

DOMESTIC TRAGEDY IS LURKING BEHIND THE TALK OF ITALIAN WAR

King Victor Especially Anxious to Prevent Struggle to Save His Wife From Shock

WAS INJURED AT MESSINA

Hurt to Her Arm Received Then Develops into Cancer; She Expects to Become a Mother Before Long.

(United Press Leased Wire) Rome, Oct. 23.—(By mail to New York.)—Behind Italy's official attitude toward the European war situation there lurks a tragedy of domestic sadness which has been little known or much to do with King Victor's efforts to prevent his country from becoming involved in the great conflict.

It is known in official circles in Rome that Queen Helen expects to become a mother early in December. The prospective event has thrown domestic European royal families into a sorrow which was anything but characteristic of the preceding occasions on which the queen presented Italy with three princesses and the present heir to the throne.

It has been acknowledged by the court physicians that her majesty is suffering from cancer of the arm. Her delicate condition makes an operation for its removal impossible.

At the time of the Messina disaster, the king was working among the comfortless of the prison city untiringly. While engaged thus she accidentally received a severe blow on the arm. Later the injury caused her serious discomfort and a few months ago her doctors diagnosed the case as one of cancer.

Despite the fact that an operation might jeopardize the life of the future prince or princess, the king has favored having one performed rather than permit her disease to make further headway, but to this his wife will not consent.

Indeed, his majesty's illness, reported in various times in the past two months as grave, is said to be due to worry over the queen's plight.

Indeed, it is the accepted fact that King Victor's refusal to permit Italy's participation in the war was due partially to the fear that the shock might have a bad effect upon her majesty.

BELGIANS, WITH KING ALBERT AT FRONT, SUCCEED

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VEWS OF THE KAISER'S FIGHTING MEN ON THE BORDER LINE OF EAST PRUSSIA, WHERE THEY ARE BATTING FORCES OF CZAR



away from him. Realizing his danger, the Belgians fought ferociously, pouring a terrific rifle fire among the Germans and then charging with the bayonet. German losses were enormous.

Belgian and British officers declared today that if the allies win decisively in the pending fight in the north, Albert will be able to return to Brussels.

Troops Cheat King.

After the Germans had been repulsed Thursday he arrived at headquarters wet to the skin, his hands and face grimy and his uniform covered with mud. The troops cheered him wildly.

In appearance he presented a remarkable contrast to the same man when I last saw him in Paris, just before he became king. At that time his face was boyish and smiling. Today it is the face of an old man. There is no fear in it, however.

Aviators reported today that the Germans were preparing new entrenchments along the Liege line, extending as far northward as Antwerp. They were of the opinion that the Teutonic troops were making ready to go into winter quarters.

VERDUN IS NEXT

OBJECTIVE FOR KAISER'S ARMY

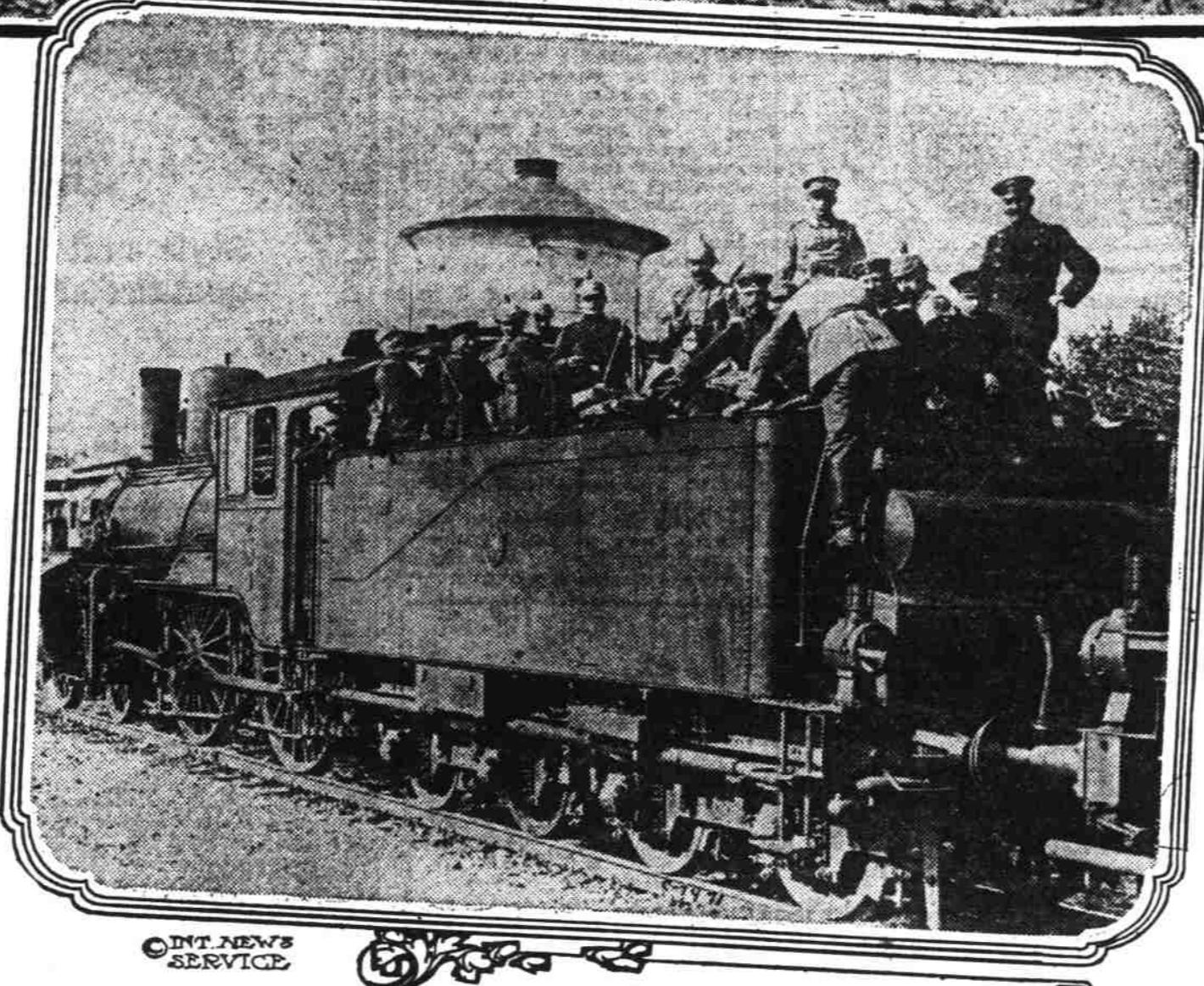
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Fogs Aid Germans.

