

JUSTICE McCAMANT LEVELS HIS BATTERIES AT MUZZEY'S HISTORY

Text Book Used in Portland High Schools Is Charged With Many Shortcomings.

PUBLISHERS DEFEND BOOK

Volume Declared to Teach Right Kind of Patriotism, as Shown by Number of Students Who Enlisted.

Wallace McCamant, justice of the state supreme court, has declared war on David Muzzev's "American History," the text book now used in the Portland high schools.

Judge McCamant objects to the history on three grounds, contending that it is "lacking in incidents calculated to inspire patriotism in the children studying it," that "it is inaccurate," and that "its concluding chapters on the history are a brief for the author's political views on the current political questions of our day."

In addition to this, Justice McCamant also says that the book is "unpatriotic and unsuitable to be taught to school children."

All of these criticisms are vigorously refuted by Professor Muzzev.

Muzzev to Mottise in 1916

Justice McCamant has been waging war on Muzzev's history for some little time. He began to mobilize in the fall of 1916, when he appeared before the board of school directors to urge the employment of Professor M. L. Pratt as a lecturer on American history in the high schools of the city. At that time Superintendent Alderman directed the attention of the jurist to Muzzev's history, and the latter conceived a violent dislike for the work and suggested that it be discarded. It was explained to McCamant that the board was bound by a contract to use the work for a definite period of three years and that it was not possible to change.

Notwithstanding the fact that the board is under contract to use the Muzzev history, and that it did not employ Professor Pratt as a supervisor of American history in the Portland schools, Justice McCamant has continued his efforts to have the offending volume cast into outer darkness.

Attacked Book Before U. S. A. E.

Under date of July 1, Justice McCamant wrote Director J. Francis Drake, saying: "I am going to get this history out of the Portland high schools if it is in the cards to do it." He says he does not desire to make public campaign in the matter unless it is necessary, but he is always ready for a fight on a proper occasion. Then he tells Director Drake: "I see by the paper that a meeting of the board is to be held on Thursday of this week. Will you not do me the kindness to take the matter before that meeting and see that such action is taken as will prevent the use of this history in the Portland schools next September? Unless this is done, I shall take the matter up at the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Forest Grove next week, and shall follow up my address with publicity in the daily press on the subject."

Pursuant to this threat, Justice McCamant made a violent attack upon the book at the Grand Army encampment last week.

Justice McCamant, in the same letter, pays some attention to the contract requiring the use of the history. He says: "I am advised by an educationist who is your personal friend, and whose opinion you respect, that the contract now in existence does not stand in the way of what I am asking the board to do. He tells me that this contract merely prevents the board from adopting another history for the time being, but that history could be taught by the lecture method during the coming school year. I believe there is much to be said in favor of this method of carrying on the work." Justice McCamant does not mention the employment of Professor Pratt in this letter.

Complains to S. A. E. President Last March, a little while after the board of directors had declined to employ Professor Pratt, Justice McCamant wrote a letter to E. W. M. Wentworth, president general of the Sons of the American Revolution, in which he set out his objections to Muzzev's history. While he sets up

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the contention that the book should be discarded by public schools because it does not contain the hero tales of history, and because of alleged inaccuracies, he turns his big guns loose on it from a political viewpoint.

Justice McCamant objects because "the author passes over and underates the importance of the outrages perpetrated in the southern states during the reconstruction period on negroes and white men with northern sympathies." The author answers this by saying that he meant to do that, very truly, "Why prolong bitterness," he writes, Justice McCamant's letter to Wentworth having been forwarded to him.

Justice McCamant also makes objection to the history because it says that had the government adopted the forest reserve policy "a generation sooner, it would have been able today to draw from its sales of timber and waterpower, its leases of coal and oil lands, a revenue sufficient to run the federal government, without the imposition of a tariff, which hampers foreign trade, taxes the laboring man, and almost every necessity of life, and by its protective clauses still further enriches the corporations which have seized on the natural resources of our opulent country."

