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MORE MEN FOR MURDER

WHEN the first crash of battle resounded through Europe its echoes awakened the jingoes of America. The jingo is a personification of misdirected patriotism. For half a century prosperous Europe lent ear to the counsel of those who held armies and guns to be the bulwarks of the peace of nations. These were the jingoes of the senior continent. In the end their counsel bore its fruit—is still bearing—a royal harvest of dead men and devastated homes.

Major General Wotherspoon, chief of staff of the American army, is a national specimen of the type that urged Europe to the most disastrous war of all history. Wotherspoon thinks in terms of armed men and murderous munitions, computed by the million. From the nightmare of Europe he draws no lesson save the necessity of creating a huge standing army, of training a mammoth force of reserves in the business of war. He has his mental counterparts in the navy, who argue that immediate millions should be appropriated to the construction of battleships and submarines for the destruction of similar hostile contrivances which are to be bluffed into battle.

Europe, burdened with a staggering debt that is wholly military; Europe, blinded with the blood of her best and bravest; Europe, facing a score of lean and repentant years amid the debris of her madness, furnishes to the jingo his argument of preparedness for war.

Europe was prepared—in readiness to a degree that would never be endured in free America. No system of enforced conscription and service in peace, of elaborate and cruel military taxation, will ever be tolerated in an entirely enlightened nation. Whatever may have been the first causes of the present European war, it is apparent to the most casual student that the involved nations courted and created the conflict by a thoroughly scientific preparedness for mutual murder.

To men of military thought, preparation for probable war is the certain portent of actual strife. To dally with columns of men and fleets of fighting ships is the courtship of destruction. Europe has proven this.

Throughout the world America is today regarded as the only nation that sincerely preaches and practices the doctrine of peace. Her leadership and counsel will aid in the termination of Europe's war. Her example will fire the legislators and peoples of other nations to protest against the repetition of struggles so barbaric, so ghastly and so futile.

One nation must lead in the enlightenment that shall banish Mars to a fitting servitude in the hottest clime of Hell. One nation must confess her greatness and sincerity of purpose; not by sounding diplomatic pledges and instruments as worthless as the truce of Belgium, but by an evident intention to refrain from creating a military machine that will be a constant affront and menace to other nations.

That nation is, logically enough, America—which jingo Wotherspoon would urge along the slippery path of militarism.

IS IS with serene satisfaction that The News calls attention to an error announced in this column last week. Despite the somewhat hasty grief manifested at the supposed defeat of the anti capital punishment measure, it now develops that the savage and senseless death penalty was abolished by a small majority. Oregon has again vindicated the faith of all friends of progress.

BRIEF WAR NEWS

After four weeks of most desperate fighting all the attempts of the Germans to reach Calais have been frustrated by the allied French, Belgian and British troops.

The opposing forces in these regions are about equal, which accounts for the fact that neither side has been able to overwhelm the other at any of the three chief points of combat—Dixmude, Ypres and Armentieres. The French official report declares that the Germans have been repulsed everywhere.

Some hamlets in the neighborhood of Dixmude, which have been taken and retaken three or four times, now in the hands of the allies, who are strongly situated on the canal, the crossing of which would be of great importance to the Germans.

Accounts of the Germans' entry into Dixmude, received through the German lines, say the fighting there was the most terrible yet experienced.

The German corps commander ordered his troops to take the town, warning them not to return alive if they failed. Early onslaughts resulted in the slaughter of 80 per cent of the attacking forces, who were unable to advance across the flooded fields. Their bodies formed a footway for the

infantry following them, this enabling the Germans to win the victory.

While the eyes of the world have been on the battle near the North Sea coast, there has been some fierce fighting farther inland, and the Alsace valley, the Argonne forest and vicinity of Verdun have again been scenes of some sanguinary affairs.

The Russians, continuing their enveloping movement around East Prussia, have now entered Rypla, which is west of Soldau, and on the road to Thorn; so that they have now almost surrounded Emperor William's North-western province.

The Germans after all seem to have decided to make a stand behind the Werthe river, in Russian Poland, for the Russians announce that there have been engagements with the German advance guards between that river and the Vistula. It may be, however, that the mass of the German army, having retired to the borders of Silesia, these engagements were intended only to delay the Russian advance.

Farther south the Russians continue to push on to the Austrian fortress of Cracow which is defended by Austrian troops under German officers.

Patronize home industry—smoke Mt. Pitt and Gov. Johnson cigars.

Wego shows please people—10 cents.

Overdrafts (Secured & Unsecured)

B. H. L.

Cougar Craft

You have heard the night wind waken till the cedar boughs are shaken, you have listened in the stillness for a sigh watched the morning star uprising through a film of silver lacina—so have I! You have heard the black wolf clamor as the moonlight cast a glamor when the winded eight-point quarry turned to die—cursed with every sinew bating the wild wolf pack and its baiting—so have I!

I am cousin to you, master; I am lord of sure disaster, I am Fear within the shadow breathing low—tawny fear with fierce eyes flashing as the living target, crashing, takes the blow! Not your rifle smites more surely than I pin the prey securely on the fern fronds of the covers where I wait—you and I are of a liking, unseen terrors swiftly striking—we are Fate!