The Germans have driven a wedge into the French front in the neighborhood of Saint Mihiel. They were able to do this by taking advantage of several of the heaviest fogs of the year. They afforded splendid cover under which the sappers advanced the German trenches.

In the wooded region of Apremont, and again in the vicinity of Verdun, there are places where the opposing trenches are only 70 yards apart, and



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Top—German infantry in trenches on the Russian frontier. Bottom—Germans rush to check Russian advance. Even the coal tenders of trains bound for the battlefield of East Prussia are jammed with the kaiser's fighting men.

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French sallies from Toul against the

Under cover of one of the fogs already referred to, General von (the name deleted) took me to within 400

yards of the French trenches. They are great streets and the Germans are making an effort to carry them by frontal attacks, on account of the losses such an attempt would involve. Instead, they are satisfied to hold the French line at this point, preventing the Toul and Nancy armies from advancing.

Kaiser Visits Front.

The kaiser has frequently visited this section of the battle front, as well as the point where the German prince has been operating. He always gives cigars and cigarettes to the men in the trenches, speaking to them as "Meine brave jungs" and asking what they hear from their families and if there is anything he can do to help them.

Naturally a wave of enthusiasm sweeps the trenches following such visits.

The kaiser has also spent much time in the main hospital at Montmedy, comforting the wounded.

The crown prince is idolized by his men because of his courage. He is entirely indifferent to personal danger, going from trench to trench and mixing with the soldiers democratically. The heart and spirits of his troops are excellent.

Automobiles are constantly arriving at the front filled with "Liebesgaben" or love gifts, for the men.

There seems to be an inexhaustible supply of fresh troops and all gaps are filled immediately.

Plainly the Germans are preparing for a supreme assault on the French line at a point I am not permitted to mention, and on this assault much will depend.

OVERWHELM BACKERS AND ASSEMBLY BILL, URGES DR. C. J. SMITH

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bers of society, and not become drones or drifters.

"I think we should teach the boys

and girls in the lower grades the practical things. Not all of them can go to the higher institutions. All such should be fitted in the most practical way for what they are to encounter in the life struggle."

"The people do not begrudge the money spent on schools, if it be wisely spent and not frittered away or squandered."

Speaking of taxes, Dr. Smith pointed out that in 1910, Polk county paid into the state treasury an state taxes \$29,404, and in 1914, \$74,676, an increase in four years of 158 per cent or almost 40 per cent increase a year for four years.

Cure to Extravagance.

"How long can you stand that?" he asked. "You need the single item veto so that your governor may be in position to curb legislative extravagance. Look up the 1913 legislature and see how the hired lobbyists of the big interests put deals through that cost you heavily."

"Oregon is no longer a border state.

Oldtime indifference and dis respect for law should have no place in this state. If a law is state-wide in its application, it should be state-wide in its enforcement. I pledge you that if I am elected to succeed Governor West, that I will use my best endeavors to enforce the law and curb extravagance."

