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"FREEDOM OF THE SEAS."

It is a well established fact that a citizen going about, his hip pocket full of arsenal is a menace to society. He is considered dangerous by every state and every nation. Indeed so dangerous that all of them have enacted laws for his restraint and affixed heavy penalties for carrying weapons. His government has provided legal means for his protection and he must be content to live under that bulwark. His plea that he voluntarily carries weapons for the better protection of society is of no avail, he must give up his gun.

A proper league of nations would provide international laws for safeguarding of great and small and create legal machinery to enforce it. International courts could be established with power to adjust all disputes between nations and the armament of the world to back its edicts. It would not be a revolutionary measure. Already it has proven fit social rampart in every civilized nation. Simply by extending individual restraint to nations, on the same principle, with the same kind of instrument of justice and power world peace could be secured. There would remain no further need for individual armament. The international court would have enough to police and enforce legal edicts.

That is the only method by which the freedom of the seas can be maintained. The only sure defense against arbitrary power is greater arbitrary power. Freedom of the seas left to arbitration of any individual nation is bound to result in another war. Rules of commerce are exacting. The struggle for commercial supremacy will continue and the nation with the most and biggest guns will take advantage, even to the extreme of crushing its competitor by force of arms.

Just now England insists on maintaining supremacy of the seas. She sets up apology that in the past, with fleet supreme, she has left the seas open to the commerce of all nations. British seas control propaganda is now being spread in America almost as lavishly as that of the enemy in 1915. It should not influence the determination of the American people. Any league of nations which leaves the armament of the world, or of any nation in fact, or the freedom of the seas to any self-constituted power is a menace to future tranquility. Besides it is in contravention of all the lessons of experience. It comprises no part of civilized necessity.

The Navy department is now before Congress for an appropriation sufficient to build fighting sea units enough by 1925 to offset England's power over the sea. Secretary Baker thinks it is the only wise expedient.

Well, what if we do? What is to hinder England from vastly increasing her navy so that by 1925 hers still will hold the same relation to ours it does now? Building great navies will not insure peace. It is a measure looking toward war. Suppose, by exercise of our superior American genius and promptness we do snatch from England power over the seas by 1925. England will likely speed up to catch us and extend the contest until the treasure of both nations is exhausted. Or, until the seas are so crowded with men-of-war there is no room for craft of commerce on the whole face of the deep, yet the end will not come until one fleet annihilates the other and one nation becomes at last arbitrary master of the seas. It is futile. Peace will never become firmly established by such policy.

The world is ripe for permanent peace. Its spirit was never in better fervor for a lasting truce. Her fresh wounds still bleed from excessive national ambition to dominate by superior power. Little difference whether by land or by sea. Both are abominable and can come to but one

end; the application of force to purpose, right or wrong.

President Wilson should hear from the American people. From his utterances on the subject we have a right to assume he sees the danger. He has gone to cope with a great power backed by ambition to control the seas. We should back our representatives to the limit in an effort to get such terms as will insure a permanent peace beyond the power of any nation to abridge. We are in the fight for world democracy. It cannot come thru arbitrary individual power exercised either over land or sea.

England's claim that her fleet is maintained for the protection of the commerce of the world should be allowed no greater weight than the plea of a citizen to carry a gun for the good of society. In both cases it would be pertinent to enquire, "who constituted you custodian of social safety?" Her ambitions are incompatible with the principles of world democracy and self-determination of peoples, great and small. We entered the war solely for democracy. As victors can we afford to stop short of that?

Every Piece of Meat From the

East Side Market

Is a Good Piece.
That's the only kind we handle.
Wholesale and Retail.
FISH ON FRIDAYS.
OYSTERS AND CRABS IN SEASON.
James Barrett, Prop. Phone 188.

HILT, CALIFORNIA, ITEMS

The family of Bert Miller are all confined to their home with severe colds.

F. B. Hutchinson of Los Angeles is here looking after business. He is general manager of the Fruit Growers Supply Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Pierson left Friday for their permanent home at Seattle. They spent a day at Portland en route.

