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RECORD "QUOTES" WORLD

Under headlines that would have done justice to the biggest sensation of the year, the Marshfield Record Saturday reprinted from Western World an inconsequential news item concerning James Watson, county judge. Whatever prompted the magnification of importance attached to the item, the World fails to grasp. However, there must have been something significant about it that appealed to the Record editor as valuable and worthy of front page position.

With due respect for the wishes of the Record, Western World declines to accept "authority for a story county judge long under fire is to retire." The World has no inside information regarding Judge Watson's private affairs, nor has it assumed as much. The "story" was merely a paragraph at the close of a county seat item bearing a Coquille date line. The paragraph read:

"According to unofficial reports here, James Watson is planning to retire as county judge before the first of the year. He has talked of such a move for some time, claiming that his private business will not permit him to continue in the office except at a considerable personal sacrifice, which he cannot afford. However, he has made no public announcement."

After camouflaging this paragraph to serve what looks very much like an ulterior purpose, the Record in a comment associated it with alleged street rumors at the time of the recall, which comment in a measure might be construed as a reflection on Judge Watson's political stability.

Western World is ready to stand behind whatever it publishes, but it does not wish to be misquoted, especially for the purpose of adding influence to someone's pet political hobby.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

It is reported that President Wilson has now definitely raised the issue of permanent Government ownership by taking a stand in favor of the outright purchase and permanent operation of all wireless plants by the Government and as a result a great, nation-wide fight begins, the proper solution of which—now that the war in Europe is ended—is of paramount importance to the country.

Before America entered the war practically her whole industrial system was, as a result of unwise stimulation of unrestricted competition characterized by discord and inefficiency. When war was declared, however, it became quickly apparent that radical changes were necessary. We had ample man-power, raw material and machinery, but knowing almost nothing about inter-industrial team-work we were wasting our resources in a most reckless manner and it was clear that, unless we quickly stopped such waste and got on an efficiency basis, we would, in spite of our great natural reservoirs of strength, be unable to aid materially in the tremendous task of defeating the Hun. To secure efficiency, conservation—the elimination of waste and the utilization of our resources to the best possible advantage—was absolutely necessary, and since the quickest way to institute conservation methods was through centralization of authority in the hands of the Federal Government, patriotic Americans willingly consented to this plan as a temporary, emergency measure, and the most absolute autocratic power ever known in America was placed in the hands of President Wilson who was given practically unlimited control over all of our people and property. Whether a man fought or worked was put absolutely up to the President. The President was also given full authority to prescribe just what we might or might not do, eat, drink, wear, own, read,

WHAT WOMEN ARE DOING FOR SOLDIERS IN FRANCE

Fight in the Ranks of the Red Cross Against Pain, Disease and Death.

They have known very well the risks they were taking—the two thousand and more women who have gone to France for varied services under the American Red Cross, and the more than nine thousand nurses whom the American Red Cross has assigned to foreign duty under the United States Army and Navy Nurse Corps.

They went under orders, as soldiers do; prepared for any emergencies, as soldiers do; they assumed many strange and unforeseen tasks, as soldiers do. Literally, they went as fighters, against pain, disease and death.

A "mobile surgical unit" of nurses—those words don't mean very much, perhaps, the first time we hear them. But see such an unit follow an army up to an advanced post; see how the nurses work with steady hands beside the surgeons as the stretchers with the newly wounded are brought in. See thousands of them in evacuation hospitals, base hospitals, convalescent hospitals, tuberculosis hospitals; some of them in French military hospitals where sometimes our men are sent; see them with their specialized skill in head surgery, or fracture work, or psychiatry—all these women who keep head and hand cool and steady, when the ambulances unload great harvests of wounded. Then we say the words "Our Nurses," as we say "Our Soldiers," "Our Sailors," "Our Marines."

On the night of March 25th, when the Germans were fast advancing, and already within six kilometers of Annel, an outpost of Compiègne, two American doctors remained, who under order of the French government, had sent the patients and personnel of their hospital farther back the night before. The artillery was deafening, but the American Ambulance sections kept bringing their wounded to Annel. These doctors said that as long as the American boys brought them wounded they would operate. Two nurses volunteered from Compiègne, and so in the deserted chateau the two surgeons, the two nurses and the ten drivers worked calmly on, while the buzz of aeroplanes shook the air, and the blasting guns shook the earth.

hear or say and, while theoretically we retained the right to think as we pleased, since our ideas were based largely on such information as was officially handed out to us, the President really controlled even our thoughts to a very large extent.

