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THE GERMANS CALL IT A PEACE DRIVE

The London Daily Chronicle special correspondent at Amsterdam, George Renwick, sends a long dispatch to that paper, dated April 2, in which he outlines the feeling in Germany at that time concerning the great drive that was then on in full force, and that is still on, though very much slowed down and broken up.

He emphasizes the statement that "Germany is putting her all—and it is a gigantic all—into the struggle;" that there was a talk in that country that the German High Command was "prepared to sacrifice 300,000 men;" and that "probably that number has been very considerably passed."

He says this great offensive is "always described as a great peace offensive," by all the German newspapers and writers, and he says: "It requires little imagination to gather what the result will be should it fail, should the hope of peace be vain. IT IS PLAINLY RECOGNIZED THAT SUCH AN OFFENSIVE IS A THING THAT CANNOT HAPPEN AGAIN. Even now there are whispers—only whispers, and I report them under the greatest reserve—of some German troops having funked it, who hesitate to wade knee-deep, as it were, over their dead comrades' bodies. How long the military machine can throw democracy to the slaughter is an important point. Certainly not long, if the cost continues to be high and the ultimate ends unachieved."

Following are the concluding paragraphs of the dispatch:

"There are not lacking expressions of astonishment at the tremendous resistance the great German masses have met with. Baron von Ardenne, in the Berliner Tageblatt, eulogies the fine spirit and self-sacrifice of the English artillery in covering the retreat. The artillerymen remained, he says, till within rifle range to protect the infantry, and only then thought of safety for themselves. English and French cavalry, he adds, vied with the artillery in a spirit of self-sacrifice which must be recognized.

"There is another curious thing about German public opinion these days. That is the deep impression made by the memoranda of Lichnowsky and von Jagow. They have been discussed almost as much as the offensive, and while the offensive has been on the readers of many papers had put before them articles bitterly complaining of German diplomacy before the war, and even going as far as can be expected towards an admission that England did not really cause the war after all. A member of the Reichstag laments in the Vossische Zeitung that the German Government was silent in the face of numerous speeches made by Entente statesmen.

"In short, I think I am right in the belief that German public opinion is in such a condition that if the offensive is held up peace would be very near."

The "at home" day of the Sammies in their trenches is every day in the week, as the Bosches have found out.

Is every fine Sunday to witness a grist of fatal automobile accidents in Oregon? Or will a streak of sanity strike in?

The great drive is on its second month. And it is still a failure, and will be still, if it lasts a dozen months longer.

The Bosches who continue to try out the sectors held by the Sammies are learning the meaning of the Yankee punch and pep.

We must produce more, give more, sacrifice more—and still more and more—till the world is safe for democracy.

The Osler theory has received a knock-out blow in the appointment of General Ferdinand Foch to the post of supreme commander of the allied forces in France. Foch is 67 years of age.

It is no time to play cheap politics. We are all Americans. Our existence as a nation is threatened. Let the politicians take back seats, and as far in the rear as possible.—Los Angeles Times.

Those 6200 swivel-chair officers holding clerical positions in Washington, who are doing work that could be accomplished by women, ought to be sent to the front. The appointment of a young man to such positions through "pull" is not calculated to increase the spirit of patriotism among the common folks who are willing to fight and die for their country.—Los nAgeles Times.

Either democracy or militant autocracy must die in this war. There is to be no compromise with kaiserism—it must go.

Consider the bravery and supreme conifdence of France under fire. Let us press onward and not look back. The mightiest task that ever faced a republic is before us.—Los Angeles Times.

THE BEAST EXULTS.

Whenever the troops of Von Hindenburg fail to gain new ground, or are forced to recede from ground previously occupied, old "Me und Gott" issues a congratulatory dispatch to the German people. The Hohenzollerns always are willing to give the Almighty a reasonable share of credit for their successful assassinations. When the grandfather of the present Beast of Berlin telegraphed his wife of the results of one of his massacres, the dispatch read: "Ten thousand Frenchmen sent below. Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

The recent dispatches of the kaiser recall to the mind of the Christian Science Monitor's editor the version given by Robert Burdette of the dispatches sent out by the chairman of the National Democratic Committee of the United States, following the presidential election of 1876. "Tilden is elected; illuminate!" read the first telegram. "Tilden is undoubtedly elected notwithstanding contrary claims; go ahead with illuminations!" read the second. "Tilden is unquestionably elected; prepare for the celebration but wait until you hear from me," read the third. Finally, late in the night came this: "Tilden is elected, but postpone illumination for the present."

