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THE BLOW THAT FAILED

Those of us who have been wondering why the Allies did not seem able to break through the German lines on the western front while the Russians were yet engaging Teutonic attention on the eastern front, will be enlightened rather than encouraged by an article in the current Collier's written by Wythe Williams, Paris correspondent of the New York Times.

The Allies did break through—or at least had penetrated the first and second German lines—in the great drive last spring conducted by General Nivelle. To quote Mr. Williams:

"It is now a matter of general knowledge—and proof—that on that day the German general army order was to prepare immediately for a quick retreat to the line of the River Meuse. Three German army commanders had been ordered to Berlin in disgrace. The end of the German invasion of France seemed at hand."

The day referred to was April 29. On that day Paul Painleve, the French minister of war, sent a telegram to Nivelle ordering that the entire offensive be immediately stopped, although on the preceding day the French government had assured General Haig that the battle would go on.

It is quite likely that the German retreat would have been converted into a rout and the war brought to an end had the drive continued.

And why was it stopped? Because a handful of French deputies who had somehow managed to get to the front, where they did not belong, grew chicken-livered at the sight of Gallie blood and complained to the war minister.

Painleve, whose conduct was that of a "weak sister" throughout, kept advising England that the offensive would proceed while at the same time preparing to stop it in order to placate the faint-hearted deputies. Meanwhile the French losses, necessarily severe, were grossly exaggerated by interested persons through the simple process of counting wounded soldiers twice and three times over as they were transferred from the field to the base hospitals.

General Nivelle's own official figures were not accepted until too late.

Nivelle and Haig were in perfect accord on the French generalissimo's great battle plan, which comprehended the entire front and had been worked out in every detail. Undoubtedly it would have been brought to a successful conclusion but for this miserable political bungling.

The ugly sequel followed at once. The revitalized Germans held their lines and are still in France. Petain has been afraid to move, except in desultory fashion. Nivelle and Mangin, the hero of Verdun, were removed from their commands and court martialed, although they could not be disgraced on the showing adduced before the court. Poltroon politics triumphed over master strategy. The war is still on, with prospects that it will continue at least a year longer.

The lesson is plain. No interference from Washington with our own General Pershing should be tolerated for a moment by the people. He must and will be given a free hand, and be held responsible for the results.

After all, it may not be such a difficult task to reorganize the Bulldogger ed., as he only needs to be made over from the neck up.

If we are thrifty we are going to save millions and millions of dollars that heretofore have been wasted on extravagances. Uncle Sam asks us to lend him these millions for five years at four percent Brest-Litovsk.

SECRETARY McADOO



Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, who was named government director of railroads by President Wilson.

interest. He needs the money to win the war; and to make every American man, woman and child to lend easily and to become a bond holder in the government under which he lives, the sale of thrift stamps and war savings stamps is being promoted.

It strikes us—it hasn't struck us yet, but never mind—it strikes us, we say, that under certain circumstances the local push club might be rather a hard proposition, not to say a dangerous weapon.

Men sweat or sweated in their shirt sleeves at Weston New Year's day—which resembled nothing so much as a perfect day in May. Lest sweat be considered too vulgar, we will use the refined language attributed to the teacher in the female seminary, who said: "Remember, my dear, that horses sweat, men perspire and young ladies get in a glow."

Uncle Sam as a war measure has asked us all to "Hooverize." The Food Administration urges thrift in the kitchen. Automobile owners are asked to waste less gas. All of us are besought to travel no more than is absolutely necessary.

Those of us who are in danger of forgetting what a great and good commonwealth Oregon is, are reminded every New Year's by the Oregonian's annual number.

Save the sugar; minimize on meat; use less light; watch the wheat. And such war time appeals are nothing more nor less than an appeal to be thrifty—as we should be all the time.

The Leader is in receipt of letters from C. C. Chapman and Orton E. Goodwin—Portland men who have had much to do with the success of the great Oregon Red Cross drive—expressing appreciation of the great showing made by Umatilla county.

It's such funny weather that the dear girl doesn't know whether to Don Cossacks or a peck-a-boo waist.

