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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1918.

OREGON WEATHER
Rain in west portion; rain or snow east portion, colder; fresh, southerly winds.

GERMAN JUDASES

Centuries ago Judas Iscariot, perhaps thinking that he could save his skin and make a little money, denied the policy which he had previously embraced, and assured of his own safety, betrayed his associates to whatever fate might befall them.

Because he was an ignorant follower, Judas was less culpable than are those educated leaders of Germany, the Hohenzollerns, father and son, who have recently joined the amalgamated Judases of the world, educated by exactly the same reason as the founder of the order.

The German Crown Prince, in an authorized interview, denies his abdication of the Prussian throne, and also denies, as does his father, any responsibility for the war or the atrocities which aroused the world.

Father and the Son of Lies, these two autocrats represent now, just as they always have, the epitome of individual power. Lacking their authority and connivance, the German people neither could have started the war nor continued it for any length of time along lines which did not meet with their full approval.

It is noticeable that this precious pair express neither sorrow nor repentance. They only tell why they were defeated. Neither one knows, or will acknowledge, that the true reason for that defeat was the corrupted national conscience of Germany, for which they are primarily responsible.

If they did not like what was going on, they had only to speak to stop it. Falling in this, there was nothing to prevent these "unwilling" combatants from leaving Germany and joining the allied forces.

There is no question of their guilt. Their piling protests of innocence come straight from fear in their hearts.

The safety of the world lies in the punishment of the Hohenzollerns. If they perchance still follow the footsteps of Judas, they go out and hang themselves. That act would relieve the world from an unpleasant but unavoidable duty.

OUR BIGGEST NEED

There will be widespread agreement with the president's dictum that "what the country chiefly needs is that all its means of transportation should be developed—its railways, its waterways and its countryside roads." It will probably be

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agreed, too, since no wholly satisfactory policy has yet appeared, that some proven element of policy is absolutely necessary. One factor in the reconstruction undertaking that our government should not do is to kill off all private industry—destroy individual enterprise and incentive—by taking over the controlling interest in every business in the country.

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"MOTHER JONES" WILL LEND MOONEY HELP

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—"Mother" Jones, 88 years old, Illinois labor leader, announced here that she expected to plead with Governor Stephens to use his influence to have a new trial granted Thomas J. Mooney.

"We do not want a pardon for Mr. Mooney, we want a new trial," said "Mother" Jones. If the Governor will give me no satisfaction I will take the matter up with the Illinois State Federation of Labor, whose representative I am. Then we will go to Washington and lay our case before President Wilson when he returns.

"Mother" Jones said that she was sent here to aid labor's investigation into charges of irregularity in the prosecution of the Mooney and related cases.

Through the failure of the Machinists' union to name him as a delegate to the San Francisco labor council at its meeting last night, D. P. Haggerty, president of the council, was disqualified for election, officials of the union announced here today.

WOULD RESTORE DEATH PENALTY IN ARIZONA

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 13.—Arizona soon will return to the ranks of the states in which murder is punishable by death. Compilation of returns from the various counties of this state, compiled a short time ago, showed that the state had restored the capital penalty to its statutes by a vote of nearly two to one. The vote was 20,463 to 10,602.

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FIGHTING TROOPS TO HEAR WILSON'S VIEWS

Paris, Dec. 13.—The address which President Wilson will make to the American troops, probably as soon after his arrival in France as is possible, is expected to be one of the most important delivered during his stay in Europe, and is being looked forward to by Europeans who hope to gain from it a more definite idea of the President's exact position regarding numerous vital questions.

The President will make this speech at the American front, but at what place has not yet been determined. The President, it is announced, will visit devastated districts in Europe and although the present plans are tentative, all depending upon his personal wishes, the trip may take him into former German territory.

BONDS MAY BE GIVEN UP BY RETURNING SOLDIERS

Washington, Dec. 13.—Discharged soldiers who do not wish to continue payments on liberty bond subscriptions made through the army organization will have payments already made returned and the subscription cancelled.

Army officers said today that although this arrangement had been made, they did not expect any great number of subscriptions to be nullified in this way. The bonds thus released, however, will not be thrown back on the market.

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TURKS HERD NAKED GIRLS THROUGH FREEZING COLD

London, Dec. 13.—The Morning Post publishes from Constantinople a detailed account of the massacre of Armenians by Turks which began in the early part of 1915. Its terrible tale points to a determined attempt to exterminate the whole nation, and the following story is told of the awful deportation scheme:

"For hundreds of miles over mountains, in scorching heat or freezing cold, long convoys went. Young girls from the age of ten years upward were obliged to march naked for hours at a time. Hundreds of thousands died on the march.

"It is estimated that 300,000 who were deported to western Asia crossed the bridge over the Euphrates from Soriar to Chittadi, and of these only 1,500 are now alive.

"But the trials of these unhappy people did not cease at the end of that march. The luckiest were the young girls who were taken into harems. Starvation and massacre awaited them.

The governor of the vilayet released all the convicts from the prisons, divided them into bands of 200 or 300 each, armed with clubs, and then sent them to outrage and massacre the Armenians collected in the vilayet.

Books for Gifts

A well chosen book is a direct means of making others happy. The "best sellers" in the new fiction are "The Winds of Chance," "A Daughter of the Land," "Dere Mable," "The Valley of the Giants."

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