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WAR NOTE SOUNDED

Kansas Editor Tells West to Prepare for Trouble.

COAST TO BE FOUGHT FOR

La Grande Chautauqua Crowd Hears Warning That Japan Will Join Combination to Seize the Treasures of America.

La Grande, Or., June 25.—Basing his contentions upon observations and conclusions attained after prolonged study of the European war at close range, Victor Murdock, well-known Progressive Kansas editor and Congressman, tonight sounded an alarm of impending war, and called upon the West for preparedness to meet the crisis he foresees.

He spoke twice at the opening of the La Grande Chautauqua, the first time on "National Character," and tonight to a big crowd on "Preparedness." He emphasized the opinion that Oregon and the Coast will be the bone of contention when the war he foresees comes to a reality.

Europe Faces Problem.

"After this European war," said Mr. Murdock tonight, "the nations of Europe will face the most gigantic problem of unemployment in the history of the world, and will be without working capital. The United States has 72 per cent of the known gold of the world. The men of Europe today are strong-armed, and soon will be in need of the capital now in this country.

"We are rich, but unarmed, and we are soft. We might just as well face this disagreeable fact. No European nation alone will assault us. They will do it in combination. When that combination is formed it will include Japan. We have the most dangerous coast line in the world, and the worst of that is on the Pacific Coast. Naval and military critics know it.

"The country west of the Sierras will be the bone of contention in our next war. I live 1500 miles inland, but the coast line of Oregon is the coast line of Kansas. When Oregon's hour of peril comes, and it will come, there will be no cheap, taudy 'peace-at-any-price' talk that will keep the sons of the Sun Flower state from marching to the Pacific Coast's defense.

"My belief is that Europe will make a pretext for war by demanding exorbitant indemnities from Mexico and Nicaragua, and when they fail to pay, as they will, Europe and Japan will land and occupy in the face of the Monroe Doctrine, and that minute the United States will be in a fight for her life."

In the afternoon address he said three weeks ago he went to Chicago to a convention, the Progressive, that began very nicely, but didn't end so well; that he stood before the audience a political orphan, and that he didn't know "just where he was at."—Oregonian.

A GOVERNMENT BLUNDER

"Somebody blundered" when the government, through Secretary Redfield issued an appeal to the public to save waste paper. There is no sale for the stuff that would pay the freight charges on a fifty mile haul let alone paying expenses of bailing and cartage. A little investigation on the part of the officials before the appeal was issued would have saved a lot of useless correspondence and given the public generally a higher regard for the opinions of high-up government officials. Will the Secretary now please issue a bulletin telling us where we might find a market for this paper?

Would Organize Company

Dallas, Ore., June 28.

To the Editor:

As a captain of the Oregon National Guards on the Reserve List, many are looking to me to take the lead in the organization of a volunteer company in Polk County. This burden I am willing to assume, and have already taken initial steps. However, this is a matter that should receive the attention of every patriotic citizen in this county. It is a matter that should receive prompt and immediate consideration. I have communicated with the State Military authorities, and from what I learn, it seems practically certain that a call for volunteers will come. Under such circumstances, it behooves each and every one of us who desire to offer our services to our country in this, her time of need, to act promptly and decisively. We can not afford to hang back waiting for the other fellow. Let us get together at once, and organize, and be ready for immediate muster into the Government service when the call comes. By getting together without further delay, we can get some drilling and instruction, and thus put ourselves in position to make good soldiers when needed. I will make a personal effort to get as many ex-militiamen to sign up as possible, thus securing a nucleus of trained men for the new unit. Before we can organize, however, it is absolutely essential that the required number of men sign an agreement to enlist should proper authority be granted. It is upon this agreement that the proper authorization is given. In case there is no actual service in Mexico or elsewhere, those men enlisting would perhaps be discharged at once. In order to make the movement a success, the earnest support of the newspapers of the county is absolutely necessary. That we will secure your patriotic and earnest support is assured. Publicity is needed, and I will depend upon you entirely to give the matter the necessary publicity. Above all, it must be impressed upon the people that prompt action is necessary. It should not take to exceed ten days to secure the necessary number of signatures. This is a time for us to quit talking and act. Let us show our patriotism by deeds, rather than words. Let us be true Americans in every sense of the word. Our country will undoubtedly need us, and will undoubtedly call for us, for the Mexican problem will be no small thing to solve, and it will take several hundred thousand men to do it completely; let us now, and immediately, commence to prepare ourselves. Each man settles that for himself, and immediately upon arriving at his decision, let him at once go to the nearest place where there is a form of a contract and sign his name. Polk County Observer, and Itemizer offices in Dallas; Independence National Bank in Independence; J. C. Talbott's Furniture store in Falls City and D. C. Walker's Confectionery in Monmouth.