A beautiful bouquet is handed the Leader man in the current issue of The Washington Newspaper, a journal published at Seattle for Washington newspaper men. No such encomiums are ever bestowed upon the benighted and boorish, Bulldogger blatherskite.

Anyone who has consistently and persistently refused to subscribe to any sort of war work and has refused to join the Red Cross is, we think, justifiably open to community criticism, if not its suspicion. Just now, no loyal community has any particular use for a "slacker."

Looks as though the Russ has gotten it either in the neck or the

WHEN WOMEN GO TO WAR.

Plans for the registration of women for service in connection with the war are but giving official recognition to what the world has known from the beginning. Woman's part in war has always been of such importance that it is doubtful if any great campaign ever was carried on without her assistance, says Omaha Bee. Since civilization came to soften ways of living, the woman has not been called upon to do some things she was put at under savagery, but she has found new occupations whose pursuit is quite as essential. Such tasks as nursing the wounded, caring for the helpless and ministering in many ways to the wreckage of war come to her as a matter of course, as do the homelier but unavoidable duties of keeping things moving while the man goes forth to battle. What is now proposed is that these duties be co-ordinated as far as possible, and that the efforts of woman be systematized and made more effective by reason of orderly direction. That the women of America will respond to the effort of the government may be accepted as foregone conclusion, and that they will lag at any time may be put aside as out of the question.

A very foolish article in a newspaper on the subject of courting does express one fine idea, which is this: "To be a man among women you must be a man among men." There may be exceptions to this, for there are silly girls, but in the main it is true. Women do like a manly man, even in preference to a learned or interesting man. They love courage and strength of character, says Ohio State Journal. Whenever a man approaches them with a silly remark or a widespread anecdote, they don't think very much of him; if they did, people would not think very much of them. Manliness and womanliness are quite the same. They are made up of qualities that are a part of the foundations of virtue. Because a woman is beautiful and graceful is no reason why a man should forget his good sense and judgment while in her society. But really there are many men who don't look at it that way. Now watch the next occasion and see if this is not so.

Normal Rate is 2 Per Cent

The normal rate of tax is 2 per cent on net incomes above the amount of exemptions, which is \$2,000 in the case of a married person or head of a family and \$1,000 in the case of a single person. A married person or head of a family is allowed an additional exemption of \$200 for each dependent child if under eighteen years of age or incapable of self-support because defective. The taxpayer is considered to be the head of a family if he is actually supporting one or more persons closely connected with him by blood relationship or relationship by marriage, or if his duty to support such person is based on some moral or legal obligation.

Five More Negro Soldiers Sentenced.

San Antonio, Tex.—Five of the negroes tried by the last court martial in connection with the Houston riots have been sentenced to be hanged, according to the verdict of the court, announced by Major General Ruckman.

Hundreds of Acres Flooded.

Bellingham, Wash.—Hundreds of acres of land in the Nooksack and Skagit valleys are under water.

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MUST YOU PAY TAX ON YOUR INCOME?

Matter That Every American Is Called on to Determine Without Delay.

Washington.—The time has arrived for every American subject to the income tax division of the war revenue set to figure up his income and file his return. If he is unmarried and has a net income of \$1,000 or more, or if he is married or the head of a family and his net income is \$2,000 or more, he must pay the tax. His return must be in the hands of the collector of internal revenue in the district in which the taxpayer lives or has his principal place of business before March 1, 1918.

The man who thinks to evade this tax is making a serious error. Revenue officials will be in every county to check returns. Failure to make a correct return within the time specified involves heavy penalties.

"Net income" means gross income less certain deductions provided for by the act. The law defines income as profit, gain, wages, salary, commissions, money or its equivalent from professions, vocations, commerce, trade, rents, sales and dealings in property, real and personal, and interest from investments except interest from government bonds, or state, municipal, township or county bonds. Income from service as guardian, trustee or executor; from dividends, pensions, royalties, or patents, or oil and gas wells, coal land, etc., are taxable.

Debits ascertained to be worthless and charged off within the year and taxes paid except income taxes and those assessed against local benefits are deductible. These and other points of the income tax section of the war revenue act will be fully explained by revenue officers who will visit every county in the United States between January 2 and March 1 to assist taxpayers in making out their returns.