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

All nature smiles.

Country never looked more beautiful.

Nor any other country half so beautiful.

Did you write to the boy in France, Sunday?

You did? All right. Do it again today, and every day.

The Boches had to be "doped" to go up against the Yankees. They will have to be bound and gagged and hauled up, before long, if they keep on getting licked as badly as they have been trimmed each time, so far.

Do you want to see Bill Hart?

He is going to speak, from the rear end of the Shasta Limited, arriving in Salem at 5:42 tonight.

He is going to talk about the third liberty loan, or anything else he has on his mind or wants to get out of his system.

Don't let the predictions of people talking about how long the war will last and how it will end, disturb you. You are probably as good a guesser as any of them. It is going to last till Germany hollers enough. And that may be soon, or it may be a long while yet, already.

IN A SOCIAL WAY

By Florence Elizabeth Nichols

An informal reception was tendered Mrs. Katherine Glen Kerry last night by Mrs. Frank Wilbur Chace at the Chace home on the Willamette university campus, following the benefit concert at which Mrs. Kerry sang, in the First Methodist church. The guest of honor was a charming visitor to meet and she delighted many music lovers with her wonderful contralto songs earlier in the evening. Mrs. Chace's guests were the members of the faculty of Willamette university, the music students, the executive board of the Red Cross and a few extra friends.

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As a complete surprise to their many friends, Olive Beckley and Russel B. Fields were united in marriage Saturday evening, April 20, at 8:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Beckley.

The romance had its beginning in Salem high school where they were classmates and from which they both graduated. The marriage was somewhat hastened by the early departure of the groom for a training camp in Georgia, having just completed the ordnance course in Eugene.

The bride was marired in a natty suit of navy blue with a hate of georgette crepe matching the blouse. She wore a corsage bouquet of bride's roses, Cecil Brunner roses and maidenhair fern. The groom was attired in military uniform. Miss Emma Gettmann sang "Oh, Promise Me," following which the bridal couple entered to the strains of "Mendelssohn's Wedding March." Dr. R. N. Avison united the couple as they stood under an arch of ivy and a large bridal knot of tulle ribbon.

Present at the wedding were the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Fields, Alice, Helen and John Fields, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Beckley, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Beckley and children of Jefferson, Or., Mr. and Mrs. Ray Falbee of Portland, Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Bellinger and children, Miss Emma Gettmann of Portland, and Dr. and Mrs. R. N. Avison. A buffet luncheon was served.

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The fifth anniversary of Charles Kay Bishop, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Bishop, was the inspiration of a merry little party yesterday morning in the kindergarten of the high school. Tiny lighted candles burned on little cakes and dainty refreshments were served to a small crowd of youngstesr with the little host's grandmother, Mrs. C. D. Gabrielson, and his mother, Mrs. Bishop, aiding in the arrangements.

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Miss Dorothy Chambers, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. William Chambers of State street passed the week-end in Corvallis as a guest at the Alpha Chi Omega sorority house. While there she was a guest at an inter-sorority dance.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Elliott have gone to Portland for a summer visit. They have been passing the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Burton Webb on Bellevue street, the Elliotts being the parents of Mrs. Webb.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Schomaker of Portland passed Sunday in Salem with friends.

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The aid society of the Englewood United Brethren church will meet tomorrow afternoon with Mrs. Carrie M. Chase, 1107 North Seventeenth street. The gathering will be a business meeting.

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Mrs. W. H. Boles has returned to her home in Philomath after a week's visit with her daughters, Mrs. H. A. Rowe and Mrs. Elbert Thompson. Mrs. Rowe and Mrs. Thompson also entertained as their guests over the week-end their sister, Mrs. Ella Jones of Portland, and another sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Frink of Philomath.

FUTURE DATES

May 2, Thursday.—Dedication of Champoeg memorial building.
May 17, Friday.—Primary nominating election.
June 4, 5, 6 and 7—State Grange convention in Salem.
June 20, Thursday.—Reunion of Oregon Pioneer association, Portland.

