

had consented to be thoroughly confidential just then, he would have confessed to feeling kind of funny.

Dora was charmingly dressed, and she was pale; but those notable eye-lashes of hers were all the more notable against her pallor. And as she spoke with fire, it was natural that her color should come back quite flamingly and that her eyes should flash in shelter of the lashes. "The Christian Spirit and Internationalism" was her subject, yet she showed no meek sample of a Christian Spirit herself when she came to attacking war-makers generally, as well as all those "half-developed tribesmen" and "victims of herd instinct" who believed that war might ever be justified under any circumstances of atrocity. She was eloquent truly, and a picture of grace and girlish dignity, even when she was most vigorous. Nothing could have been more militant than her denunciation of militancy.

"She's an actual wonder," Fred said, when the two had got back to Mrs. Meigs' afterward. "Don't you look at me like that; I'm talkin' about her as a public character, and there's nothin' personal about it. You let me alone."

Ramsey was not clear as to his duty. "Well—"

"If any person makes a public speech," Fred protested, "I got a perfect right to discuss 'em, no matter what you think of 'em—and he added hastily—"or don't think of 'em!"

"Look here—"

"Good heavens!" Fred exclaimed. "You aren't expecting to interfere with me if I say anything about that little fat Werder girl that argued for Germany, are you? Or any of the other speakers? I got a right to talk about 'em just as public speakers, haven't I? Well, what I say is: Dora



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"N-no."

"All right then," Fred settled himself upon the window seat with a pipe, and proceeded, "There's something about her, when she stands there, she stands so straight and knows just what she's up to, and everything, why, there's something about her makes the cold chills go down your spine—I mean my spine, not yours particularly! You sit down—I mean anybody's spine, doggone it!" And as Ramsey increased the manifestations of his suspicions, lifting a tennis racket over the prostrate figure, "Oh, murder," Fred said, resignedly, "All right, we'll change the subject. That fat little Werder cittle made out a pretty good case for Germany, didn't she?"

Ramsey disposed himself in an easy chair with his feet upon the table, and presently chuckled. "You remember the time I had the fuss with Wesley Bender, back in the ole school days?"

"Yep."

"All the flubdub this Werder girl got off tonight puts me in mind of the way I talked that day. I can remember it as well as anything! Wesley kept yelpin' that whoever mentioned a lady's name in a public place was a pup, and of course I didn't want to hit him for that; a boy's got a reg'lar instinct for tryin' to make out he's on the right side in a scrap, and he'll always try to do something, or say something, or he'll get the other boy to say something, to make it look as if the other boy was in the wrong and began the trouble. So I told poor ole Wes that my father spoke my mother's name in a public place whenever he wanted to, and I dared him to say my father was a pup. And all so on. A boy startin' up a scrap, why, half the time he'll drag in his father and mother if there's any chance to do it. He'll fix up some way so he can say, 'Well, that's just the same as if you called my father and mother a fool,' or something like that. Then, afterward, he can claim he was scappin' because he had to defend his father and mother, and of course he'll more than half believe it himself."

"Well, you take a government—it's only just some men, the way I see it, and if they're goin' to start some big trouble like this war, why, of course they'll play just about that same old boy trick, because it's instinct to do it, just the same for a man as it is for a

boy—or else the principle's just the same, or something. Well, anyhow if you want to know who started a scrap and worked it up, you got to forget all the talk there is about it, and all what each side says, and just look at two things: Who was fixed for it first, or thought they were, and who hit first? When you get the answer to those two questions everything's settled about this being 'attacked' business. As near as I can make out, this war began with Germany and Austria's startin' to wipe out two little countries; Austria began shootin' up Serbia, and Germany began shootin' up Belgium—don't need to notice any more than that, myself—all the girls in the country can debate their heads off, they can't change what happened and they can't excuse it, either."

He was silent, appearing to feel that he had concluded conclusively, and the young gentleman on the window seat, after staring at him for several moments of genuine thoughtfulness, was gracious enough to observe, "Well, old Ram, you may be a little slow in class, but when you think things out with yourself you do show signs of something pretty near like real horse-sense sometimes. Why don't you ever say anything like that to—some of your pacifist friends?"

"What do you mean? Who you talkin' about? Whose 'pacifist friends'?"

"See, here!" Fred exclaimed, as Ramsey seemed about to rise. "You keep sitting just where you are, and don't look at me out of the side of your eye like that—pretendin' you're a bad horse. I'm really serious now, and you listen to me. I don't think argu-ling and debating like that little Fraulein Werder's does much harm. She's a right nifty young rolyoly, by the way, though you didn't notice, of course."

