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BACKING UP HIS TALK

Charles G. Dawes, Chicago banker, the "hell and Maria" army officer who did considerable straight talking to a lot of congressional gentlemen when they were investigating the conduct of the war a short time back, has gone to Washington in an endeavor to put the government on a business basis.

If there ever was a man who talked himself into a job, it was Dawes. When Charley told the investigators that they would be doing the country a whole lot more good endeavoring to cut down expenses in the future than resurrecting the mistakes of the past, they took it to heart, created a department of budgets, appropriated \$250,000 for its maintenance and told the fire-eater to come along.

Regardless of the man who heads the bureau, the budget plan is illustrative of the spirit which the administration is attacking the most vital issue of the day—economy.

When Harding took over the reins of government, the country was at a deplorably low point in confidence. The bottom had fallen out of markets and credit had gone to the bow wows.

The new administration has been functioning for almost four months. The success it has obtained so far is largely psychological, in that its demeanor has been such as to revive the people to a marked degree.

Material accomplishments along the right lines are in the making, but none has yet reached the point where it is actually affecting the dollars and cents welfare of the nation.

The voice of the president however has carried that comforting note of cheer which is the characteristic of a good physician. He has encouraged an ailing nation to the point where it is beginning to come back. A renewal of the era of confidence is at hand.

One reads these days with satisfaction, news that the army and navy are to be limited to comparatively small but efficient numerical units.

We are confronted in the knowledge that the government will live within its income this year. The nation approves the ruthless cutting of wartime forces in the government employ. An equitable high tariff, under which the United States has always prospered, is in prospect.

All of these things make for a restoration of confidence. Long ago the people seemed that the wartime orgy of spending, of which they were equally to blame with the government, should be brought to a close. It was—but so abruptly and completely as to almost amount to disaster. They are seeing now that their government is thinking along the same lines, and the knowledge that all they earn is not to be ruthlessly absorbed on the old basis is enlivening.

If Brigadier General Dawes can put the government on a basis, telling congress how much the country is earning, and how much it can spend, he will do a tremendously revitalizing work. He has said it can be done, and now it's up to him to turn the trick. Everyone was with him when he tore into congress last winter, and everyone will be with him in the new work.

TRIUMPHANT

Verdun, in northeastern France, a city still in ruins as the result of the war, stands glorified in the hearts of the French as does no other place in their land today.

Around Verdun rallied hundreds of the bravest, in the winter and early spring of 1916, when German hordes were intent on springing this key and pouring southward and westward over the valley of the upper Meuse and towards Paris.

At Verdun, city of the numberless French dead, notables of the tricolor republic gathered Thursday on the fifth anniversary of the crucial moment in the defense when the ex-crown prince's army was battering at the gates.

Verdun is in the valley. To the northward lie great hills, looking very much like the hills that surround The Dalles.

It was on these hills that hundreds of thousands of Frenchmen laid down their lives in order to keep the invaders from passing. During the war, as the Americans saw Verdun and its environs, the hills were lined with military roads, carefully camouflaged and lined on either side with great stacks of little bologna-like sacks filled with high explosive. The stacks were higher than one's head, and where they had rotted, the yellowish sticks were exposed or had broken and were strewn over the roads.

From the tops of these hills, one looked northward along the valley of the Meuse, on the west side of which Americans surged in the last drive of the war.

There are no words to describe the desolation of that scene. Only in the far distance could one see trace of green. The hills themselves were churned chaotic masses of upturned yellow and gray earth. Huge shells were strewn around, unexploded. Wherever one stepped, his foot landed on some piece of metal that had been used in the six weeks' death struggle. The bones of men, some still clad in army rags, were exposed. It was such a scene as the world has never before unfolded. No place along the western front saw such terrible carnage.

Well for France that her line stood sturdily at Verdun and did not buckle, for the fate of the world depended on it. Verdun, whether or no the other nations realize it, is a world monument, not merely France's.

