

Notice to Pupils and Parents

This is the last year for use of the present system of text books. So all are urged to use second hand books as far as possible, not only to save money but to relieve the shipping conditions and there will also be fewer books to exchange next year. All who have second-hand books may leave them with the principal at the High School and he will try to place them with pupils who wish to buy.

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Mr. E. C. Morgan is the recipient of a most interesting and informing letter from 1st. Lieut. P. Lauritsen of the 162 Infantry. It is dated August fourth from Contres, France. In it he gives a searching analysis of German ideals and morals, especially those of the Boche. Space will not permit giving the letter in full, but the following extracts give some idea of how our soldiers are beginning to consider the work in which they are engaged.

"German and French Kultur are at opposite poles, naturally they were always conflicting, till finally it came time for the world to choose between them, and France has triumphed. * * * The German morals are as opposite to ours as their use of verbs. They have taken from their minds and souls, to build up their physical strength, until they have nothing of the former left. * * * The record of the Kaiser is a continuation of immorality. The record of the German peasant, the private soldier in the Hun army, is even worse. Numbers of him are meekly herded towards certain death, like cattle being crowded into a slaughter pen. He commits deeds of super-savagery, deeds so indecently human, that the mind refuses to picture them. When he has the upper hand, he slays with the murderous ruthlessness of a wild beast, when cornered his cowardice takes him to unutterable depths of depravity, in his petition for mercy. His thoughts of any woman, not his own, are obscene, and his action towards her always criminal.

A word about America hate. Since 1914 most Americans hated Germany in the abstract. * * * Our has been a moral hatred up to the present. Now it is a physical hatred revulsion, a hatred of the wolf in the flock. * * * We have ceased to consider the Boche as a human entity.

I am letting my thoughts run away with me. I merely want to convey to you some of the feelings we have towards the beasts with whom we are engaged in a life and death struggle. God speed the day which will crown our arms with such a victory, that peace will be assured, and the world relieved of a domineering power that is at present making the existence of small nations problematical. When that day comes, it will be the birth of an era of world freedom and peace, and our nation will stand out as the benefactor of all humanity."

See editorial comment.

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