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A REMARKABLE FORECAST MADE IN ITALY

The following article is taken from the current number of Current Literature:

"William II definitely joined the party of peace within his dominions last month. There was a rumor to this effect in the leading Italian dailies fully six weeks ago. Now, reinforced by the assertions of well-informed correspondents at The Hague, the news that his Majesty, despite his bellicose attitude officially, is for as speedy an end of the war as will save the imperial face, may be accepted. The Milan Avanti feels sure, as fact. The Giornale d'Italia (Rome) always careful in its inferences, considers the wish of Emperor William to end the war a proof that he seeks restoration of his political influence. For three months, at least, his Majesty has been a cipher within the empire and next to a cipher in the kingdom of Prussia. There have been two crown councils within a month, at each of which the insignificance of William II, following Italian press reports, was painfully obvious. It is true, says the Italian daily last named, that the Emperor's health is declining. He has been implored to stop his trumpet blasts of inspiration to the forces. He is so enervated that he has left to the Crown Prince the task of reconciling the differences of opinion in the general staff on the subject of the famous offensive. The fact that the offensive fills the columns of papers like the Kreuz-Zeitung (Berlin) shows that the Crown Prince is still a king in military councils. The Crown Prince is more bent than ever on a rush to Paris, the Italian organs believe. He has been behind the latest activities in the West. He contemplates still that last desperate stand, the Giornale says, which has been talked of for the last three months as the one way left to "drag the imperial chariot out of the mire." How and when the offensive is to take place, or whether it is to take place at all, is the problem of the hour."

The above is a remarkable forecast, because it shows that the Italian newspaper must have been well informed concerning the discussions and plans of the military overlord in Germany. The great drive has come, according to the wish of the criminally foolish and reckless Crown Prince. It has ended in disaster, for it has merely resulted in the sacrifice of scores and perhaps hundreds of thousands of German soldiers, and left that part of the German army in a worse strategic position than before the drive. Besides, it has weakened the morale of the whole German army.

How long will the German people allow such a degenerate to decree the slaughter of their men?

The long range gun was merely singing a hymn of hate.

It will be an April fool joke on Father Time when the clocks are all turned ahead.

"A better sewer for Ferry street" would be a good platform for some aspirant for the city council.

There has been only one successful food controller in the history of the world. The One who made five loaves and two small fishes feed a multitude.—Los Angeles Times.

You are to turn up your clock an hour at midnight on next Sunday night. Or you may attend to the matter earlier in the evening, if you like, or wait till Monday morning.

Those inclined to object to the one pound of flour a week ration should try to imagine themselves in the places of American prisoners in Germany.—Indianapolis News.

That third liberty loan promises to be a crackerjack. Remember that old-time remark, "First the worst, second the same, third the best of all the game?"

A golden album containing the names of famous Americans is on its way to General Pershing. We guess he would rather hear of arms and men being on their way.—Exchange. And he is not only hearing of them, he is seeing them, in daily ever-increasing quantities and numbers.

It used to be said that war did not make for mental steadiness, the argument being that during that time there was an unusual number of insane people made by the untoward events that excite and worry. Yet

FUTURE DATES

March 27, Wednesday.—Lecture on Russia at Public Library by Miss Cornelia Marvin. March 28, Friday.—Oregon Hopgrowers association meets for dissolution. March 29, Saturday.—Freshman glee at Willamette university. April 6, Saturday.—Third Liberty loan drive begins. April 8, Saturday.—Third Liberty loan drive opens. April, fourth week.—Marion County Christian Endeavor convention, Salem. May, dates not set.—State Grange convention, Salem. May 17, Friday.—Primary nominating election.

ry." Born in Westmoreland county, Virginia, in 1756, he belonged to a family that has been conspicuous in the history of Virginia since the earliest days. He was a great-grandson of Col. Richard Lee, a man of wealth and distinction, who sold his estate in England and came to America about 1640, as secretary of the Virginia colony and a member of the king's privy council.

Henry Lee received his education at the college of New Jersey, graduating in 1776. Prevented from visiting Europe by the preparations for active revolution, he returned to Virginia and at the age of 20 began his remarkable military career by recruiting a company of "light horse," of which he was made captain. In 1777 he joined Washington's army in Pennsylvania.

It was soon discovered that though little more than a boy no man in the army had better ideas of discipline or was more successful in the enforcement of them. He took the most excellent care of his men and horses and trained them so perfectly that he could easily surpass every other commander in the celerity of his movements and the rapidity and accuracy with which he could obtain information of the movements of the enemy.

"Lee's Legion" became a synonym for swift and daring action, and the captain's company was selected by Washington to act as the commander-in-chief's body guard at the battle of Germantown. He was promoted major for gallant conduct in battle in January, 1778, and was given command of two troops of horse and a company of infantry. This corps constantly hung on the flank of the British army and annoyed both their march and camp.