One wonders if the ex-crown prince, watching from his concrete turret in an old house-top on Montfaucun, saw in the defeat of his armies there the collapse of his own aspirations. Did Wilhelm, who, the peasants said, occasionally ascended his son's bomb proof watch tower, see over that field, the whirlpool of scorn and hate and ridicule which were to be his? The world will never know, of course. But Frenchmen know, in the desecrated and immortal city in the Meuse valley, their mightiest triumph rests, and Frenchmenlike, they will honor it as long as last the memories of the war that held a world in its grasp.

LOOKING BACKWARD

(From The Chronicle, June 27, 1896.) The thermometer reached a figure of 98 degrees this afternoon, which is quite unusual for June. Cooler weather is predicted for tomorrow. A thunder storm may occur this evening. The center of the hot wave is around Salem. There was a difference yesterday of only one degree between The Dalles and Portland.

Some miscreant tore down Mr. Skibbe's back fence last night. No clue as to his identity was found.

A. S. MacAllister and Dr. Siddal spent the day yesterday fishing on Mill creek. They caught 86 fine trout.

A very pleasant surprise donation party was given Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Wood Wednesday evening at the M. E. church. They were called to the church by telephone, it being reported that a special meeting had suddenly been called. Arrived at the church they were surprised by a large number of ladies appearing. The evening was spent in social converse, with the added feature of a fine lunch. The object of the party was a donation and many valuable articles were presented to the minister and his family.

Let The Kiddies see D. W. Griffith's "Love Flower" free, Wednesday at 9:45 a. m., to all children under 12 years of age, bringing a bouquet of flowers. At the Casino theater.

Announcement Dr. E. R. Lyda announced that Dr. C. H. Day, formerly of the American school of osteopathy, has become associated with him in the practice of osteopathy. The offices will be conducted under the name of Drs. Lyda & Day, osteopathic physicians, third floor First National bank building, 30

Fourth of July Celebration If the youngsters under 10 will call at the Model Laundry on July 1 or 2, we will give them something to help celebrate the Fourth of July. Model Laundry, Main 41.

There's A Difference If you've been a "ready made" man in the past, be a "made to order man" in the future. First class hand tailored suits to measure, \$35.00 and up. W. R. Webber, one block east of post-office. 61f

COMING Wednesday - Thursday D. W. Griffith's "LOVE FLOWER" Special Musical Score Played by 8 Piece Orchestra

NEWS NOTES

Marriage License Issued—A marriage license was issued Saturday afternoon to Isaac Earl Crabtree, 27, of Tygh Valley and Edith Miller, 17, of The Dalles.

Mrs. Corson injured—Slipping from a rotten log upon which she was standing, Mrs. G. E. Corson yesterday afternoon suffered a badly sprained ankle. The accident happened at Viento, where Mr. and Mrs. Corson were attending a picnic.

Vacationing in Wisconsin — Miss Flora Carr, county librarian, is spending her vacation at Lake Madison, Wis., and is having a "perfectly wonderful time," she writes Mrs. Frances Saul. Miss Carr expects to visit Ann Arbor, Mich., before returning to The Dalles.

Births—A daughter was born at The Dalles hospital June 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Owen Brown of this city. Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith of Dufur are the parents of a daughter born June 24 and the same day a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. McAllister, also of Dufur.

In Recital Program—An error was made in Saturday's social news, regarding the recital given at the Vogt school. Besides the participants on the program, who were named, Miss Velma Crandall, Mrs. M. E. Eselcity, Mrs. E. Goudge and Mrs. Kinley Adams, each played a group of solos.

Miller Not a Candidate—H. G. Miller denies that he is a candidate for the postmastership of The Dalles, as reported from Washington recently. Miller said that it was discussed informally a few times during the spring, but that the point was never reached where he had any idea that his name would be presented to the department as a candidate for the examination.

Outing Feature of Service—Members of the congregations of St. Mark's Episcopal church of Hood River and St. Paul's of The Dalles meet in a grove near Oriley Sunday morning, and following luncheon, out-of-door services were held. The choral bodies of the two churches were carried to the grove in automobiles, and about 100 persons attended.

Educator Addresses Churchmen — Dr. L. Bradner of New York, an official of the department of religious education of the Episcopal church, spoke at St. Paul's church Saturday evening on the subject of home influence. At the rectory afterwards, Dr. Bradner attended an informal social gathering of the Sunday school teachers of St. Paul's, and in the discussion the Nurture Series being used in the church school were explained.

