

SEES EUROPE AFLAME

TOLSTOY'S VISION RECALLED BY WARS NOW RAGING.

Non-Believer in Spiritualistic Phenomena Views Bleeding Humanity and Hears Lamentations.

In February of last year—it may be remembered—a number of metropolitan newspapers printed an article by Countess Nastasia Tolstoy, in which she told of an interview she had with her great relative, Leo Tolstoy, in the autumn of 1910, in the course of which he described to her a vision that had appeared to him frequently during the past two years preceding the interview. At that time Leo Tolstoy said:

This is a revelation of events of a universal character, which must shortly come to pass. Their spiritual outlines are now before my eyes. I see floating upon the surface of the sea of human fate the huge silhouette of a nude woman. She is—with her beauty, her poise, her smile, her jewels—a super-Venus. Nations rush madly after her, each of them eager to attract her especially. But she, like an eternal courtesan, flirts with all. In her hair-ornament of diamonds and rubies is engraved her name: "Commercialism." As alluring and bewitching as she seems, much destruction and agony follows in her wake. Her breath, reeking of sordid transactions, her voice of metallic character like gold, and her look of greed are so much poison to the nations who fall victims to her charms.

"And behold, she has three gigantic arms with three torches of universal corruption in her hand. The first torch represents the flame of war, that the beautiful courtesan carries from city to city and country to country. Patriotism with flashes of honest flame, but the end is the roar of guns and musketry.

"The second torch bears the flame of bigotry and hypocrisy. It lights the lamps only in temples and on the altars of sacred institutions. It carries the seed of falsity and fanaticism. It kindles the minds that are still in cradles and follows them to their graves.

"The third torch is that of the law, that dangerous foundation of all unauthentic traditions, which first does its fatal work in the family, then sweeps through the larger worlds of literature, art and statesmanship.

"The great conflagration will start about 1912, set by the torch of the first arm in the countries of South-eastern Europe. It will develop into a destructive calamity in 1913. In that year I see all Europe in flames and bleeding. I hear the lamentations of huge battlefields. But about the year 1915 a strange figure from the North—a new Napoleon—enters the stage of the bloody drama. He is a man of little militaristic training, a writer or a journalist, but in his grip most of Europe will remain till 1925. The end of the great calamity will mark a new political era for the Old World. There will be left no empires and kingdoms, but the world will form a federation of the United States of Nations. There will remain only four great giants—the Anglo-Saxons, the Latins, the Slavs and the Mongolians."

LIGAMENTS BADLY TORN.

Airlie Man Suffers Accident—News From Falls City.

Mage Hammond of near Airlie was injured Monday by an automatic loading hook catching his hand and tearing the ligaments to the bone. He was at work on the threshing machine of Wallie Brown. He was brought here to Dr. Officer who dressed the hand, taking eight stitches in the wound.

T. D. Hollowell went to Dallas Tuesday to serve on the jury for the August term of court.—News.

C. A. Snider and family moved to Dallas Tuesday.

Little Hollis Young was brought home from the hospital at Dallas Monday, where he had been operated on for appendicitis. He is improving nicely.

Sunday morning one of the S. P. cooking cars of a road making crew burned down. It is unknown how the fire got started but at four o'clock a. m., a small smoldering smoke was seen burning on the ground near one of the cars but it was thought that a camp fire had been left burning the night before and was about out.

GOOD CROP PRODUCERS.

Studies Show Output Is Increased By Good Roads.

That an improved road will increase vastly the productiveness of the area through which it runs has now been satisfactorily demonstrated by studies conducted by the United States department of agriculture in Virginia. Conditions in Spotsylvania county were investigated with particular care, and the results have proved surprising. In 1909 the county voted \$100,000 to improve 40 miles of roads. Two years after the completion of this work the railroad took away in 12 months from Fredericksburg, the county seat, 71,000 tons of agricultural and forest products hauled over the highways to that town. Before the improvement of the roads this total was only 49,000 tons annually; in other words, the quantity of the county's produce had risen more than 45 per cent. Still more interesting, how-

ever, is the increase shown in the quantity of dairy products. In 1909 these amounted to 114,815 pounds, an increase of practically 140 per cent in two years. In the same time shipments of wheat had increased 59 per cent, tobacco 31 per cent, and lumber and other forest products 48 per cent.

In addition to this increase in quantity the cost of hauling each ton of produce was materially reduced. In other words, the farmers not only produce more, but produce more cheaply, for the cost of transportation to market is of course an important factor in the cost of production. From this point of view, it is estimated that the \$100,000 spent in improving the roads in Spotsylvania county saved the farmers of that county \$41,000 a year.

In the past two years the traffic studies of the federal experts show that approximately an average of 65,000 tons of outgoing products were hauled over the improved roads in the county an average distance of eight miles, or a total of 520,000 "ton-miles." Before the roads were improved it was estimated that the average cost of hauling was 20 cents a "ton-mile;" after the improvement this fell to 12 cents a "ton-mile," or a saving of eight cents. A saving of eight cents per mile on 520,000 "ton-miles" is \$41,000 a year. The county's investment of \$100,000 in other words returns a dividend of 40 per cent annually.

