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ABOU BEN ADHEM.

Abou Ben Adhem may his tribe increase.
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace.
And saw—within the moonlight in his room,
Making it rich and like a lily in bloom—
An angel, writing in a book of gold.
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold.
And to the presence in the room he said.
"What writest thou?"—The vision raised its head;
And, with a look made of all sweet accord,
Answered, "The names of those who love the Lord;"
"And is mine one?" said Abou.
"Nay, not so."
Replied the angel, Abou spoke more low.
But cheerily still, and said, "I pray thee, then,
Write me as one that loves his fellow men."
The angel wrote and vanished.
The next night
It came again with a great wakening light,
And showed the names whom love of God had blessed.
And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest.
—J. H. Leigh Hunt.

NOW FOR THEIR SIDE OF THE STORY

THE American government through the state department has made its position clear to Germany. The note sets forth clearly and firmly the American position which is one of strong remonstrance against interference with the welfare of neutrals on the high seas.

Now it is but fair we should wait and listen to the German reply. That reply may set forth facts in the light of which the German behavior may seem less brutal and uncalled for.

Germany may say that self defense is the first law of nature and that being surrounded by a circle of foes bent upon her destruction she was obliged to use the best means possible towards preserving her safety even though such a course involved danger to others.

The German reply may be such as to convince us that all the hideousness of the present war is not due to German behavior.

At least we should hear the other side of the story before we roll up our sleeves and begin to spit.

THE NATURAL LOCATION

HERE is regret at Heppner because the headquarters of the Umatilla forest will be moved to Pendleton but the Heppnerites can have no just complaint against Pendleton in this matter.

The request for the removal of the office to Pendleton originated with stockmen, not with local businessmen. The change was desired because it was very inconvenient for Umatilla county people to go to Heppner. It is easy to understand why those men preferred having the office here.

The matter was placed before the department with a request that an investigation be made to see if the best interests of the forest service would not be met by making the change. The inquiry showed the change to be desirable and as stated by this paper yesterday the transfer will be made in the immediate future, temporary offices having been secured here to accommodate the supervisor while the federal building is being erected.

The transfer of the forestry office to Pendleton is a tribute to this town's excellent geographical position.

A NEW KIND OF THEATER

A few weeks ago a remarkable little theater at 466 Grand street, New York, was opened, says a current report. It is the outgrowth of the Nurses' settlement. For eight years festivals and plays have been presented in the gymnasium and in Clinton hall under the direction of Misses Alice and Irene Lowison and other interested friends of the settlement and residents in the district.

From now on the Neighborhood Players, as they are termed, are to be appropriately housed. The theater will be open every week-day from 1:30 to 11 o'clock, and there will be a continuous performance, including moving or other pictures, folk songs and dances and other delights for eye and ear. On Saturday and Sunday afternoons there will be special children's programs and on Saturday and Sunday evenings fine plays.

The opening performance was "Jephthah's Daughter," a biblical festival, given with an ancient glory of costume and procession. The properties and dresses were all procured or made in the neighborhood.

The Survey quotes Miss Wald as saying in her introductory address:

"Above the din of industrialism and the roar of machinery of the city, there rises the hope that a community playhouse identified with its neighborhood may recapture and hold something of the poetry and the idealism that belong to its people—not to cling to meaningless fealties because they are old and solemn, but in order to save from ruthless destruction precious inheritances, and also to open wide the door of opportunity for the messages in drama and picture and story and song, that reflect the moral and social and art convictions of our times."

WHERE WAS THE ENGLISH NAVY?

HERE is indignation and amazement at Germany for the sinking of the Lusitania. Justly so.

There is also no little indignation that England allowed the Lusitania to be destroyed when it could have prevented the disaster.

Though the British admiralty knew the Lusitania was in danger no British war craft of any sort were sent to convoy her to port.

Yet the English navy is twice the size of the German navy and there should have been something to spare for this purpose. Had a few destroyers accompanied the great passenger ship through the danger zone there might have been a different story to tell.

While calling on Germany to explain her barbarity could we not with equal justification inquire of England why it is that English ships carrying American passengers are not given some protection by the English navy while in English waters?

Walla Walla people are getting eager for dock accommodations on the Columbia as they propose to make use of the open river even before they have built their road to Wallula. They are awake over there to the value of low freight rates even if they do not have much originality in some other lines.

Of course it is alright for mobs in London and Rome to take after helpless German men and women non-combatants, rob them of their property and kill a few.

