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BULGARIA TO BE NEUTRAL

Minister to Greece Gives Assurance His Country Will Not Enter European War

PARIS, Sept. 18. — A Havas agency dispatch from Athens says that the Bulgarian Minister to Greece has assured the government that Bulgaria has decided to maintain the strictest neutrality until the end of war.

WED AT BANDON.

A. J. Counts and Mrs. Nellie Jorgenson were married Saturday evening at the Jorgenson home on Elmira avenue, Rev. F. J. Chatburn officiating. Mr. Counts is the road supervisor in this district.—Bandon Recorder.

BUSINESS FINE IN DRY TOWNS

Arrests Fewer. Bank Deposits Greater

SALOONS ARE OCCUPIED

MERCHANTS ALL ENTHUSIASTIC —BUILDING PERMITS FAR GREATER—STORY OF DRY TOWNS TOLD.

BY ORTON E. GOODWIN, Publicity Department, Committee of One Hundred.

There is only one fair way to find out what Oregon dry will do for Oregon. That is by investigating what Oregon dry has done for those parts of Oregon now dry.

So far as can be learned in Salem, Oregon City, Roseburg, Albany, Eugene and other Oregon dry towns, business has been better in all lines, save that of the saloon, in every dry town.

Why, even in Pendleton, which voted wet after being dry, but which will probably vote dry, many merchants are now in favor of a dry town and declare collections were better, business better and bad debts fewer when the town was dry.

Building Now Better.

In Salem, building has been greater since the town went dry. There are but few vacant houses, and those vacant are described as "shacks." Practically every saloon has been re-tenanted by other lines of business, and one of the principal saloon sites has been replaced by a fine new building block.

Since Salem went dry a \$20,000 brick building has been erected and a \$40,000 business block is going up. Doesn't look as if dry Salem hurt that town, does it?

Better Building Results.

Salem went dry January 1, 1914. The building permits for the first eight months of 1913, when the town was wet, total \$388,925. For the first eight months of 1914 they were \$422,385, an increase of \$33,460.

Another instance of a dry town helping business! Absence of the saloon always means better business, for the money that once went to the saloon goes into trade. Checks cashed once in saloons are cashed in stores—and part of them are spent there, in place of in the saloons.

There were 254 arrests for the first seven months of 1913 in Salem for drunkenness; in 1914 the arrests totaled only 47 for the same cause.

Stores Enlarge Premises.

The three largest stores have had to remodel their premises because of increased business, when other towns—wet at that—have been complaining.

In Oregon City arrests have decreased 60 per cent. Violations of the state liquor laws (bootlegging and so forth), are now less than one-half.

You see the saloon men never used to obey the law—in a dry town they have to obey it.

Bank Deposits Increase.

Deposits in the banks have increased. There is more building. Bad debts are being cleared up. Collections are easier. Not one mill check has been cashed in a saloon. All business men say trade is better.

Which answers the question as to why the cry has come from all over Oregon for a dry town.

L. Adams, one of the leading Oregon City merchants, said: "Since Oregon City went dry, business has much improved. Collections are easier. I have fewer bad bills on my books than I had a year ago. People now have a tendency to buy their goods at home. I used to cash 15 checks on mill pay nights. Now I cash 50. The abolition of the saloon has turned a vast sum of money daily into the channels of trade in Oregon City." All of which answers the question of whether a town is better wet or dry.

Paid advertisement by the Committee of One Hundred, 748 Morgan Building, Portland, Ore.

NORTH BEND NEWS

Mrs. T. Osborne and children have gone to Hood River to make their home.

Miss Alice Watters has gone to Oregon City to spend the winter at the home of her sister.

Frank Eisminger has sold the Midget Cafe to Happy Burgess, who has taken possession.

The North Bend Harbor will issue a semi-weekly edition from now until after the November election.

Perham & Gidley have presented a bill for \$4000 for extras in the recent street grading contracts here.

Iris Elrod has resumed his position as manager of the Woolen Mill store following a vacation trip to San Francisco.

A. J. Brumbaugh, recently from Springfield, has purchased P. A. McNabb's interest in the Esther Hotel and taken possession.

Mrs. J. E. Stevens has returned from an extended stay at her old home in Michigan and will contest the divorce suit started by her husband.

E. B. Curtis has gone to Shipherd's Springs, Washington, to join his brother, W. B. Curtis, of Marshfield, who is spending his vacation there.

Robert Noble, of Boise, Idaho, has begun suit against R. A. Bock of North Bend, to collect a \$500 note which Bock gave several years ago as a bonus for the Boise Valley Railroad.

Miss Ida B. Mitchell and her friend, Mrs. Triak, of Cadiz, Ohio, who arrived on the last Breakwater, have gone to Miss Mitchell's home-stand near Allegany for a short stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Denny Hull have taken apartments in the Frank Frame home. Mr. Hull has been looking after the duties of City Wharfinger Warren Painter while the latter has been enjoying a vacation trip to California.

