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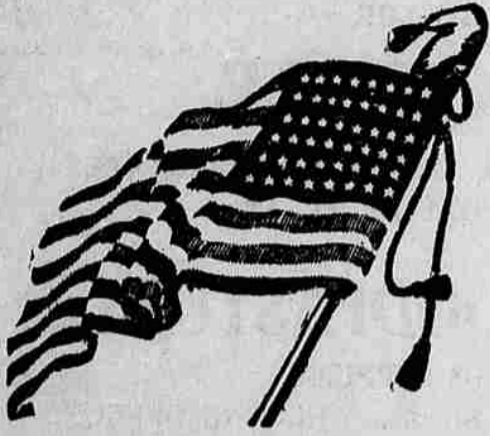
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## THE WEAK HAVE NO RIGHTS

RESIDENT WILSON in his Baltimore speech opening the Liberty Loan campaign emphasized that under the German system the weak have no rights. He said:

"But the answer when I proposed such a peace came from the German commanders in Russia and I cannot mistake the meaning of the answer.

"They are enjoying in Russia a cheap triumph in which no brave or gallant nation can long take pride. A great people, helpless by their own act, lies for the time at their mercy. Their fair professions are forgotten.

"They nowhere set up justice, but everywhere impose their power and exploit everything for their own use and aggrandizement; and the peoples of conquered provinces are invited to be free under their dominion.

"Are we not justified in believing that they would do the same things at their western front if they were not there face to face with armies whom their countless divisions cannot overcome?"

In eastern Europe two exceedingly important things are being done. Germany is seizing dominating positions on the land routes to Asia. The military occupations of the Aahland Island and Finland, "at the request of the oppressed inhabitants," really means that the Germans wish to control the route via Sweden and Russia to the far east. Already they are astride all the eastward lines between Finland and the Black Sea—and by their possession of Odessa and forcing the Russians to surrender Bantum to the Turks, they will gain full control of the Trans-Caspian route to the border of Afghanistan and to the northern border of India. The Roumanian surrender gave them the Black Sea port of Constanza. This port of Odessa or both will serve Germany's dream of eastern empire.

It will be recalled that the German's so-called peace treaty with Russia contained the clause: "The parties pledge themselves to respect the political and economic independence and territorial integrity of Persia and Afghanistan." The significance of this becomes clearer in view of the semi-official Wolff Bebeau's statement: "We have captured a direct free route via Russia to Persia and Afghanistan."

This is a menacing thing with which we shall have to deal but our hearts are more touched by Germany's dismemberment of Poland so that that much oppressed people's dream of union and freedom may be impossible. One slice has been handed over to the so-called Ukraine Republic, another slice is assigned Lithuania visited with mock independence, but the object is ever the same—the prevention of the Poles ever coming together under a single rule. Long ago it was known that Germany dreaded "the Polish danger," but these brutal acts of vivi-section were required to show how great.

Of course, this is another unbridgeable gulf between Germany and the Allies. All the pretended sympathy for the principle of "self-determination," all the proclamations of "Independent Poland" and "Poland for the Poles" prove simply more Hun gas and deceit.

Germany and Austria took apparently opposite positions on the question of the disposition of Poland. The former regarded Poland simply as a conquered country, to be exploited for labor and supplies. Austria urged that Poland be granted independence, simply because she did not wish to see yet another country fall under that German domination that she really hates and fears. The feeling in Hungary was more disinterested. Indeed, it was not untainted with sentiment, for in the past Hungary and Poland were once united by a single King (in the fourteenth century, under Louis the Great, and his successor.) But as usual, the Prussian military caste had its way, and since the occupation of the country in 1915 General von Beseler has cruelly exploited it. He it is who has reduced the country to such skeleton-poverty that the death rate far exceeds the birth rate. To the thousands of parents whom he robbed of means of earning a living, and whose children were dying like flies, he addressed this proclamation:

"The government suggests that the mothers having children should send them to Germany to be brought up and educated. Mothers who are willing to make this arrangement will receive

## A Story of Married Life REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

By Adele Garrison

"Are you sure you're all right?" Mrs. Durkee's soft voice uttered the words anxiously, and her motherly hands patted me solicitously, as if to assure herself by actual touch that I was indeed fully recovered from my sudden faint.

"Absolutely," I returned with decision. "It always uses me up to shop, and the air down there was simply vile. It was perfectly ridiculous of me to faint, however. I can't see how I came to do it."

"The nurse said she thought you'd had a shock," Mrs. Durkee returned, glancing at me curiously. We were walking away from the rest room after thanking and rewarding the nurse, and I was glad she was not within earshot. I am afraid that knowing her understanding of the storm of grief which I had just passed I could never have carried off the nonchalant impression of things I gave my neighbor.

"Not unless the shock of losing my hat caused me to faint," I said with a lightness of which I was justly proud under the circumstances.

"Losing your hat? What hat? are you crazy?" she demanded.

"Then I realized that she knew nothing of my second trip to the millinery department, and that it would have been much wiser not to have spoken of it. I had answered her at random with the first thing that flashed into my mind, but I knew, of course, that I must explain.

