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**WHY WE ARE AT WAR WITH GERMANY**  
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"The object of this war is to deliver the free peoples of the world from the menace and the actual power of a vast military establishment controlled by irresponsible government, which, having secretly planned to dominate the world, is now carrying out its plan without regard to the sacred obligations of treaty or the long-established principles of international action and honor. . . . This power is not the German people's power, it is our business to see to it that the history of the rest of the world is no longer left to its handling."  
—President Wilson, August 27, 1917.

**WE FIGHT FOR GOOD FAITH**

"The faith of treaties is the only solid foundation on which a Temple of Peace can be built up." (James Bryce.) Good faith between nations, as between men, is the one and only safeguard from a return to barbarism. Without it brute force, sheer might, must rule. Without it there is no security in human relations—no security, even, for life itself. To keep one's word, when once given, that is the evidence of the progress of civilization, and the test of it.

Hence the case of Belgium becomes the single greatest German offense against civilization in this war. At first, in our American ignorance of world conditions, we did not see this. We do see it now; more and more we realize that until the crime against Belgium is atoned for, there can be no peace, and no hope of a world at peace.

What the facts? By treaties signed in 1815, and again in 1831, and still again in 1839, this last revision being in effect in 1914, it was agreed that Belgium shall form a perpetually neutral state. The five powers guarantee to it this perpetual neutrality, as also the inviolability of its territory. These five powers were Austria, France, Great Britain, Russia, and Prussia. By such treaties the neutral state was pledged to defend in arms the neutrality of its territory; and each of the great powers pledged itself not only not to march troops into or through the neutral state, but also to aid her, in case her territory was violated.

The world, thinking no nation so base as to break its word, was completely taken by surprise by the attack on Belgium. But we know now, from German statements, that German military plans had for years intended to break this pledge. German rulers lied as to this consistently, and lied up to the last day. On the morning before the German troops advanced, the German minister assured Belgium she need feel no alarm, and in the evening of that same day he delivered his ultimatum.

The world has never seen so complete a denial of the binding effect of the pledged word. Why has Germany so lost sight of the principle of honor among nations? Her own answer reveals the cause; it is again the plea of might. "The fate that Belgium has called down upon herself (note the hypocrisy of this) is hard, but not too hard. . . . for the destinies stand so high that they can not but have the right, in case of need, to stride over existences that can not defend themselves." (Professor Oncken.) When the British Minister at Berlin notified the German Chancellor that Great Britain was in honor bound to defend Belgium's neutrality, the latter argued that this was "terrible," a war "just for a scrap of paper." The pitiful—yes, the terrible—significance of such utterances, is that Germans believe them justified.

"If I am asked what we are fighting for," said Prime Minister Asquith, "I can reply in two sentences. In the first place, to fulfill an obligation . . . not only of law, but of honor, which must be regulated; secondly, to vindicate the principle . . . that small nationalities are not to be crushed, in defiance of international good faith."

America was not a direct guarantor, like Great Britain, of the neutrality of Belgium, though in various conventions (of which Germany also was a signer) she pledged to the maintenance of the principle of "good faith." But every nation was attacked when Germany broke faith. "The law protecting Belgium which was violated was our law and the law of every other civilized country. . . . It was our safeguard against the necessity of maintaining great armaments. Our interest in having it maintained as the law of nations was a substantial, valuable, permanent interest." (Elihu Root.)

In the hope of an enduring peace, in the hope of an advancing civilization, we can not forget Belgium. In the hope for unmolested self-development, in the sense of our own security necessary to progress, we must not forget Belgium, until her wrongs are righted.

This is the seventh of a series of ten articles by Professor Adams.

**Daily Thought.**

There is more in men and women than the stuff they utter. He who has the fountain of prayer in him will not complain of hazards.—George Meredith.

**OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST**

**Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.**

The Prineville chautauqua season will be from July 5 to 10, inclusive. The first western convention of optometrists was held in Portland June 18. Total fire loss in the state outside of Portland for May is estimated at \$261,000 by State Fire Marshal Wells. Assisted by friends and relatives, "Grandfather" Burson, of Brownsville, celebrated his 102d birthday anniversary last week. Under the direction of the fish and game commission, two carloads of young salmon were planted in Oswego lake, near Portland.