City Attorney Derbyshire has been notified that the damage suit of Harry Barnes versus the City of North Bend for \$5000 damages for false imprisonment over non-payment of a teamster's license, has been dismissed on request of the plaintiff.

Miss Hickey, a former North Bend teacher, is one of the instructors in the Bandon schools this year. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tanner and Mrs. Hickey, who have been visiting on the Bay, will spend a few weeks with her at Bandon, and then return to their home in Washington.

RUSSIA'S HOUR

PERHAPS the most significant event since the opening of the tremendous European war drama is the "form" shown by Russia.

It was to be expected that Germany would be powerfully aggressive and that France would show brilliancy and dash with less steadiness; that the first month of hostilities would record victories and defeats for both sides. The first big surprise of the war came when the Belgians flamed up against the invading Germans and delayed for three weeks their march against Paris. And those three weeks, enabling France and England to mobilize and dispose their forces, gave Russia her opportunity.

The Russian mobilization, necessarily slow and difficult on account of the vast extent of the country and the lack of railroads, was accomplished in half the time the world expected. Thus, by the time the Germans were ready to assault the first line of French national defenses, the Russians had crossed the German border and were moving irresistibly through East Prussia.

The rapidity and vigor of that invasion have astonished every observer, and must have struck Germany with dismay. Here, obviously, is an army very different from the army that Japan cut to pieces in Manchuria, in preparedness, discipline and morale.

East Prussia was not strongly defended, Germany possibly expected that it would be occupied by Russia as far as the Vistula River, by the time she herself had struck the allies a mortal blow in the west and could spare a strong force from her French campaign to drive back her eastern foe. But Germany did not foresee that before she was really across the French frontier Russia would have swept East Prussia with the right wing of an army of 3,000,000 men. Invaded Austria with the left wing and driven a powerful central column toward Posen—with a second army of nearly 6,000,000 forming in the rear.

Posen is only 140 miles from Berlin. With Posen captured, the capital of the empire would be in danger. The Russians seem as likely to enter Berlin as the Germans to enter Paris. The victory of the Germans in their first real battle with the allies need not conceal the fact that Germany's predicament is serious. She must win quickly or she may be ground to pieces between the great armies of the west and east. Austria cannot help—there are the remorseless Russian millions pressing into Galicia, with Serbia at her back and Italy menacing beyond.

And if Germany is conquered, Russia may win the supreme credit and prestige of the victory.

War To The Bitter End; Tone Of Allies Peace Agreement

LONDON, Sept. 18.—The following is the full text of the agreement recently signed by Russia, Great Britain and France, that none should make peace without the consent of all three nations: "The undersigned, duly authorized thereto by their respective governments, hereby declare as follows: The British, French and Russian governments mutually engage not to conclude peace separately during the present war. The three governments agree that when the terms of peace come to be discussed, no one of the allies will demand conditions of peace without the previous agreement of each of the other allies. "In faith whereof, the undersigned have signed this declaration and have affixed thereto their seals. "Done at London in triplicate this fifth day of September, nineteen hundred and fourteen.

"E. GREY,
British Secretary for Foreign Affairs
"PAUL CAMBON,
French Ambassador to Great Britain
"BENCKENDORFF,
Russian Ambassador to Great Britain

WAR IS WORSE.

By Everett Dean Martin.
GENERAL SHERMAN said, "War is Hell." He meant that war is the greatest evil that he could think of. He was right, but Sherman was a better soldier than a theologian. He knew more about war than he did about hell. He had already been in war.

If anything could be worse than hell it is war. We have been taught that people who suffer in hell are the ones that ought to be there. But the victims of war have no business there. They ought to be at home, making a living for their families, doing something useful, and enjoying life.

It is said that the people who go to hell reach that unhappy place as a result of their own deliberate choice. But those who go to war are often forced into it—often beaten and dragged into it against their will, through the choice, or blunders or selfish ambition of somebody else.

We understand that in hell, whatever that is, only the guilty suffer. But in war it is the innocent that suffer and the guilty sit back in some safe place and grab off whatever profit or honor there is.

Moreover, I am sure that the scholars must be able to find some sort of arguments, however inadequate to many minds, to justify the existence of a hell, since so many good and wise men have believed that there must be one.

But there is no argument that will justify to a reasonable mind the existence of war.

And besides, it may be remarked, there is nobody who doubts the existence of war.

Yes, war is worse in many ways.

BANDON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

That Bandon is still growing in population is evidenced by the fact that on the opening day of school there was a large increase in attendance over the opening day last year. The enrollment this year was 481 in the grades and 98 in the high school, making a total of 579. On the opening day last year the enrollment in the grades was 462 and in the high school 71, making a total of 533, or a gain of 46 this year over last.—Bandon Recorder.

VIENNA FACES A FAMINE

PARIS, Sept. 18.—According to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Temps, a famine is feared in Vienna within a fortnight. Dispatches from the Austrian capital say there are 250,000 persons without work and the number is increasing rapidly. All stores are closed and the people are despondent.

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