GERMAN POSITION IN WAR IS GIVEN

Issue Is Taken With Dr. Chapman in Views Expressed in Recent Lecture.

LATER JUDGMENT ASKED

Charge of Berlin's Responsibility for Conflict Is Denied, as Are Stories of Atrocities, in View of Probe Reports.

PORTLAND. Or., Jan. 1.—(To the Editor.)—The report of a recent lecture delivered by C. H. Chapman before the Civic League contains references to the German people so bitter and unmerited that I beg you to permit the publication of the following observations in their defense. I feel the more justified in the request, as there has been little correspondence published so far on that side of the controversy, nor was there any occasion therefor, as the editorial attitude of The Oregonian has been so uncommonly fair.

The reference of the speaker, Mr. Chapman, to the Germans in such terms as "pickpockets" and "murderers," I will at the outset consider as the spilling over of a mind filled with malignent haired against the German cause, and perhaps due to the habitual use of exaggerated invective, and admitting the longer range and greater power of the lecturer's "artillers" in this sort of warfare, retire from this phase of the argument.

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It has been charged by Professor Knehneman, whose public speech Mr. Chapman had undertaken to answer, and in fact by the German and German-American press generally, that a campaign of misrepresentation has been made, after isolating Germany telegraphically, to prejudice the world, and especially the United States, against the German cause by inventing and advertising stories of atrocities and barbarous conduct of the war by the German troops.

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Conquest in Servia and Austria would probably have ended with the punishment of Servia, without loss of ferritory, as Austria had guaranteed this to the powers through the influence of Germany and in the interest of European peace. At remembered that the court of investigation established beyond reasonable doubt the guilty participation of Servian military and governmental circles in the assassination of the first to the high to the powers through the court of investigation established beyond reasonable doubt the guilty participation of Servian military and governmental circles in the assassination of the high to the powers through the court of investigation established beyond reasonable doubt the guilty participation of Servian military and governmental circles in the assassination of the high to the powers through the court of investigation established beyond reasonable doubt the guilty participation of Servian military and governmental circles in the assassination of the high to the high to the high to the probably have conded with the court of investigation established beyond reasonable doubt t

It will be remembered that the Servian King mounted his throne through a military conspiracy over the body of his murdered predecessor. His conduct was similar, perhaps worse, than that of Huerta. Our own United States would not and did not on a similar eccasion in the case of Spain and Mexico, lose any time demanding satisfaction. Austria waited more than a month before she presented her ultimatum, and Servia, without doubt directed by Russia, rejected the terms of Austria, and the war was on.

sides by possible future enemies.

Americans Are Advised.

The Anglo-Japanese alliance, which the Anglo-Japanese alliance, which has been under the management of J. B. McGrane on three sides of us (as the sea is English). Mexico, on the fourth side, completes the ring. Americans should complete the ring. Americans should complete the ring. Americans should may be thicker than water; but in the world is not yet a kindergarien. Blood may be thicker than water; but in the fourth of the bar.

PIONEER OF 1853 PASSES AWAY NINE MONTHS AFTER wife advantage of a weak or unprepared wife advantage of a weak or unprepared wife advantage of a weak or unprepared advantage of a weak or unprepared wife advantage of a weak or unprepared advantage of a weak or unprepared wife and the complete the management of J. B. McGrane The Bollinger Hotel, which has been under the management of J. W. Close, of Spokane, for \$35,000, exclusive of the bar.

PIVE GENERATIONS. THREE OF WHOM RESIDE IN OREGON.



The first crop of these alleged atrocities was investigated by five of the best-known American war correspondents and their report was that, after investigating every rumor and following every clew available, they did not find evidence to support a single charge. Therefore the charge that these reports were fabricated rests on weighty circumstantial evidence.

Here it is not only just to remark that in this and the just past century no nation has a record for humanity in warfare equal to that of Germany, but it is also true that no Christian nation has a record for barbarities that equals that of England's conquests mounts into totals that are fabulous and beggar in comparison the bloody deeds of Tamerlane.

Suspension of Judgment Asked.

Germany has asked the world, while she is shut off from communication, to suspend judgment until both sides may have a hearing. Can the American people fustly refuse such a request?

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I doubt whether at this time a perfectly just conclusion can be reached. It is not likely that all the facts will become public until some time after heart of the provention of the power and her glory, feeding upon the spoils of Asia, and granering the toil of her ocean mononly she has grown fat, rich and arro-time and the proving the arrocal transmission of the power and her glory to promised.

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Isocalize Conflict Hoped For.

At this critical time the peace of Europe (and, as it later developed, the whole world) hung by a thread. It is now on us to say who cut that thread, and then we shall have convicted the arch flend of the sges, and brand him as the felon of a million murders.

At this time Germany strenuously insisted that it was the duty of all powers to keep their hands off the thread, thus "localizing the trouble." as they called it in their diplomatic correspondence.