As a temporary, emergency war measure this concentration of power was proper enough but the continuation of such a dangerous abridgment of individual rights for a single day beyond the actual period of the emergency would be absolutely intolerable.

In this connection there has been occasional rumors, during the last few months, that the affairs of the railroad and the express, telegraph and telephone companies now under Government control were being scrambled together with the business of the Federal Post Office establishment for the deliberate purpose of making their unscrambling impossible and thus forcing the American people to submit, regardless of their desires in the matter, to government ownership of these private industries.

It may be that the people of this country want to take over and run the railroads, or some of these other big private industries but, until that purpose has been clearly and definitely declared by a majority of our people, we have the right to expect and demand that the Federal officials who have been entrusted with the temporary management of the affairs of these great businesses will play fair in the matter and, whatever their personal or political views may be, will do absolutely nothing to interfere with the carrying out of the clear purpose of the laws which authorized such control and which provide for the return of all such properties to their former owners as soon as practicable after the close of the war.

STATEMENT

of the ownership, management, circulation, etc., required by the act of Congress of August 24, 1912, of Western World published weekly at Bandon, Oregon for the October 1, 1918 State of Oregon, County of Coos.

Before me a notary public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared L. D. Felsheim, who having duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the editor of the Western World and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Law Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

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Through three takings of Belgrade, first when the city was taken by the Austrians, again when it was retaken by the Serbians, and still again when it was taken back by the Germans and Austrians together, an American Red Cross nurse, Mary Gladwin, worked in the operating room. In that first capture, when nine thousand wounded crowded the wards and halls and yard of the thousand-bed-hospital and doctor and nurse worked together for day and night without stopping, giving to each operation an average of six minutes, and employing emergencies inspired by the desperate need of the moment, they did not know that the city had been taken until all the stretchers brought Austrian wounded, and Austrian doctors came to their relief.

Several hundred women are working over there in the American Red Cross canteens. There are about two hundred of these canteens along the French and American lines of communication, and the women are working under great pressure, feeding thousands of soldiers. The Red Cross is also establishing canteens by military request at a number of Aviation Camps. American women conduct these stations, comprising canteen and club and reading room. Everyone of these canteens has something of the genius of home about it; and it is because of this, no less than the facilities for cleanliness and rest and refreshment, that the French government has given the responsibility for maintaining canteens for both armies to the hands of the American Red Cross.

In large numbers women are going abroad as hospital hut workers, also, and as social workers for trained service among the refugees and the repatriated. At each base hospital the Red Cross is equipping, as fast as they can be built, recreation huts for convalescent soldiers.

Clerical workers have steadily increased in number for the administrative offices. From that original group of eighteen, which as the first American Red Cross Commission to France sailed about June 1st, 1917, the organization has grown to a working force of more than 5,000 men and women.

H. Howe, Bandon Ore.

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L. D. Felsheim Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of December 1918.

I. N. MILLER (My commission expires Nov. 12 1920.)

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First Christmas Observance

The first Christmas celebrated inside a house on the American continent was on December 25, 1618. Our Puritan ancestors finished their first house at Plymouth, Mass., having spent more than a month in wandering about in search of a place of settlement. The company was divided into 19 families, and to each person was assigned a lot for house and garden. It was not a very cheerful Christmas for the Puritans. All of them could not be accommodated inside the house, so that some of them were left out in the cold, but the religious features of the day were not forgotten, and it may be said that the Babe of Bethlehem was prayed to and sung to in a most fervent manner.

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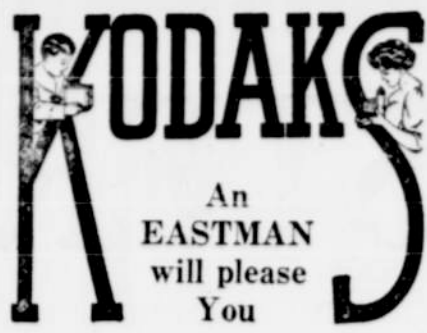


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