Bargenholt Divorce Granted—A decree of divorce in favor of Chester A. Bargenholt, who was suing his wife, Alta L. Bargenholt upon grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment, was handed down by Circuit Judge Fred W. Wilson Saturday. Bargenholt sued for a divorce after his wife "twice deserted him," on one of these times "taking all of his available money," with her, the decree explains.

Interesting Missionary Service — An interesting missionary meeting was held at the United Brethren church Sunday evening. Mrs. I. F. Hill, Arthur and Velma Bluntin, Miss Pansy Neiswander, Mrs. Margaret White, Robert L. Hill, James S. Kerr and Rev. G. K. Hartman participated in the program. Five new life members were obtained. Communion services will be held at this church next Sunday.

Returns From Boston — Miss Mildred Bettingen returned yesterday from Boston, where she has been attending the New England Conservatory of Music. Miss Louise Sheehan, who was also attending the conservatory of music at Boston, returned with Miss Bettingen and will spend several weeks in The Dalles.

Wernmark Car Recovered — John Wernmark's flivver, stolen last week from its resting place on Court street, has been recovered in Medford, by Sheriff C. E. Terrill of that city, according to a telegram received this morning by Sheriff Levi Chrisman. Two boys had driven the car to that city. One of the boys is held in custody, the other having escaped, the telegram message explained. Sheriff Chrisman expects either to go himself or send a deputy to Medford to bring the prisoner and the automobile back to The Dalles.

Rainey Committee Appointed—The following persons have been appointed to serve on a reception committee to honor Congressman Henry T. Rainey when he arrives in The Dalles July 5: John L. Gavin, George C. Blakeley, P. J. Stadelman, L. Barnum, M. A. Moody, F. S. Gunning and F. V. Galloway. Rainey, who was ranking member on the house ways and means committee during the war, will speak here in connection with the chautauqua festival. Season tickets for the chautauqua festival are now on sale at all drug stores.

Cannery Going Strong — Approximately 200 persons, 150 women and 50 men, are now employed at the local plant of Libby, McNeil and Libby, according to J. H. Race, resident manager. All are working 10-hour shifts on cherries. Following the local cherry season, it is planned to continue work on the canning of loganberries, shipped here from Willamette valley. An attempt will be made to keep the big cannery working at full blast all season, according to Race. Following the loganberry season more cherries will be canned. These cherries will be shipped in from the north. Fifty additional women workers were taken on Saturday and Monday.

Locating Highway Route—An engineering party is now at work near Madras, surveying the route for the Dalles-California highway, according to J. H. Scott, division engineer for the eastern Oregon district. This survey will be extended until the road in Wasco county is surveyed as far as the north side of Cow canyon. Survey of the remainder of the road in this county will probably depend upon the outcome of today's meeting of the Wasco county court with the state highway commission, in Portland, according to Scott. Definite plans for early construction on the highway will also probably be worked out at today's meeting.

Knights Visit Bonneville — Approximately 150 local Knights of Columbus and ladies participated in a big picnic yesterday at Bonneville, attended by Knights from Portland, Salem, Eugene and McMinnville councils. A scheduled baseball game between teams representing The Dalles and Portland councils was cancelled because of a mix-up in dates in which the Portland team had taken on a priority engagement. The Dalles knights won some athletic distinction, however, by out-pulling members of the Portland council in a tug-of-war. A light shower broke up the picnic. The trip to Bonneville was made by automobile.

Burglars Steal Gasoline—The police were notified last night that burglars had broken into the Standard Oil company's plant west of the city and stole half a case of heavy oil, suitable only for truck lubrication, and a five gallon can of gasoline. The burglars smashed the heavy padlocks on the gates of the plant, and forcing their way into the office, thoroughly ransacked the office furniture. No money is left at the plant over night, and a few checks found on one of the desks, according to Special Agent Rankin, were not molested. Afterwards the thieves broke into the warehouse and stole the case goods mentioned. Tracks of the burglars, found about the plant, indicate that they were men.

You will find here some good specials in women's white canvas oxfords and pumps. These are short lines. Edw. C. Pease company. 27

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