DON'T GIVE UP

Discouraged Citizens Will Find Comfort in the Experience of a Salem Woman.

Experience is the modern instructor.

Profit by the experience of others.

It may save your life.

The experience of friends and neighbors,

The testimony of Salem people

Will bring renewed encouragement.

Here is a case in point:

Mrs. L. M. Drager, 969 S. Thirteenth St., Salem, says: "I can conscientiously say that Doan's Kidney Pills are a very reliable medicine for kidney disorders. I have taken them on several occasions when I have had a dull, tired feeling across my kidneys and when my kidneys have not been acting regularly. Doan's have never failed to give me quick relief. It is only once in a great while now that I have to use a kidney medicine."

Price 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Drager had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

BILL DRAWN AND PASSED

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lution was referred to the committee on lights. Wiest explained that the plans were made by Manager W. M. Hamilton of the power and light company who advised with President Steusloff of the commercial club. Alderman Ward sided with Elliott in opposing the resolution. He took the position that cheaper lights should be provided and suggested that the city engineer draw up the plans.

The committee on lights recommended that action of council ordering lights at Capitol and Cross streets and at D and Church streets be rescinded. The council adopted the report.

Extension Is Asked.

A petiton of Scott & Piper for permission to put up an illuminated sign was referred to the committee on lights.

A communication was received from Gideon Stolz suggesting that time for bonding on delinquent street assessments be extended about ninety days. Mayor instructed city recorder to thank Mr. Stolz for letter and inform him that time had been extended sixty days previously and the time has just expired, but that people may still pay up interest and bond. So far only two certificates of delinquency have been issued.

An ordinance bill providing for the suppression of indecent and immoral moving picturese or other shows or such pictures or shows that are likely to arouse indignation or provoke a riot was read twice and referred to the ordinance committee.

An ordinance bill introduced prohibiting junk dealers from buying parts of bicycles, motorcycles, or automobiles from any person under 21 years old or from any stranger, and providing also that junk stores shall not be kept open on Sundays. The bill was read twice and referred to the committee on ordinances.

HE CAN REST FINE NOW.

"I suffered greatly from kidney and bladder trouble," writes F. B. Fairbank, 55 Grand River Ave., W. Detroit, Mich. "Had to get up six or seven times during the night. Foley Kidney Pills have worked wonders and I can recommend them as the best medicine I have ever taken." Tonic in action; quick, sure. J. C. Perry.

NIEMEYER TELLS OF VIMY FIGHT

Canadian Engineers Outwit Fritz—Young Canadian Has Close Calls

Writing of the fighttng at Vimy recently, Sergeant R. H. Niemeyer, First Canadian Engineers, in a letter to his brother Lieutenant C. W. Neimeyer of this city, late of the Canadian army, says in part:

"Yes, I guess Vimy was a little more exciting than Ypres. For a month, day and night, before we took Vimy, the earth was all a tremble with a ceaseless bombardment. I thought the Somme pretty bad, but Vimy took the cake. But what made it worse for us, Fritz was on the hill and he could see all our trenches, till at last we had such a wonderful system of underground passages he did not know where we were. I remember when I went over the 17th of February. We walked undergound all the way till the time for going over. Then instead of coming out in our front line we were right on him.

"It took a long time to do all this work but it was worth while. It was just like a hailstorm of machine-gun bullets, and I came through O. K. till way down the C.T. (communication trench) when Fritz threw over a H.S. (high-explosive), but it didn't have my name on it, so here I am—still able to write.

"I was buried for about two hours. I managed to have a sleep during that time, so I wan't so badly off,—just a little wet and cold, but I didn't mind that. I knew I was bound for Blighty (England) and you know what that feeling is. I am now ready to go back."

Sergeant Niemeyer wrote just prior to leaving for the front again. He has been wounded on three occasions. His brother in Salem was wounded twice and incapacitated, but rumor has it that the recent heavy fighting is making him "home-sick" to be back again.

Ruling of Land Office Undergoes Modification

A modified ruling of the federal land office relative to qualifications for patents on desert lands has been received at the office of State Engineer Lewis from Clay Tallman, commissioner of the land office. The ruisued on tracts of 40 acres if one acre is irrigable and for that reason more valuable than the other 39 acres. Tracts of 160 acres are patentable if 20 acres adjacent to each other are irrigable and a portion of the 20 acres is included in each 40-acre quarter of the 160 acres.

