare consisted of a breakfast of acorn-coffee, two slices of bread made of rye, sawdust, and potato flour; a dinner of soup with a small piece of tough beef, turnips ordinarily fed to cattle, and no potatoes; supper of soup again, with two slices of bread. They had not received parcels of food, like other prisoners.

Do you suppose they "like" it? That is what the American soldier is up against. The Germans have crucified the French and English and Canadians—literally crucified them with bayonets pierced through their bodies. They have cut off the hands, their feet, their ears and have mutilated both soldier and civilian. But—they intend to punish the American even worse when they get hold of him.

Are you going to prolong the possibility by sticking to your "likes?" Or are you going to sacrifice every last penny in your pocket to get ships and ammunition and men over there to put a stop to their damnable outrages? This war cannot be fought or finished by soldiers—and soldiers alone. The soldier in the front ranks depend upon your pocketbook for his life. The poor old women and the little children of France depend upon your pocketbook for food

Fire at Cooperage Plant

Fire which broke out in the finishing shed of the Western Cooperage Company in St. Johns last Friday night practically destroyed the shed, together with a large amount of the valuable machinery. The loss is estimated at between \$25,000 and \$30,000. It is believed by the officials of the plant that an overheated motor was responsible for the blaze. For a time the entire plant was threatened with destruction and it was only by the most strenuous efforts of the firemen that the blaze was brought under control. Eight companies of the fire department and the fireboat responded to the call. While the firemen played a stream of water upon the burning building the fireboat directed a stream on the buildings of the plant near to the burning structure to prevent the flames from spreading. The foundation and structure of the finishing shed burned away, allowing the machinery to fall into the basement of the building. It was necessary to tear up the planking of the finishing shed in order for the firemen to get at the fire. They were seriously hampered in the work by dense smoke. The warehouse of the plant was not burned. The plant is covered by insurance. Engines 32, 24, 8, 23, 1 and 3; truck and the fire boat fought the blaze. Owing to the dense smoke the firemen were seriously hampered.

to keep the breath of life in them. They would be thankful beyond words for the bread you despise.

We are living like kings—yet, in spite of our little restrictions on bread and sugar and meat. We have not learned the meaning of sacrifice. Can't we wake up before the boys have lost their lives to teach us?

For pity's sake, let's cut out this talk about what we "like" or don't like, and let's get down to brass tacks and help push this thing through to a finish. Eat black bread if that's what we get. Go without sugar if there isn't plenty. Drink milk, and eat vegetables and forget cake and cookies and doughnuts.

The kind of patriotism that sheds copious tears before a war play or a red cross speech, and then goes home to a full meal and hollers because the bread is black, is patriotism not worth the powder to blow it to thunder.

Save Waste for Red Cross

Save your waste and help win the war. Take it to the local fire station, where it will be collected July 24th. Linnton and Peninsula people having waste and cannot convey it to the fire station are requested to call Miss A. Darowish, district manager—Columbia 353, before July 24th. Waste especially desired: Tin or lead foil, folded flat; do not roll.

All metals, copper, brass iron, zinc, aluminum, wire, screens, cast iron junk. Rubber junk of all kinds, old motor tires and tubes bicycles tires.

Old magazines, newspapers folded and tied, paper bags.

Burlap and gunny sacks, string rolled into balls, Cotton and hemp, separated.

Clean white rags, woolen rags, separated, mixed rags, empty spoons.

Old clothes, old shoes, old kid gloves, leather cushion tops.

Fruit jars, cold cream jars, bottles of all kinds, cleaned, flower pots, old camera plates, collapsible paste and paint tubes, wafer tins, corks, tin pails, cans with covers.

Typewriter ribbon boxes and spools, carbon-paper boxes, egg cartons, berry boxes, crates. Wooden and pasteboard boxes of all kinds.

Business Opportunity
Real Estate Co. needs money. Will sell a few lots—St. Johns district, cheap for cash. No triflers. A161 Review office.

Pleased With the Service

Portland's street car service now is superior to that of any other city in the country, according to Edwards A. West, engineer with the passenger transportation and housing division of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, who was here with the Schwab party. In explaining the Government's proposed action in helping the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company to provide transportation for ship workers, Mr. West took occasion to compliment the city on its present facilities.

"I have investigated the street car situation in most large cities of the United States," he said in a formal statement. "My survey warrants me in saying that the service here, particularly with reference to transportation of ship workers, is ahead of that in any other city."

"I find less congestion during rush hours. Your people have no cause for complaint. San Francisco is handling her traffic as well as Portland in some particulars, but the general situation is better here. Only one or two cities approach Portland in this respect."

"Considering conditions here, the 6 cent fare is not excessive. Charges in other cities are higher and service is poorer. In very few cities is the transfer privileges as elastic as it is here."

