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TROTZKY IS A GRIM JOKER

Asked what terms he actually hoped to get, Trotzky refused to reply, and said laughingly: "If we were really logical, we would declare war on England now for the sake of India, Egypt and Ireland."

The interviewer represented the London Daily News. Trotzky had just been telling the reporter about 25,000 German troops deserting in the Kovno district; that the Germans could not remove their troops from the eastern to the western front in large units, because they jumped from the trains, and that they could not get their own men to attack the deserters.

He is a grim joker. But there are British subjects who would admit that Trotzky is half right in saying the English are a Chauvinist people; that they dearly love their King and their Lords and all the titled people of their country; and think theirs is the ideal form of government.

Perhaps, too, in a sense, we are Chauvinists here in the United States—in one sense of the word. We think ours is the greatest country and the best government on earth. In fact, we know it. If Trotzky could only get Russia up to speaking distance in the quality of her democracy, to either England or the United States, he would do well; and he might then proudly be a little bit Chauvinist about that country.

The Canadian officers have a story to tell that tells itself. It is a part of the greatest drama ever enacted. And they tell their part of it very well. They will carry away from Salem the best wishes of our whole people, and their thanks for the message they have left with us.

The Scotch soldiers are still fighting in their Alapa country. Irvin S. Cobb, the writer, has become a Kentucky colonel. A sort of major operation, that.

The increased postage rate is adding to the high cost of folks sending home for money. "Keep on praying. Pray for rain and for peace."—Los Angeles Times. Still dry down there.

"Keeping the Home Fires Burning" is some job in the frozen eastern states, with the high prices and scarcity of coal.

Tuskegee's statistical record of lynchings in the United States for the year 1917 is a low one. Thirty-eight persons were lynched, as compared with fifty-four in 1916, sixty-seven in 1915 and fifty-two in 1914.

Those who see peace in the immediate future no doubt belong to the Rainbow Division of Optimists.—Exchange. May their tribe increase.

In New York a cage has been constructed for the accommodation of alien enemies. It will hold 200 persons. We can select the names of that many people who, if placed in that cage, could end the war.—Los Angeles Times. Yes, and it would not take nearly that big a crowd.

Kingdon Gould has again refused to accept a commission in the army, preferring to remain a private. That is surely showing the full measure of patriotism and devotion to coun-

our allies and our boys who are fighting for us in France. "There can be no half-way position for a man to take in this war. He is either for us or against us. If he is for us, he wants to help. If he is not willing to help us in this time of our need, he is a traitor to his country. You may show this letter, if you so desire, to any man who refuses to comply with my request, and if, after he has read it, he still insists upon meat, please furnish me with his name."—Boston Transcript.

DID YOU?

The burning of the famous old International hotel at Niagara Falls will be the source of regret on the part of many a middle-aged married man in the United States, who will recall that some years ago a wedding trip to Niagara Falls and a stay at the International hotel were just the thing to make one fashionable. It was historic—your visit!

THEY WON'T STAND IT.

A Chicago patriot was rejected for army service on the ground that he was too old to fight, but on the way home from the recruiting station he managed to put to flight four highwaymen who tried to rob him. The old man made three attempts to enter government service and now he intends to try again. If there's anything that gets an American mad it is to have somebody, either a private citizen or a government official—insinuate that he is too old or too young, too weak or too cowardly to be of any use to Uncle Sam—in other words, that he isn't "fifteen to fight."

FOR POSTERITY'S SAKE.

The board of agriculture in London has issued a call for women tree planters. It is said that there are ten million forest trees in the hands of nurserymen which will be destroyed unless planted during the forthcoming season, and the shortage of men is responsible for the action on the part of the agricultural board. The women of England, who have so far proved themselves equal to every task imposed upon them by the government, could engage in no more useful work than the planting of trees. A tramp of the old South won an immortal name for himself by planting apple seeds in the fence corners as he traveled through Tennessee, North Carolina and other Southern states. Nobody seems to know much about him, but in the south "Apple Seed John" will always be remembered as a great public benefactor.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Mostly sunshine. The war fronts are inactive, owing to severe weather. Notice the days growing longer. The Canadian officers who were in Salem yesterday agree with Mr. Haig, that the Germans cannot get through, with their threatened drive.

One of the Canadian officers said there is no "no man's land" for the front held by the Canadian forces. For them, it is "Canada." And he added that for the part to be held by our soldier boys, it will be "Oregon." That's right.

Trotzky is still dreaming that he can make peace with the German people themselves. May his dream come true. That would mean peace for the world.

If the Salem Y. M. C. A. gets a service flag, it will contain 104 stars. That is surely creditable.