Tariff Allusion Provokes Justice McCamant also complains because, "in speaking of the Republic"

can party," Mr. Muzzev says: "Their high tariff was enriching the few protected manufacturers at the expense of the many consumers, and was piling up in the treasury of the United States a surplus of money which ought to have been circulating in business among the people." The jurist also objects because the historian says: "The lumber, the whiskey distillers, the oil, lead and sugar refiners, the rope makers, the iron smelters, and many other 'captains of industry' were consolidated into great trusts. Their wealth gave them immense influence in congress, and this influence was exerted against the reduction of tariff duties, which shielded them from foreign competition."

World Eliminate Other Sections Justice McCamant also complains against Mr. Muzzev's discussion of the McKinley tariff act, of the Wilson-Gorman tariff act of 1894, of the growth life of La Follette, of the growth of Socialism, or preparedness, and finally because the book is written too close to current days, it being the contention of the complainant that history should have a "perspective" of 10 or 20 years.

Summing the whole contention up, Justice McCamant says: "In view of this government of commission and omission, I am indignant that this work should have found entrance to the public schools of any American state."

The following reply to these criticisms is made by G. C. & Co., publishers of the offending volume: Publishers Make Answer "Muzzev's 'American History' is a text book that interprets American history in the spirit of Lincoln's words: 'A government of the people, by the people, for the people.'"

"David S. Muzzev, 46 years of age, is a professor of history in Columbia university, New York, from which institution he received the degree of doctor of philosophy in 1907."

six years old, is now used much more widely in the high schools of America than is any other American history. In California it is adopted in 240 schools, while its strongest competitor is used in only 19. In Washington it holds over one hundred schools, while its strongest competitor holds only 32. Among the big cities using it are New York, Chicago, Boston, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, Salt Lake City, Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, Newark, Baltimore, Seattle, and over twenty-five hundred other places.

Book Declared Patriotic "Since the majority of the young men now responding to our country's call from our high schools and colleges have been subjected to the Muzzev influence, it would seem that the book has taught the right kind of patriotism, not simply the type that has for its motto 'America, right or wrong.'"

"While no book, including the Bible, is regarded by all as perfect, those who seriously criticize Muzzev should bear in mind the fact that they are reflecting upon the judgment of hundreds of college professors of history who have examined and approved it, of thousands of high school history teachers who have recommended its choice and taught it with great satisfaction, and tens of thousands of American high school boys and girls who have studied and enjoyed it."

"The place for hero tales, according to all modern courses of study, is in the middle grades of the grammar school, not in the high schools. High school pupils resent repetition of the hero tales they had in the grades. What they want are facts—the great truths—told in an interesting way, together with something of the 'philosophy of history.' Muzzev excels all other books in these respects."

Errors Eliminated "Muzzev, like President Wilson and all other conservative thinking men,

wants world peace strongly enough to fight for it when all other reasonable means of getting it have failed. Any one who claims to the contrary has not gotten the spirit of his book.

"Since its publication, four imprints of the book have appeared. In each certain minor changes have been made, due to the fact that errors crept into the original edition, as is true of practically all books that discuss live topics. The publishers are now confident that it is as nearly perfect in every respect, including statements of facts and conditions up to the breaking out of the great war, as is any other text book of its kind in the American public. The latest imprint is brought down to Wilson's second administration."

Automobile Accident Occurs at Hospital

Two men and a woman were injured in a collision of two autos outside the Good Samaritan hospital at Twiney-third and Lovejoy streets Sunday afternoon. Mrs. J. Eder of 551 North Twenty-third street suffered cuts and bruises. A. J. White, a fireman from the East Side Lumber company, received a fractured clavicle. Thomas Lamella, a laborer living at 762 1/2 Savier street, was cut and bruised.

Harry and Otto Brook, brothers, living at 418 East Taylor street, were slightly injured Sunday morning when the motorcycle they were riding collided with an automobile at Williams avenue and Alberta street.