"Why didn't I?" Ramsey demanded sharply. "Why didn't I notice?"

"Oh, nothing. But, as I was saying, I don't think that sort of talk does much harm; everybody knows it goes on among the pro-Germans, and it's all hot air, anyhow. But I think Linski's sort of talk does do harm, probably among people that don't know much; and, what's more, I think Dora Yocum's does some, too. Well, you hit Linski in the snoot, so what are you—sit still! My lord! You don't think I'm askin' you to go and hit Dora, do you? I mean: Aren't you ever goin' to talk to her about it and tell her what's what?"

"Oh, you go to bed!"

"No, I'm in earnest," Fred urged. "Honestly, aren't you ever goin' to?"

"How could I do anything like that?" Ramsey demanded explosively. "I never see her—to speak to, that is. I probably won't happen to have another talk with her, or anything, all the time we're in college."

"No," Fred admitted, "I suppose not. Of course, if you did, then you would give her quite a talking to, just the way you did the other time, wouldn't you?" But upon that, another resumption of physical violence put an end to the conversation.

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Jots and Tittles

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The flu caused the closing of the Lake Creek school.

H. S. Wickleman was in Harrisburg Thursday.

The Harrisburg high school entertainment took in \$50.

T. J. Skirvin went to Portland Friday, returning Sunday.

Mrs. C. P. Stafford and Mrs. J. W. Drinkard were in Albany Friday.

Miss Bray, the schoolma'am, went to her home in Albany for the week end.

Mrs. M. O. Falk is doing well after the operation for appendicitis at Harrisburg.

Grant Smith of Gates committed suicide last week by shooting himself because of a lingering illness.

G. W. Mornhinweg came home from Albany Thursday. The grand jury, of which he was a member, found nothing to do.

Mrs. Belle Bamford, who was committed to the insane asylum in 1905 and paroled a year ago last month, has been given a full discharge.

Miss Pansy, Freeman, well known here and lately a telephone operator at Harrisburg, was married the other day to Otto E. Alford of that city.

The remaining murder charge against Pete Beebe has been dismissed without prejudice and he has been sent to the state insane asylum.

Deputy Game Warden Hawker says it is lawful to fish for trout ten inches long or over at any time of the year in the Willamette but not in its tributaries.

Francis Arant, who was pastor of the Brownsville Christian church last year, and May Morris, the singer, whom he married, have a baby at their Eugene home.

The seniors of the Tangent high school will give a three-act comedy, "Nothing But the Truth," at the Tangent Oddfellows' hall, on the 11th, a week from next Saturday.

The Women's Foreign Missionary society met Friday afternoon at the church parlors, about twenty-five attending. Mr. and Mrs. Parrott were present. Cake and punch that couldn't be excelled were served.

The county Jersey cattle club offers \$30 in two prizes at the county fair for new classes, one of bull and four heifers under four years of age and the other a bull and four of his get, three of which must be females.

C. E. Egle has rented his farm, two miles south of Peoria and seven north-west of Halsey, and is going to Nebraska to live. He will sell a lot of personal property at auction next Monday afternoon, as will be seen by an advertisement elsewhere in this issue. Bills also are out.

All of the Linn county poultry raisers keeping records for the poultry demonstration farms conducted by the extension department are mentioned among the 20 best of the 40 flocks sending in records. They are Mrs. O. C. Karstens of Harmony, who holds fifth place; Chandler Poultry farm, Fairview, eighth; J. C. Huber, Albany, eleventh, and Elmer J. Henderson, Brownsville, eighteenth.

In reply to many inquiries about Mrs. Wheeler's condition: The paralyzed eye shows no improvement. She is now able to read with one eye. There is more life in the right arm and she is able to raise it a foot or so from her lap and to open and close the fingers, but not to exert much strength. She walks about the room and a block or two on the street, with the aid of an assistant, being able for a few seconds at a time to rest her weight on her right foot. Attempting to do too much alone, she has accidentally fallen to the floor, and then could not rise without help. Improvement, tho slow, is constant.

The Junction City basketeers won over the Halsey Athletic club at the Frum Warehouse Saturday night. Part of the game was on skates and a considerable part was a promiscuous scramble on the floor with skates in air. The Junction team averaged higher in age and maturity than the Halsey boys, and appeared to have had more experience on rollers, and the visitors included one player who did not have to stand on tip-toe to look over the heads of the rest and locate the basket.

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