The Canadian officers will find sympathy and comradeship all over Oregon. Our people are proud of their pride in Canadian valor and devotion to their country.

"U"-pirate victims have not died in vain, for theirs is the real call for freedom of the seas.—Wall Street Journal.

The only draft-resisters that meet any encouragement out this way are the ones patriotic women are knitting.—Kansas City Star.

The coal famine served one purpose, anyhow. It made New Year go to bed early.—New York World.

The Army has no machine guns because the ordnance experts have been apart for years on the type to be used, which recalls the man who died of sleeplessness sitting on the edge of his bed with a nightshirt in each hand, but unable to make up his mind which to put on.—Kansas City Star.

In Iceland they are paying \$80 a ton for coal. But there are other handicaps to living in that far-away country.

Alimony may not be income, but it is a penalty for a man making a fool of himself.

The slogan of a lot of American boys is "Into the trenches" by St. Patrick's Day.

An authority at Des Moines declares that the war has increased juvenile delinquency abroad 15 per cent.

IN A SOCIAL WAY

By Florence Elizabeth Nichols

Sad farewells were told yesterday morning when Dan Fry and Frits Slade left for Illinois en route to France in the Ordnance department of the United States Army. A crowd of friends and relatives gathered to see them off, yesterday morning at 9:45 o'clock on the Oregon Electric train. Others leaving in the same department were: James Young and Horace A. Wilson. Mr. Wilson left a wife and two small babies to wave farewells to him.

Recently, at brilliant society events, Miss Rita Steiner announced her engagement to Dan Fry and almost simultaneously the engagement of Miss Margery Marvin and Mr. Slade were announced. The girls are chums and the men are close friends, so the partings were doubly hard. Both the Dan Fry Sr., and the R. E. Lee Steiner families were at the depot to bid the boys goodbye and to supply them with goodies for their long trip.

At a quiet home wedding, Miss Glyde B. Gardner became the bride of Arthur E. McClain, a student of the Oregon Agricultural college yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The marriage vows were read at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gardner, 1644 North Liberty street. A pretty ring ceremony was used with Rev. A. P. Lacy, officiating. The bride was attractive in a crepe de chine frock, fashioned youthfully, and she carried red carnations.

Following the marriage a wedding dinner was served with about twelve covers. Ivy and ferns decorated the rooms. The young couple have not made their plans yet for a home, as the groom is still in college. The bride will remain with her parents and the groom returned to Corvallis last night to resume his studies. Mrs. McClain is a talented violinist. Mr. McClain is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McClain of Salem Heights.

Red Cross sewing will fill the hours at gathering of the members of the North Salem Woman's club, which will be held this afternoon from 2:30 until 5 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Fred Cook, Belmont and North Cottage streets. There will also be a program. The members are asked to bring books with them as donations for the soldier's library fund.

Members of the gymnasium and swimming classes of the Y. M. C. A. will be treated to an address which will be given by Dr. Mary Rowland, this evening at the association rooms over the Roth grocery. Every woman and girl in the class is expected to be present. The talk will only last from 7 until 7:15 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Kay have left for a three weeks visit on the Atlantic coast. They will visit at Boston and New York city and other war time points of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Dick returned to Portland yesterday. They came to Salem to attend the Cherrian initiation and ball Tuesday night and while here were the houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Meyers on Court street.

Mrs. O. Hall and their daughter, Miss Lena Hal have returned from a short visit in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis are in California where they will tour for a few weeks. They went from Salem to San Francisco and will motor from there to Los Angeles.

Following a delightful sojourn in Salem, Mr. and Mrs. David T. Stone left last night for their home in Pendleton, Ore. They are relatives of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Stone, 611 South Commercial street, the men being brothers.

Circuit Court Has Busy Day Grinding Its Grist

The circuit court was engaged almost all of Tuesday in the hearing of the suit of George Spanjol against P. C. Freres and W. L. Freres, an action for repayment of accommodation notes. The case was tried by a jury, whose verdict was in favor of the plaintiff, for the following amounts to be recovered from the defendant P. C. Freres: \$232.30 and interest at 6 per cent from September 10, 1912; another note for \$2000 and interest at the same rate from Dec. 4, 1913 and the further sum of \$2474.50 with interest at the same rate from Feb. 10, 1917.

