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Rome howls in glee.

The American doughboys on the Rhine greeted the New Year with joyous noise.

Congress will be busy for months, if not for years, airing army scandals. And still, on the whole, the war was a success.

Ancient hatreds in Europe interfere with peace; every nation over there hates at least one other nation, so says a correspondent. Which is not news. A league of nations will tend to allow the ancient hatreds to die out.

In a legal sense, we are still at war. Just when a war legally ends in this country has been determined by the United States supreme court in deciding that a legal state of war with another nation continues until a treaty of peace is proclaimed.

Reassuring reports about the labor situation were brought last week from the busy state of Ohio to the meeting of the advisory committee of the national council for industrial defense at New York. John H. Kirby, Jr., former president of the National Manufacturers' association, said that 6000 operatives recently released in Dayton were immediately absorbed by other industries. The prevailing view expressed at the meeting was that the United States would pass easily from war to peace production, that wages would drop gradually, but not to prewar levels, and that there would be work for all. —Springfield Republican.

OUT OF HIS SPHERE

Now comes a New York University economist with the brilliant suggestion that the country make a bonfire of all outstanding Liberty Bonds to save the people the travail of paying them off. He is plainly misplaced, for he belongs not to a republic, but to a Bolshevik democracy. Lenin has need of him and the federal authorities should arrange to deliver him over to the Bolsheviks without further delay.

TRUE TO FORM

The American minister at Bucharest expressed surprise and indignation at discovering, on his return to the legation, that more than \$100,000 worth of valuable goods there had been stolen during his absence. But the outside world would have been vastly more surprised, and perhaps disappointed as well, if he had found the property intact after the Hun occupation. During the war people everywhere came to regard the Huns as thieving brutes; expected them to pillage where opportunity offered, and they will be forced to make adequate restorations. In pillaging the American legation at Bucharest they were simply running true to form.

FUTURE DATES.

January 15 to 18—Automobile show.

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ty-five," came the gallant Prince Charlie, her descendant, claiming her rights; he was mounted on a white horse, and presented a romantic appearance; preceded as he was by a hundred pipers, who blew the bags in triumph, as they were not again to be blown on this march to capture London.

In his inimitable "Heart of Midlothian," Scott brings in towards the close a tragic incident at Carlisle, as Jeanie Deans returned to her Scottish home. On Haribeebrow there was swinging from the gallows the figure of a female culprit in her death agony, no other than the "bad woman" of the tale, Meg Murdockson, who here suffered for her crimes. And within the walls of the town she found the unfortunate Made Wildfires, who died singing the wild songs of which her crazed brain was so fond.

A REFORMED GERMANY

(Springfield Republican)
How long does it take a nation to reform? A good deal of suspicion has very naturally been expressed in regard to the changes in Germany. Some of it is on the ground that there are no signs of penitence, but it is also argued reform is necessarily a long, slow process, so it may be a century or so before Germany has become virtuous enough to keep company with the allies. The virus of Prussian militarism, we are told, has eaten so deeply into all Germans that its eradication can hardly be hoped for in the present generation.

This would offer a gloomy prospect, but there are cogent reasons for thinking it too pessimistic a view. The question is not how long it will take Germany to reform, but whether a new Germany quite different from the recent Germany can be created. No true parallel can be drawn with the reform of a criminal because the question is one of getting rid of the criminals and putting in honest men. With the Kaiser, the crown prince, Ludendorff and Tiritz in exile, and a people's government striving to organize, a notable beginning has been made. Who will eventually get the upper hand and what the new Germany will be like it would be rash to predict, and till this is known a cautious waiting policy is wise. But the teachings of history are all against the theory that the conversion of Germany is necessarily a tedious and protracted affair.

