

AS IT LOOKS TO GERMANY

The Kaiser wants President Wilson beaten in the congressional elections. The Cologne Gazette, a Kaiser organ, brings us that information. In a savage attack on the president in its issue of October 29, it calls the president a "dictator" and a "desperate man." It says that "little by little the winter of discontent is settling in for Wilson, the dictator."

UNABLE TO FIGHT LONGER

EMPEROR KARL, ruler of Austria-Hungary, is in flight. With all his movable belongings, he has fled from his capital. "I am unable to fight longer," he wired Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany, "and am compelled to take a decisive step—I have asked the pope to intervene for an immediate armistice."

New history is being written. A reorganization of Europe has begun. The past order of men ruled without their consent is crumbling, and a new dispensation is being ushered in. A rising sun of resplendent brilliancy is in the east. A new rainbow like that which arched over Noah's flood waters is athwart Europe with new hope and new promise.

"I am unable to fight longer" is the despairing cry of a Hapsburg whose family began a rulership in Central Europe nearly six centuries ago. At first a tiny principality, the realm of the Hapsburgs grew in factorship, spreading always its tentacles of rulership over peoples and provinces subdued by conquest and force. Within its limits 22,000,000 people, more than half the population of the empire, have, until within a few hours, been governed without their consent.

The Hapsburg rule is no more. Its throne is laid low. It will never again be the seat of authority. The people are in revolt. A new French revolution on a smaller scale is before the eyes of mankind. It is a tremendous event—this fall of a dynasty that withstood the storm of Napoleon and the centuries. The currents of history are to flow in new channels. The democratization and reorganization of Europe is well on its way. The war of the Huns has become a war of liberation.

"I am unable to fight longer." Karl's own people had turned on him. The mobs were gathering under the shadows of his palace. The races that had been held in subjection by the sword of autocracy were striking to free themselves from a rulership in which they had no part. The worm had turned. Karl knew that his regiments were honeycombed with men who had been forced against their will to fight and were waiting only for the hour of deliverance. He was unable "to fight longer" because his people had turned against him.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

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DELINQUENT TAX EXPOSURES

Claim of State Editorial Association Utterly Demolished. It is a famous and just rule of law, fixed by long usage in the courts, that when a witness knowingly gives false testimony in one particular his testimony as a whole is discredited.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

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VOTED TO KEEP BURDEN ON

The Portland Chamber of Commerce has the "voluntary committee" to which from time to time important recommendations of this committee, in practically all cases, mean the recommendations of the board of directors, officially, bind the Chamber of Commerce.

The members of this committee are well known to the public of Portland and Oregon. They are men who, because of environment, training, personal interest, or incalculable, believe in granting subsidies for the benefit of the few at the expense of the many. This committee recommended to the directors, and the directors accepted the recommendation of the Delinquent Tax Notice bill and the Bill Fixing Compensation for Publication of Legal Notices, should not be enacted into law.

The board of directors, without consulting the voters, adopted the recommendation of the legislative committee and put the Chamber of Commerce on record as opposing them. After they had done so, the voters, by a large majority, voted to vote for the measures, some that they did not vote upon the adoption of the recommendations of the committee, some that they did not vote upon the adoption of the measure. But they formally put the Chamber of Commerce on record as advising against measures which some of them favored, and concerning which some of them knew nothing.

Olden Oregon Congress Never Paid Expenses of Provisional Government. Governor Lane, the first territorial governor of Oregon, arrived in March, 1859, to find the territory without a census of the people of the territory. This showed a total population of 8785 Americans and 290 foreigners. On account of the exodus of people to the California gold fields, it was not a complete census. At the first session of the territorial legislature a memorial to congress was adopted asking for an appropriation to pay the expenses of the provisional government. Congress ignored the claim and it was never paid. This action was probably based on the theory of the independent government for the protection of all the people, Americans and British alike.

THE PUBLICATION MEASURES

Titles of Two Initiative Bills to Remove a Public Burden. Perhaps for the last time in this space The Journal calls the attention of the voters of Oregon's ballot. The Journal has no ax to grind, but it has assisted in placing these measures before the people solely in the interest of service to the economy and efficiency. They are of vital interest to every taxpayer, and whether or not they meet with favor at the polls, The Journal will not be satisfied until every citizen is advised of his delinquency through the newspapers. The argument on the delinquent taxpayers' bill has taken an unusual and bitter turn after the \$100,000,000 devoted to the production of proof that the bill is not a good one, but is wholly dedicated to the task of showing that our fellow townsman Colonel C. S. Jackson is a bad man. Many of us who see how Colonel Jackson's turpitude or rectitude can possibly affect the wisdom or ineptitude of this measure. With uncustomed care and industry, Jackson has properly declined to be guinea into discussing his character as an accessory to the bill, on whose behalf, however, he produces arguments that are more than sufficient to show that the bill is not a good one. It is suggested that it be printed in refutation of what is alleged against him. Colonel Jackson is presenting facts to show that newspaper publication of the delinquent taxpayer list is expensive, unnecessary and extravagant. The Spector has failed to see any clear, unbiased disproof of what he has said on the subject. If Colonel Jackson's character were on trial, the evidence that has been offered by the prosecution might well be allowed in regard under the highest of important and interesting; but as it is the delinquent tax bill that is under discussion, the opponents of the measure should be giving us their arguments against it, if they can do so without presenting facts in attacking the bill's sponsor.

THE TIME IS RIPE KAISER WILHELM has said many a time and oft that he valued his life only as he could make it enhance the glory of his dear fatherland. He was willing to die for his beloved Junkers. Nay, he was willing to live for them, perhaps even more willing to live than die in their great and glorious cause. During the four years of the war Wilhelm has given all the world to understand that he burned to be a sacrifice. He clamored for somebody to build an altar upon which he might stretch himself and be offered up. A shining opportunity has come for him to achieve this lofty ambition. He can be a sacrifice any moment he feels ready for it. He may even become a sacrifice before he gets ready if he does not hasten. From Mr. Wilson's last note it is clear that Wilhelm is the one insuperable obstacle to peace. Let him

Par-sighted health officials are warning the country that the influenza is likely to return in the spring for another campaign against our lives. To prevent its ravages they advise the people to use the preventive vaccine which is "on sale at all our regular establishments." If everybody is to be persuaded to invest in vaccine between now and spring the authorities should see that there is