"Merely to serve better the interests of industrial centers, the Government is prepared to advance a sum sufficient for the construction of loops, especially toward the south, where the plants of the Northwest Steel Ship Company and Columbia River Shipbuilding Corporation and others are located."

"To the north similar improvements are necessary for the convenience of employees of the Foundation company and others. In this respect the local company has been somewhat handicapped and more rapid transportation would seem desirable. The money to be invested in the improvements and the 25 cents is simply a loan by the Government to the streetcar company."

Mr. West in discussing the housing situation here, suggested that there had been some misunderstanding here as to the expenditure of funds appropriated by the Government. Private capital should be employed in such cities as Portland and Seattle, he said.

"The Government is not loaning money to private capital for the construction of houses for ship workers," he declared. "Cities of this size need not proceed on the theory that the Government has a large pot for individuals or companies to dip into to solve housing problems."

"Money will be provided for small communities where large industries have been developed suddenly. This money is advanced on a basis of 6 per cent interest. The shipbuilding companies must build the houses themselves or organize a realty company for the purpose. They can buy the land, put in sewerage and streets. Speculative values will not be recognized and no attempt at profiteering will be allowed."

"In cities of Portland's size, it is expected that local capital will tend to the housing problem. The Government has advanced money for a large, temporary hotel in Vancouver, Wash., and a housing district at Bremerton, Wash., but so far has done nothing for Seattle or Portland."

"My investigations lead me to the belief that there has been little rent profiteering here. Property holders are advancing their rates but only on what seems a fair basis. I know of a man in Seattle who raised his rental rates three times in the past year or so but investigation showed that the new rate was not excessive."

"My advice to Portland realty owners is to build in sufficient quantity to care for present and prospective requirements. Large industrial activity will be carried on here for years to come. Similar conditions exist in other Pacific Coast cities. You have climatic advantages here that have helped you to make wonderful records in production of both steel and wooden ships and there is no reason why this work should not be continued definitely.—Oregonian.

Treble Clef Club Coming

Chautauquas to Hear Splendid Company Under Leadership of Jessie Rae Taylor, Great Characterist and Impersonator



TREBLE CLEF CLUB.

The Treble Clef Club, coming to Chautauqua, is one of the standard musical attractions of the platform. These four young ladies under the leadership of Jessie Rae Taylor give two programs unusually satisfying and artistic. They do all manner of things, and do them well, giving vocal solos, duets, quartets, piano solos and humorous costumes sketches especially written for the company. Miss Taylor is probably the best known lady characterist and impersonator upon the Chautauqua platform.

Chautauqua in Session

The St. Johns Chautauqua is now on at the big tent at the rear of the Central School building. In spite of the fact that the equipment did not arrive until late in the afternoon, the management by exercising strenuous efforts, had the tent raised and the seats placed for the evening entertainment. The Old Soldier Fiddlers entertained the audience with their old time renditions, songs and stories. These old veterans of the Civil War were splendid entertainers and pleased the audience immensely. Wednesday afternoon Dr. C. J. Bushnell gave his splendid lecture on "The Meaning of the Great War," which was preceded by the Fenwick Newell Concert Co. James A. Burns was booked for the evening lecture, but owing to illness was unable to be present. Marshall Louis Mertins, scheduled for the following afternoon, lectured in his stead, his theme being "The Gold at the End of the Rainbow." Mr. Mertins delighted his audience with his humor and philosophy. Last evening Judge Roland W. Baggett gave his instructive and entertaining lecture on "The Juvenile Court in Action."

The morning lectures, which are interesting and entertaining are given by Superintendent Guy C. Emery, while Julia M. Hunter is the Junior Supervisor. The attendees at the Chautauqua is quite large and so far the patrons seem well pleased with the entertainment provided.

Program for the balance of the week follows:
Friday afternoon—Prelude, Zedler Symphonic Quintet; illustrated lecture, Chas. Crawford Gorst, the Bird Man. Evening—Concert, Zedler Symphonic Quintet; lecture, James A. Burns.

Saturday afternoon—Popular concert, Thavia's Exposition Band. Evening, grand concert, Thavia's Exposition Band.
Sunday morning services in all churches. Afternoon—Sacred prelude, Treble Clef Club; Inspirational lecture, Ned Woodman; E. W. C. S. Vesper Services. Evening—Sacred prelude, Treble Clef Club; Government Accredited Lecture, "With Our Armies in Europe," Lincoln L. Wirt, D. D.

Monday afternoon—Prelude, Royal Hawaiian Quintet; Inspirational lecture, "Grapes of Gold," H. V. Adams. Evening—Mother Goose Festival, by the "Kiddies"; entertainment, "Hawaii—Land of Music; illustrated lecture, "Rambling Through Paradise," Mildred Leo Clemens.