On July 19, 1779, Lee surprised the British troops in garrison at Paulus Hook, New York harbor, inflicting great damage, capturing 160 prisoners, and escaping with only two men killed and three wounded. For this exploit he received a gold medal from congress.

Less than two years later he was promoted to lieutenant-colonel and marched his legion to South Carolina where he covered the rear of General Greene's army, giving occasional opportunity for Tarleton's dragoons to measure swords with the Virginians. At every encounter Lee proved himself to be the master of Tarleton at the impetuous tactics for which the English officer was distinguished.

At the battle of Guilford Court House his legion proved more than a match for Tarleton's dragoons. When General Greene Marched against Camden he sent Lee and Marion to cut off Rawdon's communications with the seacoast, and they captured Fort Watson, which forced Rawdon to abandon and burn Camden. On May 25, Lee reached Augusta, Ga., which city also fell into his hands.

At the close of the war Lee settled down in his family mansion in Virginia. But in 1786 he went to congress from Virginia, subsequently served in the Virginia house of delegates, and became governor of the commonwealth in 1792. Washington had the warmest regard and greatest esteem for Lee, and when the whisky insurrection broke out in Pennsylvania in 1794 Lee was appointed commander of the army of 15,000 men that was formed to put down the disturbance.

Lee was in congress in 1799, when Washington died, and was appointed by the house to deliver the eulogy. It was in this address that Lee gave expression to the celebrated description of Washington as "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

MEMORABLE JEWISH PASSOVER.

At sunset tomorrow evening Jews in all parts of the world will begin the celebration of the festival of "Pesach," or Passover, commemorating the deliverance of the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage, and the saving of the first born from destruction.

The celebration of the festival this year promises to be the most memorable in the history of modern Judaism. For the first time in centuries the followers of the faith will be privileged to celebrate the day in a "free" Jerusalem. Equally interesting is the announcement of the British Palestine Commission that the Jews have designated the beginning of the Passover as the day for beginning their civil rule in Palestine.

In Biblical time, "Pesach" was one of the three great festival days of the Jews, when it was incumbent on all adult males of the nation to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, there to attend the services at the temple conducted with great pomp by the high priest and his assistants, and there to make their sacrifices and present their offerings in grateful remembrance of their deliverance from slavery and to celebrate their national freedom. The Paschal lamb was slain on the first day of the festival, and his blood sprinkled on the altar in commemoration of the lamb that by Divine command was slain on the eve of the deliverance of the Israelites from their Egyptian bondage, and whose blood was sprinkled on the door-posts of the houses in-

habited by the Jews to distinguish them from those in which their oppressors dwelt, and to protect the Jewish domiciles from the advent of the destroying angel when the first born of the Egyptians were destroyed and those of the Jews escaped.

The celebration of the festival is continued for seven days, in accordance with the Biblical command, and during this time no bread or anything that may be leaven is eaten or brought into the house of observant Jews. Matzo, or unleavened bread, is eaten during this period.

Lasting from sunset on the 14th day of the month of Nisan until sunset on the 21st of this Hebrew month, the traditions and customs of the observance of this festival are strictly adhered to by the Jewish people throughout the world.

The Passover will be introduced tomorrow evening with services in the synagogues, after which a quaint home service, known as the "Seder," will be conducted. At the Seder each participant—and the lowliest is privileged to sit at the table that night—is required to drink four cups of wine, in memory of the four promises made by the Eternal to redeem Israel from bondage. On the table are unleavened cakes, the shibboleth of a lamb roasted on the coals, commemorative of the Paschal sacrifice, a roasted egg, a mixture of apples and nuts (Charoseth), to symbolize the mortar with which the "Egyptians made bitter the lives" of the fathers and bitter herbs, reminiscent of the unhappy days in Egypt.

Although the careful Jewish house wife always arranges to leave no unnecessary leaven, it is customary for her to see that the search shall not be wholly in vain, and small pieces of bread and cake are placed in various parts of the establishment. The man then starts his investigation, armed with a duster and a pan followed by all members of the family, carrying lighted candles. The scraps discovered and the remnants of the morning's breakfast are carefully burned.

While the festival continues an entire week, the first and last days only are of special import. Tomorrow evening and Thursday morning all the Jewish places of worship will be open for services. Sermons will be preached in keeping with the thoughts of the festival. In song and story the tale of the oppression and the deliverance will be rehearsed. Excerpts from or in some cases the whole of the book of The Song of Songs will be read. Psalms of thanksgiving (Hallel) will strike the keynote of the happy occasion.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

World's greatest battle goes on.

And Germany's military back is being broken.

The German generals are using their famous "pincer" system.

But they are not fighting Russians, Serbians and Rumanians now.

They are fighting men who are ready for them, directed by men who know the rules and the tricks of the great game.

Where is General Byng?

Looks like an opportunity for a General Byng, within a few days, on the western front.

