

PACIFISM FIRMLY ROOTED DURING WAR

Alarming Extent Not Appreciated Until Recently.

SEDITION LAW STILL HOLDS

Men Convicted of Disloyalty Pleaded for by Hundreds of Signers of Petitions Sent Congress.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 29.—The alarming extent to which pacifism, if not disloyalty, had taken root in the minds and hearts of the country when the United States was finally forced into war with Germany was never seriously appreciated by men in official life until recently.

The reason is that it required a great war to awaken the minds and consciences of public men to what was going on in the country, and this awakening has been such that they are taking notice of every manifestation of opposition to the government. They have lived to learn. No one would have suspected that even before the espionage act is repealed that thousands upon thousands of persons would have the daring to be writing to members of congress to demand the release of the seven members of the International Bible Students' society, insisting that these men committed no offense against the government, notwithstanding the judgment of the court. These men, now serving sentences at the federal prison at Atlanta, were tried for the publication and circulation of "The Finished Mystery," a book which the department of justice held to be seditious and calculated to do serious harm to this country's preparations for the war.

Hundreds of Petitions Pouring In. From almost every community in the west letters from scores up to hundreds have been pouring in to Washington demanding, not pleading, for the pardon of the so-called Bible students on the grounds that they did no wrong; that they merely printed and circulated someone else's seditious remarks, and that there is such a dire need for their release that they may go about doing good.

Other petitioners go even further in asking the release of all persons convicted under the espionage act, and make themselves amenable to prosecution under the act, which is yet as good as new if the authorities choose to turn it on them. There is now coming to Washington a vast number of petitions which refer to men and women convicted of disloyalty as "political prisoners" and question the rightness of their prosecution at a time when they were trying the palm of the hand of the government. Few would imagine that such a petition could obtain 60 signatures in a community which has less than 100 persons at its postoffice, but such is true of one of these petitions which comes from a little town up in Washington.

Text of Petition Given. The petition is addressed "To the President and Congress of the United States of America," and reads: "We, the undersigned citizens of the United States of America, wish to call attention to the fact that, during the period of the recent war with the imperial German government, and under acts passed by congress as 'war measures' only, many men and women have been prosecuted in this country and been sentenced to terms of imprisonment exceeding even those for similar alleged offenses in any of the acknowledged autocracies of the world. These persons have, without exception, been prosecuted and imprisoned for merely expressing those privileges guaranteed by the constitution of the United States of America, which has ever been regarded as the supreme law of the land. These persons are political prisoners, prosecuted for giving expression to their political opinions.

"In conformity with the customs of all civilized countries of the world, the cessation of hostilities should be the signal for general amnesty for all political prisoners. We therefore demand the immediate and unconditional release of all such persons who are confined for their political, intellectual, or religious views; and that all prosecutions under the espionage act shall now cease and cases pending be dismissed from court."

Affinity Notes Secured. Rich Man's Wife to Show Letters and Photos at Trial.

SAN FRANCISCO.—When Walter R. Baker, a wealthy electrical manufacturer, appears in Superior Judge Thomas F. Graham's court on Wednesday to fight for a divorce from his wife, Clara Baker, of 1423 Ninth avenue, he will be confronted with a great array of love letters and snapshots of himself and a San Jose telephone operator, according to final plans of battle formulated by Mrs. Baker and her attorney, Henry Heidelberg, in their effort to block Baker's divorce.

"My husband is blackmailing me into a divorce so that he can marry Miss Jennie Wedlake, telephone operator of San Jose," said Mrs. Baker.

"Besides letters in which my husband addressed her as 'My dear sweet heart' and in others where he called him by 'My dear little man,' we also have snapshots of him at various country places in and about San Jose in which he is shown hugging and kissing Miss Wedlake."

According to Mrs. Baker she will not allow her husband to secure a divorce, principally for the sake of her three boys, two of whom are in high school. Mrs. Baker, in speaking of the case, said:

"Mr. Baker and myself have been married 13 years. He first met Miss Wedlake while we were on a summer vacation at St. Helena in 1916. Since that time he has been infatuated with her, spending nearly all of his money at times in traveling between this city and her home in San Jose. He made no effort to conceal his love for his new affinity from me, but repeatedly

told me a married man was entitled to have other love besides his wife's. "All our married life I have worked in an effort to help the family finances and to provide a good home for our boys. Even now I take in sewing. "Many times, while I have been at my work at the front window of our home, Mr. Baker would pass by the house in his auto, with Miss Wedlake with him. He would wave at me and smile—and those smiles would hurt. Even now I understand he has furnished magnificent apartments on Sacramento street, where he expects to live shortly with his affinity.

