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REAPING THE WHIRLWIND

THE FUTILITY of armies and armament as arguments for world peace is illustrated in turmoil-torn Europe. Cursed by the inordinate ambition of princes, weighted by the heaviest war tax of all time, her nations have taken up the sword in the name of "patriotism." The bickerings of a half century, the racial jealousies of decades, are to be arbitrated on the field. All new and novel toys of slaughter—giant guns that pierce armor plate at ten miles, swift planes to drop destruction on helpless towns and hapless troops, tested explosives and projectiles at last to be proven on human flesh—these will contribute to the gayety of the ghastly drama Europe is staging.

What comfort may be found in this saddening spectacle—at the very outset of the twentieth century? Europe's nightmare is upon her—the dreaded dream of years. From the frenzy of this hour, from the madness that impelled an always increasing preparation for conflict—inevitable by reason of that very preparation—the continent of arts and sciences will awaken in the sackcloth of death and debt and the ashes of her proud cities.

The socialists are right in saying that the workers of humanity have no quarrel, that their cause is common. The men who will slay each other upon the battle-grounds of Europe will be brothers in all but race. Fellow workers, fellow farmers, fellow artisans; blinded by so-called patriotism or coerced by conscription—driven to death in the quarrel of princes.

Men who are tiring of titles and the stupid theory of hereditary right, will be more than ever wearied when the present struggle is fought to a finish, whatever its conclusion may be. The kings are preparing the way for their own retirement. They are hastening the inevitable republics, the popular repudiation of war, and the welding of the common weal of their fighting men—the workers.

IN THE DEATH WATCH

By Ben H. Lampman

SO GRANT, THAT WHEN THE SUMMONS COME,
MY BROW BE CALM AND HEART BE HIGH;
MY LIPS TO FUTILE CURSES DUMB—
WHEN I GO FORTH TO DIE!

The grated door shall outward swing once more,
And I shall cross the checkered twilight of my cell,
With hollow footfalls on the iron floor
A mockery of farewell.

Yon narrow trail, where hopeless feet have trod
From cot to narrow wall, and back again,
There Sorrow paced beneath the writhing rod,
And cried aloud in pain.

There, on the promenade of sleepless pain,
First learned I knew the preachings of remorse—
And backward looked upon myself again,
As one looks on a corpse.

I saw the simple flowers of childhood strown
By sunless alleys in the city slums;
Each tender impulse trampled and o'erthrown—
The tutorage of bums.

A harlot that waited not for night
Was mother to the pallid puny child—
Where Sin was Virtue, Madness was Delight,
And shameful Sorrow smiled!

I saw the years go by in carnival
Of sodden days and nights of lecherous fire,
Where the poor painted Madame was "la belle"—
And love but lewd desire.

I know what sickened madness surged about,
What flames writhed 'round the leering soul, that time
The thin trembling needled arm grew stout . . .
For larger crime.

They call it Crime, who paw the tomes of Law,
Crime for the noose and twirling foot and free;
Let call it what they will, cant each wise saw—
It is release to me!

While gain is oozed from out the haunts of shame,
Is crushed from livid flesh and rotting bone,
Say what they will—I expiate the blame—
But sinned not all alone.

This is the latest kindness that you bring
To me, my Masters of the Purple Gown—
Leave to seek peace upon the swaying string—
Leave to lie down.

So grant that this first manliness be mine,
My brow be calm and heart be high;
As one for whom his star at length does shine—
When I go forth to die!

Riverside.

Miss Mamie Clark of Medford is the guest of Miss Bertha Woolverton.

Miss Mildred Myers of Gold Hill is spending her summer vacation at the Schaumburg home.

Mr. and Mrs. Finley and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence from Medford called at the Woolverton home Sunday afternoon.

Herbert Mathews, principal of the schools of Alsea, Or. is spending a part of his vacation at the Rozalis ranch.

Mrs. Clark and little son of Medford returned to their home Saturday after spending a week at the River Bend ranch.

