



1—American troops in France getting instruction in the use of liquid fire apparatus. 2—Doctor Durand and Miss MacCormick, members of the American Red Cross, checking up arrival of wounded at a village behind the lines on the French front. 3—Part of the Australian camel corps that is taking an important part in the British drive on Jerusalem.

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"I am sorry that you do not wear a flag every day and I can only ask you if you lose the physical emblem to be sure that you wear it IN YOUR HEART; the heart of America shall interpret the heart of the world."—President Wilson.



NOTES AND COMMENTS

WORSE THAN TREASON

In Butte last week 41,000 eggs were dumped into the city incinerator and burned. They were the property of a warehouse firm, so the news dispatches stated, "and had evidently been allowed to spoil in storage."

The same news dispatch stated eggs have been selling at from 60 to 90 cents per dozen in that city.

With eggs retailing at the robber prices of 5 and 7½ cents each, it was a crime to have allowed this wholesale quantity of eggs to spoil. In the face of the meat shortage, it was treason.

But the prices would never have reached this high mark if

the 41,000 had been put on the market in Butte.

There are two drastic measures needed in this country right now. Convicted spies should be hanged and food destroyers and hoarders should be given long prison terms.

One execution of enemy spy would do more to make this country safe than the army of secret service men will do in the whole duration of the war.

One long federal prison sentence to one food-destroying commission firm will put more fear in the hearts of every commission house in America in one day than all the government detectives can inspire in a life time — Benton County Courier.

Still in the Dark Ages

Ellis Parker Butler of the Vigilantes: Make no mistake about the German empire. Have no pity for it. It is not a modern nation. It is a middle age brute.

In the dark ages robber barons were the curse of Europe. From the castles they sallied forth with bludgeons and battle axes, riding rough-shod over the lands of their friends, raiding and robbing their neighbors, holding captives for ransom, stealing food, money and virgins, making the outraged lands pay the expenses of the raids that ruined them.

England, France, Russia, Italy, Canada, Australia and the United States—all these, as they entered this present war, planned great systems of war finance, but Germany did not. You hear now and then that the German war finance plan was different. It was. The German chancellor has explained it. The cost of the war would be met by indemnities exacted from Germany's enemies.

Put it in plain words thus: For years Germany sat hugging her bludgeon, hoarding her money, talking and toasting "the day!"

The day of what? The day when, like the brutes of the middle ages, she would pounce on her neighbors, rob them of their land and wealth, leave them wrecked, bleeding and ruined. "The day" meant the day of the raid; the day when the same old robber lust would have its same old glut of slaughter and rapine. Germany needed no war tax system! Her prostrate victims would pay for the war.

Well, but—! Like a brute she strode across her friendly neighbor, Belgium. When the day came she put her foot on Belgium's face and leaped at the throat of France. She hoped to have France begging for mercy before England could raise her hand in help. She could turn and throttle Russia before England awoke, and France and Russia, bleeding and prostrate, would empty their coffers. France and Russia, prostrate, were Germany's war tax system. Robber baron! The dark age cutthroat come again!

But the foot slipped. The plan went askew. Today Germany—

the people of Germany—are just learning that the robber kaiser is not to come home with his hands dripping foreign gold. "What! we must pay! Gott in himmel, what for a robber kaiser is this!"

Buck up, America! stand fast, allies! Yet a little longer and they will be hanging robber kaisers and robber kai-erlings in Germany. Oh, golly! What a ragfest there will be in Germany when the people learn the truth!

THE GREAT DANGER—POLITICS

The allies, notably France, seem to be particularly accursed, at this time, with a lot of ambitious men who are putting themselves first, before the great cause, by playing politics, and the gloomiest news issuing from Europe in many days is to the effect that a schism between the allies' political and military leaders is generating.

The French cabinet resigns under fire. London is all excited over reports that General Haig won't stand for the proposed allied military commission. In Russia, a dozen groups are fighting for power. Cadorna threatens to go on strike.

On the other side is the kaiser with all his allies and all his allies' resources in the hollow of his iron hand.

Full control as to diplomatic and government management has been the kaiser's strongest advantage from the start, and, from the start the greatest danger to the allies has been the inability, if not the impossibility, to concentrate. Their weakness in this particular has already been demonstrated by tons of sacrificed blood and billions of wasted munitions, and, to promote this internal weakness, it would seem, at this writing, that the selfish politician, a creature more contemptible than pacifist, pro German or any other internal foe of the cause, is coming to the front.

Politics and war mix as do gunpowder and friction matches, and no better.

If there ever was a time when the whole people of the United States, down to the infant who can knit a sock, should make war their sole business, as a business, that time is now. We've got to supply Europe not only with men, money and munitions, but with morale, or the present advices from Europe are tremendously deceptive. And it is a crime against God and all mankind not to help the American people understand matters.—Portland News.

A friend of mine says that every man who takes office in Wash-

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ington either grows or swells, and when I appoint a man to office, I watch him carefully to see whether he is swelling or growing.—President Wilson.

The editor of the Express is very proud of a document he received last Friday—a certificate of membership in the Northwest Patriotic Press association, with headquarters at Portland. Mark Woodruff is president and R. W. Michael secretary. The chief function of the association is to furnish home news to the Oregon boys in the trenches and the Express editor is commissioner correspondent for this section to the Soldiers' Weekly News Letter, which letter is furnished free to all Oregon boys who have gone abroad. Readers of this item are hereby invited to be assistants to the editor of the Express in furnishing this news. When you hear of any news you think would be of interest to the Sammies "over there," just write or telephone it to the Express and it will go to the News Letter. Nobody connected with the News Letter receives a salary, all donating their services for the sake of the boys away from home.

The members of Rosewood camp, Royal Neighbors of America, will elect officers on Friday of next week, Dec. 7th. Members will please remember the date.

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CAN THE KAISER

The Kaiser aims the world to own, He'd like to boss it all alone, And rule the world from zone to zone But can the Kaiser?

He'd like to stamp democracy Forever from land and sea, And make earth's motto, "Gott und me."

But can the Kaiser? Not much! Your Uncle Sam's the man To knock the tar from such a plan, And so, in plain American It's CAN the Kaiser! —From the New Puck.

George Hart, well known in the Gales Creek district, was last week convicted of a statutory crime involving a 12 year old girl and on Saturday Judge Bagley imposed a sentence of from two to 20 years in the penitentiary and costs of the trial.—Hillsboro Independent.

Edgar Meresse was down from McMinnville Sunday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Meresse. While here he engaged Harvey Brown to take a position in the McMinnville newspaper owned by Mr. Meresse.

Mrs. C. A. Luce arrived from Eddyville last Friday for a visit with her son, ex-County Clerk E. C. Luce. She has sustained a slight stroke of paralysis which for a time caused concern, but is improving and physicians do not anticipate a second stroke.—Hillsboro Independent.

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