LIBRARY WANTS AID OF WOMEN

Books Donated for Soldiers' Libraries Must Be Prepared for Shipment

A new opportunity for war work is offered this week at the public library. It is the plating, pocketing and labeling of the books that were donated for the soldier libraries. Twenty-five ladies who can give from one to four afternoons this week may have a share in the work. It is mechanical work that does not require experience or practice. One typist can be used to good advantage.

Mrs. Louis Lachmund and Mrs. Rollin K. Page will be in charge of the work. All ladies who will volunteer for this work are asked to call the public library, telephone 660, at once, to arrange for their time. The hours set for the work are from 1:30 to 5 each day from today to Friday. A morning class will begin on Wednesday if the morning hours are more desirable for some willing workers.

IDLE FOLK MAY BE SUPPRESSED

Ordinance Bill Introduced Last Night Proposes Stern Measures

The new vagrancy ordinance bill was given first and second readings at the city council meeting last night and referred to the committee on ordinances for report at the next meeting. The bill proposes stern measures with persons who are habitual loafers and directs the police officers to warn persons of this character to go to work and to inform them of the location of the city recorder's office where a list of available positions shall be kept on file.

The ordinance reads in part as follows:

"An person who lives idly or without any settled abode or who has no visible means of support or who has no lawful occupation or employment, or who is found begging or living in opium smoking houses, bawdy houses or houses of ill-fame, or who shall frequent bawdy houses or a house or houses where opium is smoked, or who shall linger or loiter around or about or who shall stand upon or about any of the streets, alleys or public places of the city of Salem at any time of the day or night without any visible means of support, or who shall be found roaming or strolling around or upon the streets of the city of Salem at unseemly hours of the night, or any able-bodied male between eighteen and fifty years of age who shall, in the daytime, habitually frequent or visit pool halls, billiard rooms, card rooms and bowling alleys, or who shall in the day time, habitually linger or loiter around about or in such places, or in depots, parks or other public places, is hereby defined to be a vagrant.

"It shall be the duty of the city marshal and policemen frequently to visit and inspect the places mentioned herein and to warn such idle persons to secure employment, and to acquaint them of the penalties previded by this ordinance in case of their failure so to do. He shall inform them of the location of the office of the city recorder and of the fact that a list of available positions is there kept on file. He shall make and keep a record of the persons so warned by him.

"It shall be the duty of the recorder to keep a register of persons who are in need of employes, together with the nature of the employment and the wages paid. He shall make reasonable efforts to keep in touch with employers of labor in and around Salem."

Dallas Court House Is Now Flying Honor Flag

DALLAS, Or., April 22.—(Special to The Statesman)—Polk County was one of the first counties in the state to go "over the top" in the third liberty loan drive and as a consequence an honor flag is now flying just below the Star Spangled Banner over the court house. Every banking district in the county will have exceeded their quota and reach 200 per cent before the close of the drive. County Judge J. E. Kirkpatrick last week received a message from the chairman of the general executive board for the twelfth federal loan district in San Francisco congratulating him in his successful managing of bond sales in Polk county. The honor flag arrived the latter part of the week and was placed above the court house Saturday morning.

Prominent Newspaperman of Minneapolis Is Dead

MINNEAPOLIS, April 22.—W. H. Hunter, managing editor of the Minneapolis Tribune and one of the best known newspaper menin the northwest, dropped dead late today. Mr. Hunter was stricken shortly after he left his office. He was 54 years of age.

Death was due to acute indigestion. Mr. Hunter was a close friend of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. After graduating from Cornell college at Mount Vernon, Ia., in the late '80's, he began his newspaper career as city editor of the Cedar Rapids, Ia., Gazette.

Later he served as managing editor of the Omaha Bee, Washington Post, St. Poul Pioneer Press, Tacoma Tribune and a score of other papers. For seven years he was Washington correspondent for the St. Louis Globe Democrat. He came to the Minneapolis Tribune three years ago.

A widow and a son, Lieutenant Kent A. Hunter, who is stationed at Camp Logan, Texas, survive him.

"John," queried his wife, "if some bold, bad man were to kidnap me, would you offer a reward?"

"Certainly," he responded. "I always reward those who do me a favor."—Boston Transcript.