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POSEY'S COSY CORNER.

I've often wondered at it, but never yet have I known a mouse to do any serious damage to a woman.

Any man that'll let the preacher pick out a wife for him has got his feet pocket's full of lottery tickets.

It don't take people long, after a new hospital's been finished, to find out that they're something serious the matter with their innards.

'Y cripes! Human natur's queer. We wear our hands to the bone and our brains clean down to our necks tryin' to get money, when the best things on earth can't be bought with dollars and cents.

Since Oregon went dry we see lots o' funny things. The other day I saw poor old Lige Willets tryin' to blow the foam off'n a glass o' soddy water.

What's become of all the blue-jeans britches, Paisley shawls and Balmoral skirts us ust to dress up in?

Some men are born rich, others have long, limber fingers. It takes a pile o' religion to get a feller through hay harvest.

You can talk about the Crime of Seventy-Three, but it ain't a patchin' to the sufferin' caused by the recent raise in the price o' plug tobacco.

"It takes money to make the mare go," but you've got to invest it in a fawhite whip. DICK POSEY.

People's Forum

Thinks Ashland is Best.

Editor Tidings: We are supposed to be pleasure riding in sunny California. As a matter of fact, we have been silently speeding across dreary winter landscapes, through a cold, foggy atmosphere that chills to the marrow. We have been lured southward by the enticing news of three heat prostrations at Pasadena on New Year's day. We spent New Year's eve at Redding, listening to the shooting and yelling of a drunken mob on the streets. The way to appreciate Ashland is to visit a few beer-befuddled California cities. Saloons and foreigners make a big difference.

At Edgewood we were waved by two Ashland girls, Minerva Bailey and May Hadfield, who are visiting on a big ranch nearby and having the time of their lives.

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Redding to eat our lunch, we were surprised to find a cousin and aunt of Rev. Dunlap, a former Ashlander.

At Dunsmuir we were met at the depot by O. E. Deibert, representing the Ashland colony: Good, Rigg, Rogers, et al. Mrs. Deibert and baby came down on the train to visit hubby, who is pulling down 130 plunks per month, having already received a raise.

Sold the rest of my apples, about 600 boxes, to a Sacramento dealer. Think this market should be cultivated, as the dealers do not do a commission business, but pay cash. About 350 boxes of my apples were in a car which had just arrived from Ashland, shipped by G. O. Van Natta.

Friday we took dinner with the Schweinleys, former Ashlanders. Rev. S. is pastor of the Congregational church, and during the past year the congregations have averaged 135 in the mornings and 135 in the evenings. Since the present pastor took charge of the work a large parsonage has been built and a \$1,200 pipe organ installed and paid for. Max is attending college at San Jose and planning to be a pharmacist, while Leslie looks to the law as his future profession. Mrs. S. is as busy as ever in good works and longs to visit her friends at the Granite City.

Bakersfield has a population of nearly 20,000, being built up by the oil business. Taft, where Earl Fralley and wife are located, is 40 miles west.

Jackson county's 25-mile speed limit seems slow, as we often pass the 30-mile-per-hour mark. Tomorrow we expect to cross the Tehachapi mountains and drop down Bouquet canyon into the summer southland, where we hope to thaw out and recover from the effects of a week of California climate.

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Lane county authorities are inclined to doubt the theory that E. J. Frasier, formerly an extensive property owner of Eugene, who fled from Benton county after his conviction for forgery, committed suicide by jumping into the sea at Gearhart. Property belonging to Frasier picked up on the beach was received by the officers here. It included some papers and contracts, clothing and \$1.70 in money. There was no other evidence that Frasier had ended his own life. No message of any kind was found among the papers.—Roseburg Review.

Governor Withycombe has placed in the hands of the attorney general evidence showing that Marshallfield drug stores and soft drink establishments have been selling extracts to loggers which have been demoralizing and intoxicating them, proving a serious handicap to timbermen in getting out government lumber.

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The horrors deliberately and systematically inflicted upon the people of Belgium by the German soldiers, under the orders of their commanding officers, are shown in all their hideousness by official documents and the testimony of eye-witnesses, as well as by letters written by German soldiers in the field. The brazen effort of Emperor William to cast the odium of the fearful deeds on the Belgians is also shown. Quotations given are from documents already made public or in the possession of the government at Washington.

This interview was reproduced in the Berliner Tageblatt of November 20, 1914.

Mr. F. C. Walcott of the Belgian relief commission tells in the Geographical Magazine for May, 1917, of meeting Gen. von Bernhardt:

"As I walked out, Gen. von Bernhardt came into the room, an expert artilleryman, a professor in one of their war colleges. I met him the next morning, and he asked me if I had read his book, 'Germany in the Next War.'"