BAND CONCERT A SUCCESS.

Director Downey Congratulated by Audience Saturday Night.

The success of the weekly hand programs could have been no more strongly brought to mind than that of the one on Saturday night when music-lovers came in squads, companies, battalions, by auto and otherwise, to listen to the program which was of unusual length and, from the nature of the greetings of the audience, of the popular kind. Director Downey was congratulated after the concert by those who pronounced it "the best yet." There were four players from the Rieckreall band, and three who were unconditioned players who volunteered to assist.

With proper encouragement, Mr. Downey believes the band can exist through the winter months and be in readiness, as it has in the past, to meet every demand from the city on the shortest notice. He has a promise of seven new members, besides the assistance of several "old hands" to keep the organization going during the winter if the city shows a disposition to support the organization.

The program on Saturday was unannounced, and in spite of this the audience cheered the discordant notes of the "Village Band,"—the Bunting band, a crossroads organization where every member has a part to appeal to his sweetheart. Other popular numbers were the "Yankee Doodle," "That Mellow Medley," "A Two Step," "Remicks Hits No. 12," "Woodrow Wilson's Inaugural March," a pretty serenade, and an overture, "Enchanted Nights."

As a tribute the band remembered the sadness of the nation in the death of the whitehouse mistress by finishing the program beneath the folds of glory with the national air.

MODERN SECTS DENOUNCED.

Strong Language Used by Rev. C. P. Gates at Quinby Meeting.

In an address reeking with such such words as "skunks," "hell" and "devil," the Rev. Chester P. Gates of Dallas delivered an address before the United Evangelical campmeeting, denouncing some of the modern sects. Along more tolerant lines was the address by Rev. Charles S. Poling, the son of Dr. C. C. Poling, who entered the ministry only a few weeks ago, who spoke on the subject, "The Healing and Helping Hands of Jesus."

Contributors to Exhibit.

Those who have contributed to the county exhibit for the week ending August 8 are: O. De Haven & Son, barley, wheat, oats; C. I. Ballard, wheat; Wm. Mackie, wheat; Clow Bros, wheat; F. M. Nelson, oats, wheat; J. Powell, prunes, wheat, oats; P. O. Powell, oats; Frank Whitaker, oats; Wm. Kraeger, oats; O. E. Dennis, plums; F. A. Koser, plums, wheat, oats; Cass. Riggs, oats; C. M. Warren, oats; M. H. Richards, plums.

Now Nearing Completion.

The new Dallas hospital, which when completed will have necessitated an outlay of approximately \$10,000, will be ready for occupancy about October 1, the finishing touches now being under way. The building is two stories and basement, and is conveniently arranged for the purposes for which it is intended.

In Aid of Americans.

Rapid progress has been made toward the relief of Americans in Europe. President Wilson issued an executive order constituting a board of relief to consist of the secretaries of state, treasury, war and navy, which will have general charge of the distribution of the \$2,500,000 authorized by congress.

Add Machinery to Plant.

Coy Brothers have bought a new planer and matcher, which will soon be installed at their plant, thus affording them more adequate facilities for handling their increasing business.

MODEL RANCH IS SOLD

SHERIDAN REALTY OF 900 ACRES GOES FOR \$250,000.

Friewald Estate, Luxuriously Fitted, Taken by Banker With Vast Orchards and Stock.

What is thought to be the largest realty deal in ranch property this year in Oregon was consummated on Friday when Thad H. Howe, of Chicago, closed a deal to buy for \$250,000 the 900-acre ranch of Gustav Friewald, two miles west of Sheridan. A "manorial estate" best describes the big Friewald ranch with its rolling acres and the beautiful \$10,000 mansion which commands a view of the valley for miles. Mr. Friewald bought this tract four years ago. Of the 900 acres, Mr. Friewald set 450 to apples and prunes. Sixty-five acres of bottom land is planted in loganberries. For two years a labor crew was busy clearing rough land of brush and oak grubs in preparation for the plowing of the fruit settings.

One of Mr. Friewald's first steps was the erection of a stately \$10,000 residence on the crest of the high hills which bound Sheridan on the north. A two-mile road costing nearly \$6000 was next built to make the property easily accessible. A spur from the Sheridan & Willamina railroad was built into the ranch last year to haul wood from the place into Portland. Every acre is under cultivation, 300 acres being in hay and grain. There is \$9,000 worth of stock on the place. Besides the home manor, there are six tenant houses and 12 pickers' houses on the loganberry plantings.

Mr. Howe, the new owner, is ex-president of the Old Colony National Bank, of Chicago. A. G. Friewald, son of Mr. Friewald, who is at present foreman of the big ranch, will be retained by Mr. Howe.

Portland For Knights.

The Knights of Pythias, assembled in convention at Winnipeg, selected Portland as the meeting place for the 1916 convention.

The K. of P. numbers over 800,000 members and has 8000 local lodges in the United States and Canada. The supreme convention numbers 311 members and officers, and the Pythian Sisters always hold their supreme convention at the same time and place. The supreme delegates from Oregon are Gus Moser, of Portland, and Marion Davis, of Union county. The order has 8000 members in Oregon and 78 lodges.

