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"AMERICA."

The following prose-poem is from the pen of Mary Q. C. Gilmore of Houston, Texas, and granddaughter of Prof. Gilmore of this city:

There was a time when prosperity and peace had greatly changed her. When many lost their high ideals and craved The things which gave them pleasure and great riches, While the thought of others slaving they had waived, But now, since War's dark hand became so cruel, And suffering has come to other lands, And America is fighting for her brothers, This nation begins to loosen social bands. So, with the strength and loyalty she ever has, Becoming great and larger day by day, This glorious country shall keep fighting, Till the right and peace and honor win the way. With the people of this democratic nation Co-operating each and every one And doing all they can to help their country, We surely must and will overthrow the Hun. America, for years, has served her people. Now, let us serve America instead, The flag that has the stars and stripes for freedom Must never to the Teuton host be fed. God bless our native and adopted land And may she always firmly stand A bulwark for all that's right Against the miseries of heartless might.

American troops permanently took over a part of the firing line as an American sector in January, 1918.

The navy ration in 1917 cost \$0.438, as against \$0.37684 in 1916. About 60,000 officers and men are engaged in coast patrol work of the navy.

High School Will Present Operetta

The senior high school will present the beautiful operetta "Bulbul", by Maude Elizabeth Inch and W. Rhys Herbert at the Chautauqua building Friday evening, May 10.

This operetta is under the direction of Miss Anderson, musical director of the schools, and will be presented by the members of the high school. Following is the cast of characters:

Jamit—A well meaning but fussy little monarch Harry Silver
 Bulbul—His beauteous daughter Isabel Barron
 Caspian—An amiable young prince Richard Shim
 Ida—The court chaperon Alta Scott
 Lilla—A friend of Bulbul Grace Bess
 Alain—A friend to Caspian Olin Conwell
 Dosay—Keeper of the Royal Spectacles Archie Eubanks
 Justo—Keeper of the Royal Cashbox Max Camps
 Maids of Honor—Bernice Myer, Mae Skeen, Laura Wenner, Ruth York, Helen Walker, Rita Gard, Marion Summers.

Friends of Prince Caspian—Chas. Cooley, Alward Leavitt, Roy Rogers, Dwight Gregg, Calvin McClelland.

Chorus—Fifty voices. City orchestra.

Argument

Jamit has betrothed his only child, the Princess Bulbul, to the Prince Caspian and the prince is on his way to attend the wedding. The couple have never met, and the princess vainly implores her father not to make her marry a man she has never seen. The prince, on his side, determines to see his future wife before the betrothal ceremony. On reaching the outskirts of the city he disguises himself and his friends as peddlers, and thus clad they seek the palace. The prince enters the garden first and meets the maids of honor. After much persuasion he is allowed to seek the princess, who is roaming disconsolately through the woods. The prince-peddler speedily wins Bulbul's affections and endeavors to persuade her to give up the Prince Caspian and elope with him instead. This the princess refuses to do. They agree to meet once more in the ballroom that evening to say goodbye. Unable to part with the man she loves, Bulbul hides him behind a curtain, bidding him to trust her. Consternation reigns later when the king and court learn that the prince and princess are both missing. All are still more horrified when Bulbul enters the ballroom, a long cloak over her gown, and announces that she will not wed the prince, but instead the man she loves—a peddler. Throwing aside the curtain, behind which the prince is hidden, she exposes him to the full view of king and court. Grief is turned to joy. The king recognizes in the supposed peddler, the prince, and Bulbul is too pleased at the outcome to be indignant at the prank played upon her. In the meantime, Ida, who has always had a lingering fondness for the king, proposes to him under a promise he made that afternoon, and he is bound to consent. Alain and Lilla make a third happy couple, and the three weddings are set for "Tuesday at noon".

REGISTRATION LIST OF JACKSON COUNTY

The following is a complete list of registrations, showing the number registered in the various parties up to close of registration on April 13, 1918:

Republican—Male, 3286; female, 2455; total, 5741.
 Democratic—Male, 1909; female, 1414; total 3325.
 Progressive—Male, 27; female, 7; total, 34.
 Prohibition—Male, 56; female, 166; total, 222.
 Socialist—Male, 213; female, 96; total, 309.
 Miscellaneous—Male, 223; female, 171; total, 394.
 Totals, male, 5714; female, 4039; grand total, 10023.

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Steer Clear of All Acts of Disloyalty

In the "Loyalty Leaflet," issued by the committee on public information, Hon. Joseph Buffington, senior United States circuit judge, makes the following instructions to applicants for naturalization:

"In the first place, I want to say that I have made it my duty to find out what our government would do in case of war, and whether it would follow the example of the nations abroad and would intern men who had at one time been citizens of countries at war with us. I am glad to say to you that the government has no purpose to intern any men and that any man who is interned will intern himself by proving that the government ought to intern him. The government is going to start out with thrusting and believing in all who are living here, and there will be no interning or depriving any foreign-born man of any country of his liberty so long as that man is truly loyal to America.

"And I want to tell you, further, that our government feels very strongly that any ill will or bad treatment by any American citizen toward any foreign-born man, simply because he was born in a country with which America is at war, would be a serious blot upon the good name of America. I am glad to give this assurance to our foreign-born people, and to let every man who does no wrong to the government know that the government will not imprison or disturb him. So much for the good will of the government toward them.

"And how about their good will toward the government? This leads me to give a further message of caution and friendly advice to those who may have a bad will toward our government, or who are listening to bad advice, or who for any reason are becoming disloyal to America, or turning their faces away from her. My advice to such men and women is to 'stop, look and listen' before they go further, for in times like these such a course can not but lead to a sorry end.

