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THE KNOCKOUT BLOW THAT WILL BRING PEACE

The opening paragraph of the current weekly letter of Henry Clews, the Wall Street authority, is quoted below: "Belief that the war will soon end grows stronger each day. This belief is not entirely intuitive, and is largely based upon the break-away in Austria-Hungary and the growing dissensions in Germany, particularly the great protests by labor in Berlin, Hamburg and elsewhere, which may or may not be exaggerated for effect here. The Allies, no matter how weary, are certainly in better condition to continue the war than Germany, which is slowly but inevitably drifting towards some sort of collapse. It is well to remember, however, that Germany is preeminently a military power and being such the only final argument that counts is a blow. Militarism can only triumph through force, and can only be defeated by the same means. It is hardly likely that Germany's military dynasty will surrender until a knockout blow has been administered. No such argument has yet been delivered, and probably will not be until American armies have reached France in sufficient force to deliver it. Moreover, a military dynasty, facing inevitable ruin, is quite likely to sell its life as dearly as possible; and the fact that the great majority of Germany's strong men are in the army, comparatively ignorant of the state of affairs at home, makes it reasonable to expect that the military power will be exerted to the very utmost. The most encouraging event of the week, therefore, was the arrival of a number of American transports in France with a considerable body of men. Our Government has been undoubtedly spurred on by recent criticisms, and such displays of energy will convince Germany of our determination to win far more quickly than any threats, implied or actual. President Wilson's announcement that he believed the war would end this year was also assuring and materially strengthened peace hopes."

IT DOAN' MATTAH

I'm way f'om Mississippi— F'om de sunny souf I am, An' I've lef de fields ob cotton To fight foh Uncle Sam, O you' color it doan' mattah If you kin tote a gun An' sight Bill Kaisah's Boches An' git 'em on de run.

When we strike de mud ob Flandahs We'll keep a-ploughin' froy Till the Boches run bekaze dey fin' Their nightmares comin' true, O you' color it doan' mattah If you kin tote a gun An' sight Bill Kaisah's Boches An' git 'em on de run.

When we have licked de Kaisah Won't Uncle Sam be proud When he sees us colored soldiers An' hears us singin' loud, O you' color it doan' mattah If you kin tote a gun An' sight Bill Kaisah's Boches An' keep 'em on de run. Salem, Feb. 7, 1918 —C. V. B.

enough thought and method being applied to overcoming them?

"The only drawbacks to the business situation are the shortage and high prices of commodities, the derangement of transportation and the coming of another big loan. But these facts have been largely discounted, and after several months of liquidation the financial district at last appears disposed to take a more hopeful outlook." The foregoing quoted words are from the current weekly letter of Henry Clews the Wall street authority. In the course of his letter, Mr. Clews shows that the banking resources of the United States have reached over thirty-seven and a half billions, an increase of fourteen billions in the last five years.

CENTENARY OF MICHIGAN WAR GOVERNOR.

At the state capitol in Lansing, Mich., today the fact will be recalled that this is the centennial anniversary of the birth of Austin Blair, Michigan's celebrated "war governor" in the '60s. Governor Blair filled the office of chief executive of Michigan during the entire period of the civil war, and in furthering the union cause he subjected himself to burdensome expenses for which his merely nominal salary did not furnish any equivalent. He left the executive office practically impoverished.

Michigan as a state was only twenty-five years old at the commencement of the civil war. Yet the state put no fewer than 90,000 soldiers in the field during that great conflict. Largely through the efforts of Governor Blair the first Michigan regiment was ready and equipped within four days after President Lincoln's call for troops, and left Detroit in May, 1861.

Tompkins county, New York, was the birthplace of Austin Blair. His father, George Blair, felled the first tree and built the first cabin in that locality. He prospered and was able to give his son the best education that the times afforded. Austin Blair attended Union college and was graduated at the age of 21.

Two years later he was admitted to the bar and soon afterward he went to Michigan. In politics he was a Whig, and he supported Henry Clay for the presidency. Five years after his arrival in Michigan Blair was elected to the state legislature.