Russia assembled a large army on the eastern border of Germany, also near Austria. The other powers prepared for war. Germany, facing a Russian invasion, demanded a discontinuance of the hostlie demonstratione on her border and, failing to get it, declared war on Russia. Germany asked France for peace, and got the promise of war. Germany asked England for peace, and got assurance of neutrality on condition that she refrain from using her fleet, which condition Germany declined, and the world war was on.

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There are the events of the surface. The motives which have prompted the different attitudes of the powers to each other are not so easily proved. Nor can they be briefly illustrated. A few words on each must suffice.

England, in the past, has decided as her interests dictated. First, the economic condition. Then the political position of a large part of the world by holding by force of arms control over the ocean, the highway of commerce. This domination over all the world's waterways and commerce has been immensely accentuated by the great expansion of the international trade of all civilized nations during the past century. The claim of England to supremacy of the sea is frank, undis-



Age 3 Months.



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Max Haley, an Oregon pioneer of 1853, died December 27 at his home, 251 Gienn avenue. He was born in 1837 near Galesburg, Ill. He located in Polk County on coming to Oregon, making his home near Monmouth.

In 1853 he married Caroline Boothby. To this union four sons and a daughter were born, all of whom survive.

Mrs. Haley died nine months ago, and her husband's health had declined steadily since her

RUMMPGE SALE

The Good, Old-Fashioned Kind Something for Almost Nothing

Our one staunch and determined resolution this week is to round up all odds and ends of homefurnishings in our stock and put them on sale at prices so ridiculously low that they simply have to go. We have gathered together quite a lot, among which is part of the furnishings of the Weaver Hotel. Our new stock is arriving and we mean business in cleaning out the old, to make room. We offer the following list and prices for your consideration.

Our floors will be alive with bargains during this week.

No Phone Orders Accepted for Rummage-Sale Goods and No Exchanges No Goods Sold to Dealers—Doors Open at 9 o'Clock Tomorrow Morning Down Pillows, Pair \$1.90—Former price \$6 pair. Have been used, but are in good condition.

Center Tables \$1.50 to \$4.50 Formerly priced from \$5 to \$12. In mahogany finish and quarter-sawed golden oak. Fifty tables in the lot.

\$35 Mahogany Dressers for \$16.50-All good patterns. Have been used but are in

\$7.50 Bedroom Rockers for \$2.50-In the Circassian walnut. Have been used but are in good condition.

Gas Ranges for \$2.50 to \$9.50-Have been used but are none the worse for wear. All good makes. Eight only. A Lot of Brass Curtain Rods to go at,

each3¢ Drinking Glass Holders 15¢ Each-Nickel plated. Sold formerly for 50c each. Brass Beds for \$7.95 Part of the fur-

nishings of the Weaver Hotel. Full size and good patterns. Former price \$20. Peather Pillows, Pair 69¢-Former price \$2.50 pair, slightly fire-damaged and used. Only 40 pairs.

A Lot of Nickel-Plated Towel Rods, former price 35c each, to go at, each 15c. \$4.50 Hall Mirror with golden oak frame, now \$1.95.

A lot of remnants and short lengths of Curtain and Drapery Materials, Scrim, Madras, Etc., all at RUMMAGE SALE PRICES

Solid Oak Hall Racks, 6 ft. high with mirrors, umbrella stands, hat and coat hooks, now at the quick-disposal price \$1.98 \$12.50 Art Leather Portieres, now \$4.35 \$9 Hall Mirror with golden oak frame, now at \$4.50.

\$22.50 Mahogany-Finished, Velour-Upholstered Parlor Set of 3 Pieces, now \$8.95 88 Art Leather Portieres, now \$2.95.

Free City and Suburban Delivery

\$1.75 Grade New Axminster Carpet, in four patterns, for, yard 97¢. 3 ft. to 4 ft. Sample Lengths of New Car-

pets, worth \$1.50 to \$2, now, each 59¢ to Short Lengths of Ingrain Carpets-6 to 12

yards, for, yard 25¢.

Wonderful Bargains in Velvet Carpet Rugs

Only 30 of them, from the Weaver Hotel, all of which have been steam-cleaned. Average size 10 ft. by 14 ft. 6 in. Formerly priced at \$40. Now

\$12.85

Hall Carpet. About 200 yards of steam-cleaned Carpet from the Weaver Hotel, former price \$1.65 yard. Now

45c Yard

\$6 Slightly Damaged Iron Bed, full size, now

\$4.50 Pull-Size Iron Bed now \$1.95 \$18 Slightly-Damaged Kitchen Cabinet, now for \$10.85.

A Lot of Portieres, all colors, entered in the Rummage at 50¢ on the Dollar. 50c-yd. Oriental Stripe Material for Portieres and Couch Covers, now, yard 21¢. Willow Waste-Paper Baskets, used, now

each 9c. 30 Comforters, from the Hotel Weaver furnishings, now, each, 79¢.