Jessie Norma Sands has been quite sick for the past week with a severe cold. The schools of Hilt were closed Monday for lack of attendance. The most of the children are at home with colds. This makes eight weeks vacation, first owing to the "flu" and now for colds.

Miss Edna Doherty left this week for her holiday vacation. She will visit a few days at Dunsmuir, after which she will go to San Jose to visit relatives.

Mrs. Perkins, primary teacher, has been sick at her room at the hotel for the past week with a cold.

Mrs. Irving Dunn and Miss Irene Jassman have been soliciting members for the Red Cross for the coming year. They have been very successful, about \$115.00 being collected to date.

Miss Irene Jassman and Mrs. Irving Dunn were shopping at Ashland Wednesday.

Lester Rich, chief clerk for the Fruit Growers Supply Co., is fitting up rooms back of the offices where he will be domiciled in the future.

Mrs. Carl Boothley left Monday for Etna Mills where she will visit relatives during the holidays.

A painful accident happened last Friday when J. E. Jones had his foot mashed with a falling shaft at the mill. He will be compelled to walk with crutches until the broken bones knit.

Emil A. R. Stegman, father of Mrs. J. E. Jones, is here from Vasalia, Cal., and will spend the holidays with his daughter's family.

Clarence Jones was hurt quite badly last week at upper Mountcrest when his horse stumbled throwing him. His shoulder was dislocated.

Mrs. John Hibert has been ill for several days with a severe cold.

Walter Hilt was here a few hours Tuesday. Mrs. Hilt is improving somewhat but is still quite sick.

Ross Cox has been in southern California for ten days buying stock for the Mountcrest ranch.

Reginald H. Parsons was here last week looking after his ranches.

Success is the sum of little things well done.

COMMUNITY ADVERTISING VS. LITERATURE

It has been common, all over the big U. S. A., the past thirty years for communities to send out "literature" composed of fact and fancy tucked delicately together by an artist in words, flanked by highly colored pictures of chosen spots, in the hope of catching suckers on reality schemes. Circulation of it induced wild speculation, inflated values and ultimate collapse. The day for that sort of "literature" is past. To those who like fine literature let us recommend the Bible, Shakespeare and the Rubaiyat as better than any community can publish, and issue none of it ourselves. The town that goes forward now will do it only from advertising its attractions in a truthful, straightforward manner.

The time is ripe for Ashland to launch an Educational advertising campaign. She is attractive enough by nature, has now enough attractions for recreation and health, to form a solid basis for extensive advertising. It should be done simply, truthfully and persistently. The idea should be foremost of reaching the greatest number at the least cost. Facts should be plain and concise. They should aim at a particular end and be especially adapted to the conditions of the territory in which they circulate.

The hot, malarious valleys of California seem to be the most likely territory for our summer campaign. Therefore we print here a carefully crystallized suggestion.

Print the message on a large folder post card that would go for one cent. In the center of the card the facts,

tensely put, on the front the address and on the back a well selected cut of our fountains and park to carry the idea of our preparation for the tourist and healthseeker. Studio Ashland is now displaying in its window an ideal view for the purpose, comprising the Butler-Perozzi fountain, the mineral water fountains, the band stand and showing the paths, greensword, canyon and Mount Ashland in the distance.

Cover only the valley towns on the Pacific highway—leaving out the coast towns—from the north line of California as far as Fresno. The aim being to reach only the uncomfortably hot, malarial districts.

Use the California bankers blue book for addresses of bankers. Address particularly the presidents of banks on the theory that they usually are past middle age, have leisure, (the cashier usually does the work) and money to spend in travel. Next, gather the addresses of all the doctors from local telephone directories which can be secured for any city from the Bell company at small cost, because people ailing and needing a change are usually under the care of a physician. Next, select the addresses of business men. It is common in those hot and malarious regions for thrifty business men to send their families away for three or four hottest summer months.