The truth is rather that great psychological changes in nations are sudden, swift and catastrophic. Who could recognize the France of the grand monarch in the France of Robespierre, or the Russia of the czars in the Russia of Lenin and Radek? Such changes, it may be said, are apparent rather than real; they merely bring to the top what was at the bottom, yet, after all, what change can be more real than that? It is the weakness of generalizations about national character that they take in only the surface, which is like generalizing about the ocean after watching its glassy undulations on a calm summer day. Every nation has its unplumbed depths in which lie strange and terrible possibilities. Toussaint L'Ouverture the Negro revolutionist of Santo Domingo, gave at his trial a dramatic illustration. Filling his palm with black seeds, and sprinkling them over with a thin layer of white seeds, he shook his hand and held it up to the judges, asking, "Where are the whites?" When the thin top layer has been swallowed up by the bottomless abyss, we need no further explanation. When empires stream across the Rhine to escape the guillotine, when the czar and the black hundred give place to Trotsky and the red guard, nobody doubts that there is a new France, a new Russia; why should there be doubt of the possibility of changes less extreme yet equally rapid.

A slight examination of history suffices to show that national character and the behavior of a nation depend upon a small number of individuals, who not merely shape events, but set standards, create ideals, monopolize attention, make friends or enemies for the nation. To displace those individuals and replace them with a quite different set representing other policies and ideals is to make an immense and seemingly disproportionate change in the character of the nation. An England, for example, authoritatively run by Mr. Henderson, Mr. Clynes, Mr. MacDonald and H. G. Wells would be very different from an England run by Lord Milner, Sir Edward Carson, Winston Churchill and Rudyard Kipling. Which would be the better England is beside the point; the essential thing is simply that the ascendancy of one or another group has an immediate effect upon the character and behavior of a nation.

As for Germany, it so happens that the only powerful group which is unquestionably pacific in temper represents a school of economic thought which is uncongenial to the mass of the people in Great Britain and the United States. German liberalism, which seemed hopeful till the failure of the revolt of 1849,

has apparently accepted the struggle-for-life theory and views England as Germany's enemy and oppressor. If we desire a pacific Germany which will cordially cooperate in the work of civilization, we must seemingly put up with a socialistic Germany—mildly socialistic perhaps, yet wedded to theories to which both in England and in this country there is strong and rather widespread hostility. To many people neither alternative is particularly pleasing, yet in actual life we can seldom choose precisely as we should like—the good and the bad, as we conceive them, are not usually done up in separate, clearly-labeled packages. As between a kaiseristic Germany seeking conquest and a socialistic Germany seeking a durable peace it should not be hard, after the ravages of the present war, to choose. The essential thing is that it is apparently only by the ascendancy of the socialists that the reform of a militarized Germany can be made immediate and complete.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Still crisp weather.
But think of 30 below up in Montana.

The quarantining of the flu in Salem is being made tight. That ought to bring it to a finish.

One of the Salem soldier boys writing from France, in a letter received last night, says the flu is about over, "over there." Their friends and relatives over here will be glad to hear this.

The Salem Symphony orchestra is getting a good start, and the outlook for the proposed choral union is good. This is gratifying.

Now it is said American and British leaders are in complete accord on their freedom of the seas ideas, and on the proposed league of nations. These two nations can themselves start a league of nations strong enough to keep the world safe and sane.

Brace up. The flu is about to be stamped out, there will soon be a peace treaty, the winter is waning, and prosperity is ahead of us. Let's make optimism the dominant note in Oregon work hard, be patient, and stand by one another, and all will be well with us.

The government is furnishing information about orana, a vegetable fiber which grows in Hawaii and is of phenomenal strength and endurance. Fishing nets that have been in use nearly a hundred years, made from this fiber, are today just as good as new. By test it is eight times as strong as hemp. This would be fine stuff to make neckties for the men who started the war and committed the outrages against the laws of nations and humanity.

WOMEN WORKERS.

In almost every line of war activities the women of this country have done well and have taken front rank for doing work that released thousands of men for service overseas. Some women have been over ambitious, and at the expense of their health, have filled places once occupied by men. Every woman who, because of overwork, has brought on some ailment peculiar to her sex, should depend upon Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to restore her health and strength, as this remedy is now recognized as the standard and has restored multitudes.

IN A SOCIAL WAY

BY DORIS LEAH BIKES

Over a charmingly appointed dinner table, the center piece for which was a Scotch heather plant, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Littler entertained a few friends at New Year's dinner. Those who were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Littler were: Mrs. E. E. Upmeyer, Mrs. L. R. Case of Marion, Ind., Dean and Mrs. George Alden, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Underhill, Mrs. W. D. Littler, Mrs. Gertrude Haskins of Portland, Harold Drake and Lawrence Austin. News of the death of Mr. Littler's niece, Miss Florence Littler, took much of the happiness out of the day for the family.

