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## HOLLAND MAY BE ANOTHER BELGIUM

The pressure now being brought by the German government upon Holland, to induce that country to give up her strict neutrality, in favor of Germany, by allowing the shipment of military supplies, and perhaps troops, through Holland, may at any moment bring matters to a crisis; and Holland may furnish to the world another Belgium—overrun and ravaged by Germany.

The dykes may be opened and the merciless sea let in to drown thousands of people.

Holland is grimly between the devil and the deep sea. She is in hourly danger, as she has been since the war was started.

It is no wonder she wants to remain neutral.

If Holland were situated differently, like Switzerland, for instance, she would be in the war now, on the side of democracy, where she fought valiantly in the brave days of old.

She would have been in the war almost from the beginning, for democracy is in the blood and bred in the bone of the people of Holland.

President Wilson has blocked completely the movement to declare war on Turkey and Bulgaria. There are intimations that he knows more than should for the present be given to the public, concerning the situation in those countries. That they would both get out of the war if they could, and will if they can, is the impression at Washington. There is no doubt that Austria, too, would get out if possible. It is Germany's war, and the leading people of her three allied nations know there would be no advantage for them in a German victory. They know that Germany would both claim all the credit and reap all the benefits. The breaking away of her allies may be the beginning of the end of the struggle for Germany.

Patriotism will have a lot to do with the results of the primary election next month.

"Hold" is the slogan-word on the western front.

Governor Withycombe will be re-nominated, hands down. Oregon will not change horses while crossing the stream.

The production of American machine guns is now about 18,000 a month, and rapidly increasing. And about 100,000 of the new guns (the Browning) have already been sent forward.

The Sammies are receiving great and sincere compliments from the French. The enthusiastic and demonstrative French like the sort of fighters the American soldiers are showing themselves to be—the kind of fighters who never know they are licked.

Mr. Hearst announces he will run for governor of New York only in order to accomplish the patriotic purpose of checking "the dangerous greed and aggression of the plundering and profiteering disloyalists of the Standard Oil type," which sounds like the Hearst of 1908. There are whispers in New York that he is grooming himself for the 1929 presidential campaign.

The English rule of the road is enforced still in the maritime provinces, but in western Canada, with the exception of British Columbia, the rule is to turn to the right. There has lately been discussion of a proposal to change the rule in eastern Canada. In connection with this a passage from a book called "Acadia, or A Month Among the Blueberries," by F. J. Cousins, an American author, and published in 1839, has been quoted: "One thing I observed in the province especially worthy of imitation, the old English practice of turning to the left in driving. When two vehicles coming in opposite directions pass each other on the road, each driver is nearest the point of contact, and can see readily and provide against accidents." But, of course, the same result would have been attained by changing the driver's seat to the left of the vehicle. And that is what has been done by the automobile manufacturers.

re will see that the employers are protected all right provided they have sense enough to stand in with him. Tammany ruthlessness in its vilest form is represented in Harley.

No one can estimate the size of the combined sloppy wet, disreputable and I. W. W. vote in the state. We have no idea that it is big enough to win the republican nomination for Harley, but no chances should be taken. With the decent vote split amongst four candidates it might be possible that he would get the nomination. Thoughtful voters will dispel confusion by voting safe, and the logical candidate is Governor Withycombe. By centering support upon him the Harley menace can be dispelled.

Of course, if Harley should be nominated, which is almost unthinkable, he would be defeated by the Democratic nominee, for the decent element in the state would vote for any one in sight to defeat him. But should the Democratic nominee be the Non-Partisan League candidate, Walter M. Pierce, the state would not find itself in a very comfortable situation. To insure Harley's defeat, vote for Withycombe.

## THE DEVIL RETURNS ONE IRON CROSS.

(Confidential Correspondence from the Devil to the Kaiser. Decoded by Eugene H. Blake of The Vigilantes.)

Infernal Palace, Hades.

Dear Wilhelm:

My Infernal Keeper of The Iron Crosses reports that the last quart of this valuable material received from you brings my holdings in this class of decorations up to a peak and a pint. Have just had him select from my wardrobe a handful of those conferred for choicest services and am wearing.

The Iron Crosses for assisting Bernhardt and your food burners in the United States; for helping your German troops round up the citizens of Saint-Maurice and burn them with their village on the night of August 14, 1914; for inspiring your chivalrous troops in Lithuania to strip those young girls and publicly introduce them to our kultur (but I hope the world won't believe what that American commission swore to about this part of our work in freeing Russia); the Iron Cross for suggesting to your soldier that he carry that dying baby on his bayonet through the streets of Malines; also the three Crosses among those received today for recently assisting in the execution of the chaplain and two nurses of the hospital of St. Elizabeth at Antwerp.