Reach about thirty thousand heads of families the first issue, about the middle of February, and prepare one followup to go about the middle of May. The whole campaign could be made at a cost not to exceed twelve hundred dollars. Here is the arrangement and the facts suggested for the first card:

DO YOU KNOW---

That malaria germs do not thrive—in fact, cannot live three months—in the pure ozone of the rich mountain air at Ashland, Oregon.

Population five thousand.

Elevation two thousand.

Miles of level paved highways.

Marvelous scenery and pleasant mountain hikes.

Free auto camp grounds equipped for the comfort of tourists.

Beautiful natural park, comprising sixty acres, at the very door of the business section.

Three distinct mineral waters, of high medicinal value, bubbling from beautiful fountains in a grand park, midst shade and flowers.

The Lithia water is fine for stomach troubles.

The Soda water relieves heartburn and acid stomach.

The hot Sulphur baths have hundreds of rheumatic cures to their credit.

Pure, cool, crystal mountain water in every home.

From comforts of city life in half an hour's hike on winding, shady paths, on practically level ground along the banks of a murmuring mountain stream, you are in the solitude—God's great forest primeval.

Three months sojourn here will take the yellow from your cheeks, the bile out of your system and make your life a joy that your family and friends will welcome and emulate.

Within easy auto reach of Crater lake, a marvel of nature; of Pelican bay, renowned for fishing; of beautiful Lake-of-the-Woods, surrounded with giant monarchs; of the Marble Halls of Oregon, caves so tremendous they have never been thoroughly explored, nor excelled for crystalline beauty; of Redblanck Falls, foaming waters in a wild sheer leap; of the Natural Bridge and the Royal Gorge, exponents of nature's wondrous works, and Anna creek canyon, bedecked, like an Indian maiden, in myriads of sand pinnacles hundreds of feet in height; all of them scenes never to be forgotten.

The summit of Mount Ashland, snow capped, a day's journey by hike or horse, spreading out to vision a marvelous view of valley, farm, orchard and winding streams.

In the month of July three days of high class roundup features that have drawn to Ashland more than seventy-five thousand people in the past three years. Usually held July 2, 3 and 4.

Following that seven days of pleasing and illuminating Chautauqua programs in a new auditorium second only to the famous Salt Lake tabernacle. The largest dome without a pillar in America.

This year in July, "Victory Week." Fifteen thousand dollars' worth of entertainment and fireworks. A reception prepared for returning soldier boys.

Well equipped play grounds for the kiddies. Warm sulphur natorium swims for the boys and girls. Plunge and tub baths for the grownups.

Situated at the head of the Rogue river valley, where majestic Mountains meet the lowlands, renders it cool in summer and warm in winter, and the best place on earth to live.

Just fourteen miles from the California line.

Our most glorious days, from the middle of June to the first of October.

Fine auto roads from San Diego to Ashland.

A Good Place To Spend a Summer

We do not ask you to move here. We have nothing to sell. We want you to come and get rest and health. Our latchstring is out. You will be pleased and we will be happy.

For information and accommodations write the

Secretary Commercial Club, Ashland Ore.

You should engage your quarters in advance.

"Y" MINISTERS TO MEN IN SPRUCE DIVISION

"Y" workers in the spruce divisions, among whom is Rev. H. A. Carahan, former pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, have traveled by foot 1223 miles during the past five months, and 22,665 miles by auto, boat, train, horse and speeder while taking entertainment among the men, visiting the sick and performing other duties in the interest of the men in this branch of the United States service, according to a statement recently issued.

Some 51,540 soldiers have attended movies and special entertainments and 250,157 men have visited the "Y" huts. The report reads that 46,300 attended the 801 educational lectures, classes, etc., while 1,139 took in the religious meetings, or were given personal interviews. Athletic events were participated in by 5,516 and 18,404 enjoyed the contests as spectators.

The distribution of 25,932 books and magazines was a part of the

work of the past few months and 1,468,200 sheets of paper were used by the soldiers for their correspondence. During the quarantine 365 visits were made to the sick.