Mrs. R. Eakin and daughter, Gertrude, returned yesterday from La Grande, where they spent the holidays with Mrs. Eakin's son, Robert Eakin and his wife.

Mrs. Roy Byrd had as dinner guests at her home Monday evening Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Powers, of Seattle, Miss Marie Enge, and Donald Byrd, who is attending dental college in Portland. The latter returned to Portland Tuesday morning, accompanied by Mrs. Byrd and Miss Enge, who spent the day shopping.

Many Salem people are sorrowing over the death of Miss Florence Littler, of Forest Grove, which occurred in Portland New Year's day. The news was received in Salem by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Littler, the deceased being a niece of Mr. Littler. Miss Littler had spent the holidays in Portland and would have been in Salem for New Year's had she not taken influenza. The funeral is to be held this afternoon in Forest Grove, where her father, Charles A. Littler, is a prominent druggist.

Miss Littler was a graduate of O. A. C. last year, and was a popular

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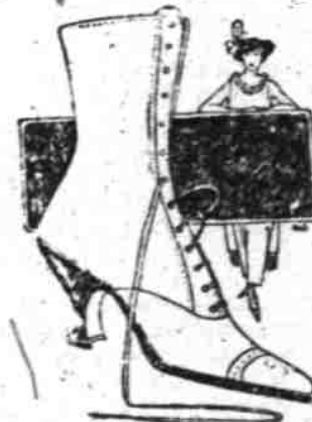
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member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority. She was teaching in Eastern Washington this year. Sorority sisters of Miss Littler who live in Salem and who have entertained her here are: Harriet Rigdon, Doris Sawyer and Helen Mercer.

Some time ago the name of James Reed Bain was listed in the casualty list as being among those killed. It was first thought that the man was from Portland, but investigation proved that James R. Bain, of Portland, never left the United States. Friends of James Reed Bain formerly of Salem, now fear that it may be he who was the one listed as killed. Mr. Bain is a graduate of Willamette university.

Honoring Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Terry of Portland, Mrs. W. M. Plimpton asked a few of her friends in for a New Year's watch party Tuesday evening. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Terry, Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Livesley, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thelsen, and Mr. and Mrs. William Burkhardt.

Miss Emily Cromley and brother, William Cromley, have returned from a fortnight's visit with friends in Portland.

Mrs. Gertrude Haskins, a New Year's guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Littler, returned to her home in Portland yesterday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Anderson have returned to their home in Seattle, after having spent the holidays with Mr. Anderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Anderson, and his sisters, Mrs. Alfred Ackley and Mrs. E. L. Kappahn. Mr. Anderson is attending Q. M. S. in Seattle and expects to complete his work in February.

Mrs. Roy D. Byrd is entertaining as her house guest for a few days, Miss Eva Oliver, of Bellingham, Wn.

Corporal Richard Barton, one of Salem's holiday visitors from Camp Lewis, returned to camp Wednesday evening.

Miss Lena Christianson, O. A. C. student, who was here with Miss Bertha Miller for the holidays, returned to Corvallis yesterday.

Sergeant Chauncey D. Putnam arrived Tuesday evening from Fort Benjamin Harrison for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Putnam, of 1045 North Church street, having received his discharge from service.

Dewitt C. Drury, of Alpine, Benton county, and Miss Mary Vineta Eastburn, of Aumsville, were united in marriage January 2, by Rev. Le-

land W. Porter, of the First Christian church. The witnesses of the ceremony were Mrs. M. E. Eastburn and Mrs. Daisy Meyers. Mr. and Mrs. Drury left on a wedding trip to Portland, after which they will make their home in Corvallis where Mr. Drury is engaged in the lumber industry.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Williams, whose marriage was an event of the holidays, will be at home to their friends at 599 Union street in about a week.

Miss Elizabeth Levy, violin teacher, is able to conduct her classes again, following a three weeks illness with influenza. Her mother, Mrs. Sarah Levy, is also recovering from influenza.



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