

## German Political Crimes Condemned

The supreme war council has issued a statement condemning German political crimes against the Russian and Rumanian peoples, and refusing to acknowledge German's treaties with them.

They set forth at length a strong indictment against the outrageous proceedings and practices which the Germans have indulged so riotously against people completely at their mercy. The statement follows:

### Council Statement.

"The prime ministers and foreign members of the entente, assembled in London, believe it their duty to take note of the political crimes which, under the name of a German peace, have been committed against the Russian people. Russia is unarmed. Forgetting that for four years Germany has been fighting against the independence of nations, the Russian government, in a mood of singular credulity, expected to obtain by persuasion that democratic peace which it had failed to obtain by war.

### Peace Terms Implicative.

"The results were that the intermediate armistices had not expired before the German command transferred its troops en masse to the western front, and so weak did Russia find herself that she dared to raise no protest against this violation of Germany's pledged word. What followed was of like character, when the German peace was translated into action. It was found to involve the invasion of Russian territory, in the capture of all Russia's means of defense, and the organization of Russian lands for Germany's profit. A proceeding which did not differ from annexation, because the word itself was carefully avoided.

### Sign Treaty Blindly.

"Meanwhile those very Russians who had made military operations impossible found diplomacy impotent. Their representatives were forced to proclaim that while they refused to read the treaty, they had no choice but to sign it; so they signed it, not knowing whether in its true significance it meant peace or war, nor measuring the degree to which Russian national life was reduced by it to a shadow.

"What is true of Russia and of Poland is no less true of Rumania, overwhelmed in a flood of passion.

### Refuse Recognition.

"Peace is loudly advertised, but under the disguise of verbal professions lurk the brutal realities of war and the untempered rule of a lawless force.

"Peace treaties such as these we do not and can not acknowledge. Our own ends are very different. We are fighting and mean to continue fighting in order to finish once for all with this policy of plunder and to establish in its place the peaceful reign of organized justice.

### Fight to End.

"As incidents of this long war unroll themselves before our eyes, more and more clearly do we perceive that the battles for freedom are everywhere interdependent; that no separate enumeration of them is needed and that in every case the single but

all-sufficient appeal is to justice and right. Are justice and right going to win? Insofar as the issues depend upon battles yet to come, we may surely put our trust in our armies, in conditions even more difficult than the present."

## Army and Navy News

Shannon Oliver of Phoenix, who was on board the Tuscania when it was torpedoed, wrote to his mother recently that he was in the ship hospital with mumps when the casualty occurred. He was able to get on deck, but was in poor condition to work. He did not attempt to get in a lifeboat as the sea was rough and many were upset as soon as launched, and considered it was safer to remain on board as long as possible. At 8:15, just two hours after the ship had been torpedoed, he slid down a rope onto the deck of a British destroyer and was safe. After picking up a lot of men who were in the water, the young man said, they went into a little town on the Irish coast, where they stayed a few days, and where he claims he never was treated nicer in his life.

Will Holmes, who has been in the post exchange at Fort Stevens assisting Sergeant Andy McGee, has been promoted to corporal and is drilling recruits. He had charge of a squad of Swedes at last reports.

Virgil Hawley, an Ashland young man who is in France as a member of the 29th engineers, reports great extremes of climate in that particular latitude where he is located. The heat is terrific at midday and freezing at night.

Corporal Guy Lawton, a former Medford boy, who is in the aviation service, was one of the men who started for France about a month ago, when a large number on board the transport became ill with mumps and were landed at Halifax, Nova Scotia, and placed in a hospital. On recovery they were sent back to New York to be started again for France.

Recruiting Sergeant Watson of Medford has received wire instructions from the war department at Washington to cease enlistments for the aviation section of the units of national defense. The order went into effect Saturday night, and will continue valid indefinitely.

Captain Harry G. Keeney of Eugene, who attended the funeral of his mother-in-law, Mrs. M. J. Tibbetts, a short time ago, is now in command of the 13th company, Columbia National Guard, at Fort Stevens. Many original 1st company boys from Ashland are in this company.

Mario Drillman, who has lived in Ashland for the past two years, has enlisted in the artillery branch of the army, and will report for duty at Vancouver Barracks in two weeks. Previous to that he will visit his uncle, Dr. Julio Engelman, in San Francisco.

First Lieutenant C. E. Watson, son of Judge C. B. Watson of Ashland, has been transferred from Camp Lee, Virginia, to Camp Humphreys, near Washington, D. C., where he has been assigned to the 601st engineers.

John H. Moore, a former Ashland boy, who has been in the navy for several years, has been promoted to lieutenant commander.

## High School Notes

(By Dave Whittle.)

Last Thursday at noon Mr. Moore read to the student body the first of a series of pamphlets issued by the department of labor. The object of the movement is to organize all the boys of the country between the ages of 16 and 21 for work on the farms during the summer. The project met with approval. It will provide a way for those too young to enter the service to help Uncle Sam.

Olin Conwell and William Allen were absent from school Wednesday of last week. They were doing some orchard work.

A senior meeting called last Friday morning decided to give the customary senior play, have the usual "high old times" after graduation, and selected the style of pictures and invitations. Simplicity marks everything, the pictures being small, mounted portraits done in brown sepia and the invitations a double sheet of folded paper stamped with a small coat-of-arms. The writing on the invitations is to be in script.

Lyle Sams has quit school, having enough credits to graduate with his class this spring.

Professor Briscoe made a talk to the assembly Monday morning, in

which he urged more stringent efforts be put forth in the thrift stamp campaign and asked for co-operation in the proposed drive for books for the soldiers and sailors. He also urged all the girls who could to come out on Tuesday and Thursday nights to help with the Junior Red Cross work.

Coach King has a Lizzy.