Let us all get busy, and establish another record for old Polk. Our Company in the 3d Oregon, now on its way to the border, was one of the first to mobilize, and the second company in the U. S. to be mustered into service for the Government. Let us follow up this record by getting busy at once on another company—a company from Polk County.

Respectfully,

Walter L. Tooze, Jr.

From The Soldier Boys

Wednesday, June 28, 1916.

En Route, Vicinity, Shasta Springs To The Folks At Home Who Are Particularly Interested in the Third Battalion:

No doubt you are anxious to know how your boys fared on their first day enroute, and I shall endeavor to give you in a general way the result of our first days trip. Oregon City greeted us with a healthy number, but no doubt they are saving their most precious farewells for their own boys who will also have left ere this report reaches you.

Unless Woodburn had a floating population of several hundred when we reached there, I have been misinformed as to the size of that little city. It is characteristic of a sailor to have a sweetheart in every port but I did not realize that a soldier was so far superior in diplomacy that he could have several sweethearts in the same town, until we reached Woodburn. It seemed to me that every member of Co. "I", was trying his best to bid an appropriate farewell to at least three charming members of the gentler sex, who all in turn seemed to show a special fondness for some soldier boy.

Ere the throbbing hearts of the boys of Co. "I", had again assumed their normal tread, and their twitching lips assumed their natural expressions it was time for the boys of Companys, L, and N, to step into the lime light and bid farewell to their relatives and friends who had gathered in Salem, in goodly numbers, to bid their boys a fond farewell. I assure you we were proud of the showing Dallas made. It seemed to me, as the train departed from Salem and I stood gazing at the hundreds of people gathered there, that every other face was a familiar face from Dallas. The boys appreciate it and feel that you are worthy of our best efforts on this mission, whatever that may be.

A similar demonstration was experienced at Albany where the friends and relatives of the boys in Co. "K", gathered to bid them a fond farewell and assure them of their appreciation of the sacrifices many of the boys were called upon to make.

From Salem to Eugene we experienced quite a heavy rain. People stood in pools of water, many drenched to the skin having waited for several hours to bid some father, son, husband, brother or sweetheart farewell, but I am safe in making the assertion that no rain could have dampened the ardor displayed by the hundreds of people that greeted us in every town.

Packages, boxes, baskets, containing everything that could make a man sick or well. Sweets for the man with a sweet tooth, sours for the man who's basket was packed with the sweets on top, for the man who enjoys it, likewise tobacco in chunks for the man that would rather chew it and squirt it through his teeth in preference to burning it and blowing it through his nose.

Fruit of every nature, more packages, more baskets, more boxes and bundles until we could easily compete with any bakery, fruit stand or candy shop in Portland. For all of which we heartily thank you.

There is always someone with a spirit magnanimous enough to look out for the poor unfortunates in this world who do not receive the constant care and attention of some good wife, sister or mother. I refer to those good people who placed packages on board address-

ed to, "Some poor soldier boy who has been overlooked," "Some boy who has no mother," and others of a similar nature. I sorted these packages to see that they reached their proper destination and I assure you that those packages received special attention and if possible were more thoroughly appreciated than those that were naturally expected.

Our diet does not need any special mention for with all the good things on board already mentioned we could not suffer, were we compelled to stay aboard the cars a week. As for sleeping quarters, I must say that along with the individual Uncles Sam has learned something by experience. I took a trip of a like nature in 1898 and I assure you the men did not sleep in tourist sleepers between wholesome clean sheets with pillows upon which to rest their weary heads. Money could not buy better sleeping quarters for our men. Every precaution is being taken to keep the cars clean and sanitary and every officer is on the alert to do anything and everything which concerns the welfare of his men.