"I said I had. He said: 'Do you know, my friends nearly ran me out of the country for that?' They said, 'You have let the cat out of the bag.' I said, 'No, I have not, because nobody will believe it.' What did you think of it?"

"I said, 'General, I did not believe a word of it when I read it, but I now feel that you did not tell the whole truth,' and the old general looked actually pleased."

Speaking on August 29, 1914, at Munster, of the extreme measures which the Germans felt obliged to take against the civil population of Belgium, Gen. von Bissing said:

"The innocent must suffer with the guilty. . . . In the repression of infamy, human lives cannot be spared, and if isolated houses, flourishing villages, and even entire towns are annihilated, that is assuredly regrettable, but it must not excite ill-timed sentimentality. All this must not in our eyes weigh as much as the life of a single one of our brave soldiers—the rigorous accomplishment of duty is the emanation of a high kultur, and in that, the population of the enemy countries can learn a lesson from our army."

Officers Encouraged Atrocities.

Gen. von Bissing, after his appointment as governor general of Belgium, repeated in substance the above opinion to a Dutch journalist. The interview is published in the Dusseldorfer Anzeiger of December 8, 1914.

Irvin S. Cobb states his conclusions on the responsibility of the higher German command for the atrocities:

"But I was an eyewitness to crimes which, measured by the standards of humanity and civilization, impressed me as worse than any individual excess, any individual outrage, could ever have been or can ever be; because these crimes indubitably were instigated on a wholesale basis by order of officers of rank, and must have been carried out under their personal supervision, direction, and approval. 'Taking the physical evidence offered before our own eyes, and buttressing it with the statements made to us, not only by natives, but German soldiers and German officers, we could reach but one conclusion, which was that here, in such and such a place, those in command had said to the troops: 'Spare this town and these people.' And there they had said: 'Waste this town and shoot these people.' And here the troops had discriminatedly spared, and there they had indiscriminately wasted, in exact accordance with the word of their superiors."—Irvin Cobb, Speaking of Prussians, New York, 1917, pp. 32-34.

Hoodwinked German People.

These ideas, then, were systematically impressed upon the military and official classes. It was necessary, however, to work upon the minds of the German people, so that they might lend themselves to the inhuman policies advocated by the military leaders. To do this was difficult, for, as has been shown often, many of the civilian leaders of public opinion, time and again, expressed their horror of the

new spirit which was animating the military authorities. The reichstag debates give ample evidence of this, and the task of the military leaders would have been still more difficult if the reichstag had any real power. (See War Information Series No. 3, "The Government of Germany," see also Gerard's "My Four Years in Germany," chapter 2.)

The military authorities and those in sympathy with them have done all in their power to stimulate a hatred of other peoples in the minds of the Germans. A campaign of education before the war was carried on with the object of impressing upon the minds of the Germans the treacherous nature of the peoples against whom the military leaders were anxious to wage war. Not only were the Germans gradually led to believe that it was necessary to fight a defensive war against unscrupulous foes, but also that these foes would violate every precept of humanity, and consequently must be crushed without mercy as a measure of self-defense. The fruits of this campaign of suspicion and hatred became evident when almost at the outbreak of the war many Germans became possessed with the belief that the whole population of Belgium, the first country to be invaded, had violated every rule of honorable warfare, that the franc-tirailleurs (snipers) were everywhere present doing their deadly work in secrecy or under the cover of darkness; that women and even children were mutilating and killing the wounded or helpless prisoners.

Extract from a letter written by a German soldier to his brother. (This letter, now in the possession of the United States government, was obtained for this pamphlet from Mr. J. C. Grew, formerly secretary to the United States embassy at Berlin.)

"November 4, 1914.

"The battles are everywhere extremely tenacious and bloody. The Englishmen we hate most and we want to get even with them for once. While one now and then sees French prisoners, one hardly ever beholds French black troops or Englishmen. These good people are not overlooked by our infantrymen; that sort of people is mowed down without mercy. The losses of the Englishmen must be enormous. There is a desire to wipe them out, root and all."

Urged to Kill Without Pity.

Extract from another letter to a brother:

Schleswig, 25. 8. 14 (Aug. 25, 1914).

