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BLACK ROCK ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wallace are spending the week with their son, D. Wallace, who has the pneumonia.

W. Wallace is recovering.

TORTURE
The most violent storm in the only two-inch rain, Monday, March 26, was a relief to the city.

Why Buy?
A. J. Mabel McFarlane is visiting in our city this week.

Mrs. Bly and Mrs. Fowler went to Falls City last Saturday.

John Bullis was a Falls City visitor last Saturday.

Mabel Baker made a business trip to Falls City last Saturday.

Miss Sayre attended the teaching in North Dallas.

ELECTRIC
Walker Electric Works, 10th St., Falls City.

BIG, STRONG
The car of the Falls City is actively engaged in taking the men to work, and to Falls City at night.

WE W
Carl King was hurt to day, March 27, by falling and striking his head on a truck. He went to Falls City for treatment.

Mrs. W. Miller is much improved after an attack of illness.

Darrel Newhouse commenced his first trial of school last Monday.

D. Cochran's father repaired the Seymour shack last week for his son and wife.

Mrs. J. Vassel spent Saturday and Sunday in Falls City, Miss Hazel Wingo taking her place in the cook house.

The men did not work Friday, due to a wind and rain.

Glen Wingo visited at Clarence Powell's Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. N. F. Newhouse is assisting at the cook house during Mrs. Cleveland's absence, she going down town today, Miss Esther being ill.

S. W. Wingo, Mr. Otte, and N. F. Newhouse were in Falls City Friday.

D. H. Cox is quite ill.

Mrs. J. Vassel has quite a chicken "farm."

There are now 65 men in camp. The new site is about ready to commence logging.

Mrs. Ed Wright is helping at the cook house since March 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Anderson and son were Saturday and Sunday visitors in Falls City.

Carl King, brother of Mrs. D. H. Cox came up last week and visited with the latter and got work also.

WAR STAMP DRIVE

Weekly Report For Polk County

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| Airlie | \$1063.13 |
| Ballston | 82.80 |
| Black Rock | 25.00 |
| Broadmead | 256.40 |
| Dallas | 1,990.33 |
| Falls City | 138.48 |
| Independence | 606.25 |
| McCoy | 165.60 |
| Monmouth | 381.62 |
| Rickreall | 66.40 |
| Suver | 66.24 |
| Total | \$4,836.25 |

WHY WE ARE AT WAR WITH GERMANY

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"The object of this war is to deliver the free peoples of the world from the menace and the actual power of a vast military establishment controlled by an irresponsible government, which, having secretly planned to dominate the world, proceeded to carry out the plan without regard either to the sacred obligations of treaty or the long-established practices and long-cherished principles of international action and honor. . . . This power is not the German people. It is the ruthless master of the German people. . . . It is our business to see to it that the history of the rest of the world is no longer left to its handling."
—President Wilson, August 27, 1917.

THE GERMANS AS A CHOSEN PEOPLE

The foundation cause of this war is Germany's firm belief that she alone has the right to direct the progress of the world and to exploit its resources. For the last thirty years the military autocracy of Germany has seen to it that this belief was taught in the schools, and today that autocracy is reaping the benefits of a blind obedience to its will. German political writing of recent years is full of the idea that the German people is "God's chosen people, destined to impose its 'Kultur' upon all other peoples."

"The German soul is the world's soul, God and Germany belong to one another." "Germany is the center of God's plans for the world." "We hope that a great mission will be allotted to us Germans . . . and this German mission is: to look after the world." "Germany is chosen, for her own good and that of other nations, to undertake their guidance. Providence has placed the appointed people, at the appointed moment, ready for the appointed task."

"The German people is always right, because it is the German people, and numbers 87,000,000 souls." "Kultur is best promoted when the strongest individual Kultur, that of a given nation, enlarges its field of activity at the expense of the other national Kulturs." "The attempt of Napoleon to graft the Kultur of Western Europe upon the empire of the Muscovite ended in failure. Today history has made us Germans the inheritors of the Napoleonic idea." "The further we carry our Kultur into the East, the more and the more profitable outlets shall we find for our wares. Economic profit is of course not the main motive of our Kultur-activity, but it is no unwelcome by-product." "Our belief is that the salvation of the whole Kultur of Europe depends upon the victory which German 'Militarism' is about to achieve."

These quotations are but a few of hundreds of like expression, and the last one cited is from a manifesto signed by thirty-five hundred German professors and lecturers. Reduced to simple terms, the German belief at the beginning of this war was: "God directs Germany. Civilization advances only by combats between Kulturs in which the stronger and God-directed one has the right to prevail and must prevail. The immediate and present object is to make our Kultur prevail in the East (in 'Muscovy'), and in accomplishing this we shall also gain economic advantages. This is the first step in our world domination."

