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WE MUST FIGHT THE ENEMIES WITHIN

It will be well for every loyal American citizen to read an article in the Saturday Evening Post under date of January 12th, entitled "SWAT THE SPY." Particularly would we recommend this article to the Pomona Grange of Marion county, the members of which were hoodwinked into the adoption of a set of resolutions well calculated to promote dissension and to create distrust of state and government officials and disrupt the government program to increase our supply of foodstuffs.

With reference to such propaganda, David Lawrence in his article above referred to, says:

"Germany's avowed purpose with respect to the United States is to produce serious divisions of opinion. The German General Staff from the start has argued of its numerous enemies: 'Those whom we cannot destroy we shall divide.' History alone will tell how great a part paid agents of Germany had in producing the chaos now rampant in Russia.

It is true we may be and often are our own worst enemies through our ignorance of the results of our actions, but it behooves every loyal American citizen to carefully weigh his action in these days of world war, for this, the article points out in referring to the efforts of the enemy prior to the declaration of war:

"Similar principles of policy underlie Germany's activity today, but the methods are more ruthless, more deliberate and more cunningly contrived than before to paralyze the military and naval arms of the United States and to divide the mass of the American people into conflicting factions which by their strife and controversy should retard the progress of the war machine and delay aid to the Allies, while Germany batters away at the free nations which failed to amass munitions during unsuspecting years of sincere and peaceful intention."

The agency through which the government is now working to increase its supply of foodstuffs is the experiment stations or organizations throughout the United States and it is endeavoring to carry this organization to every county through the establishment of county agents. The responsibility for the defeat of the proposition to establish an agricultural agent in Marion county may be traced to the same source as the resolutions adopted by the local grange.

The time has come when there are but two classes in America, Americans and enemies. Those who are not for us are against us and, while this is no time for hysteria on questions of national importance, or a time when the patriotism and loyalty of any men should be lightly questioned, yet those who are against us should be singled out and those who are inclined through ignorance or otherwise to disrupt our legitimate organizations should be cautioned and restrained, for to quote Mr. Lawrence:

"Now, the battle goes further—to the heart of America's strength, the democracy that pulses in the veins of the Republic. 'If poison can be infused into the blood of America,' reasons the German tactician, 'her institutions will weaken, her hand will falter, her mind will grow sluggish and her counsels disordered.' Brains resident in Berlin may set forth the purpose; but brains resident in America, familiar with our ways, acquainted with our strong points and our weaknesses, must execute that purpose. We are fighting not merely enemies without but enemies within."

Rev. Billy Sunday is passing out compliments in Washington with a liberal hand. Just how far this is a part of his trade it might not be profitable to discuss, but it avails much. The evangelist has made a big bid for the favor of the lawmakers, and one consequence may be an invitation to speak before the two bodies of congress in joint session. The statement which pleased senators and representatives is that "Congress is now rid of the crafters and bootlickers and is composed of the finest type of men in America. The preacher knows the secretary of war and the secretary of the navy and approves of them. They're a couple of real birds—Baker and Daniels. Both are God-fearing, real red-blooded Americans who are on the job and looking after the morals and spiritual welfare of the millions under them, in a way that is a real joy to those who know what they are doing." When it comes to the head of the nation Rev. Mr. Sunday declares "I am for President Wilson

ten million ways—he's one of the greatest ever—and anyone who don't back him up in his battle against old Kaiser Bill is a sneaking, contemptible coward or traitor of the worst sort." Here is neither the fear of emperors nor conventional respect for "the cloth." Those who admire Billy Sunday will be pleased over the breezy way in which he breaks into the national capital even though old-fashioned Christians may shudder anew.

Medals for notable service to mankind were awarded by the National Institute of Social Science at its fifth annual meeting at the Hotel Astor last Friday, the 18th, to Herbert C. Hoover, Food Administrator, Henry P. Davison, chairman of the Red Cross Council, and Dr. William J. Mayo, the widely known Minnesota surgeon.

These are the first awards of what is to be known as the Liberty Service Medal, and which is to be bestowed on those persons who have performed notable services of a patriotic nature, such as work for the Red Cross, the establishment of hospital service or ambulance units, work for the Y. M. C. A., and other patriotic work outside of the army and navy.

That government ownership of railroads will ensue after the war is one of the bromides of the day. It is on every lip. We venture the prediction that when the war is over the re-jection of public sentiment against government ownership will be tremendous. If this war has demonstrated any one thing better than another it is that private ownership and management of the railroads has been responsible for transportation efficiency and progress. The public will awaken to the big fact and our country will enjoy another splendid era of industrial and commercial growth based on the resourceful private enterprise of its capable citizens. As an alternative government ownership of the arteries of transportation will seem intolerable.—Oregon Voter.

PRESIDENT KERR.