"Dear Brother. . . . You will shortly go to Brussels with your regiment, as you know. Take care to protect yourself against these civilians, especially in the villages. Do not let anyone come too near. They are very clever, cunning, fellows, these Belgians; even the women and children are armed and fire their guns. Never go inside a house, especially alone. If you take anything to drink make the inhabitants drink first, and keep at a distance from them. The newspapers relate numerous cases in which they have fired on our soldiers whilst they were drinking. Our soldiers must spread around so much fear of yourselves that no civilian will venture to come near you. Remain always in the company of others. I hope that you have read the newspapers and that you know how to behave. Above all have no compassion for these cut-throats. Make for them without pity with the butt-end of your rifle and the bayonet."

"Your brother. WILL."

The emperor gave his sanction to the reports of the brutal acts of the Belgians in a telegram to President Wilson.

"Berlin, via Copenhagen, Sept. 7, 1914.

"I feel it my duty, Mr. President, to inform you as the most prominent representative of principles of humanity, that after taking the French fortress of Longwy, my troops discovered there thousands of dum dum cartridges made by special government machinery. The same kind of ammunition was found on killed and wounded troops and prisoners, also on the British troops. You know what terrible wounds and suffering these bullets inflict and that their use is strictly forbidden by the established rules of international law. I therefore address a solemn protest to you against this kind of warfare, which, owing to the methods of our adversaries, has become one of the most barbarous known in history. Not only have they employed these atrocious weapons, but the Belgian government has openly encouraged and long since carefully prepared the participation of the Belgian civil population in the fighting. The atrocities committed even by women and priests in this guerrilla warfare, also on wounded soldiers, medical staff and nurses, doctors killed, hospitals attacked by rifle fire, were such that my generals finally were compelled to take the most drastic measures in order to punish the guilty and to frighten the bloodthirsty population from continuing their work of vile murder and horror. Some villages and even the old town of Louvain (Louvain), excepting the fine hotel de ville, had to be destroyed in self-defense, and for the protection of my troops. My heart bleeds when I see that such measures have become unavoidable and when I think of the numerous innocent people who lose their home and property as a consequence of the barbarous behavior of those criminals. Signed, William, Emperor and King "GERARD, Berlin."

Lorenz Muller in the German Catholic Review, Der Feis, February, 1915, made the following statement in regard to the emperor's telegram:

"Officially no instance has been proven of persons having fired with the help of priests from the towers of churches. All that has been made known up to the present, and that has



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been made the object of inquiry concerning alleged atrocities attributed to Catholic priests during this war, has been shown to be false and altogether imaginary, without any exception. Our emperor telegraphed to the president of the United States of America that even women and priests had committed atrocities during this guerrilla warfare on wounded soldiers, doctors and nurses attached to the field ambulances. How this telegram can be reconciled with the fact stated above we shall not be able to learn until after the war."

KAISER'S MESSAGE IS ONE OF BLUSTER

Emperor William has addressed the following New Year order to the army and navy:

"A year of heavy and important battles has come to a close. The gigantic battles which raged from spring to fall on Belgian and French soil were decided in favor of our glorious arms. In the east the offensive spirit of our armies, by powerful blows, achieved great success. Our arms there are now at rest. Brilliant victories in a few days destroyed the Italian offensive preparations of the year.

"In co-operation with my army, my fleet has again proved its efficiency by daring enterprises. The submarines are unwaveringly performing their difficult and effective work. Filled with pride and admiration, we survey the heroic band of our colonial troops.

"The German people in arms has thus everywhere, on land and sea, achieved great deeds. But our enemies still hope, with the assistance of new allies, to defeat you and then to destroy forever the world position won by Germany in hard endeavor. They will not succeed. Trusting in our righteous cause and in our strength, we face the year 1918 with firm confidence and iron will. Therefore, forward with God to fresh deeds and fresh victories."

Phone job orders to the Tidings.

A rumor of trouble between the sheep men and the homesteaders of northern California has reached this city. Unverified reports are to the effect that armed men have threatened the lives of the herders who are ranging sheep in the forest reserves just south of the state line. O. T. McKendrie, a prominent sheep man here, who has sheep in that district, left this morning to investigate the matter.—Klamath Falls Herald.

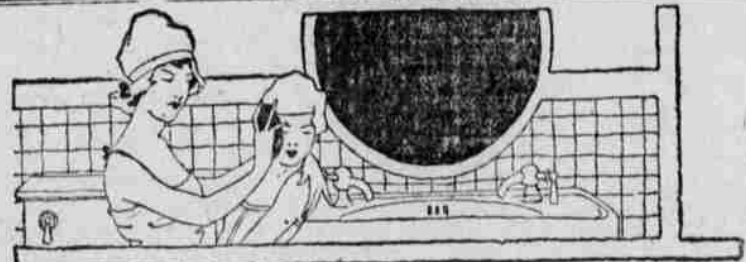
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