There should be some way to put a stop to the rumor factory that is in operation in Salem. Did you hear the many false reports of yesterday? Some one must have started them.

It has been said that one of the German generals made the statement a short time ago that Germany could afford to lose 500,000 men to break through the western line. They are losing the 500,000 men, but they are not breaking through, and they will be forced back ere long if General

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Halg decides it is worth while. But think of it! Think of a system that allows one man to decide upon the slaughter of a half million men, in one battle! The world will one day stand aghast at such a spectacle, in this day and age.

IN A SOCIAL WAY

By Florence Elizabeth Nichols

Miss Helen Mercer, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Mercer, 435 North Summer street, left Sunday night on the Shasta limited for Los Angeles, where she will enter the Good Samaritan hospital for a three years' course of nursing. Miss Mercer is popular among a large group of friends and was recently graduated from the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis. Dr. and Mrs. Mercer also have two sons. Ralph Mercer is at sea in the navy and Ira Mercer, a former Salem high school boy, enlisted last year in the army and is at American Lake.

Double meetings for war relief and other patriotic measures will be held tonight at the Grant school in North Salem. Both meetings will commence at 7:30 o'clock. The remodeling class, which started its work last week, will assemble in the domestic science rooms in the basement of the school. A class in millinery will also be added to meet the enthusiasm of many interested workers.

A general meeting of the patrons of the school will take place in one of the upstairs rooms. "War Gardens" will form the subject of discussion. Five minute talks will be

given by By Smith, Glen Unruh, T. L. Frazier, August Hucklestein and Prof. W. F. Fargo. Miss Wilda Solomon will speak of the necessity of school gardens. Mrs. P. K. Page will also speak on the third liberty loan.

Under the auspices of Willamette university a joint recital of the school of music and the public speaking department will be held tonight at 8:30 o'clock in Waller hall. The program follows: "Sing, Smile, Sleep" Gounod Barcarolle, from "Tales of Hoffman" Ladies' Glee Club Allegorical Monologue: "The Sign of the Cleft Heart" Miss Odell Savage Piano Solos: "An Old Love Song" MacDowell Scherzo, from Sonata Op. 14, no. 2 Beethoven Miss Lyla Miles Story: "Teddy O'Rourke" Mr. Paul Doney Monologue: "How a Woman Buys Meat" Miss Faye Bolin Soprano Solo: Aria, from "Don Carlos" Mr. J. Fred McGrew Piano Solos: "Soaring" Schuman Berceuse Chopin Miss Jane Elizabeth Briggs Story: "What William Henry Did" Miss Mabel Garrett "Moths" Ladies' Glee Club

An interesting program was held by the Chautauqua reading circle recently. The women are studying "The Greatest Books in the World" by Laura Spencer Porter. Besides a response to roll call by each member, with current events, the following numbers were given: Short Sketch of Miguel de Cervantes, Mrs. W. W. Rosebraugh; talk, "Don

Quixote and Sancho Panza." Mrs. E. E. Fisher; talk, "The Battle of the Wind Mills." Mrs. R. B. Gooding; talk, "The Adventures with the Biscayan Lady." Miss Chapel; talk, "The Knighting of Don Quixote." Mrs. S. B. Forest; talk, "Mambrino's Helmet." Mrs. Eva Hicks; talk, "The Battle with the Wine Skins." Mrs. Frank Wells; talk, "An Estimate of Don Quixote." Mrs. E. C. Minton; talk, "The Most Interesting Woman in the Story." Mrs. Zimmerman. General review of the chapter, Symposium, "My Interpretation of the Book."

Miss Florence Cory has returned to Portland after a week-end visit in Salem with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cory.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller and little daughter passed the week-end in Portland.

Mrs. Floyd Putnam of Brownsville is the guest of her sister Mrs. Walter Kirk, on Mill street.

Mrs. Ruth Bair of Bay City has been visiting with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. G. M. Thompson, of Kaiser Bottom.

Mrs. G. W. Geiger (Mary Edna Jones), who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Jones has left for a visit in San Francisco en route to her home in Kansas City.

SPRING IS NICE, BUT—Lack of fresh vegetable food and interrupted, changing habits make these trying weeks for anyone inclined to constipation. Foley's Cathartic Tablets are just the thing for indigestion, biliousness, gas on stomach, furred tongue, headache, or other condition indicating clogged bowels. Cause no bad after effects. J. C. Perry.

There is this to be said to the credit of Japan—she is not trying to borrow any money from Uncle Sam.

Popular High School Students Stage Benefit Play



Snikpoh cast who will appear in comedy Tuesday night at Salem high school. Reading from left to right: Herbert Darby, Wolcott Buren, Wallace Carson, Miss Nell Sykes (coach), Richard Slater, Arthur Ross and Lower row—The Misses Margaret Goodin, Lacy Leonard, Isobel George, Lucile Jones, Helen Rose and Clara Breitenstein.