The first chautauqua ever held in North Bend is scheduled for six days, July 11 to 16. Forty-six citizens of the community pledged the \$1250 necessary. Umatilla county, which claims to produce 1 per cent of all the wheat in the United States, expects to have a record crop this year of 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 bushels. The state highway commission will meet in Portland on June 25 to open bids for the paving of 18 miles of the Pacific highway, north of Salem, in Marion county.

The city of Prineville now has free mail delivery. There are two carriers, both girls. Prineville is the first and only town in central Oregon to have the delivery system. Eighty-three women and 33 men, 116 in all, received their diplomas at the final exercises of the 42d annual commencement of the University of Oregon Monday morning. Louis Grosheims, a prominent farmer and stockman of Heppner, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head on the county road, about 15 miles east of Heppner.

Portland is to have another flouring mill. The Globe Grain & Milling company will begin immediately the construction of a 1500-barrel flour mill. The cost will be not less than \$150,000. Examinations for state teachers' certificates will be held in the county seats of every county in the state from June 28 to 29, inclusive, according to an announcement made by State Superintendent Churchill. Electric storms of the past week set fire in four different places in the big Shevlin-Hixon white pine belt east of La Pine. The heavy rains which accompanied these storms were not able to quench the fires.

The Rainier Mercury company, which recently acquired the Utah and Bertleson group of diamond mines in the Meadows district, 12 miles north of Gold Hill, has made its initial shipment of 20 flasks of quicksilver. In looking for a copper ledge which he carefully covered up 30 years ago, a Mr. Downy of Grass Creek, near Grants Pass, is reported to have found a vein of gold-bearing ore that promises to make him a wealthy man. A. S. Guire, of eastern Oregon, who has just crossed the McKenzie pass with a team, the first to cross with any kind of vehicle this year, reports that in a few days' time automobiles will be able to cross by their own power.

The flax crop at Salem this year will be practically a complete failure because of the long dry spell, according to Robert Crawford, former superintendent of the state flax plant and who this year has 100 acres planted to flax. Organization of eight battalions of state militia has been perfected by the general staff, Oregon national guard, and with officers commissioned the work of training is said to be going forward rapidly in all sections of the state. There is likelihood that Oregonians will be put on limited fuel rations this winter as part of the government's plan to make up a deficiency of 80,000,000 tons of bituminous coal, according to Fuel Administrator Holmes.

Under a recommendation of the wool section of the war industries board, it was announced that wool clips of three-eighths and lower produced in Oregon, Washington and in Idaho, west of Pocatello, will be shipped to Portland, for manufacture. Four grades of onions are established by the public service commission in an order placing onion handling, weighing, inspecting and grading under control of the commission, with headquarters in Portland. The order is to be effective July 1. A sweeping reduction in fire insurance rates on all commercial risks in Portland which will effect an approximate saving of about \$100,000 a year to Portland property owners was announced following a conference between Insurance Commissioner Harvey Wells and J. M. McCune, manager of the Oregon insurance rating bureau. With a total of premium income on this class of business amounting to approximately \$1,400,000 aggregate, the reduction will be in the neighborhood of 10 per cent.

The state highway commission will meet in Portland Tuesday, June 25, at which time plans will be outlined for the coming year. Approval of the \$690,000 worth of bonds from the \$6,000,000 issue as given by the capital issues committee contemplates completion of contracts awarded last year only, and as a result the commission is practically in a position of starting in anew and preparing to arrange for an entirely new programme on a new basis.