And I must tell you, my dear Kaiser, with what joy I am wearing, right above my heart, this Iron Cross labeled, "For assistance to my private workers on American airplanes." We are getting practical results in handicapping Pershing's army, and our spies are still alive and laughing, too!

But, Wilhelm, will you never learn to be practical? When you turned that new weapon on Paris to advertise German might and efficiency to the world, didn't I tell you it would advertise something else? As one of the American editors said, other nations didn't invent such a gun because no other nation would want to slaughter women and children. And now all the world is saying, "The Hohenzollerns are mean enough to spatter the blood of 165 worshippers over the altars with one load."

My friend, this work is mean enough to suit me, and it may be impractical enough to suit you Germans, but I want results. So, I am returning herewith the Iron Cross stamped, "For assistance in Paris on Good Friday."

Yours for practical results,  
THE DEVIL.

## KEPT THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER WAVING.

In these days of war, when "the Star Spangled Banner" is being played and sung with patriotic enthusiasm in every nook and corner of the land, it is interesting to recall that today, April 25, is the one hundredth anniversary of the death of Colonel George Armistead, a gallant American officer who was largely responsible for the writing of the famous national song. It was Col. Armistead who was in command of Fort Mifflin at the time of the British attack in the War of 1812, and whose heroic defense of the fort inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Star Spangled Banner."

Armistead was one of the six Virginian brothers who served in the army during the second war with Great Britain. Four of the brothers were in the regular army and two in the militia. One of the brothers was the third graduate of West

Point, and his full length portrait is still to be seen in the library at the military academy.

George Armistead entered the army as a second lieutenant in 1799, before having attained his majority, and was appointed assistant military agent at Niagara in 1802. He passed through the regular grades of promotion and by 1806 had attained the rank of captain.

When the second war between the United States and Great Britain began in 1812, Captain Armistead was in command at Fort Mifflin, one of the defenses of the city of Baltimore. Soon after the opening of hostilities he was advanced to the rank of major of the Third artillery and took the field in 1813, participating in the battle and capture of Fort George on Lake Ontario, where he distinguished himself by his gallantry and was rewarded with the brevet rank of lieutenant colonel.

The early part of 1814 found Col. Armistead again in command of Fort Mifflin. For some months a strong squadron of the British navy had been engaged in blockading the ports of Chesapeake bay. In August the combined naval and land forces of the British had captured Washington and destroyed many of the public buildings.

Encouraged with their success against the capital of the nation, the British turned their faces toward Baltimore, and so sure were they of repeating the success of August that they made their advance on Baltimore resemble a holiday parade.

But the people of Baltimore had been busy for some time strengthening their defenses, among which, and the key to the situation, was Fort Mifflin. Vessels could not reach Baltimore until that fort was reduced. The governor-general of Canada had deferred the public rejoicing over the capture of Washington which had been arranged, that the Loyalists might celebrate the downfall of Baltimore at the same time. In England it was not considered that there could be any further successful opposition to the British arms in America.

This was the situation when on September 13, 1814, the British fleet came within sight of Fort Mifflin. The attacking squadron consisted of sixteen heavy vessels, five of them bomb-ships, which latter opened the fight at 7 o'clock in the morning and the bombardment continued for nearly twenty-four hours, with but few intermissions.

The land attack on the city had been a failure, in which the commanding general, Ross, had been killed. If the fort was successfully held Baltimore was safe. At dawn all eyes were directed to the fort, and when the stars and stripes were seen to be still floating there rejoicings were in order.

It was at this time that Francis Scott Key, being held on board the Minden, a truce ship, on a mission to the British admiral seeking the release of a townsman who had been taken from Washington as a prisoner, walked the deck wondering what the morning light would reveal—victory or defeat. It was then and there he wrote the first stanza of "The Star Spangled Banner" and thus immortalized his name.

Colonel Armistead's holding of the fort not only saved Baltimore from capture, but preserved the entire Atlantic seaboard from further invasion. The citizens, in token of their gratitude, presented him with a handsome set of silver. The president tendered him the thanks of the nation, and he was given the old flag that waved over the fort during the engagement, and the sight of which "by the dawn's early light" had inspired Key to pen his immortal song.

## BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Fair and cooler.  
The great battle is warmer.  
The Germans won a mile, towards Amiens.

Only eleven miles away now; but let's hope the bending of the British line was good strategy.

The Berlin beast is desperate.

He may run amuck in Holland; there is nothing in the way of ruthlessness that he may not undertake.