Holmes Forecasts the Result.

Mark Holmes, of Rieckreall, who takes more interest in politics than any man in Oregon returned Thursday from Portland where he spent the first three days of the week trying to get a line on the political situation in Oregon. Mark says he has the situation properly sized up and can pick the winners all down the line, but doesn't attempt to say who they are, further than that most of them will be Democrats.—Oregon Messenger.

Street Work Progressing.

The street work being done by the city is progressing rapidly under the superintendency of Street Commissioner Peter Greenwood, who is personally on the job. The rock crusher, located at the quarry, is operating steadily and a number of teams are hauling the crushed material to the city. Eight blocks will be improved this season.

The Printer Gets His.

The price of linotype metal, used quite extensively by The Observer, has advanced in price. On account of the European war there is a scarcity of tin and antimony. The tin supply of the United States is almost exhausted, and fabulous prices are being asked for the remaining. These things have sent the price of newspaper metal skyward.

Runs Into Telephone Pole.

Horace Ellsworth, driving a Franklin car, came in sudden contact with a telephone pole in front of Dr. Bollman's residence one day last week. The pole escaped serious injury, but the car was badly damaged, the front thereof being stove in. The car was going at a slow rate of speed.

Automobile Is Damaged.

While coming to Dallas from Rieckreall last Saturday, S. H. Petrie, driving a Cartier, collided with a farmer's wagon, doing little damage to the latter but smashing in the front of his machine. Mr. Petrie had lost control of the auto momentarily.

Fall Goods Coming In.

Dallas merchants are receiving their fall goods and from indications the stocks will be large and complete. With the opening of the fall trade those readers of The Observer who desire "the real truth" about goods and prices should read the advertising columns of The Observer.

Smith Ought to Know.

Mr. Smith objects to the statement made by The Observer last week that a queen bee deposits 300 eggs per day, saying the figure should have been at least 2,000. While this is a somewhat remarkable showing, Mr. Smith may have his way about the matter.

Threshing Accident at Airlie.

Roy Byrlie, a son of A. Byrlie of

this city, was quite seriously injured at Airlie on Friday afternoon while threshing with the Economy threshing crew. While cleaning up about the machine, the handle of the pitchfork he was using caught in a belt, wresting it from his grasp, and throwing it with great force against his chin, cutting a gash that required three stitches to close.

Mighty few fellows get seedy from picking up scattered seeds of kindness.

BULLETIN

TO EXCHANGE—Small ranch two miles from Cottage Grove, Oregon. Fine bungalow, barn and outbuildings; water to house, lawn and barn from spring; family orchard; about three acres prunes; hog fenced and cross fenced. This is a slightly place, new buildings, and within easy reach of good market. Just the place for small fruit or chickens. Will exchange for Dallas city property. Lew A. Cates, at The Observer. 44tf.

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BIDS WANTED—Bids for boring a well, and guaranteeing water, will be received by the school board of District No. 49. Address A. J. Shipley, school clerk, Monmouth, Oregon. 39-8t.

TOBACCO AND CIGAR SALES-men are wanted to advertise. Experience unnecessary. \$100 monthly and Traveling Expenses. Advertise Smoking, Chewing Tobacco, Cigarettes, Cigars. Send 2c. stamp for full particulars. HEMET TOBACCO CO., New York, N. Y. 39-20t.

FOR SALE—Duroe Jersey pigs—registered weanlings from healthy, profitable stock at C. N. McArthur farm, near Rieckreall. Address Arthur M. Jones, foreman. 45-2t.

WANTED—Hop pickers. Apply at The Observer office at once and leave name for Sept. 1. 37-8t.

FOR SALE—Few tons of loose cut hay for sale. H. G. Campbell. 25-4t

FOR SALE—Property on south-east corner of Uglow and Miller Avenues. Might trade. Barton Z. Riggs. 17-4t.

FOR SALE—Fifty-foot lot on E. side of Methodist church adjoining the alley. Fine business location at a fair price, \$3,000. Enquire of Dan Stouffer. 26-4t

ESTRAY. There came into my enclosure on Friday, July 31, two horses, about two and three years old, respectively, the larger one branded with an H on left thigh. The owner is notified to call at my farm, eight miles north of Dallas, on the Salt Creek road, pay damages and keeping charges and take the animals away. William Muller, phone Pink 554. 45-3t.

FOR SALE—Two good gentle milk cows. See O. N. Harrington, or phone Pioneer 5. 29-4t.

TO EXCHANGE—One large work horse to exchange for wood or cow. W. M. Foster, Independence, Oregon. 43tf.

FOR SALE—Fifteen horsepower steam traction engine, cheap. Fred Wagner. 43tf.

FOR SALE—Team of horses, with wagon and harness. Price \$200. May be seen at Barber's woodyard. 41-3t.

WANTED—150 bushels of oats, would exchange first class oak posts. Call Black 25, or see J. S. Macomber. 45-2t.

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