"War is the dividing line. Remember what was only foolish and unwise in word and deed last week, in peace, may be treason when war comes. Remember, when war comes, no man can serve two masters. As of old the message comes, 'Choose ye this day whom ye shall serve.'

"There is no such thing as half treason. Any treason is all treason. And let no foreign-born man, who is today in the United States, comfort himself that, because he has not become a naturalized citizen, he owes no allegiance to the United States, and that he can not be punished for treason to the United States.

"My advice, therefore, to every foreign-born man and woman who is staying in the United States today is to keep clear of any disloyalty; keep clear of any one who counsels or advises it. Indeed, any one, native, naturalized, or alien, who knows of such disloyal plans, purposes, or schemes is already on dangerous ground, although he may not himself have done a thing; for as your friend I should tell you that there is not only treason which consist of overt acts, but there is a lesser treason which consists in knowing of treason by others against the United States and not making it known.

"So in these times the safe path for native-born, naturalized and the alien is not only to avoid treason one's self but if one learns of it, to either go in person or write some of the officers named in this statute and tell him what one knows.

"It is not necessary for me to tell you the many forms treason may take, for treason will always find a hundred different secret ways in which it can give aid and sympathy to the enemy. But right can take but one plain course. Be loyal, true, straight, and square to the government and you will be sure you are not committing treason. I am not trying to tell people how near they can approach it. I am telling them how far they can keep from the line by simply being loyal to the flag and to America.

"When a man is driving along a precipice he tries to drive as far away from the edge as he can. My advice to every foreign-born man who comes to me will be: Put a flag at your door, another on your coat, and, above all, keep one in your heart. If you do, you will stand four-square as countryman of Washington and Lincoln, and no nation has ever loved any leader, be he king or kaiser, sultan or czar, as all nations today love George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. In following their loyal footsteps no man of any race can go astray."

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Isms of the Angelesias

"I'm afraid the 'isms' will get me," Billy Sunday is reported to have said when asked why he didn't hold a revival in Los Angeles. Billy must have overcome his fears, which were groundless for the meetings which he held there last fall were a great success. Ask Rev. Carnahan. Not only were tens of thousands of people converted, but the citizens were prevailed upon to prohibit the sale of alcoholic liquors, Los Angeles being the largest city in the world where this has been accomplished. Such saloon signs as this were common: "Forty thousand-dollar stock of liquors for sale March 31. Voted out of business."

The old-time religion is stronger than ever in our southern metropolises. Dozens of splendid orthodox churches adorn the downtown district, including Dr. Torrey's million-dollar bible institute and Church of the Open Door, Trinity M. E. church south, Temple Baptist and First Methodist. The two last named are located on Central Park, right in the thick of it, and all have congregations of two or three thousands every Sunday.

As for the isms, the Christian Scientists are pretty numerous, but all the evidence we saw of Theosophists, Spiritualists, New Thought—ancient teachings of heathen Hindus—and such like, was two lecture rooms in office buildings, where the various agnostics took turns in expounding strange doctrine.

Don't misunderstand me. Some of our finest friends, both in Ashland and Los Angeles, belong to the above-mentioned cults. The writer favors the fullest measure of religious liberty. Those who honestly differ with us in doctrine deserve to be treated with respect and consideration, regardless of what we may think of their theories.

The First Methodist church has 2500 members, and the pastor, Dr. Loche, is a wonderful sermonizer. He has a great deal to say about the war, regarding it as a struggle between right and wrong, the powers of light and the powers of darkness. Dr. Brower, who followed Bob Burdette as pastor of the Temple Baptist church, has held his present position for eight years and is a very popular preacher. His face lighted up at the mention of Ashland, for he has many friends here and cherishes pleasant memories of the Granite City.

In connection with the Church of the Open Door there is a hotel for men and one for women, these twin hostleries being giant 13-story structures. On the roof is a wonderful set of chimes, which are played every evening, sending forth sweet, quiet melodies over the restless city. One of the apartments we occupied was located about four feet from this great institution and we could hear them singing hymns without leaving our rooms. Dr. Horrey was a powerful lecturer and revivalist in his day, but as he grows older his shell seems to harden, and his present preaching is marred by a pugnacious intolerance of the opinions of those who differ with him in doctrine. Dr. Selectman, of Trinity church, is a great pastor, but a poor preacher, exerting a strong influence for good upon the public and private life of the members of his congregation and the entire city.

At the Mexican Methodist church we attended Epworth League services and were surprised at the whole-souled singing and deep devotional interest, contrasting strongly with the sad and hopeless worshippers in the old Catholic mission across the Plaza. "The poor things haven't anything to be happy about," explained a smiling senorita. A tow-headed Hun took a prominent part in the services. A German spy? Perish the thought! And yet, who knows?

O. H. BARNHILL.

BANDON MAN INVENTS NEW ELECTRICAL GUN

J. B. Peters of Bandon has invented a deadly auxiliary for either rifle or heavy field artillery, which has been commandeered by the government. Mr. Peters is a civil engineer, but for many years his hobby has been electricity, and much of his time

has been devoted to a solution of the action of this natural element.

Six months ago he invented the device, which is apparently so promising that the government did not allow him to patent it, but commandeered it after a tryout. The device will, it is expected, revolutionize modern warfare in that where it is used no gunpowder is needed. The device generates its own electricity, making it an economy which will relieve the government of a gigantic expense.

Mr. Peters says the mechanism is simple in construction and the parts are few and the principle not complicated. Mrs. Peters has been taught the entire secret of the device, it is claimed, so that in case anything happens to Mr. Peters the discovery may not perish. Mr. and Mrs. Peters have gone to Annapolis, but it is expected they will be sent by the government to the war zone.

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