Where does America stand in this theory of a "chosen people"? America denies that theory; she denies that God has chosen any one people as His own; she asserts rather that there are many civilizations, each with its own merits and defects, and that to each must be left the working out of its own problems.

We Americans are unable to understand, or sympathize with, a people who conceive of themselves as a chosen people, chosen of God—a people to whom all things and actions, however inhuman or brutal, are regarded as permissible, even holy, because of a faith in their superior mission and civilization. To us such a belief is direct evidence, not of a leading, but of a lagging civilization.

This German ideal, when expressed merely in theory, even though taught in Germany for the last thirty years, stirred but indifferent interest in other European nations. In this war Germany has revealed in the application of her theory a lust for world power at the expense of other peoples, a lack of good faith, a brutality that have stamped her theory as involving a return to barbarism.

By the application of German theory we were forced, unwillingly, to go to war. But today we know that there was no escape from a war between two contradictory ideals. Germany's economic objects are many and large (they will be pointed out), but the basic cause of this war was the German ideal of a dominant nation. That ideal,

by Germany's own challenge, is on trial in arms. Against it we must prevail, or we shall perish.

This is the first of a series of ten articles by Professor Adams.

THOUGHT HE WAS A WIZARD.

Story of the One Trial For Witchcraft Held in Tennessee.

This case of witchcraft was in the year 1835 and originated on the banks of Obey's river, a tributary of the Cumberland and in Fentress county, Tenn. It was first tried before Joshua Owens, a justice of the peace at that time.

An old man named Stout, who lived in a very quiet way in the neighborhood, who did not attend church, who had been sitting up late at night reading strange books and about whose early history nothing was known, was suspected of being a wizard, and when a daughter of one Taylor was taken violently ill with a disease that the doctor could not diagnose it was determined to arrest old man Stout for bewitching her.

A large posse was secured, and guns were loaded with silver bullets, for it was thought that nothing else would kill a wizard.

The old man was arrested and brought to trial before Esquire Owens. A vast array of witnesses testified as to his habits and added that they had seen him escape from dwelling houses through the keyhole in the doors and that he had thrown people and animals into strange spells by his influence when they were miles away from him. The officers and posse subjected him to a great many indignities, and he was held to await the action of the grand jury.

When court convened Judge Abraham Caruthers, who was on the bench and who founded the great law school of Cumberland university at Lebanon, Tenn., and General John B. McCormick, the prosecuting attorney, refused to indict the old man. The action of the court and attorney general almost precipitated a riot, it is said, in the courtroom.

Old man Stout then sued the officers and posse for damages, and they pleaded as a defense that they were in the act of arraigning a criminal and cited the statutes of Henry VIII and James I. making witchcraft a felony, which they declared had never been repealed in Tennessee. Thus ended the first and only trial for witchcraft in Tennessee by the conviction of the persons who had arrested him and subjected him to great indignities.—Case and Comment.

An Airline Railway.

The railway line which connects Petrograd with Moscow rivals a Roman road for straightness. It was first projected in the middle of the last century, and the then czar was asked to state his wishes as to the course the railway should take. In reply he drew a perfectly straight line between the two capitals, and the engineers proceeded accordingly, though many of the natural difficulties to be overcome were great, and it would have been far less costly to have allowed some deviations. As it is, it is probably the longest straight railway line in the world.—Christian Science Monitor.

Use of the Toothbrush.

The habit of using a toothbrush should be acquired as soon as a child can wield it, and the habit should never be abandoned. The teeth should be brushed at least twice a day. Not only the teeth, but the gums and the back of the tongue should be cleansed. The usual sawing movement of the brush across the teeth is far less efficacious than a rotary movement directed from the gum downward. A thorough rinsing of the mouth and forcing the water between the teeth is of great importance.

Fruit Stains.

The wise laundress knows that ordinary stains from fruit juice and so on may generally be washed from table linen if the latter is placed in very hot water before any soap is used and allowed to remain there for five or ten minutes. If these spots are stubborn, salts of lemon or spirits of ammonia will probably remove them. In all cases the soiled linen should be rinsed thoroughly before being treated with soap.

Spring Time DRESS UP TIME

New Men's Hats
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New Ladies' Shoes
New Men's Shoes

New things throughout the store

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Holding Your Own

An Irishman walking along the highway asked a passer-by how far it was to the next town. "Ten miles" was the reply. After walking for another hour or two he met another man and again asked how far it was to the town. "Oh about ten miles" was the reply. Pat then said: "Well begob, I seem to be holding my own anyway."

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