When the Germans saw the British soldiers coming, at Zeebrugge, they shouted, "The Americans are here," and ran for their lives. The Sammies have put a wholesome fear in the hearts of the Boches.

German psychology is peculiar. The military autocracy of Berlin has had the idea all along that the great thing was to make the whole world afraid of Germany. They have succeeded. And they have also made the whole world afraid of German military domination. And the whole world is fighting to be rid of the danger. The whole world will not submit to a rule of fear.

U-boat sinkings to be reported monthly, hereafter.

Spain is honeycombed with German influence. That no doubt accounts for the laxness of Spain in keeping her agreements with the United States.

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## IN A SOCIAL WAY

By Florence Elizabeth Nichols

The club house on the Illahoe golf links near Livesley was the scene of an enthusiastic assembly last night when Mrs. O. C. Locke entertained about twenty-five friends at a picnic dinner. The guests were devotees of the course who were incessant players during the past delightfully warm winter season. Dancing was enjoyed later in the evening. The women journeyed to the club house in the afternoon and they were joined by the men guests for a 6:30 o'clock repast.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Kirk of Mill street have been visiting in Eugene with the R. A. Booth family. While there Mr. Kirk attended the annual initiation of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity of which he is a member. He was also a guest at a dinner of his fraternity on Sunday.

Mrs. Carl F. Williams has received word that her brother, Loxan L. Stinson, is improving and out of danger. He is in a hospital at Marshfield and has been ill with pneumonia.

When visiting recently in California, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Livesley, who returned the first of the week, were guests of former Salem residents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sargent, who are now living in San Francisco.

Box parties have been popular for the past two nights at performances of the Cherrian Minstrel show at the Grand Opera house. Among those in parties were Governor and Mrs. James Withycombe, Mr. and Mrs. Asahel Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kay, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steusloff, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Fry, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Bishop, Mrs. C. D. Gabrielson, Mrs. Amos Strong, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick D. Thielens, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Plimpton, Mr. and Mrs. John Withycombe, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Livesley.

In compliment to Mrs. T. O. Dawson of New York, who has been a guest of her mother, Mrs. Millie Tucker, for six weeks in Salem, a delightful dinner party was given Sunday by Mrs. George Tucker at her home, 1554 North Fourth street. Besides the honored guest, covers were laid for Mrs. Millie Tucker.

## A Simple Way To Remove Dandruff

There is one sure way that has never failed to remove dandruff at once and that is to dissolve it, then you destroy it entirely. To do this, just about four ounces of plain common liquid arvon from any drug store (this is all you will need), apply it at night when retiring; use enough to moisten the scalp and rub it in gently with the finger tips.

By morning, most if not all, of your dandruff will be gone and three or four more applications will completely dissolve and entirely destroy every single sign and trace of it, no matter how much dandruff you may have.

You will find all itching and digging of the scalp will stop instantly, your hair will be fluffy, lustrous, glossy, silky and soft, and look and feel a hundred times better.

Miss Leona Morehead and Mr. and Mrs. George Tucker.

Mrs. B. Lyons, Miss Marguerite Ryan, Mrs. Fred McIntyre and Mrs. Lillian Sauder.

A patriotic color scheme was carried out at the home of Mrs. Amos Vass, 1653 South Commercial street, when she entertained recently during the afternoon for her niece, Miss Clemma Sanders, the occasion being the twelfth birthday anniversary of the little girl. There was a candle birthday cake and the birthday table was further adorned with an array of spring flowers. Games and music lent plenty of frolic and later in the afternoon the young crowd was augmented by additional guests. Those participating in the festivities were Doris Nye, Helen Walcher, Ella Pietz, Helen Arpke, Helen Pollock, Gladys Dennison, Odell Matthew, Irma Weeks, Roberta Hanson, Alberta Bohnsted, Anna McIntyre, Loretta Varley, Marie Arnold, M. and Mrs. George Tucker.

**VOLUNTEER TO TRANSFER.**  
NEW YORK, April 24.—Some of the German prisoners of war are suspected of having voluntarily agreed to their transfer from Russian prisoner of war camps to France. This action must be considered as desertion, declared General von Oven in the German reichstag, according to the Cologne Gazette.

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**FUTURE DATES**  
April 25 to 27—Western Oregon Sunday school convention in Salem.  
May 2, Thursday—Dedication of Champe memorial building.  
May 17, Friday—Primary nomination election.  
May 20 to 27—Second Red Cross war fund campaign.  
June 4, 5, 6 and 7—State Grange convention in Salem.  
June 20, Thursday—Reunion of Oregon Pioneer association, Portland.