The Voter is in receipt of numerous communications impugning the good faith of President Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural College. It is apparent that there is a wide-spread campaign to besmirch his character. Such a campaign was conducted once before. President Kerr apparently has entire confidence in his own integrity, and those who know him will feel the same complete confidence. Oregon is fortunate in being able to retain the services of a man of such high honor and demonstrated ability as head of its great agricultural college. The slanderous attacks being made upon him are not such that deserve notice or reply to all who are unprejudiced we suggest that they judge President Kerr by his good works and trust to that complete vindication of his motives that is bound to come when all the facts are made public. Truth will out.—Oregon Voter.

WHEN DEATH SMILES.

"I direct that my lifeless body be cremated and the ashes go to nourish a tree near my home," was the unique bequest found in the will of a Los Angeles woman.

What more befitting disposal could she have made of the substance which the Almighty lent her for the clothing of her spirit while on earth? "To what beautiful uses may we return?" One is reminded of that sentence in "Peter, Ibbetson": "Let us so conduct our lives that the very memory of us shall smell sweet and blossom in the dust."—Los Angeles Times.

THE SWAN SONG OF KING BOOZE

In the combined stress of the holiday season and the rapid development on the Italian front and the western front, few people became aware, that, on December 17, congress passed an amendment to the constitution prohibiting the liquor traffic throughout the United States.

This means that the amendment must go before the legislatures of the several states and that three-fourths of them must act favorably before the provision becomes a law. A few years ago there were but three "dry" states, and these subject to continual ridicule; but now there are twenty-seven. Thirty-six states, however, must consent to the amendment before it may be incorporated in the constitution.

There is no question but that ultimately—and "ultimately" does not mean very long in this case—prohibition will be nation-wide. Times have changed, indeed. It was not moral snobism so much as industrialism that has wrought the change. A hundred years ago almost every one was a tippler. But with the rise of industries requiring the greatest reliability and precision on the part of employes, alcohol received its first hard jolt. The railroads did much for the cause of prohibition in for-

bidding the employment of any man that drank. Other employes, too, discovered that men who drank even in moderation, were not so dependable at the testotals, and the new regime of abstinence was ushered in. Then, after long arguments and citations of tests, it has been pretty well established by medical science that while the body does need and crave alcohol, the body is nevertheless thoroughly competent to manufacture its own brand, and resents "bonded goods." The proper diet will do much to cure the craving for alcohol by giving the body the ingredients for its own distillery. So with church, industry, medical science, and now the lawmakers, aligned against it, King Booze is about due for his "swan song."

SHAKESPEARE AND THE FOOD ADMINISTRATION.

Herbert Hoover might do worse than send the people of the United States to the master poet for appropriate maxims concerning food economy. For Shakespeare's plays are full of wise saws for the present times. "Take this excellent resolution from 'As You Like It.'" "We will nothing waste." "Or this advice from 'Hamlet.'" "From this time Be somewhat scanted." And the individual appeal from "Romeo and Juliett." "And stint thou, too, I pray thee." From "Henry V" we may learn that "The English are shrewdly out of beef," and from "As You Like It" that "It is a spare life, look you." And for the Food Hog there is plenty of appropriate censure. As this from "Antony and Cleopatra:" "'Tis not a time For private stomaching." And should he persist in his surfeits and refuse to "forbear and eat no more," then in the lines of Henry II. "Let him be damned like a glut-ton."

A LITERARY PIND.

When David B. Snyder is not writing insurance policies for the Oregon Life he is engaged in writing jingles that please his fancy. We held him up on one street the other day and took this one away from him. It is as follows: "THE DEVIL'S REACTION." (By David B. Snyder.) The devil he sat in his kingdom of hell, And mournfully thought of his fate; He felt that his work was not moving well In the way of foul murder and hate. He must call to his counsel his cruelist clan, And demand some new schemes to 'The innocent mortals who are trying to span The gulf 'twix the pure and the vile. 'On earth is a demon who labors so well, At planning all peoples to fool—I feel I am losing my grip upon hell, And should have Kaiser Bill start a school. 'My infantile tortures are certain nil, I'm a child in my knowledge of crime. When compared with the murders of von Kaiser Bill, Who claims that his rule is divine.' So the devil he cranked up his auto of fire, And hid himself up to Berlin; And said he'd resign if the Kaiser they'd hire. To rule in his kingdom of sin. But his lips flashed a wireless—"We demand your return to your throne; The Kaiser's not fit to rule over hell, And we'd rather he'd leave us alone. So the devil returned to his realm of despair, And was welcomed with joy and fair. He found his vile kingdom exceedingly fair. Since his trip to the Kaiser's domain, in.

"Nothing is deadlier than a machine gun."—New York World. "Nothing, except the lack of a machine gun."—Philadelphia North American.

