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## Monmouth Meditations

A wise man does not believe all he hears but a fool usually believes a great deal that he doesn't hear.

Peace Talk appears to have brought its trunk along with the intention of staying for a lengthy visit.

We are afraid that the Crown Prince will have to patronize a less expensive brand of cigarettes when this cruel war is over.

Usually after marrying an angel a man kicks himself that he did not marry a cook.

Those verbal bombs which the president has hurled at the Germans are withering and humiliating but damage to the feelings is much easier repaired than the damage caused by the bombs dropped from the aeroplanes.

When the Kaiser talked about his "unconquerable armies" he overlooked the fact that General Pershing hails from Missouri.

The probability is that if the Kaiser lived in Hoboken, N. J., it would take a more expensive lawyer than the one Thaw patronized to keep him out of the insane asylum.

Speaking about Christmas presents for the soldiers what better could you offer than a year's subscription to the Herald. Peace or war, the boys will be in France a long time yet. Think it over.

There surely was nothing "web foot" about Oregon this last summer.

The Polk County Observer observes that judging from the frequency with which Monmouth is printed on the date line of a news item in the Oregonian, it must be the most important town in Polk county. Which doesn't miss the truth by a great deal.

The sow advertised for sale last week in the Herald has now become a sow and nine pigs. A unique tribute to efficiency in advertising. If you want to buy, see W. A. Green at the S. P. depot.

Just about the time we suspected someone of being asleep at the switch, the Republican campaign committee limbers up and begins the bombardment.

It is the easiest thing in the world to see that wealth is a curse—as long as it is the other fellow that has it.

Preparedness never counted for more than in warding off the clutches of the Spanish influenza. The disease may not take a serious turn and then again it may. When fatalities occur they usually follow attack very rapidly. This epidemic has spread like a wave from the East to the West and the indications are that it has not yet reached its crest on this coast.

We have had two light frosts but not enough to singe foliage yet.

While all are united in insisting that Germany must pay the price, it must also be acknowledged that any price that could be levied just at present would be small to the actual damage done.

The manner in which we are Liberty Bonded appears to be sufficient for all present needs.

The published editorial comment on Germany and her peace plans express almost as many shades of opinion as three are newspapers, which reminds us of the old tendency of doctors to disagree.

Next Sunday is to be twenty five hours long and any hired man will agree that the proper day was selected to set our clocks back. The daylight hour gained during the summer time has been of distinct advantage and we look to see the same plan made permanent in future years.

Those practical pacifists, Generals Foch, Haig and Pershing are determined to get a lot more of the German boys out of the trenches by Christmas. Their favorite scheme is to have them walk out with their hands in the air yelling "kamerad".

The Allies already have a substantial slice of Turkey for Thanksgiving but it certainly would cause cheer all around if they could carve the whole bird on that occasion.

Having been disappointed on one or two of the "sure as gospel" announcements that Germany had surrendered, we are now prepared to believe it only when we see it.

The wheat grower had better work toward preparation of his acreage to the production of sugar beets. There is now, we are told, a billion bushels of wheat more than we actually need stored up in the granaries of India, Australia, Argentine and America and one of these days the price of wheat is going to take a dreadful tumble. But sugar stocks are exhausted owing to the fact that Germany, Austria and Russia, who were the majority producers, have taken to raising hell instead of sugar beets. The sugar crop like the beef crop will not reach its old time sufficiency for some time after the war.

Every move so far in the international correspondence by cablegram between America and Germany, has steadily reached toward peace, but there is growing a considerable public opinion to the effect that the end would be sooner secured by replying "No terms but unconditional surrender" in the first place and that it is not too late to make the statement now.

Now in these days of international team work would be a good time to adopt the metric system of weights and measures, a scientific plan of measuring distance and quantity that would save a great deal of wear and tear on the average brain. At the same time we might call the attention of our allies to our own money system which applies the metric system to coins. If its use were universal it would be a distinct step forward.

It is good to see slab wood loads pass up and down the street once more. They have been an infrequent sight of late.

Mr. Albers of Portland had a practical lesson in temperance taught him this week when he was arraigned in the Federal courts on the charge of espionage; he having given expression to decidedly disloyal utterances when under the influence of alcohol it is alleged. Peo-

ple say out loud the things they only think when sober, we are told, and if this is true the Portland miller holds some peculiar sentiments, especially in a man who has found America as good a friend as it has proved to him.

It is hard to lose faith in human veracity. We are inclined to take declarations at their face value and when the Germans say they accept terms that have been positively stated it is hard to disbelieve them. When in addition to those terms they are held to certain interpretations of the same as well as restrictions and in an apparently sincere manner they agree to all things that are asked of them it is the natural thing to assume they mean it. We recall however, the campaign of propaganda that preceded the Italian campaign and the promises that were held out to Russia before the infamous treaty was forced upon them and we wonder if perhaps behind withdrawal of submarines is a scheme to cause the Allied vigilance to be relaxed that the sea wolves may make a successful raid on the transports. But the situations that preceded the two instances named were radically different than the one that now exists between Germany and her opponents and it is in this fact that prospects for an end of the world war are brightest.

### ■ MISUNDERSTANDING CLEARED UP

A misunderstanding relative to the canteen work of the Y. M. C. A. has been cleared up by the War Department, which issued the following:

"Matter of prices asked by Young Men's Christian Association for its articles sold in canteens overseas already investigated by war department and condition is being remedied. The Young Men's Christian Association was originally asked by General Pershing to run the canteens for the army on a cost basis. In order to do this it had to reckon in price fixing such overhead charges as transportation charges and marine insurance so that prices were much higher than in this country.

"The Young Men's Christian Association made no profits, but lost thousands of dollars. Arrangements now made will enable them to obtain supplies from sources that will reduce overhead charges and keep prices down."

### UNITED WAR WORK OFFICERS

State committee officers for the United War Work Campaign are: W. M. Ladd, chairman; O. W. Davidson, director; John W. Kelley, and Mrs. William H. Marshall, associates; director publicity, Ira F. Powers; speakers' and entertainers' bureau, J. W. Day; students, John H. Rudd; victory boys' and girls' feature, Walter A. Goss.

Chairmen of the seven allied organizations:

Y. M. C. A., Mr. Ladd; Y. W. C. A., Mrs. William MacMaster; War Camp Community Service, Emery Olmstead; American Library Association, W. L. Brewster; Knights of Columbus, Frank J. Lonergan; Salvation Army, O. C. Bortzmeier; Jewish Welfare Board, Ben Selling.

John R. Mott, of New York, is director-in-chief and Lyman L. Pierce, of San Francisco, is director of the Western Department, embracing eight states, including Oregon.

### PERSHING'S "DO WITHOUT IT" CLUBS

Organization of "do without it" clubs in America, as a means of aiding the United War Work campaign, which open November 11, was recommended by James F. Pershing, brother of General Pershing, in an address delivered recently in Portland in behalf of the drive. He urged the American people to make some sacrifices in order to help "carry on" the great undertaking that is to furnish money for war work in the battle zone during the coming year. A great percentage of American people, he said, do not know from any sacrifices made thus far, that a war is in progress. Relaxation of activities because of peace proposals, he declared, should not be tolerated, and asked people of the country to throw their whole energy and co-operation behind this latest drive for securing funds for the seven big war-working agencies consolidated in the campaign.

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