Big Log Raft Near Peril Astoria, Or., July 2.—While crossing out of the river Sunday morning the towing chain between the tugs Hercules and Wallula and the Benson log raft broke. The raft drifted toward the jetty for a mile, but was recovered without damage.

PAYMENTS NOW DUE ON INSTALLMENTS ON FUND FOR RED CROSS

Belated Credit Given for Donation of \$1000 Made by President J. D. Farrell.

FRENCH LESSONS GIVEN

Portland Teachers Offer Instruction to Men and Women Expecting to See Service in France.

Payments to the American Red Cross fund, as agreed upon by subscribers in the recent Portland fund drive, are to be made in four monthly installments, the first installment being now due. E. R. Corbett is treasurer of the Portland Red Cross committee.

Belated credit for the subscription of \$1000 toward the Red Cross fund by J. D. Farrell, president of the O. W. R. & N. company, has been given by Robert H. Strong, campaign manager. The announcement is also made of a donation of \$22 by the Holy Rosary church. The money was raised at a collection taken up last Sunday. The gift is considered a large one considering the small size of the congregation.

Final Report Delayed Mrs. D. Perry Evans turned in \$60.80, the sum representing the proceeds of

a Red Cross party which Mrs. Evans gave at her home at 950 Kirby street. The entire proceeds of the party was given to the Red Cross cause.

Small donations still continue to arrive at the quarters in the Morgan building. The campaign management has not yet given out the exact final total for the amount raised in the recent drive, but an estimate of \$100,000 net will stand, it is said.

Among the many helpers in the recent successful Red Cross drive were nine young women deputies of County Clerk Beveridge's office. By the sale of flowers and collection of money they added a considerable sum to the Red Cross fund. The deputies who participated in the work are Howena Allen, Ruth Amidon, Zoa Brown, Aetna Calhoun, Margaret McAskill, Esther Morris, Nellie Witt, Winifred King and Melissa Pattison.

Lessons in French Given Through the courtesy of the Portland Association of Teachers of French the local Red Cross chapter is enabled to offer courses of instruction in elementary French to men and women who are holding themselves subject to service with American forces abroad.

The first meetings of the various groups will be as follows: Monday, 3 p. m., classes for women; Monday, 5 p. m., classes for men; Tuesday, 8 p. m., classes for physicians.

These courses are open only to individuals who have taken out Red Cross memberships and can show a receipt for the same. The services of the teachers are donated, but a charge of \$5 per individual will be made to cover the course of lessons. This fee will be turned over in its entirety to the local Red Cross treasury.

Each course of instruction will cover three months and the hours and days of meeting can be arranged with the instructor.

All of the classes will be held at the Red Cross teaching center in the Ben-

son Polytechnic school, Fourteenth and Morrison streets.

Classes in Red Cross instruction courses in first aid, elementary hygiene and home care of the sick, dietetics and surgical dressings, are being formed.

Tourist Travel on Coast Rather Heavy

Tourist travel to points north and south is unusually heavy, according to Frank Bolland, local passenger agent of the Pacific Steamship company. A noteworthy thing is that most of the travelers are women, he says. This is due, he believes, to the fact that they are not so much involved in the turmoil of war as the men.

Southeastern and southwestern Alaska are getting the bulk of the travel, though California is sharing well. Mr. Bolland says some trouble has been experienced in making reservations on the Alaska boats out of Seattle, due to the heavy traffic. Travel is expected to be heavy for the next 60 days.

Bruised Elbow Brings Death Joseph Spriner, 713 Second street, a janitor in the employ of the Lipman-Wolfe company, died at the Good Samaritan hospital Sunday from blood poisoning. He bruised his elbow last week, and Friday appeared at the hospital with a badly swollen arm, seeking treatment. He was treated by Dr. S. H. Sheldon, but failed to improve, and died before amputation could be resorted to stop the spread of infection.

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