During a short stop at Smithson at about 5 o'clock p. m. sweaters were issued to all the men in lieu of their blouses which were taken up at Clackamas yesterday, just before our departure. The men were given a few minutes exercise after which we all enjoyed a good foot bath in the cooling waters of a mountain stream, after which we returned to the cars and continued on our way.

Nothing more than a headache or two, no doubt caused by the natural inclination of someone to get a little more than their share of the good things on board, has been reported at medical headquarters. Several left arms are a bit sensitive and sore and if one desires a clear passage in a crowded aisle an endeavor to get by on the left side will clear the aisle in no uncertain manner.

Government fare interspersed with the delicacies aboard constituting our evening meal, a smoke, a chat, reminiscences including the folks at home, a few minutes of silent meditation for those of a more serious nature, bed time and sleep and so ended the first day of our trip to San Diego.

I am advised that we will be encamped at Fort Rosecrans, near San Diego, for some little time and those wishing to write to any of the boys in the 3d Battalion may address their mail to that point. Be of good cheer, write cheerful letters to your boys and do not believe any false reports that may come to your ears. We will keep you advised as soon as possible at all times.

Sincerely yours,
E. K. Piasecki.
1st. Lieut. Co. "L".

CARRANZA'S DEMANDS

The United States troops were sent across the Mexican border, with the reluctant consent of Carranza, ostensibly to capture Villa. In this they have notoriously failed, and Carranza, becoming weary of their unsuccessful efforts, requested that the troops be recalled as its continued stay created the impression in the minds of the Mexicans that the United States was seeking a quarrel that they might control their lands. Now the question is, the troops having failed in their purpose, and the government having no ulterior designs upon Mexico, why linger in that land of sand, cactus and tarantula's? Inasmuch as Wilson has furnished Carranza with arms, and does not intend to afford the

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JULY FOURTH

PROGRAM

- 10:00 A. M.—Opening Song, America.
Invocation—E. A. LaDow.
Song—When the Flags are Full of Stars, 24 girls.
Speaking.
Music.
Glee Song—24 Girls.
12:00 Basket Dinner.
1:15 Ball Game, Perrydale Vs. Airlie.
3:30 Ray's Rough Riders, Riding and Roping stunts.
5:00 Races on North Main Street.
Foot races Sack Race, 1st prize \$1; 2d prize 50c.
Egg Race, 1st prize \$1; 2d prize 50c.
Three-legged race, 1st prize \$1; 2d prize 50c.
Boys' Race, 1st prize \$1; 2d prize 50c.
Girl's Race, 1st prize \$1; 2d prize 50c.
Horse races Horses weighing 900 to 150 lb.
Horses weighing 700 to 750.

Americans in Mexico any protection, why not recall the troops, place a strong guard along the border to keep out marauding bands and tell Carranza to go to it.

THEIR TRUMP CARD

The editor of the Independence Monitor regaled its readers last week with the following:

"That the Democrats will plead for the President's re-election because of his efforts to keep the country at peace there is no question. It is their trump card and they will play it. 'This policy,' declared Chairman Glynn, 'does satisfy the mothers of the land at whose hearth and fireside no jingoistic war has placed an empty chair. It does satisfy the daughters of the land from whom no bluster and brag have sent no loving brother to dissolution and the grave. It does satisfy the fathers of this land and the sons of this land who will fight for our flag and die for our flag when reason primes the rifle, when honor draws the sword and when justice breathes a blessing on the standard they uphold.' Which

all sounds very plausible and is very appealing."

But will it satisfy those who have suffered in Mexico because of Wilson's "Watchless Waiting?"

Will it restore to life those murdered in Mexico because the Wilson Policies afforded no protection to American citizens abroad?

Will it satisfy American manhood to sit supinely at home while wives, daughters, mothers and sisters of American citizens were brutally outraged by Mexican soldiers and bandits, because of "This Policy" Father Glynn boasts of?

Will "That" be their "trump card", and will the Wilsonites play it?

It is really wonderful that the Democrats should fall in love with Abraham Lincoln. The memory of man runneth back to the time when the Democratic party denounced Lincoln in as scathing terms as they now do some of the later presidents. It certainly is blasphemy for them to compare Lincoln with this man Wilson.