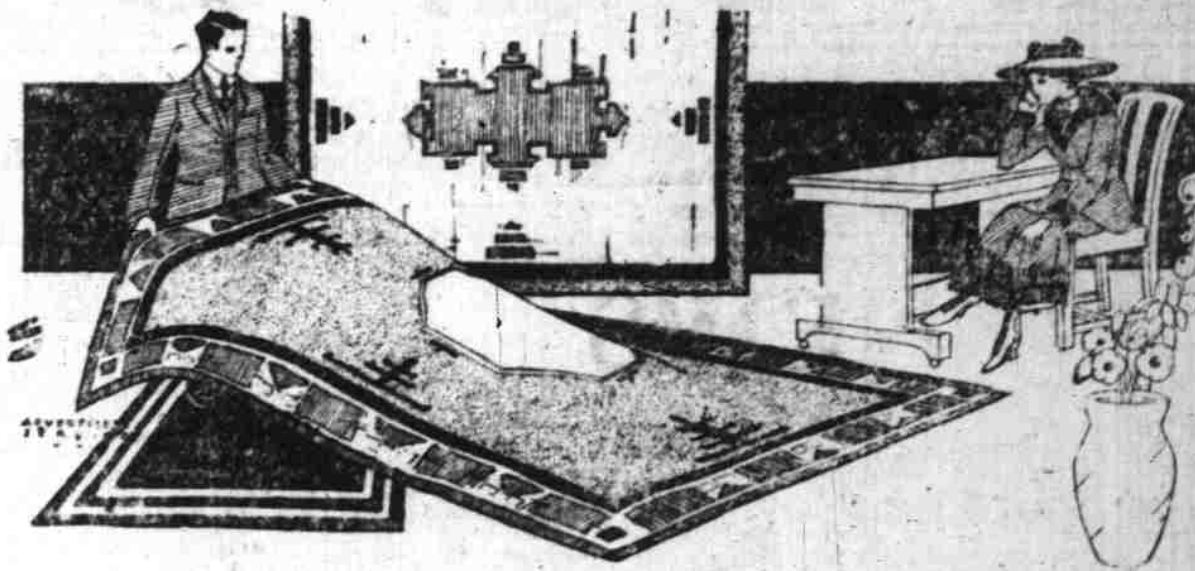
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BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Looked like spring yesterday. And Salem streets looked lively. The Bolsheviks are on the skids. They were outvoted in the constituent assembly. It was 244 to 15. Now, what do you think of that? The neutral nations showed what they think, by marking down the German mark. But the anti-Bolshevik crowd also wants a "democratic peace." So the German propagandists are caught between the devil and the deep blue sea. And hell may be to pay in Russia internally, and no pitch hot. No wonder the Germans have not been ready to declare their war aims, or their peace aims. They don't know themselves. They begin to wish to goodness they did. The Italians are leading the brunt of the fighting on the western front, and carrying off the job very well, too, for Italians, or any one else. Local stamp collectors are adding thrift stamps to their stock. They are handsome, and the government needs the money. It is now claimed that when an ostrich is pursued he does not hide his head in the sand at all, but behind a bush. Another dream shattered. Wonder what honest old Abe Lincoln would say if he knew that two continents were quarrelling over the quality of ugliness in a certain statue of him. In a London exhibition they are advertising a "lifelike model of M. Kerensky," but there is no sure thing that it is not Kerensky himself. He has been a wax figure for some time. Quartermaster is Hauled Over Coals.—Head-line. Doubtless this would be considered by some of the underclothed soldiers to be in the nature of an award.—Philadelphia North American. Bolsheviks deserve German peace terms, but they seem rough on Russia.—Wall Street Journal. Perhaps the shortcomings of the Ordnance Department might be ex-

plained on the theory that the officers in charge thought it to be a fist-fight.—Macon Telegraph. Plebiscite vote on independence safe concession with the Kaiser doing the counting.—Wall Street Journal. According to General Maurice, of the British army, Bethlehem, Pa., was in a large measure responsible for the capture of Bethlehem, Pa.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch. What we must do is to get some of the pop with which we investigate into our fighting.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Just what everybody said was impossible is happening in Russia. Isn't this a rummy old world?

POLITICAL NEWS

W. H. GOULET, county commissioner, is being talked of in some quarters as a candidate for county judge. Mr. Goulet himself is non-committal on the question. Frank Wrightman of Salem and L. J. Adams of Silverton already have announced their candidacy. BEN ROBERTSON of Turner, it is rumored, may become a candidate for county commissioner to succeed W. H. Goulet. James Feller of Donald has been mentioned in the press

as a possible aspirant for the office, having said that he is considering pressure that is being brought upon him by friends.

L. J. ADAMS of Silverton, Republican candidate for the nomination for county judge, was in Salem yesterday sizing up the political situation. Mr. Adams says not much politics is being talked at Silverton at this early stage of the game.

H. P. RICE of Myrtle Creek has announced himself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for county commissioner of Douglas county.

J. D. IRVINE, who has served Lincoln county as commissioner during the last term, has announced that he is a candidate for re-election.

A. S. BENNETT, of The Dalles is being urged by his Democratic friends again to become a candidate for governor. He has not yet announced his intentions.

ELBERT BEDE, Cottage Grove editor, is persistently spoken of as a Republican candidate for state senator from Lane county.

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