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PORTLAND, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1917.

GERARD AND GERMANY. By the great outpouring which twice filled the Public Auditorium the people of Portland evinced their intense interest in the meeting of Mr. Gerard.

Without any of the arts of the orator, but with a simple, direct language, Mr. Gerard told what he had seen and heard in the very citadel of Prussianism as the accredited representative of the United States.

Germany is not a free country, but is ruled by a military autocrat and his aristocracy, who have deliberately entered upon a career of conquest, both because they seek world empire and because they hate democracy.

The invasion of Belgium was intended not only as a step in the invasion of France, but as the first move toward the conquest of Britain. But that, too, was to have been only a step toward the conquest of America.

Prussia hates the United States even more than Britain, because we are a free, because we are a democratic country and all of America, and because we have blocked the conquest of Europe by selling munitions and food to the allies.

Germany which is dominated by Prussia would never consent to the German style of efficiency to America. The characteristics of that system are: a franchise by which one man worth \$3,000,000 has as many votes as 15,000 men who have the same amount of money.

These characteristics of Germany were characterized by Mr. Gerard to the attention of the German people in the American workingman. If the former is logical, he should wish to live in Germany, but if the attempt were made to transport him thither, he would be destroyed.

American are thus shown that they have the best reasons of both National and self-interest for fighting until Prussianism is destroyed, for it includes everything that they abhor and would destroy.

The blockade cannot starve Germany into surrender; it can at best only weaken her. The submarine is not yet beaten, and we have no cause to assume that it will be beaten by any new device; it can be defeated only by constant fighting and vigilance and by unceasing exertion to build ships which will replace those destroyed.

A revolution in Germany cannot come before the allies have won, but is extremely probable after that event. The Germans are united in fighting the war.

conquest impossible, but would demand the past conquests. The rest of the people, partly through exaggeration of what the allies would do to them, partly through fear of their Prussian masters. They will not give up till their man power is broken.

Review of what Mr. Gerard tells us of the tremendous effort needed to win, and of the awful consequences which would follow defeat, should convince us all that it is criminal folly to dissipate our energies in internal strife, or to temporize with treason.

WHAT WILL WIN. The war is not to be won in the air. The war is not to be won on the sea. The war is not to be won by economic pressure on Germany.

WHAT IS TO BE GAINED. PORTLAND, Sept. 30.—(To the Editor.)—Lately, in the morning paper, I have seen a number of articles, some of which are very interesting.

READING HALF AN HOUR DAILY. The Oregon Voter gives its readers some wise advice about reading, and also a list of books to read.

THE AUDITORIUM AS A CIVIC ASSET. Portland is already realizing the wisdom of having erected the Public Auditorium. It was filled when the allied aviation mission made its appearance in the city.

WEARY WILLIE LITERATURE. There are some curious things in I. W. W. literature. An anonymous but apparently devoted member of the organization sends us a little folder, which is said to be a favorite among his brothers.

HEATING THE MELTING POT. The striking fact that nearly 80 per cent of the population of New York City is of either foreign birth or of foreign or mixed parentage has been newly called to the attention by the report of Mayor Mitchell's committee on National defense.

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foreign-born, and 35.9 of foreign or mixed parentage. Detroit has 33.6 per cent of foreign-born. Cincinnati does not stand so high in the list of foreign-born, with only 15.6 per cent, but its percentage of inhabitants of foreign or mixed parentage is 36.4.

Five billion dollars may seem a high mark to set as the total of the second liberty loan, but that is because we have been accustomed to think in smaller sums and because the people at large have not been called upon to buy bonds since the Civil War.

Immensity of the fleet of transports which is needed to carry the American Army to France is indicated by the estimates of men who can be carried on those German ships which have been captured.

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Mr. John's Troubles. By Abbie Farwell Brown, of the Vigilantes.

I CAN'T feed John on coarse, old-fashioned country dishes, cheap cuts and those things the Lecturer says are good, though wholesome. John won't touch them.

John can smell Gorgonzola from Roquefort in the dark! It's wonderful the taste he has! Cook had to throw out the perfectly good salad yesterday because John had just had one of those in the dressing, instead of chives, John can't bear onion!

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Roosevelt as Peace Delegate. Writer Draws Imaginary Picture of U. S. and German Chancellor.

PORTLAND, Oct. 1.—(To the Editor.)—The talents of our picture opera star, man, T. R., are just now devoted to an intensive patriotism peculiarly his own. It is as brilliantly lurid as the bombs and fireworks upon the night battlefield.

Chancellor Michaelis: "Excellenzen, our dear Emperor, loved peace and always sought it for the fatherland. He yearned for peace, for peace, for peace, and to overcome the evil plans of his enemies he had to take Belgium, which could have saved herself had she given up peaceful passage."

Roosevelt (pounding his fist): "I tell you, Michaelis, that this kind of democracy are thundering at your gates. Do you want them to proceed to slipping their axes from your sleeve into this game?"

Chancellor Michaelis: "What, then, do you demand, Roosevelt?"

Roosevelt: "After these are arranged we discuss other details and conclude such conventions as will enable the elements of Germany to be the uninterrupted rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Do you now understand, or do you still have any further questions?"

Returned Traveler Writes of Impression Gained in Middle West. FOREST GROVE, Or., Sept. 30.—(To the Editor.)—After an absence of some ten days from the Middle West on which I took occasion to read and compare such newspapers as the Denver Post, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, the Chicago Tribune and many other great dailies, with the Oregonian, I am fully convinced that the people of the Pacific Coast are to be congratulated on having an excellent newspaper at their service.

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In Other Days. Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of October 2, 1892.

Sylvester Pennoyer, addressed 500 people at Roseburg yesterday and he denounced and denounced the Democratic party. He declared in favor of the People's party.

Chief of Police Spencer has issued orders to arrest all motor men who run their cars faster than the speed limit. He says cars are run frequently from 15 to 20 miles an hour and he proposes to put a stop to this dangerous practice.

The Southeast Portland Improvement Association met last night to take measures to open up certain tracts in the southeast part of the city and a resolution was adopted to petition Mr. Ladd to open up the tract known as Ladd's farm.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian of October 2, 1867. San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 2, 1867.

Chicago—Cholera has been prevailing here, but the local papers have not mentioned the fact. Private letters say there have been over 100 deaths in one day from the disease.

WHAT A BUSY MAN SHOULD READ. Much May Be Had From Dipping Into Classics. Oregon Voter.

As a man reads goes he ahead. Readers of labor papers and socialist organs seldom get ahead. They think the world owes them a living, when the fact is they owe their families far more than they owe the world.

Following the ideas in the last paragraph will give you ten years of delicious sampling, and for the rest of your life, you will have no guidance, for the rich storehouse of classic literature will ever beckon afloat. Thirty years of haphazard reading of solid and while the wheat crop was light it was of good quality. Many wheat fields were plowed up early in the Spring of 1917, and the result was a crop of corn as those that were left to mature far exceeded expectations. In Iowa the corn crop is very good.

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As all the soldier boys do not use tobacco, why not a gum crusade?

Are you eating the crusts, or do they go into the can?

Cut-out a luxury and buy a bond.

Heated by Hot Air. Baltimore American. "Bragley says his new house is heated with hot air." "Then it is well heated. I've heard Bragley talk."

James B. Carr. 508 Everett street.