There he was appointed a member of the judiciary committee and served at the time of the general revision of the statutes of the state. Like his father, he was at heart an earnest abolitionist, and he soon found himself in political difficulties because of his open advocacy of that cause. As a member of the judiciary committee in the legislature he made an earnest report in favor of abolishing the color distinction as relating to the election franchise. Many members of the Whig party were displeased at this act of Blair and at the next election he was defeated.

The next year he joined the Free Soil movement, and was a member of the Buffalo convention in 1848, which nominated Martin Van Buren Blair acted with the Free Soilers until the formation of the Republican party. In 1854, he was active in the formation of the new party at the historic convention held at Jackson, Mich., being upon the platform committee. This was two years before it became a national organization at the Philadelphia convention of 1856.

In 1852 Mr. Blair was elected prosecuting attorney of Jackson county. Two years later he was sent to the state senate, where he immediately took rank as a speaker and man of affairs.

From 1855 to 1860, when he was elected governor, he was a recognized leader of the Republican party in Michigan.

FUTURE DATES

February 8, Friday.—Arbor day. February 9, Friday.—Mid-year graduation exercises at Salem High School. February 7 to 13.—Ninth Annual Portland Automobile show. February 8, Friday.—Post-exams jubilee, Willamette university. February 9, Friday.—Boy Scout anniversary to be celebrated in Salem. February 9, Saturday.—Intercollegiate Prohibition association oratorical contest, Willamette university. February 10, Sunday.—Time limit expires for payment of delinquent taxes, Willamette university. February 11 to 17.—Father and Son week in Oregon. February 12, Tuesday.—Lincoln day. February 13, Wednesday.—Illustrated lecture, "Russia as it is Today," by Dr. F. T. Porter, at Salem Public Library. February 15, Friday.—Military tournament by Company A, high school cadets, at army. February 15, Friday.—Third Liberty loan drive opens. February 16, Saturday.—Annual meeting Salem Fruit Union. February 16, Saturday.—Celebration of fiftieth anniversary of founding of B. P. O. E. February 16, Saturday.—Mental examination conducted at Eaton hall for candidates for appointment to United States naval academy. February 17 to 18.—Farm crop and stock assessments. Joint celebration of Lincoln and Washington days, army. February 22, Friday.—Washington's birthday. February 22 to 24.—Western Oregon convention of Christian Endeavor society, Eugene. Feb. 17, Friday.—Primary nominating election.

in Michigan. As governor he was a tower of strength to the administration at Washington. In consequence of his herculean efforts in his difficult and continuous task of equipping, forwarding and sustaining the troops Governor Blair permanently impaired his health.

After the war he was thrice elected to congress and in his last term was chairman of the committee on claims, including war claims. He displeased President Grant by some of his acts on this committee and in 1872 he supported Horace Greeley for the presidency.

He continued to act with the Democratic party for some years after, but always maintaining that he was a Republican according to the platform of 1860.

In 1883 Governor Blair was elected a regent of the state university, which was the last public office he filled. His death occurred at his home in Jackson on August 6, 1894.

OPEN SEASON FOR AUTOGRATS.

The supreme ruler of Russia, be he Czar or Bolshevik, continues to be regarded as an extra-hazardous risk by well-regulated life insurance companies. Sitting on the throne of Russia is very much akin to clinging to the rim of an active volcano. About half the czars of the last century met unexpected and violent death. The last of the line is now a plaything in the hands of the Bolshevik. Kerensky occupied for a brief time the royal apartments in the winter palace, then fled Petrograd in the attire of a Red Cross nurse. Lenin, the latest Russian autocrat, is an almost daily target for reckless anarchists. He owes his life partly to the ability he acquired dodging missiles composed of decaying animal and vegetable life while making socialist speeches in New York and in part to the bad marksmanship of peeved Bolsheviks.

JAPAN'S TROOPS.

We often hear complaints, although not official, from various quarters of the entente powers, that Japan is very indifferent in her attitude towards the world war. They say the Japan sits tight in her comfortable place and declines to send her powerful army to Europe.

