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AIMS OF THE PEACE PROPOSAL.

Clear understanding of the German peace proposal demands that full weight be given to the past conduct of the rulers of Germany...

The past conduct of the Hohenzollerns and their governing class, both as rulers of Germany and as rulers of Prussia, proves them unworthy of trust...

The same policy has been followed in government of the German people. The peasants of Prussia were not emancipated from serfdom till 1807...

The constitution of the empire is autocratic, for under the forms of representative government it concentrates power in the hands of the Kaiser...

The Kaiser used the power which he has fortified by this form of government to weld his empire into a war machine...

In that light we must view Prince Max's declaration that Germany accepts President Wilson's fourteen conditions of peace as laid down on January 8...

But Mr. Wilson said, referring to Germany: It is necessary as preliminary to any intelligent dealing with her on our part that we should know whom her spokesmen speak for...

Apparently for the purpose of satisfying this condition of negotiation, Prince Max has called to office leaders of the Reichstag...

But the autocratic constitution still stands—the only change proposed is to permit members of the Reichstag to hold executive office...

Now why did not Marion County mail that notice and mark the occasion 21 cents? Truth is it did mail the notice...

Mr. Banker got his letter notice. It was not enough. He dallied and forgot. But when he saw his name in the paper among the delinquents...

The Students' Army Training Corps gives promise of putting the fine art of boxing into the hands of the youth of our country...

It will be plain to any observant man who motors over our country roads these fine fall days that many orchards are being neglected...

It seems likely, too, that for a good many years there will be practical cessation of new planting. The reasons why nurserymen of America are being driven to the wall...

American women who are disturbed by the news that "hundreds of young American soldiers are marrying in France" will be comforted by study of the census report...

There were in the United States proper when the census was taken in 1910 47,232,277 men and 44,938,939 women, an excess in favor of the men of 2,293,288...

For males. Out of about 894,000,000 counted in 1900, there were a little over 4,000,000 more males than females. Europe was the only continent to show an excess of females...

Pruning and spraying are not economic necessities. They can be learned by anyone who likes that kind of work, and it is surprising how much can be accomplished by making use of the bright middays of winter...

Sympathetic attention is called to the sad case of a Salem banker—"one of the best-known bankers in Oregon" and "head of one of Marion County's solid financial institutions..."

It is uncomplimentary to madgeopolis to assume that she needs the advice of a man who has been in business for so long...

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Yes, the money was all spent for Lucienne's well, part of it was spent for a school lunch that Lucienne shared with her brother Jean, a year older...

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Your Boy in France. What He is Doing and Thinking About, as Gleaned From The Stars and Stripes, Official Newspaper of the A. E. F.

ITS a pretty little story that comes from the Red Cross committee charged with supervising the expenditure of funds collected for the A. E. F. war orphans through the Stars and Stripes.

Lucienne, aged 6, whose father fell fighting for France, was selected as the mascot for Company G. Engineers and 49 francs—about \$8—a month paid over to the mother to be used wholly for Lucienne's support.

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Those Who Come and Go. Down at the Panama Canal the United States Navy will send over the Wilhelm of Germany will send over his warships...

Sam Fox, music publisher, of Cleveland, O., is at the Benson Hotel and is especially enthusiastic over the fact that he has been selected by John Philip Sousa as the publisher of Sousa's new American wedding march.

Wearing his Scotch kilts, R. F. Douglas is down from Canada and, with his wife, is staying at the Multnomah. The Highlander has been in London and Mrs. Douglas is an artist of reputation in England.

Miss Blanche Hammel, proprietor of the hotel at Corvallis, is on a brief visit to Portland and is a guest at the Imperial.

A motor party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Purdy, Mrs. C. A. Murphy and children, and Mrs. J. H. Seward, drove down from Corvallis and are at the Seward.

Alphonse M. del Campo, of Guadalajara, who has just returned through the Pacific Northwest and registered yesterday at the Imperial.

Methodist Congregation Unanimously Favors Unconditional Surrender. The SALEM, Or., Oct. 6.—(To the Editor)—Upon every hand I find in this section sentiment unanimously against anything but unconditional surrender.

Episcopal Church with a congregation in attendance of 100 members is the first to have opened its doors to the "Nazis" and civilization to be facing the greatest test of the people's will.

Machine Gun Sergeant Soli Monksy writes from the hospital: "We've been through beaucoup hell, and now we're spending a short vacation in the United States. It's a grand thing to be here."

Just why it is possible to enjoy killing is explained by Hamilton M. Wright: "I met an old-time newspaper friend in a Paris hospital who has risen from the ranks of newspaperdom to that of corporal in the service."

In Other Days. Fifty Years Ago. From The Oregonian, October 8, 1868. Washington, D. C., Oct. 8.—The contractor to transport the United States mail between the terminals of the Union and Central Pacific railroads, Wells, Fargo & Company, has been carrying the mails under a temporary arrangement...

The assessable property of Douglas County for 1868 amounts to \$1,474,833. The tax levied (16 mills) amounts to \$23,824.78. Poll tax, \$918. At the commencement of the fiscal year July 1, the county debt was \$420.20.

Articles of incorporation of the Willamette Railway Company were filed yesterday in the Secretary of State's office, with A. M. Larrea, Joseph Nixon and John A. Conroy as incorporators. Capital stock, \$3,500,000. The company proposes to build a road from Portland, Ore., to the east side of the Willamette, and connecting with the Oregon Central Railroad at Albany.

Washington.—Owing to difficulty in preventing the smuggling of opium, the Chinese on the Pacific Coast, the Treasury Department has decided to send two revenue cutters to the coast to enforce the customs officers in enforcing the laws. A much more rigid system of inspection will probably be instituted for merchandise shipped to Pacific Coast states.

Portland, Oct. 7.—(To the Editor)—Every true American, irrespective of political affiliations, will say amen and amen to the promptness and firmness of the government in its treatment of Germany, but what puzzles me and doubtless millions of other citizens is the failure to say in unmistakable language that until the Kaiser abdicates or is deposed no heed will be given to any proposition ever coming from the nest of reptiles now infesting Berlin and Vienna.

Not to mention millions of young lives already sacrificed by the United States will give scores of thousands of its best men to defend our own people against the murderous savage of Berlin and his degenerates, any one of whom was worth more than the entire gang of cutthroats, women despoilers and child-killers.

Why not say to the German government in the very plainest of English that when the Kaiser and a goodly number of his satellites are handed over to the allies, first, and an unconditional surrender is made, consideration of peace proposals will be given? Since every word President Wilson has spoken on subjects relating to the war has been deeply pondered and analyzed, there is a wide-spread apprehension, given voice by the common people, that at the last, after all that has happened, we will be with our people for a century to come, some degree of "humanity stuff" will be permitted to impair the glory of the victors.

Portland, Oct. 6.—(To the Editor)—Today I hopped off the train for a few hours to have a look at the old town. In the same old town, God is good to it, and its leaders, political and would-be political, are good to themselves, and I'll wish the rest of the country to meet some astute Democrats. They were contented and hopeful with a grin like a jackass in clover and, like the jackass again, every time they opened their mouths you could see what was inside of them.

Portland, Oct. 6.—(To the Editor)—Please state if it is compulsory for all logging companies to pay the minimum scale of wages (or more) adopted in July, 1918, by the Board of Labor? Does not pay the scale? A SUBSCRIBER.

The Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, and the Portland Y. M. C. A. both offer courses in electrical engineering. Car Noise Criticized. Buffalo Express. Buffalo Old Man—Says's doing his fair always make this racket? Chauffeur—No, only when his doing his.