The speaker gave his views on all the other vital questions of the day, and closed his address with an appeal for a careful consideration of the state's best interests, so that progress may not be halted, or corruption and reactionists be encouraged and strengthened.

Burglars Captured In Sublimity Store

Sheriff Each Says Men Are Members of Gang, of Which Sheriff Word of Multnomah Has Part.

Salem, Oct. 23.—Fred Peterson, alias "Big Swede," was caught in the act of burglarizing Ditter & Bell's general merchandise store at Sublimity at 3 o'clock this morning by Marshal Henry Smith of Stayton, who also arrested Charley Wade, who was acting as lookout. Smith covered them with his gun, and they gave up without a struggle. Peterson had collected a number of pairs of shoes in a gunny sack.

Sheriff Each brought the men to Salem. He says they are members of the same gang as Brennan, O'Neil, Taylor and others, who are now being tried, all but Adams being taken to Portland by Sheriff Word.

Wade and Peterson used skeleton keys to enter the Sublimity store. They had aroused the suspicions of residents who telephoned Sheriff Each at 2 o'clock, and also notified Marshal Smith. The latter arrived first, and captured the burglars.

Parcel Post Hits Railroads Hard

Salem, Oct. 23.—General Manager Charles H. Earley of the Mt. Hood Railway company, and President David Eccles of the Sumpter Valley Railroad company, appeared before the tax commission yesterday afternoon to plead for a decrease in assessment this year.

Both companies are in the red, and are unable to pay the tax. Both companies pay their earnings and profits. Formerly they were paid by the express companies on the basis

of the amount handled, but the government figures its parcels cost on the basis of what the traffic happens to be during certain months of the year, set out by Uncle Sam for weighing the mail carried.

The Sumpter Valley has carried whole carloads of sugar consigned by parcel post to Burns, 50 miles by stage from Canyon City, the end of the rail heavy traffic was sent over the Sumpter Valley while the weighing upon which the year's contract was fixed was going on. Incidentally, it is claimed the parcel post is breaking the man who has the stage contract from Canyon City to Burns.

General Managers have complained particularly of a lack of profit resulting from apple shipments over the Hood River line. Carloads of boxes of apples are sent out by parcel post and the company fails to reap the benefit.

The tax commission took the question of a reduction under advisement.

New Schools Go Up.

Salem, Or., Oct. 23.—New school buildings have been erected at Scotts Mills, costing \$5000; St. Paul, costing \$6000; Aurora, cost not given; between Quinaby and Hopmire, cost not given, and in new district at Cedar Camp, according to a special report to State Superintendent Churchill from Marion county. Since Marion county schools are not yet open, Smith recommends that the law be so changed that a part or all of the county school fund be apportioned to the district only when the district has met certain standard requirements of the state department of education. The schools of Marion county have opened with increased attendance at nearly every school, Smith reports.

Lost Money; Devil.

Salem, Or., Oct. 23.—Although the express privileges debit and operating expenses exceeded the revenues by over \$264,431.78 the American Express company paid a dividend of 8 per cent during the year ending June 30, according to the annual report which has just been filed with the state railroad commission. According to the report, the company had 756 offices in the United States June 30, 1914, and 162 offices outside the United States.

Ardenveld Crossing Denied.

Salem, Or., Oct. 23.—The state railroad commission has denied the application of the county court of Clackamas county for a permit to lay a railway crossing at Ardenwald over the Southern Pacific, alleging that it would be unusually hazardous and further that it would be possible to construct an over-head or underground crossing there.

Forty school children would cross and an average of 40 trains pass daily.

Shot Because of Woman.

Redding, Cal., Oct. 23.—Charles Allison is under arrest today charged with the killing of Dan O'Connor Wednesday night. O'Connor recently arrived to his wife. The authorities said they learned after the killing that she really was Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Allison came to Redding looking for her son at once to O'Connor's room at the Railroad lodging house and, according to the authorities, shot and killed him immediately.

Trip Costs Him Liberty.

San Francisco, Oct. 23.—John G. Wilson was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment for violating the Mann white slave laws through a trip he made with Mrs. Jessie Austin from Sacramento to Jacksonville, Fla.

TO THE VOTERS OF OREGON

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of the people rising sufficiently to meet it as there is of the moon showering the people of the United States with the fresh cheese of which we are told it is made. The cost of living and the people's income are both galloping the other way.

I would not have Oregon voters think from the above that I do not believe that the Wilson administration's new laws, currency, anti-trust, etc., will not lower the cost of living. Undoubtedly they will, but the amount will be fully offset by the drop in the people's income, unless the real, the foundation causes of the present conditions are destroyed, and they can only be destroyed by the election to the Senate and Congress of men who will recognize their existence and will battle for their destruction.