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Letter From Ben Swan

Mrs. M. T. Swan is in receipt of the following letter from her son, Ben, who is on the U. S. S. Manchuria:

Dear mother and all: Just arrived from another trip to France and received your letters this morning, and was certainly glad to hear from you again. We were the first ship to leave New York after the submarines were over on this side and we sure kept our eyes open all the time. But we only saw one and that was on the day we pulled into France. It disappeared too quick for us to get a shot at it. Although the destroyers looked for it again they could not find it, so they came in empty handed.

I saw George Letson over in France, and he was getting along fine. He is the fellow that used to run the garage on Jersey street and Fessenden. Well, today is a big day (July 4) and I am going to try and go ashore this afternoon. Got two letters from Vina today. That was some letter Teeling wrote. I stayed in Florida two months, so guess I know how hot it is down there in the summer. I have to go on guard till noon, so I will close for this time, but will try and write again before we leave again.

A call for 175 men skilled in logging and sawmill work must be filled by volunteers from Oregon by July 23, or enough men will be drafted from special and limited service men in Class 1 to fill the quota. The skilled workmen required are as follows: 70 chokermen, 50 head buckers, 24 doggers, 6 general saw mill foremen and 25 planer trimmermen. Volunteers for this service must be of draft age, and are particularly desired from Classes 2, 3, and 4. Those who volunteer for the work will be sent to Vancouver, Wash., for engagement in producing spruce for aeroplanes, which is one of the most important branches of the whole service just now. "These are exceptional opportunities for energetic and ambitious men," says the War Department circular calling for the men. "The men inducted under these calls will be engaged in producing spruce for aeroplanes in the great Northwest woods."

The Ladies' Aid of the Swedish Lutheran church were very pleasantly entertained Wednesday of last week at the home of Mrs. George Skaar, 908 North Smith avenue. About 35 were present from Portland, and the event was highly enjoyed.

Ice Cream Social
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"The Yellow Dog"

Henry Irving Dodge, author and patriotic propagandist, has made a national appeal for the suppression of "The Yellow Dog" by the establishment in every municipality in the United States of a branch of the Boy Detectives of America.

"The Yellow Dog," according to Mr. Dodge, is the whining native son who constantly harps on German efficiency, of our fighting England's war, of its being a rich man's war, of the crime of sending our boys over there, of the impossibility of defeating Germany, of charging our "Dollar a year" men with being profiteers, of declaring that a large percentage of war tax money goes to grafters and "all the rest of the feeble minded twaddle."

In making his appeal for the co-operation of the Mayors, Superintendents of Public Instruction, members of patriotic societies, Scout Masters of the Boy Scouts of America and Y. M. C. A. secretaries, Mr. Dodge declares that "The Yellow Dog" is a menace far greater than the German army. His attacks are concealed while the attacks of the German army may be guarded against.

"I speak conservatively," says Mr. Dodge, "when I say that every 'Yellow Dog' is equal in strength to one infantry company in the German Army. The lies of 'The Yellow Dog' are sapping the strength at home."

They are gnawing at the foundation of attack and defence. They are working for the Germans and many of them "don't know." Mr. Dodge's plan for the suppression of "Yellow Dog" is outlined in his most recent work of fiction. In it he portrays the manner in which the boy power of a suburban town was harnessed, cleansed of yellow dogism without untoward friction and without the use of the usual police channels. Now he wants the boy power of every municipality in America harnessed in the same manner in order to accomplish the same result nationally. All that is necessary to make the campaign an accomplished fact, according to Mr. Dodge, is a few determined men-leader of boys in every municipality who will take the trouble of explaining the details to the youngsters.

The boys first are to be organized. They are to be organized detectives for the purpose of ferreting out "The Yellow Dogs." Every boy must keep his ears wide open for direct and implied attacks upon the government and keep on the end of his tongue the one question, "How do you know?" The first move in the campaign is for some patriotic citizen to arrange for a meeting with the boys and explain to them just what the "Boy Detectives of America" is and the meaning of the organization to the welfare of the United States. Then the club is to be organized. Every boy is to be given an official membership card and every member is to receive a supply of "The Yellow Dog" cards to pass out to persons who pass along the "feeble-minded twaddle." Mr. Dodge, at his own expense, offers to furnish membership cards and "The Yellow Dog" cards to the members of every club that is formed.

On the front of "The Yellow Dog" cards, printed in large type, are the words "You're a Yellow Dog" and on the reverse side are numerous descriptions of just what constitutes "The Yellow Dog."

For Sale—One of the finest and best located residences in St. Johns. House is modern and contains nine rooms and bath; lot is 100x100 feet on corner with streets improved; an abundance of flowers, berries and some fruit. A large quantity of furniture goes with the house. The price for a short time is \$4000, part cash. For further particulars call at this office.

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