Mrs. George Cronenberg and two sons of Brandon, Or., friends of Professor Reddy, were guests for a few days at the Rozalis ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Woolverton and Miss Bertha heard "Omnia Tent-maker," at Medford Saturday evening and were very much pleased.

Mrs. Abbie Champlain and Fred Champlain returned to their home in Chicago Monday after spending a few weeks with Charles Champlain and family.

Richard Swacker is spending the week with relatives near Roseburg and will probably return loaded with venison, as the chief object in going was deer.

Mary and Louise Deyo, en route from Hilo, Hawaiian Islands, to New York, stopped a few days at the Rozalis. They are girlhood friends of Miss Harper when living in New York.

Mrs. I. H. Porter has a very neat little canning outfit installed at her home and is prepared to do all kinds of canning. This is a great boon to Riverside people, as they can so readily dispose of all surplus vegetables and fruit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Coe came down from Portland Sunday and spent the week on their Cozy Nook ranch. They were dinner guests with many of their Riverside friends, and all hope to welcome them soon as permanent residents.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Alden and the Misses Mary and Ruth Wallace returned Monday evening from a delightful trip to Crater lake. They left Saturday morning by auto and reached the lake that evening, stopping at all the points of interest. Returning, they came by way of Fort Klamath, Klamath Falls and Ashland. A party of seventeen from Vancouver visited the lake the same day. They will also travel through Yellowstone park, making the whole trip by auto. Tent accommodations at the lake did not seem to please some members of the party when they were expecting a suite of rooms at the hotel with private bath.

A porch party given by the Recreation club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Alden Saturday evening was a decided success. It was given in honor of the many friends back among us just at this time. Ice cream and cake were served and most of the evening spent in a good social way. The following were present from Medford: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cook. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. C. Champlain, Mrs. W. A. Elliott, Mrs. Gay and Mrs. Swacker, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Coe of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Miller, Misses Mary Wallace, Ruth Wallace, Lyndall Jacobs, Mildred Myers and Alice Harper; Messrs. Baker, Geo. Jacobs, Bob Cook, Herbert Mathews, F. E. Wahl and Mr. Wahl, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Stead, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Schaumburg.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

The postoffice department has rescinded the order discontinuing the postoffice at Disston, Lane county.

Leaders of the republican, democratic and progressive parties in Oregon have agreed to leave the prohibition issue out of the campaign.

Action of the postal department in rejecting tenders for carrying mails in rural sections is resented by the Coquille commercial club.

Big meeting representatives of all commercial interests in Portland and Columbia river basin was heard at Portland to unite in campaign for rivers and harbors bill.

Refund will be ordered by the Oregon railroad commission to a passenger who was made to pay more for himself and mother-in-law than for himself and wife.

There will be no delay in getting action on the deed to the locks at Oregon City, according to information

Coming to Gold Hill!

Will arrive in a few days--CAMPING AND HUNTING SEASON--and when you are making preparations for the trip remember that we are headquarters for the best of supplies. It is a pleasure for us to fit you out with an order of nice fresh Groceries suitable for the occasion. We here offer a few suggestions that may help you in determining what is necessary to take along for the few days' recreation:

3 lb can German-Amer. Coffee	\$ 1.00	Brought forward	12.35
Best Cane Sugar	1.00	1 quart sour Pickles	.25
25 lb. sack Crown Flour	.85	1 16-oz. can ripe Olives	.25
10 lb. sack Olympic P C Flour	.50	1 large bottle Catsup	.25
4 pounds small red beans	.25	3 cans S P Tomatoes	.35
10 lb. sack best fine Salt	.25	6 cans good Corn	.60
1 sack M J B Rice	.25	3 large cans Pineapple	.60
1 pail Tea Garden Maple Syrup	.65	Black Diamond Matches	.10
5 lb. pail Swift's Lard	.85	4 dozen fresh eggs	.90
1 roll Valley Pride butter	.65	3 pkgs. Kellogg's Corn Flakes	.30
1 roll Ashland Gold M. dal	.65	4 bottles Grape Juice	1.00
1 Swift's Premium Ham, about	3.00	2 cakes Crystal White Soap	.10
12 cans baby Carnation Milk	.60	1 cake Peroxide Essex	.10
Spuds and Onions	.75	3 lbs. Tillamook Cheese	.75
2 oz. can Schillings black Pepper	.10	2 lbs. dry peaches	.25
1 large can Royal Baking Powder	1.00	3 lbs. fancy dry Prunes	.25
Forwarded	12.35	TOTAL	\$18.40