Does any Oregon voter believe that this, the greatest problem of modern times—the problem that calls for the most intelligent treatment of any man or woman is capable of—can be illuminated with Senatorial campaign Chinese eggs or local butter, with the dead and moulded trading secrets of this man, or the gastronomic and other personal habits of that man, with Senatorial campaign yapping and yarlings that would not do justice to a marionette Kilkenny cat fest?

Does any Oregon voter consider, in this enlightened age, which is harried with the merciless madness of the mob, the raw, red ragings of a robbed and raped people, the crimson corruption of courts, the starchy scabbings of statecraft, the criminal conspiracies of capital, the lecheries of labor, the gangrenous graftings of the great, the piteous pleads of the poor, and the rabid rotteness of the rich—in this enlightened age when he is solemnly or suddenly watching his living cost mount and his income drop, consider he is being honored by either of the Senatorial candidates when to his demand for the whys and whereabouts of his condition, he is told that old, old tariff yarn, that ancient pork barrel tale, that moused Mexican war story, or that new canal toll con-

ditions.

Messrs. Chamberlain and Booth are the candidates of mighty parties and the mighty parties have a mighty press. Either could give Oregon voters a campaign worthy of a Senatorial candidate. Mr. Hanley has no press. He and his helper can only get to you as I do, by buying expensive advertising space; but, even with this ~~same~~ prohibitive hand-

on its illegitimate—its trick made capital, in addition to the 5% on its real capital. This arrived-at price is the price paid by the people for the necessities.

As you read my facts recall whether you have been shown any of them in this campaign. Then ask yourself, is it possible that they are facts, and if they are, should Oregon miss this opportunity of sending to the Senate the man who understands the real conditions of the country, or the man who knows nothing of the burning question of the times? And if they are not facts how can their fallacies be punctured?

This latter will be simple.

THE QUICKEST AND MOST FEASIBLE WAY TO PUNCTURE THE FALLACY OF MY ASSERTION WILL BE FOR SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN AND MR. BOOTH TO DO SO IN MY PRESENCE, AND MUCH AS I WOULD DREAD THE ORDEAL OF MEETING THESE SEASONED DEBATORS, FOR I HAVE NOT BEEN ON THE PUBLIC PLATFORM, EVEN FOR A SINGLE SPEECH, IN OVER THREE YEARS, I WILL AGREE TO BE ON ANY PUBLIC PLATFORM IN OREGON, UPON NOTIFICATION THAT MESSRS. CHAMBERLAIN AND BOOTH WILL BE THERE, BETWEEN NOW AND ELECTION.

Why is the cost of living high?

Because there is of the country's sixty billion dollars of stocks and bonds—drawing 5%, three billion dollars annually—thirty billions which are fictitious, fraud made, mere printed paper created by the tricksters.

This means that a few tricksters who created them, take each year from all the people, one billion, five hundred million dollars and they give to the people absolutely nothing of value in return for it.

It is as though these few tricksters had power to levy on all the people for their own benefit a tax of one billion, five hundred million dollars on this five hundred millions of worthless stock!

To get this twenty-five million dollars the Trust adds to the legitimate cost of the rails it sells to the railroads and the railroads take the twenty-five million dollars from the people in the form of increased freight and passenger rates.

THE COST OF LIVING CANNOT DECLINE UNTIL THESE THREE BILLION DOLLARS OF ANNUAL TRIBUTE HAS STOPPED.

This is the greatest question before the American people for it means that if it is not stopped—if it continues—the people will, when they realize, as they are beginning to realize, that they cannot meet the cost of their living with their income, revolt against its collection.

Notwithstanding this is the greatest question of the times, can any voter of Oregon, recall a single reference to it by Senator Chamberlain or Mr. Booth? Their campaign has given voters all sorts of worn threadbare "tariff, etc., arguments as the reason for high cost of living but it will be noted that the cost of living has steadily mounted whether under Democratic or Republican rule and regardless of tariff changes.

Illustration. A Trust adds to the cost of the article it produces, say 5% for dividends and inter-

est on its capital, in addition to the 5% on its real capital. This arrived-at price is the price paid by the people for the necessities.

At a time when the stock of the Union Pacific railroad sold at less than one hundred dollars per share, and paid 5% annual dividends it was bought up by the few tricksters, who increased the dividend to 10% and the stock rose to over two hundred and was unloaded on the banks and insurance companies in exchange for the people's deposited savings.

The few tricksters made hundreds of millions of dollars profit. To get from the people the extra 5% dividend the Union Pacific increased directly or indirectly the charge for every pound of freight and every passenger carried. This increased the cost of living by 5%.

Another illustration: The Steel Trust has five hundred millions of common stock. It does not represent a dollar of real money. It is only printed paper given to the tricksters who created it, as a bonus for promoting the Steel Trust scheme. The Steel Trust pays a yearly dividend of 5%—twenty-five million dollars on this five hundred millions of worthless stock!

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