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THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1918.

OREGON WEATHER

Western Oregon, tonight and Friday, showers. Eastern portion, gentle, variable winds.

"NOBODY CAN FORSEE"

Speaking to the German press, after a week of the big drive, General von Ludendorff said:

"A great battle has been fought and won. Nobody can forsee what will result from it."

These words, from the man generally admitted to be the real governing force in Germany, admirably picture the precise situation from the German standpoint. A Frenchman could hardly have put it better. Germany has plunged into an epochal campaign. She has fought what was meant to be the decisive, concluding battle of the war. On the face of things she has had reason in the first phase of the drive to consider herself victorious—but there stands that fatal confession, "Nobody can forsee what will result from it."

If Germany had won a real victory, there would be little question of the result. A program of world-domination, including vast land-grabbing, huge indemnities and widespread measures for the permanent crushing of her rivals would have been imposed without delay. She would have proceeded to deal with her foes far more severely than Napoleon's conquerors dealt with that adventurer. But this has been no Waterloo.

The battle has just begun. The first phase favored Germany. The second phase has been a stand-off. The third phase is beginning. If the contest is really won by either side, it will be won by the allies. And in that case, we can all forsee what that result will be, and will take pleasure in drawing a diagram of it for Ludendorff.

BUILD THE LIBRARY

By all means, build the library. A good, well-equipped public library is one of the greatest assets a city can have. It not only serves as a reading room and a place to keep books, but, properly conducted, it is indeed a center of interest for the whole community. Build in it a lecture hall, committee rooms and other features for the convenience of the public. The lectures given by a library board add much to the welfare of a city. And from the start make it a county library so that every resident of Josephine county may have the benefit of it. The county should help keep up the operating expenses. The sooner it is constructed the better.

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Although it is not two weeks since the daylight saving plan went into effect, everyone has adapted himself to the change without the slightest inconvenience. It is merely a matter of habit. As long as the clock points to the accustomed time, we are ready to get up, whether in reality it is some other hour or not. The change was a fine thing.

Perhaps he meant that he would take dinner in Paris next April fools day when the allies invited him there for a conference.

The nearer Hindenburg approaches Paris the closer he comes to his doom.

NEW LIBERTY LOAN SONG MAKES HIT

"What are you going to do to help the boys?" Makes Hit as Campaign Song

Portland Ore., Apr. 11.—
"What are you going to do for Uncle Sammy?
What are you going to do to help the boys?
If you mean to stay at home
While they're fighting o'er the foam
The least that you can do is buy a Liberty Bond or two.
If you're going to be a sympathic miser
The kind that only lends a lot of noise
You're no better than the one who loves the kaiser
So what are you going to do to help the boys?"

This is the chorus to a song which has been donated to the services of the Third Liberty loan. Through an arrangement with the publishers, copies will be furnished free for campaign purposes. "What Are You Going to Do to Help the Boys?" may be obtained at Liberty loan headquarters or at the Remick Song Shop, Portland.

Liberty loan committees throughout the state may obtain the song, words and music, free of charge by communicating with H. E. Langlaise, 324 Washington street, Portland.

The song is the product of Gus Kahn and Egbert Van Alstyne. The former wrote the words and the latter composed the music. The song probably best epitomizes the spirit of the Liberty loan drive of anything yet written. It is snappy and full of "punch" and in the eastern states where it has already been adopted, it is being sung at all patriotic gatherings. Even the school children have taken it up, and in Philadelphia alone, 150,000 children are singing it.

NO QUARREL WITH THE GERMAN PEOPLE?

Well, let them die. German science, religion and culture have culminated in a race that worships evil. The German people deliberately turned from good to evil. They exalted falsehood. They set up the god of brute force in place of the Lord God of Israel and the Redeemer. They applauded the monster whose diseased body and mind provoked him to be a true Hohenzollern. They supported him in every effort he made to drench the world in blood. They shared in the spoils, and eagerly robbed their neighbors. They committed themselves absolutely to the plan of conquest by the sword. They have gathered strength by evil and with drunken confidence they are now striking at the heart of civilization in the hope of making the whole world slave to Germany.

Where are the pacifists and cowards of the United States who dare look on the scene in France, and then oppose the arming of this nation of free men? Where are the skulkers and slackers, and defeatists and the disloyalists? Let them consider what is going on. Has it not been plain from the first that the United States must fight the German people to a finish? It is American vs. German, individually and collectively. Either Germany or the United States must go down. The battle may be won for America by its indomitable allies, France and England. If not, if the present battle ends in German gains, the entire American nation will be face to face with the terrible reality of a death struggle or surrender.—Washington Post.

DENIAL OF FALSE ACCUSATION

Kerby, Oregon
April 9, 1918.

To be called a pro-German at this time, of all times, when our country is undergoing the perils of this awful world war, is more than I, an American born citizen will bear, much longer, and I take this way to make known to the public that I am a loyal American citizen, and intend to remain so, in spite of the idle gossipers who sowed the seed for this accusation nearly a year ago when my wife and I became members of Kerby branch of Red Cros.

False and misleading statements have been made for malicious purposes, that I was pro-German and did not contribute to the Red Cross. I hereby brand all such statements as false, and refer to Red Cross receipt No. J, 28,222, dated July 10, 1917., signed by R. K. Hackett.

The rumor in regard to this receipt has been started three times and I hope this proves satisfactory, to the minds of some who have spread the gossip from door to door, instead of reporting to proper authorities.

33 Signed, J. H. WITTROCK.

MUST GUARD AGAINST NEW GERMAN INTRIGUE

Washington, Apr. 11.—Warning of a new German policy of intrigue, far overshadowing Zimmerman's efforts to embroil Mexico and Japan with the United States, and designed to cause a demoralization in the allied countries similar to that in Russia, was given to the National Conference of American Lecturers here today, by William English Walling of New York.

Declaring that the recent interallied labor conference at London had for its real purpose the arranging of an international socialistic conference to which German socialists would be invited, Mr. Walling vigorously attacked the socialists of the allied nations. He asserted their purpose is to bring about a peace of their own dictation and that unless their efforts are frustrated, the "democratically elected governments of France, England and America might as well abdicate."

The conference today discussed social, economic and historical aspects of the war, speakers including Professors Robert McElroy of Princeton and John Bates Clark of Columbia; Dr. John A. Ryan of the Catholic university, and Gustavus Meyers, historian of this city.

YANKEES CAN HOLD HUNS, SAYS LANE

Chicago, Apr. 11.—"The line in Picardy is thin, and the German onslaught is terrific; but America's men in khaki are gradually being woven into the line, which thus strengthened will be competent not only to hold the Teuton hordes, but to drive them back and bring the allies a decisive victory."

This statement was made by Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, in an address before the United States chamber of commerce here last night.

Mr. Lane said that if he were asked to say two words to the people of America, they would be "Have faith."

Mr. Lane outlined a plan for the rehabilitation of all fighting men upon their return home after the war. Millions of acres of land in the west, he said, can be reclaimed by irrigation and would provide the men 40 acres each of tillable soil. By the erection of dykes, he added, several million acres of flood land along the Mississippi also could be reclaimed.

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