40c Water Bottles, each9¢

\$1.65 Grade New Velvet Carpet, yd., 95¢ 95c Yard New Ingrain Carpets for, yd. 45¢ 57-Piece Dinner Sets for \$4.85-Well worth \$8 Set. Semi-porcelain, the "Derwood" Pattern-a dainty rose and goldband decoration.

Mahogany-Finished Bedroom Chairs, formerly priced at \$5 and \$6, have been used but are in good condition, now \$1.55.

We Extend

Credit

\$35 to \$40 were the former prices of a

number of Circassian Walnut Dressers, part of the furnishings of the Weaver Hotel,

which are entered in this sale at the ridieu-

A \$40 Mahogany veneered, full size Bed

A \$45 Mahogany Napoleon Bed, full size, now \$22.50.

4 Hall Racks, formerly \$10 to \$27.50, in

fumed and golden oak, now \$5 to \$13.75

\$3 Three-Leaf Folding Screen, now 79¢

\$2.50 Y. Y. Bed Springs for full-size bed,

All-Steel Bed Springs, formerly \$5 and \$6,

\$3 Art Metal Umbrella Stands, now 75¢

\$2 Solid Oak Hat and Coat Racks, 3 feet

\$2 Solid Oak Hanging Book Racks, 39¢ \$10 Slightly Smoke-Damaged Library Ta-

bles, solid oak, in fumed, waxed golden or early English finish, now \$2.95.

A lot of Crockery, in desirable pat-

terns, of which we have sufficient

stock in some instances to make up

almost complete Dinner Sets. En-

tered in the Rummage Sale at prices that mean quick hurrying out

Odds and ends of used and slightly damaged Window Shades, duplex, in several

sizes, formerly priced 75c to \$2 each. Now

Crystal Salt and Pepper Shakers, each 5¢

Slightly-Damaged Drip Pans in several

-each-15¢ to 45¢.

long, with mirror, now 39¢.

lously low price of \$17.50.

now for \$15.

now \$2.50.

Morgan-Atchley Furniture Co.

Grand Avenue and East Stark

FUNERAL OF THOMAS C. SHREVE WILL BE HELD TODAY,

Commander of Portland Grand Army of Republic Served All Through Civil War.

The funeral of Thomas C. Shreve, Civil War veteran and past commander of the Portland Grand Army of the Re-

Civil War veteran and past commander of the Portland Grand Army of the Republic, who died at his home at 1181 Gladstone avenue, December 3, will be held today at 3 o'clock at the Lerch chapel, East Eleventh and Clay streets. Interment will be in Lone Fir Cemetery, with the Ben Butler Post, Grand Army of the Republic, officiating. Mr. Shreve was 78 years of age.

Mr. Shreve was Identified prominently in the local Grand Army Republic, business, church and civic matters. He served two terms as Justice of the Peace, and was identified with the organization of the Grand Army Republic Relief Corps, during his term as past commander of the Ben Butler Post.

He was born at Lambertville, N. J., February 25, 1839, and enlisted with the Union Army at the outbreak of the Civil War. He served with the One Hundred and Sixth Illinois Volunteers, Company D., until peace was declared. Civil War. He see thinois Volunteers, Hundred and Sixth Illinois Volunteers, Company D., until peace was declared. The call of the West took him to Colorado in 1875, where he was prominent in business and civic work for many years. In 1887, he married Miss Carrie E. Jackson, who survives him. He moved to Portland in 1899. Here he took active part in the growth of the Mount Tabor Presbyterian Church, and was one of its leading elders. He was also a member of the Kennilworth Presbyterian Church. The ministers of these two churches will jointly conduct his funeral.

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Besides his widow. Mrs. Carrie E. Shreve, he is survived by one son and three daughters: Arthur R. Shreve, of Portland: Mrs. Mary N. Chase, of Portland; Miss Grace A. Shreve, of Boston, Mass., and Mrs. D. W. Kilpatrick, of Crippie Creek, Colo.

INFANT MORTALITY LESS Records for 1914 Show Big Decrease

Compared With Deaths in 1913;

A big decrease in infant mortality in Portland is shown for the year 1914 as compared with the year 1913, in a report completed yesterday by City Health officer Marcellus. The decrease is attributed largely to the great improvement in Portland milk conditions. During 1913 the report shows that the number of deaths of infants under one year of age was 74 to 1000 of population. In 1914, the rate was cut to 63.6 a 1000. In 1915 there were 29 deaths of infants under one year of age, due to bowel complications. During 1914, there were only 15 such deaths. This shows a decrease of near-

ly 100 per cent in the deaths of this ties the regions about Airlie offer into will merge with the Mo

Airlie Has Commercial Club.

printed form. Emphasis will be made upon farming advantages, especially, and the educational methods in rural schools will be shown. AIRLIE, Or., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—A commercial club has been organized in this city and a campaign to bring settlers from the Eastern states to locate here has been launched. Plans have been made to formulate the opportuni-Lewisville, in south Polk County, soon ing dynamite at his store near Parker.

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