A committee met with Miss Lilly Monday afternoon of this week and decided on the play to be given by the seniors. The play decided upon is "Charley's Aunt," a play of college life in three acts. It was due to the kindness of Mr. George Watson that we were able to secure this play.

Edgar Buchanan traded his old bicycle to Mr. Woods in part payment for a new one.

Edith Moody, a member of the class of '17, who has been teaching the Neil Creek school, was a visitor of the senior high Tuesday.

Tryouts for the senior play have been in progress for the past several days. Eleven are needed for the cast and some very good material has been proven to be in the class. Arvin Burnett seems to have landed the leading part.

Tuesday night approximately thirty girls came out for work in the refugee garment-making department. Professor Moore was greatly pleased with the response to the appeal made to the girls.

The remains of Hoc On, an old Chinaman, were found hanging to an oak tree in Scarface gulch near Gazelle, Tuesday, by four of the deceased's countrymen. Hoc On disappeared on or about January 10 and a careful search had been made for him since that time. The reason for the rash act is not known. When last seen the deceased was considered

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to be all right mentally and apparently nothing worried him. When found Hoc On's knees and toes were touching the ground. An inquest was held by Coroner Turner at Gazelle Tuesday. The jury rendered a verdict that the deceased came to his death by suicide. Hoc On was about 70 years of age. For the past forty years he had been a resident of Siskiyou county. He followed mining.—Yreka News.

The war seems to have reduced every resource of the kaiser except his family. That still remains intact. Hohenzollern patriotism is of the safe variety.



Helen June Hall, soprano, with Boston English Opera, presenting *Il Trovatore* at Page Theatre, March 26.

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## AT THE CHURCHES

**First Church of Christ, Scientist.**  
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**Trinity Episcopal Church.**  
Vicar, the Rev. P. K. Hammond. Holy communion at 7:30 a. m. Sunday school at 9:45. Morning service and sermon at 11. Mrs. Hockett will sing "The Palms." Strangers cordially welcomed. No evening service.

**Congregational Church.**  
Next Sunday morning Mr. Brett will speak on "Christ's Triumphant Entry Into Jerusalem." The following musical program will be rendered: Quartet, "Palm Leaves," J. Faure; soprano, Mrs. Roy G. Walker; tenor, J. G. Anderson; alto, Mrs. L. A. Stewart; baritone, Percy Stratton. Tenor solo, "Jerusalem," Henry Parker, J. G. Anderson.  
Evening worship and song service at 7:30. Everybody welcome.

**Baptist Church.**  
Rev. W. N. Ferris, minister. Bible school at 9:45 a. m. Divine worship at 11 a. m. Sermon by pastor. Reports from teams on the million-dollar fund expected. Young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m. Service of song and sermon at 7:30 p. m. Mid-week prayer service Thursday at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Ferris will speak. There will be special music. All are cordially invited. Strangers always welcome.

**Christian Church.**  
Bible school at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 by the pastor, W. L. Mellinger. Next Sunday is the beginning of a week's revival meeting with Mrs. Stevenson of Portland as musical director. C. E. at 6:30 on the subject, "Remedies for Intemperance." Leader, Hugh Swaggart. Evening service at the usual hour.

**Nazarene Church.**  
Beginning with next Sunday night, all evening services will be one-half hour later. Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching at 11 by the pastor; subject, "The Price of Sanctification." Every person must be sanctified to get into heaven (Eph. 5:25-27), hence the importance of the subject. Y. P. H. L. at 7. Preaching at 8 by Mrs. Mina Ashcraft. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8. Friday afternoon meeting at the Smith residence on Sixth street at 2:30. A cordial invitation given to all.—Dorman D. Edwards, pastor.

## SCIENTISTS REVOLT AT SPREADING GERMS

The learned chemists and scientists throughout Germany are said to be rebelling against the orders issued by military authorities that they devote their time to the culture of disease bacilli and the successful inoculation of these bacilli into munitions to be used against Germany's foes. Recently a noted chemist lost his own life when he had apparently solved the problem of how to transmit deadly germs, perishing miserably when he became inoculated with his new-found discovery. Following his death, other scientists were drafted to take up the work where the dead man had stopped.

One professor not only refused to become a party to such a scheme, but exposed those who had attempted to commission him to commit such a crime against humanity. The military authorities first tried to induce him into silence by peaceful methods, but after discovering that the noted scientist could not be so easily quieted, imprisoned him for failure to serve the state in civilian capacity.

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scientist declared it was not for any subject of Germany to say whether the duty imposed was human or inhuman; that when the state summoned any citizen to perform a duty it was for him to obey implicitly.

A number of chemists are said to have been imprisoned for having refused to serve the state in such manner, and in Wurttemberg it is reported that six artillery officers were executed for having refused to use disease-inoculated ammunition against the enemy of the western front.

Many of the most influential German scientists have taken a decided stand against the inhuman methods employed by the German military heads and have refused to enter into the cultivation of disease bacilli. Only the chemists of the lower grade have shown a willingness to carry on the undertaking.

Old papers for sale at Tidings office.

## LUMBER CUT OF MILLS IN WESTERN STATES

Lumber census reports received up to March 15, by District Forester G. H. Cecil, show that 205 large mills in Oregon and Washington cut five and one-half billion board feet during 1917. This is 150 million board feet more than the cut of the same mills for 1916.

The returns available are as yet incomplete, although about three-fourths of the mills of the two states have sent in reports. Because of the need for an accurate census, due to the country's war-time demand for lumber, officials in charge of the work are urging mills which have not yet reported to do so as soon as possible.

Miss Barbara Keeler, who came from Dunsmuir Saturday to visit at the home of Mrs. Dora Cress, returned to her home Wednesday.

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