Trying to make up for his shortage last fall the rainman seems to have carried the matter too far to suit some people.

So far the local barbers' war has worked no hardship on neutrals.

West end people will soon be unable to look a fried salmon in the face.

CURRENT THINKING

SELF GOVERNMENT FOR BOYS
In New York city several thousand boys are policing themselves. They constitute the juvenile police force. Contrary to expectation, they are not fifth avenue boys, nor yet the boys of

COUNT CZAKY ORDERED TO GET JOB



NEW YORK, May 14.—Count Kalman Czaky, Kososzejki and Aderjan, hereditary governor of a Hungarian province and a distant relative of Count Szczepanek, who married Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, has taken the divorce of his American wife, the former Mrs. Maud Howard Bryan, and has returned to New York after an absence of several years to try and earn a living just like an ordinary American husband. According to the story

that followed him here from San Francisco, the count had come here with instructions to "make good." There is no intention on either side to remain permanently separated, much less seek a divorce. It is merely a mutual agreement that in America it is not fitting that a man should live on his wife's income.

The count is not saying a word about his troubles and, as far as known, has not yet procured "his job."

"HELP WIN THE WAR"

(From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.) Housewives in one of the countries now at war have been given twenty rules by the observance of which they may "help win the war." Their purpose is to teach thrift in the use of foodstuffs so that the worst comes in their country may not be threatened with starvation. It is conservation of a highly utilitarian kind.

America is happily not at war, though the efforts or war are felt on every hand. There is plenty of food, though prices are higher than we wish they were. Yet nations abroad, checked in their productive activities are putting an unusual strain upon American food resources, and it may be worth while, even in this land of peace and comparative plenty, to give thought to food conservation.

Housewives of the United States, like those abroad, may "help win the war," and by the same method. It is not to be a war against fellow human beings, but against rising prices and possibly growing scarcity—a war to keep decent living within the means of the average limited purse.

"If ever there was a vital power for good operating in a community, it exists in this force of 10,000 boys, in school and out all policing themselves keeping themselves in order and standing as a credit to the community and as an example to all other boys, and all through the appeal to their pride, their co-operative spirit and their love of approbation, based on merit.

"Themselves looked after, the juvenile police force started operations upon the law breaker and ordinance evader outside of its ranks.

"Now, listen to some of the things they are doing, not occasionally, but every day in the year:

"Each boy has a fixed post—it is his duty to see that all fire escapes are kept free from incumbrances in accordance with the law.

"And have you any idea what these fire escapes used to look like on the east side? For a picture, go into the congested district of almost any American city. Ready acceptably they were for every domestic utensil, from flower pot to mattress, pails, the cane and the general odds and ends of domestic poverty. No more, however, for the juvenile police see to that, keeping fire escapes free and thus adding to the safety of the building.

"They see that all alleys are kept free from inflammable matter, thus protecting property and often lives. They attend to the sanitary conditions of the street and insist that receptacles for refuse are kept covered, a very important hygienic necessity in a congested territory.

"They are making property owners and occupants, as well as keepers of small shops and pushcart peddlers, obey the sanitary laws, and in doing this they are using intelligence, pointing out to the people the advantage of cleanliness and order and the dangers of neglect.

"They are taught to use persuasion and tact to accomplish their work, on the principle that a kind word will get the result where the 'big stick' would fail.

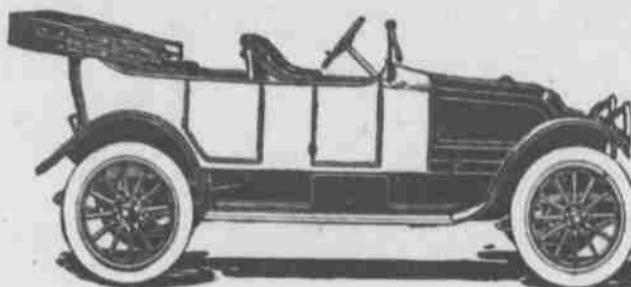
"In addition to this they are especially urged to co-operate with their fathers and mothers to assist them in making their tasks easier. They are still boys, you know, living at home and the co-operation of the home is important.

"The influence which the work is exerting toward the creation of a better citizenship is great and valuable and cannot be ignored. The boy of today is the citizen of tomorrow and every boy trained by this sort of discipline is safe from the seduction of false standards and the lure of 'easy money.'

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