You have heard the alder quiver in the starlight by the river, you have watched within the shadow for a shade—did your heart beat high and faster when you hunted me, my master—unafraid? I have pured your craft and cunning, sixty feet above you sunning, while you sought the cross and bracken for a sign—all your tricks and foils and derring watched I, idly and unhearing, from the pine.

I am Cougar of the ranges ward of all the forest changes; I am Terror in the thicket lurking nigh—that the wood shall know its keeper, over fir and frond and creeper, hear my cry! I am cousin to you, master; tawny fear that strikes disaster . . . Comes a footfall in the shadow, soft as breath? Who would with the cougar trifle? 'Tis the moonlight on a rifle! . . . Thou art Death!

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Portland's tax levy for 1915 is to be 7.5 mills.

Pendleton was visited by a 60-mile gale and a number of dwellings were blown down.

The annual meeting of the Oregon Bar Association was held in Portland November 17 and 18.

Articles of incorporation for a clam, fish and fruit cannery, to be located in Seaside, have been filed with the secretary of state.

The annual meeting of the Oregon Dairy Association will be held the first week in February at the Oregon Agricultural College.

The date for the fourth annual irrigation congress of Oregon is January 7-9. The sessions will be held at the Imperial Hotel in Portland.

Martin Bros. Milling Company, of Klamath Falls, is utilizing the parcel post for the shipment of five tons of seed oats to California customers.

The taxable property in the city of Albany is valued at \$3,364,710, according to figures completed by County Assessor Earl Fisher for the 1914 roll.

Complete election returns from every county except Malheur indicate that the measure to allow capital punishment in this state has carried.

The Monroe waterworks and the home of the water master nearby were destroyed by fire. The fire threatened the business section of the town.

Under contract with the French government to furnish 5000 cavalry horses, Robert Jones of Weiser, Idaho, opened buying headquarters at Baker.

With some of the best cattle and hogs in the state among the entries, and with 23 babies in the eugenics contest, the Hermiston Dairy and Hog show is in progress.

Preliminary plans for the reorganization of the Oregon branch of the American Poultry association were made at the meeting of the Oregon poultrymen at the commercial club in Eugene.

The completion of the assessment roll for Baker county for the year shows that the total property valuation in the county is now \$18,067,155. This is slightly under the assessed valuation for 1913.

October was the largest month for auditing warrants in the history of the secretary of state's department. A total of 3300 were issued, 852 of them going through the industrial accident commission.

That corn as good as that produced in any of the states can be grown in Marion county and, in fact, the entire Willamette Valley, was demonstrated when the first corn show ever held in Salem was opened.

Senators Chamberlain and Lane expressed themselves favorably on a proposal that congress enact a law providing for the allotment of 70,000 acres of tribal land belonging to the Umatilla Indians.

Wholesale forgeries are alleged to have been found in the petitions filed to bring about the recent Portland recall election and District Attorney Evans has brought the subject before

the Multnomah county grand jury.

Ray Bunch, 19 years old, confessed that he robbed Frank Kuhn, an aged and ailing settler of Loon Lake, after beating him severely and subjecting him to torment in forcing him to reveal the hiding place of his money.

Next Saturday a Portland city ordinance will go into effect which requires that all rags used for wiping purposes shall be sterilized before being given to employes for use and before being sold as old rags after use.

J. L. Winters of Medford, an expert violin maker, after extensive experiments announces that Oregon white fir properly treated makes an ideal violin wood and he predicts it will replace the special woods heretofore supplied by Germany.

Portland has landed the biggest job of ship repairing ever undertaken on the Pacific Coast. Repairs to the Grace liner Santa Catalina, badly damaged by fire October 18 while bound up the Columbia river to Portland, are to be made in this port.

The Consolidated Contract company which is constructing the Columbia Highway in Columbia county, was temporarily enjoined by United States Judge Bean from blasting, building any more walls, or dumping material on the right of way of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad, the complainant.

W. A. T. Bushong, treasurer of the R. A. Booth campaign committee, has spent \$2575.30 in the recent state campaign, according to a statement filed with Secretary of State Olcott. The Linn county committee also interested in the election of Booth, spent \$553.63. C. J. Smith, democratic candidate for governor, spent \$462, according to his statement.

Mrs. Belle Barker, indicted for child-stealing, was discharged from custody in the circuit court at Dallas when District Attorney Sibley moved for an order dismissing the indictment. Mrs. Barker immediately filed an action in the circuit court against J. M. Grant the sheriff of Polk county, and J. Teuscher, Jr. representing the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, for \$5000 damages.

If high waters do not interfere and wash out the fish racks during the next two weeks the Clackamas hatchery probably will make a record run of salmon eggs this season, unparalleled during the last seven years. Superintendent C. P. Hinkle stated that between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 eggs will be secured and that the salmon run up to the present time has been far above the average.

That the supervisory powers of the state bank superintendent are limited to such trust companies as come under the terms of the banking act of 1907, or the bill regulating trust companies passed in 1913, and that the companies organized previously have a valid contract with the state, and their rights cannot be invaded, was the decision of the supreme court in a case brought by the Pacific Title & Trust and Oregon Realty & Trust companies. The decision practically makes the law inoperative.

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—C. S. Redfield,
Gold Hill, Oregon.

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