**War Pictures at Chautauqua**  
Henry Warren Poor Brings Great War Lectures Illustrated with Underwood-Photos



Henry Warren Poor, expert photographer and lecturer of country-wide reputation, is bringing to Chautauqua the latest and most complete set of war pictures before the public. As head of the Slide and Color Department of Underwood & Underwood, he is in a particularly unique position to secure the latest and best war photos being taken by this great firm. Under the lens and Underwood furnish practically all the press pictures used in the United States. Their photographers are in every part of the war zone and Mr. Poor is the first to see and select from the vast amount arriving each week from Europe. He has been in the war zone twice of late and his lectures at Chautauqua, illustrated with 150 of the latest views from the front, will be one of the most instructive and interesting events of the entire Chautauqua week.

The sundry civil bill reported to the house of representatives carries the following northwestern appropriations: Umatilla irrigation project, \$80,000; Klamath project, \$423,000. Crater lake national park, \$50,000 for construction and maintenance of roads and \$13,221 for administration. Out of these appropriations will be taken enough to purchase one automobile and two horse-drawn vehicles for the abcom members of visitors. Protection of O. & C. and Coos Bay grant lands against fire, \$25,000. Care of Alaska insane at Portland, \$99,000, or \$431 per capita.

The state fair board cannot borrow money from banks with which to pay for construction of the second unit of the new coliseum at the state fair grounds. Assistant Attorney General Van Winkle holds, in an opinion rendered at the request of the board would expect to "pay back the money would be proceeds of the legislature, but the appropriation of the state fair and the state fair would not yield an amount to pay the debt and to procure an appropriation from the legislature it would be necessary for the emergency board to allow a deficiency appropriation.

About three weeks ago a tremendous run of pilcher started into Coos bay. They first invaded South inlet and died by millions in that waterway. Now they have proceeded up the bay and are gathering in huge quantities at North Bend and farther southward. The run seems to be taking on the proportions of a similar one which took place some years ago when all the inlets and parts of the bay were strewn with the dead fish. As before the run of these fish has attracted whales to the offing of the harbor and almost any day thresher whales can be seen near the bar, where it is said they feed on the millions of fish coming into the fresh water.

According to a message to officers of the Columbia River Loggers' association, the prices which prevailed on fir logs prior to April 1 have been restored by the government price-fixing committee at Washington. This means increases of 50 cents, \$1 and \$2 on existing prices. During the past week 574 accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission. Of that number four were fatal, as follows: C. R. Mason, Portland, shipbuilding; A. Lybeck, Kerry, railroad; E. Birchshon, Portland, shipbuilding; J. E. Cannon, Baker, light and power company. County agents and representative farmers of Umatilla, Sherman, Morrow, Gilliam and Wasco counties met at Pendleton Tuesday to visit farms where different experiments have been successful. They will spend a day each in Morrow, Gilliam and Sherman counties and at the Moro experiment station, following the visit.

A county-wide "get together picnic" to which everybody in the county is invited and is expected to get acquainted with everybody else, will be a feature that will be pulled off Sunday, June 23, under the auspices of the Baker County Farmers' union. The event will take place at Picochontas, in the foothills of the Blue mountains. The general land office announced that plans for opening 150,000 acres of public lands in the vicinity of Portland will not be abandoned, despite recommendations of Governor Withycombe of Oregon and others. The governor suggested that the lands be held until peace comes, when they could be opened for the benefit of returning soldiers.

E. E. Kellogg, a retired farmer living at Mount Pleasant, near Oregon City, was moved a coat of tar and feathers by a crowd of 25 men. Alleged remarks by Kellogg to the effect that Red Cross funds were being squandered and that it was foolish to buy Liberty bonds, brought about the punishment, he was told by members of the party. Kellogg is an American citizen. The possible construction of a railroad by the federal government from Yaquina bay, through the Waldport

business of the railroads must be put on a strictly cash basis. Freight may be shipped out or be delivered for established firms without the money being in hand, the order points out, but the cash must be collected before the close of the day.

A plot possibly to murder the jailer and permit escape of prisoners from the county jail was frustrated at Baker when Sheriff Anderson found concealed in a mattress in one of the cells, several large knives with blades about 16 inches long. Investigation developed that G. H. Flock, who, following his indictment, voluntarily appeared at the jail and gave himself up, had brought in the knives. Rises in public utility rates are recommended to the public service commission by the war finance corporation for all utilities attempting to borrow money from that corporation, in a letter received by the commission. The corporation declares that it does not feel as though it should loan money other than on good security and a utility that is losing money is not considered good security.