With the signing of the armistice, the activities of the association have been devoted largely to serving the men now going thru the process of demobilization. In one district last month 345 men were served with 800 buns, 1200 cups of cocoa and 1400 "hot dogs" while carrying out their demobilization orders.

Thruout six areas under the Y. M. C. A. supervision jellies, nuts, candy, cookies and other delicacies were served to soldiers at their Thanksgiving day dinner. Cards of greeting by the thousands from Brigadier General Disque and the "Y" were sent out at that time.

A wagon never goes far with a horse pulling at each end.

Cease harping about the things we don't want until we get a few of those we do. Don't be negative.



"The Bank with the Chime Clock"

Out of The Trenches by Christmas

How well our boys made good on that promise of theirs—that hope of ours. Now the least we can do for them over here, is hold up our end of saving and planning for the time when they will come marching down the streets of Ashland. In thinking of them—let's do a little thinking FOR them too.

The First National Bank
ASHLAND, OREGON

E. V. CARTER, PRES.
CH. VAUPEL, VICE PRES.
J. W. M. COY, CASHIER
CLARA BUSHAST CASH.

Ladies of Ashland

IF You have any Fur Remodeling or Repairing please bring it in now to avoid Christmas rush.

If you intend having new Furs this season inspect our stock. We carry a full line.

Call on us at 105 West Main Street

F. Bartlett Furrier
Medford

We'll Provide The Xmas Cheer

IN YOUR preparation for Christmas, and in the excitement and enthusiasm attending the selection of gifts, don't forget that a very important detail of the day, and one that means much to its enjoyment is

The Christmas Dinner

Everything that will add to the cheer of the meal is here. Nuts, Candles, Fruits, etc., for the tree and between meal feasts.

THINGS THE GOOD COOK NEEDS—AT MUCH LESS THAN THE ORDINARY

Plaza Grocery

Telephone 78

REUNION HELD IN FRANCE

BY REED COLLEGE PEOPLE

The Portland Telegram of Friday contained the following account of a reunion of Reed college people that was held in France recently:

"It is not surprising in these days for Americans to meet in Paris, but for four persons from the same institution on the Pacific Coast to meet in the little village of Vierzon, in rural France, was the occasion of a special greeting sent to their colleagues in Portland. Florence M. Reed, secretary to the president of Reed college, was there as secretary to the educational director for that division of the Y. M. C. A., and Professor Harold G. Merriam was there on his way to Paris on leave of absence from his post at Fontaine Bleau with the French Y. M. C. A. They met Dr. Bertha Stuart, who had just come from her Red Cross hospital at the neighboring city of Blois. Quite by accident, Miss Josephine Saunders went to Vierzon at that time. Miss Saunders is the first of the graduates of Reed college to enter military service as a reconstruction aide in France."

Miss Josephine Saunders, who is mentioned in the above article, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Saunders of Ashland. She left Ashland several months ago to engage in reconstruction work in the French hospital, after serving for some time as instructor in the reconstruction hospital connected with Reed college.

MAY BORROW BOOKS OF UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The University Library is glad to lend any responsible citizens of Oregon such books as it can spare. These are sent out on the following conditions:

Books are loaned for a month at a time, subject to recall if they are needed at the University. They may be renewed for a second month if not needed elsewhere. The date on which the books are due is stamped on slips in the back of the books. When requesting the renewal of a book, the author, title and call number (the number appearing on the back of the book) should be given. The fine for failure to return books on time is two cents a day.

Postage on books sent out is charged to the borrower and should be refunded by the time the books are returned. If enclosed in an envelope and placed in the pocket in the back of one of the books when returned, the stamps or money will be found and credit given.

Lists of reference to subjects of special interest to our patrons will be prepared and sent out as requested, in so far as it is found possible to do so.

Thirty thousand letters a week are written by the Red Cross to the families of soldiers, answering questions. Blankets numbering 1,200,000 were sent to France by the Red Cross emergencies.