### "A Very Pretty Girl."

"Why, to tell you the truth, I meant to surprise you by purchasing that blue hat after all," I said. "So when you went down after your son's pajamas I hurried to the millinery department after the hat, only to find that it had been sold. I suppose hurrying so fast was really one thing that made me feel ill," I added mendaciously.

"What a shame!" Mrs. Durkee's face was eloquent. "But cheer up," she added. "I'll bet you could have that hat copied right there. Why don't you do it? It's the most becoming thing you could possibly get?"

I repressed a shudder at the idea of ever wearing or seeing the hat which had caused me so much misery.

"I suppose I could," I said carelessly, "but I really don't think I should care to wear a copy of a hat which I knew some one else was wearing."

"You foolish child," Mrs. Durkee said, and then with all the frankness of old friendship she added: "I'll bet there're dozens of copies of that black and white hat you bought floating around New York."

"I suppose you're right," I said meekly.

"They must have sold that hat in record-breaking time," she said, with a new idea in her pretty head. "Did you happen to see the woman who bought it?"

I glanced sharply at her. The question was an innocent enough one, but I wondered if by any chance she could have stumbled upon the true story. But her face was as innocent of guile as a child's.

I drew a long breath of relief and answered as carelessly as possible:

"Why, yes, I did," I replied. "She was a very pretty girl, and the hat looked very well on her. She had just bought it as I came into the department. If I only had been five minutes earlier I would have had it."

"How perfectly exasperating!" she exclaimed, and for fully 2 minutes she volubly lamented the loss of the hat, and expatiated upon its suitability for me until I thought I should shriek aloud from sheer nervousness.

"What shall we do now?" she asked when the possibilities of conversation about my lost chapeau had been exhausted. Do you feel strong enough to go over to that loan exhibition of pictures before we telephone the boys? Or will staying down for dinner be too much for you?"

### Madge Lays Her Plans.

"I'm sure I shall be perfectly able to go through with it all," I said steadily.

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### "GOVERNOR GENERAL VON BESELER."

Hoping to utterly break down the spirit of the people, 100,000 families were expelled from Warsaw to fare as they could among the ruins of devastated Poland.

But the women answered von Beseler's infamous proposal in the same spirit that the men of Poland answered Germany's call for volunteers to fight Germany's war for swag.

Those Poles who were impressed into the Polish Legion to be used in drives like the present one in France, showed great disaffection and a majority declined to take the military oath. Many were shot or hung. When the Huns saw that their cruel work had gone too far for the success of their purpose they induced various notables, civil and ecclesiastic, to take office in a regency, but when General Pilsudski criticized the state of affairs he was promptly put under arrest by the German authorities.

Germany does not believe — indeed, Germany hates above all things the doctrine which the Allies have placed in the very forefront of their cause—the doctrine that all nations, whether they be big or little, are entitled to self-determination of their political system. But this is an abhorrent notion to the Hun iron rule which respects might alone. To the Prussian the weak have no rights except those the strong may choose to give them.

Scott Nearing of the People's Council for Democracy and Terms of Peace was recently indicted under the espionage law by a federal grand jury. The former Pennsylvania College Professor has since asserted that he considers his indictment a great honor. Yesterday The Guard expressed its opinion of mob law. We must admit that there are times when it requires great effort for the loyal citizen to keep calm when his red American blood runs near the top of the steam gauge.

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at Hamble's, of course, omitting any reference to seeing him.

But from my description of the departments, and my reference to the time I was there, I knew he could not help realizing that I had seen him, especially as I was certain Mrs. Durkee would supplement my description with the story of my sudden faint.

I wanted very much to watch Dicky's face when he should grasp the situation.

### Old Injury Proves Fatal to C. W. Hodges of Coburg

C. W. Hodges, of Coburg, who had his back broken two years ago last January, died at the Mercy hospital, in this city, Friday night. Mr. Hodges was a patient in the Harrisburg hospital for nine months. He was then taken to his home. Last week his condition became critical and he was brought to Eugene.

Mr. Hodges was caught between a high seat he had placed on a hayrack while hauling potatoes and the top of a doorway, as he was attempting to drive the wagon into a barn. He was 44 years of age and is survived by his wife and three children. He was a member of the Eugene Masonic lodge.

### Robert Harrison Is Hit as Joe in "Mister Antonio"

In "Mister Antonio," the Booth Tarkington comedy, played by Otis Skinner, and which will be seen at the Eugene theatre April 10, one of the greatest character parts is that of Joe, a half-witted fellow, who turns the burly-gurdy for Tony. This part of Joe is played by Robert Harrison, whose clever work has occasioned favorable comment from the newspaper critics in New York, Chicago and other cities where the play has been seen.

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### Gamble Concert Company to Make Fourth Appearance

Mr. Gamble has sang in concert in this city at least three times. The first time at the Eugene theatre. The audience was small, but it was because it had never heard Mr. Gamble. The second appearance was with the Eugene Men's Choral club, an organization of about 40 of the city's best voices. At this time the party gave an entire program on the first night. On the following evening a concert was given by the club, using the members of the party as the principal soloists. The third concert was given under the auspices of the Buecel course, at the Christian church. Mr. Gamble is well known here, and his old admirers are delighted to know he is coming again. There is prospect for a fine attendance at the concert to be given at the armory April 18, at 2:30 and 8 o'clock.

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