Baker's income, according to his wife, is \$350 a month, and he has property besides. She denies his accusations that she ever threw red pepper in his eyes in an attempt to blind him or chased him with a hatchet or attempted to poison his coffee. "He was the cruel one if there was any cruelty in our family," said Mrs. Baker, "in that he would get up at night and try to strangle me, saying he had nightmares."

LEWIS COUNTY BANKS GAIN

INCREASE IN DEPOSITS DURING TWO YEARS IS GREAT.

Twelve Institutions Have Total of \$5,548,252 Deposited, and All Industries Are Thriving.

CHEHALIS, Wash., March 28.—(Special.)—The substantial sum of \$2,192,976.62 is the gain which the 12 Lewis county banks have made in their bank deposits in the past two years, according to a total just completed. March 5, 1917, their total deposits aggregated \$3,354,275.42. On March 5, 1918, this had increased to \$4,426,605.13. On March 4, 1919, the grand total of \$5,548,252.94 had been reached, and the people of Lewis county, generally speaking, find themselves in the most prosperous condition in their history.

In addition to the remarkable increase in bank deposits Lewis county people have added to their wealth large holdings in liberty bonds, all loans having been oversubscribed. The history of the war from a financial standpoint, therefore, is that Lewis county people are more wealthy than ever before, and industries in every part of the county are all going practically full blast.

Figures showing the individual deposits of the 12 banks of the county follow: Coffman-Dobson Bank & Trust company, Chehalis, \$1,571,466.96; Farmers' and Merchants' bank, Centralia, \$982,498.82; First Guaranty bank, Centralia, \$802,124.01; Security State bank, Chehalis, \$631,655.03; Chehalis National bank, \$355,600.65; Centralia State bank, \$257,473.84; State Bank of Winlock, \$156,345.74; State Bank of Morton, \$114,486.86; Toledo State bank, \$114,247.45; Little Falls State bank, \$100,350.52; Pe Ell State bank, \$51,937.32; Napavine State bank, \$75,532.97. Total, \$5,548,252.94.

HANNA BACK AT MONTEREY

U. S. Consul for Northern Mexico Returns to Port.

MONTEREY, Mexico.—Philip C. Hanna, United States consul-general for Northern Mexico, has just re-established his headquarters in Monterey after an absence of nearly four years, during which period he maintained his office in San Antonio. The return of Consul-General Hanna to Monterey is regarded as especially significant by American interests in this part of Mexico.

It is expected that his presence here and the direct touch that he will have with consular representatives of the United States throughout his district will do much toward improving the trade relations between the two countries. Mr. Hanna has the confidence and respect of the Mexican people to a greater degree than any other American, it is claimed. He came to Monterey more than 20 years ago as consul-general for the United States and during all this time he has made a close study of Mexico and its people. During the early revolutionary period he went through some thrilling experiences, including arrest and imprisonment for a brief interval. Upon his return to Monterey Mr. Hanna was given an ovation by foreign and native residents.

Port Collins to Have Cars.

PORT COLLINS, Colo.—This community soon is to have streetcars operated by the city. The cars are expected before April 1 and will be in operation on the four miles of city track by April 15, unless something goes wrong. The streetcar service will be continued until midnight each night, three cars in operation. Four will be used during the rush hours.

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NEUTRALS ASKED TO PAY

NATIONS SAID TO HAVE BECOME
RICH DURING WAR.

Former French Deputy Proposes to
Force Partial Payment of
War Costs.

BY WILLIAM COOK.

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PARIS, March 24.—(Special cable.)—

Following a suggestion made recently in French newspapers that the allies pool their war debts comes a proposition to make some of the neutrals help pay the cost of war, European neutrals in particular, though the maker of this proposition, Daniel Blumenthal, former deputy for Colmar, says the trans-

Atlantic neutrals should not be forgotten.

The reason M. Blumenthal gives for the proposition is that through the war many neutrals have become immensely rich, and are today better prepared for export trade than the belligerents. He then points out that the neutrals' losses through acts of war are very small, resulting mostly in ships sunk by Germany and for which they are indemnified.

He further says neutrals could not object and that they dare not refuse to join the society of nations if part payment of the war was imposed upon them. Summed up, the proposition really spells a tax on neutral profits arising out of the war, just as manufacturers are taxed in France. It meets with little favor here.

Heppner Elks to Build Lodge Home.

HEPPNER, Or., March 23.—(Special.)—At a meeting of Heppner lodge, No. 328, B. P. O. E., it was definitely decided to erect a lodge home in this city. A building committee, consisting of Oscar Borg, E. A. McMenamin and J. F. Vaughn, was appointed to

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