Be Careful in Using Soap on Your Hair

Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali, which is very injurious, as it dries the scalp and makes the hair brittle. The best thing to use it just plain multified coconut oil, for it is pure and entirely greaseless. It's very cheap and bears the most expensive soaps or anything else all to pieces. You can get this at any drug store, and a few ounces will last the whole family for months. Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in, about a teaspoonful is all that is required. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, cleanses thoroughly, and rinses out easily. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and is soft, fresh looking, bright, fluffy, wavy, and easy to handle. Besides, it loosens and takes out every particle of dust, dirt and dandruff.

60c Brassiers 49c, 35c White Turkish Bath Towels now 25c, Muslin Underwear One-fifth Less, 85c Bed Pillows now 69c each

Bed Comforts \$1.50 to \$7.95, All fancy trimmings now One-half, Evening Gowns now One-half, Great Reductions on Women's SUITS

Men's All Wool Blue Serge Suits in Economy Basement \$11.65, Boys' School Shoes at Bargain Prices in Economy Basement, Men's Stiff Hats, values to \$3, now 50c, Men's Heavy Under-shirts in Economy Basement 39c

Women's Umbrellas \$1.75 to \$4.40, Others at reduced prices, Stockton

Ivan Dimick for certain goods sold amounting to \$112.64.

Summons was issued in the divorce suit of Mary A. Finney against Edward A. Finney.

Order was entered confirming the sheriff's sale of property the suit of J. L. Quirk against A. Sargent, et al.

Suit was filed by W. C. Hubbard against Paul H. Hauser, et al to recover an note for \$1908 and interest from June 1, 1913.

Execution was returned by the sheriff in the suit of David Cade against J. A. Hatcliffe and Mae Hatcliffe, on judgment for \$877.55, the judgment of \$77.55.

By stipulation of the attorneys in the case of Fred J. Miller against Fouk Chung, judgment was entered in favor of the plaintiff, lease on certain lands terminated, and from the sale of the crop of hops in dispute, the claim of money due the plaintiff is to be deducted by the sheriff.

Nonsuit was entered on motion of the plaintiff in the suit of A. G. Dalrymple against R. W. Craig. Ollie Neal filed action for divorce against D. A. Neal, on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment.

Eric Underwood filed suit against H. D. Broughton, for hay and feed sold to defendant at different times, amounting to \$203.90.

The following names were drawn to serve as a special grand jury: E. T. Malvin, William Amsler, Adam Korb, O. C. Jerman, J. H. Maulding and A. I. Eoff.

ANNUAL REPORT MUTUALS FILED

Two Marion County Insurance Companies Make an Excellent Showing

The Farmers' Fire Relief association and the Hop Growers' Fire Relief association, both of Butteville, this county, are the first of the Oregon mutual insurance companies to file their annual reports this year.

premiums collected amounted to \$3,269.89 and losses for the year were \$4000. The insured value of the risks was \$384,456 for hops and the balance on buildings.

The farmers' relief wrote risks during the year amounting to \$1,866,469, receiving net premiums of \$8,864.72 and had a total of insurance in force on December 31 amounting to \$7,161,732. Its receipts for the year amounted to \$28,436.77 and its disbursements to \$21,875.70.

FUTURE DATES

January 11, Friday—Salem-Albany-Oregon City triangular high school debate.

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January 13, Sunday—Mass meetings in Salem and other Marion county towns to promote Armenian-Syrian relief.

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January Clearance Sales TEMPTING REDUCTIONS IN SILK and DRESS FABRICS. The best of this season's patterns, weaves, colors and textiles are now being offered at the most moderate prices that were ever charged for such high quality materials. This clearance sale will provide any wanted fabric at an exceptionally little cost. Make your selection now and get the best of the splendid offerings: 36 in. Silk Poplin, per yard \$1.00, 36 in. Chiffon Taffetta \$1.50, 27 in. Figured Challies \$1.49, 36 in. Fancy Cheek Waisting \$1.49, 36 in. Fancy Silk and Cotton Crepe \$1.43, 36 in. Stripe Marquisette \$1.59, 36 in. Crepe Silk and Cotton \$1.59, 36 in. Stripe and Cheek Messaline \$1.47, Dress Gingham \$1.15, Mill End Devonshire \$1.25. SEND US YOUR MAIL ORDERS-WE PAY POSTAGE. Kafoury Bros THE STORE FOR THE PEOPLE. 416 STATE ST. SALEM-OREGON. Starving Armenians and Syrians Need Your Help. Contribute Your Bit Do it Today at Any Bank.

LADD & BUSH, Bankers. A Government income tax officer will be at the Court House from January 2 until January 30, 1918, and will, to all those who wish it, explain the new income tax law, and will furnish the necessary income tax blanks. All single persons having an income of \$1000.00 or over and all married persons having an income of \$2000.00 or over will be required to make a report.