Boys and girls at the state training school will be sent into the country to the berry patches and for other light work, as far as possible, this year. State Treasurer Kay suggested such a move at a meeting of the board of control, and the heads of the institution said they would fall in line with the idea, as far as possible. Some of the boys have been working in the onion fields with excellent success. At a meeting at Coquille it was decided by an overwhelming vote to immediately inaugurate recall proceedings against County Commissioners Philip and Armstrong and County Judge Watson. A meeting this week will select candidates to oppose the three officials. Armstrong was recently defeated for re-nomination, but it is proposed to cut out the balance of his term. Charges made allege extravagance and incompetency.

Immense sums subscribed to liberty loans have not affected bank deposits, which, on May 10, amounted to \$194,383,998.57 in all of the banks and trust companies of the state, or an increase of \$25,172,407.28 over May 1, 1917, according to a statement issued by Superintendent of Banks Bennett. The lowest fire loss record in Portland for 16 years was established during the first six months of the fiscal year 1918. The fire loss for this period was \$84,471.58. This sum is virtually one-half of the fire loss in the first six months of 1917, when the aggregate loss totaled \$156,435.47.

Three fatal accidents were reported to the industrial accident commission for the week ending June 6, out of a total of 572 accidents recorded. The fatally injured workmen were: Chris R. Rowe, Sumpter, dredging; A. R. Church, Portland, shipbuilding; Carl Muths, Portland, shipbuilding.

**SUMMONS.**  
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Sherman County. Quincy E. Gwynne, and Lucilla N. Gwynne, husband and wife, Plaintiffs.

vs.  
J. L. Smith and Willie L. Smith, husband and wife, Defendants.  
To J. L. Smith and Willie L. Smith, husband and wife, Defendants:  
IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you and each of you are hereby commanded and required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiffs filed against you in the above entitled suit, on or before six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons; the date of the first publication hereof being the 28th day of June, 1918.

And if you fail to so appear and answer for want thereof the plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in their complaint filed against you herein, which relief, among other things, is as follows: That the plaintiffs have a judgment and decree that the after of said title or interest in or to any of the following described property, to-wit: The Southwest quarter and the East half of section Twenty-five (25) and the West half of the Northeast quarter and the West half of the Southeast quarter of section Twenty-four (24) all in Township Two (2) North Range Eighteen East of the Willamette Meridian.

Also Lot Two (2) and the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter and the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of section Thirty (30) and the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter and Lots Three (3) and west quarter of section Thirty (30) all in Township Two (2) North of Range Nineteen (19) East of W. M. Also the Southeast quarter of section Twenty-six (26) Township Two (2) North of Range Eighteen East of W. M., all being in Sherman County, State of Oregon, and containing 1695 acres more or less.

And for a further decree that the plaintiffs have a judgment and decree that the owners in fee simple of the said property holding and owning the same free and clear of any right, title or interest of the defendants or any persons claiming under them, and for a further decree quieting the title to said premises above described and all thereof in the plaintiffs as against the defendants and each of them and all persons claiming by, through or under them, and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem just in the premises.

This Summons is served upon you by publication thereof once a week for six consecutive weeks and successive weeks in the Sherman County Observer, a newspaper of general circulation in Sherman County and printed and published in the town of Moro, in Sherman County, Oregon, pursuant to an order of the Honorable Fred Krumpholtz, County Judge of said Sherman County, Oregon, which order was made and entered on the 25th day of June, 1918, and which order directed that service of Summons be made upon you by publication as aforesaid, at your residence and post office address of the undersigned attorneys for the plaintiff, 1225 Yeon building, Portland, Oregon. The date of the first publication of this summons is the 28th day of June, 1918.

CLARK, MIDDLETON & CLARK,  
Attorneys for Plaintiffs,  
Residence and Post Office address,  
1225 Yeon Building, Portland, Oregon.

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