One of our new all-wool RED HUNTING SHIRTS - \$2.50

Stay two weeks, have a good time, kill three, (no more), come home—buy a new lot of groceries and be happy for another year. Respectfully yours,

Lance & Co.

FISHING TACKLE!

The most complete line of Fishing Tackle in the Rogue River Valley

RODS Split Bamboo \$1 FLIES English wound fly and up; also steel rods hooks, best on market

Enamel Ware Our fine new line of Tulip Enamel that Wears Ware has arrived. We have everything for the kitchen in this splendid assortment.

Harness If you are going to need a harness this summer come in and get our prices before going elsewhere. We now have one set in stock, for a sample. Come in and look at them. \$47.50 takes them, although they are selling all over the country for \$50.00.

The regular 75c garden hoe now 50. Guaranteed garden hose 12c per ft. A few hand cultivators left, at \$1 each

D. H. MILLER'S

"Good Quality Goods and Right Prices"

Figures prepared by Corporation Commissioner Watson for his annual report and just made public show that his department is the greatest revenue producing arm of the state government. The department was started June 3, 1913, and from that time until May 31, 1914, the receipts totaled \$221,149.66. From June 1 to June 30, inclusive, the receipts were \$89,463.43, making a grand total of receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, \$310,613.09.

Forest rangers on the Umatilla forest are engaged in erecting a 65-foot "fire tower" on the top of Lookout mountain, one of the highest peaks in the forest. Owing to the fact that only the raw material to be found in the forest was available for building the tower, its construction was a difficult task. It is nearing completion, however, and will be equipped with a powerful glass and "fire finder." A man will be on duty constantly and with the aid of the equipment at his command will be able to locate every fire within a radius of 75 miles, almost as soon as it is started.

WAR NOTES

The Russian forces have seized a German steamer at Vladivostok.

Montenegro has decided to cast her lot with Serbia.

French aeroplanes have dropped bombs at Nuremberg in Bavaria.

The Dominion of Canada has formally offered 50,000 troops to Great Britain.

Sweden, Norway, Belgium and Holland imitate Italy's example by maintaining neutrality.

Germany's declaration of war

against Russia, cited in the Russian capital a wonderful demonstration of patriotic enthusiasm.

The Servian war office admits the Servian army has retired before the Austrian advance on the Bosnian frontier and along the southern bank of the Drina.

Trans-Atlantic traffic between New York and Europe is virtually suspended. One hundred and fifty thousand Americans in Europe face the possibility of being marooned indefinitely.

A German spy caught photographing the Portsmouth harbor in England and two spies at Southampton have been arrested.

Financially, Germany is well prepared for war. Within a week the kaiser will have at hand at least \$370,000,000 in gold and silver for the vast expenditures immediately necessary.

It was reported that Germany and Turkey have arrived at an understanding whereby Turkey is to attack Serbia from the rear. If this is true, then the Balkan nations must come to the aid of Serbia.

The feeling against Germany throughout all of Great Britain is most intense. Anti-German demonstrations have already taken place in the West End of London. Police quelled a near riot of Frenchmen at the German embassy. The police have controlled all demonstrators up to the present, but it is feared there may be real trouble in the provinces before the Germans there can flee the country.

The plan of the German emperor, according to military observers, is to vanquish or attempt to vanquish France before Russia will be able to create serious trouble on her northern frontier.