But before they utter these words they should pause and think for a moment. Was it not Japan who sided with the entente powers at the very start of the war? Suppose that Japan had remained out of the war till the time when Italy entered, or rather till the time when the United States joined hands with the allies. Could Russia have withdrawn her army from Siberia? Could England have brought her overseas troops safely to Europe? Could the shipping of the entente powers have gone on undisturbed by the German raiders? Then what would the result have been? One stitch in time saves nine. Japan has, in fact, played a most important part in the war.

If we concede that there is need for our men, it is impossible to send them to Europe because of the present disorganized condition of transportation in Russia and Siberia.

Another thing: The Japanese army is not a volunteer force. It is conscripted to protect our country when she is actually threatened. The policing of the Orient and the Pacific, help in supplying materials, and the participation of the navy are the utmost we can do at present.—The Osaka Mainichi.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Good April weather. The missing now down to 101. Hope the number may be reduced to nothing.

The first reports had it that 1000 lives were forfeited by the Tuscania sinking.

It seems to be pretty well established that the Tuscania was one of the ships used in transporting the Oregon troops to France.

An American officer on the Tuscania thinks the submarine that sent the torpedo against the Tuscania was "done in" by depth bombs fired by a British destroyer. Nearly the whole world will rejoice to be assured of such retribution.

The mob is looting wine cellars in Petrograd. To that standard has fallen Russian patriotism. The Bolshevik government, or lack of government, is bound to lead to a reign of terror. And there is so far no outlook beyond. Unless a miracle shall be performed, that country will go from bad to worse. If the rest of the world were not busy, there would be a plain duty before it—the duty of intervening and straightening out Russian affairs and restoring and keeping order. And that duty may be urgent after the rest of the world shall have been brought to a peace basis.

Everybody in Austria is so disgusted with the war that they refuse to give three cheers whenever the Kaiser assures them that God is with them. He has been furnishing so many bum steers.

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IN A SOCIAL WAY

By Florence Elizabeth Nichols

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Mabel Loraine Foland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Foland, to Edward J. Walsh, Jr., of Portland. The ceremony took place Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Tucson, Ariz. Mr. Walsh is doing government work in Arizona and the couple will make their home for the present in San Carlos, Ariz.

The bride has many friends in this city, where she has passed most of her life. For the past year she has been employed in Portland as a private secretary by the W. P. Fuller company. The groom is from a prominent Portland family. He is a member of the Multnomah Athletic club. He is also well known in university circles, as he is a graduate of the law school of the University of Oregon.

War cakes and tea formed the unique refreshments at an informal assembly at the Highland school yesterday afternoon when the teachers of the school were hostesses for the mothers of the Highland district. There was a short program with a piano solo by Miss Henrietta Hoyser and a vocal solo rendered by Miss Lulu Walton.

Rev. Robert S. Gill gave a talk on Junior Red Cross work. The school has more than 100 per cent paid membership in the Red Cross and is pledged 100 per cent for Red Cross service. Recently the pupils collected a half ton of old paper which was sold and the funds turned into Red Cross coffers.

There were thirty mothers at the entertainment. The teacher-hostesses were the principal of the

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school, Mrs. La Moine R. Clark, Miss Henrietta Hoyser, Miss Lulu R. Walton, Miss Ida Stauffer, Miss Ellen Currin and Miss Bertha Allen.

Mrs. Harold Forrest and little son have left for Creswell, Or., where they have joined Mr. Forrest for the month.

A patriotic program will be given by the pupils of Richmond school tonight when the members of the parent-teacher organization of the

school hold an entertainment. Mr. Edgar Maxwell Burke will also give a short address. Arbor day exercises will be a feature of the program in recognition of the change of Arbor day on the coast from April to February.

Mrs. Ora Cosper of Dallas has been visiting during the week with Mr. Ray Simeral. Mrs. Ralph White and her daughter, Miss Margaret White, passed Wednesday in Portland.

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