Officers to Visit Every Locality.

Notice of their arrival in each locality will be given in advance through the press, banks and post offices. They will be supplied with income tax forms copies of which may be obtained also from collectors of internal revenue.

The bureau of internal revenue is seeking to impress upon persons subject to the tax the fact that failure to see this official in no way relieves them of the duty imposed by law to file their returns within the time specified.

The penalty for failure to make the return on time is a fine of not less than \$20 nor more than \$1,000, and in addition 50 per cent of the amount of the tax due. For making a false or fraudulent return, the penalty is a fine not to exceed \$2,000 or not exceeding one year's imprisonment, or both, in the discretion of the court, and in addition 100 per cent of the tax evaded.

As to the Farmers.

The number of farmers who will pay income taxes has not been estimated by the government officials, but it is certain they will form a large percentage of the 6,000,000 persons assessed who never before have paid an income tax. The average farmer does not keep books but if he avails himself of the services of government experts who will be sent to aid him, it will not be difficult for him to ascertain the amount of his net income.

The farmer in making out his return may deduct depreciation in the value of property and machinery used in the conduct of his farm, and loss by fire, storm or other casualty, or by theft if not covered by insurance. Expenses actually incurred in farm operation may be deducted, but not family or living expense. Produce raised on the farm and traded for groceries, wearing apparel, etc., is counted as living expenditures and cannot be deducted.

Guatemala City Destroyed by Quake.

San Salvador.—Guatemala City, capital of the republic of Guatemala, has been completely destroyed by an earthquake. Many persons were killed in the disaster.

Harbin in Chinese Hands

Tokio.—In a fight between Chinese and Russian Maximalist troops at Harbin, Manchuria, the Russians surrendered and were disarmed and made prisoners.

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SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.
Leone Rodenkirch, Plaintiff, vs. Clinton Rodenkirch, Defendant.
To Clinton Rodenkirch, the defendant above named:

In the Name of the State of Oregon, You are hereby summoned and required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff filed against you in the above entitled court and cause, on or before Friday, the 28th day of December, 1917, which date is eleven weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons. And you will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer said complaint or otherwise plead thereto within said time, the plaintiff for want thereof will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for therein, namely: for a decree of the Court forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony now and heretofore existing between plaintiff and defendant, and for other equitable relief.

This summons is published pursuant to an order made and filed herein by Honorable Gilbert W. Phelps, Circuit Judge of the Sixth Judicial District of the State of Oregon, on the 5th day of October, 1917. The first publication of this summons will be made on Friday, the 7th day of December, 1917, and will be published in the Weston Leader newspaper for six consecutive weeks. Dated this 5th day of December, 1917.

WILL M. PETERSON,
Attorney for Plaintiff.
Postoffice address: Pendleton, Ore.

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.
Olaf Carlson, Plaintiff, vs. Betty Carlson, Defendant.
To Betty Carlson, Defendant above named:

In the Name of the State of Oregon, You are hereby summoned and required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff filed against you in the above entitled court and cause, on or before Friday, the 28th day of December, 1917, which date is eleven weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons. And you will take notice that if you fail to answer the said complaint or otherwise plead thereto within said time, the plaintiff for want thereof will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for therein, namely: for a decree of the Court forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony now and heretofore existing between plaintiff and defendant, and for other equitable relief.

This summons is published pursuant to an order made and filed herein by Honorable Gilbert W. Phelps, Circuit Judge of the Sixth Judicial District of the State of Oregon, on the 5th day of October, 1917. The first publication of this summons will be made on Friday, the 12th day of October, 1917, and the last publication will be made on Friday, the said 28th day of December, 1917. Publication hereof will be made for eleven consecutive weeks.

Dated this 5th day of October, A. D. 1917.

WILL M. PETERSON,
Attorney for Plaintiff.
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In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.
In the Matter of the Estate of Mary E. Speaks, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that I have been appointed administrator of the estate of Mary E. Speaks, deceased, with the will annexed, and have duly qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them, with proper vouchers, to me at the office of Carter & Smythe, attorneys, in Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, within six months from this date.

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