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NEW NOTHING OF WAR UNTIL PEACE

Aged Woman Now Wants to Punish Kaiser.

SHE WAS BORN IN GERMANY

Because of Her Age, Eighty-Nine Years, Her Son Did Not Tell Her of Great Conflict, but When Peace Celebration Occurred It Was Impossible to Keep Silent—Tells of the Wrongs Perpetrated on the People by Government Officials.

To have lived through the great war and not to know that it was going on is the most unusual record of Mrs. Berthe Spandau, eighty-nine years old, German by birth, now living in New York. Her age kept her son from telling her about the horrors of the invasion of Belgium and of the sinking of the Lusitania. He didn't wish her to worry and fret.

But the day of the peace demonstration made it impossible to keep silent. The old lady heard the whistles blowing and the crowds cheering, and she demanded to know what it was all about. When they told her she raised her hands in a gesture of imprecation and said: "Oh, if only I could get these two hands on that Kaiser!"

Oppressive Taxes.

Mrs. Spandau lived in Riehenwalde, which is a little town of about 2,000 people. According to her description and that of her son it is much like the German towns that you used to see on the stage in the days before they were banished from it. There were carved wooden houses and storks and narrow streets and a town hall and a belfry with a sweet-toned bell.

But this was not all. There were taxes to be paid, and when you have six children German taxes are nothing to be laughed at. If you cannot pay them an officer or an under officer comes into the house and looks over all your things. If you have two clocks, says Mrs. Spandau, or two tables or even two chairs, the tax officers take one of them. They hold them for a few days and then if you still do not pay, the things are sold at auction and you may be sent to prison.

If your children are not sent to school, and it is not always easy to do this when there is nothing for them to eat, you or your husband may be set to work for the government breaking stones or chopping wood, and again you may be sent to prison.

Not a Happy Life.

Besides this, Mrs. Spandau said, her husband was a German soldier. Evidently, even in those days, a German soldier did not have a happy life. Mrs. Spandau said he was in such fear of the government that he made her promise, before he died, that none of his five sons would wear the gray uniform. They never did, but Spandau explained, though there is a nephew wearing the United States uniform over in France.

Mrs. Spandau was disgusted by the Kaiser's flight to Holland. She asks what have the Kaiser and his six sons done that they draw a salary of 6,000,000 marks from the day they are born, while other babies have to work for their living. And who pays for all their richness but the German people?

"No one," said Mr. Spandau, the son, "has been more patriotic than the mother. She says that she is sorry that her sons are all too old to go and that her grandchildren are all fighters."

CHINESE MADE EASY

New Phonetic Writing Enables Illiterates to Learn in Month.

China has adopted a system of phonetic writing which is expected to revolutionize elementary education of that nation and reduce existing illiteracy. It was announced at New Haven, Conn., by Edwin C. Lohenstein, who has been in conference with the Yale-China home office.

The system invented by the Chinese themselves, and approved by the government board of education at Peking, consists of only thirty-nine symbols. Any sound in the language can be represented by combining two or at the most three of these symbols, and experiments made with hundreds of individuals have conclusively shown that an adult illiterate man or woman can learn to read by the use of a system of this kind in three or four weeks. It is now being taught in all the government higher normal schools in the country.

Mining Town Evesless.

The old mining town of Derrick, Cal., high up in the Trinity county mountains, is today as Evesless as the North pole. The only woman who lived there has departed for Sacramento to spend the roughest part of the winter, and does not expect to return until the robin's nest in the spring.

Auto for Pastor.

The ancient custom of "donation parties" or "pound parties," etc., has been supplanted by the members of the Baptist Tabernacle of Atlanta, Ga., who have just presented their pastor, Rev. John W. Ham, with a new six-cylinder automobile.

BIRDS BIG AID IN WINNING WAR

Audubon Societies Tell of Their Work.

RESPOND TO HOOVER'S CALL

Feathered Insect Eaters Help in Raising of Big Crops—Investigation Shows That Pelican Preys Only on Fish Not Eaten by Man—Landowners Are Kept Informed on Practical Use of Bird Life Through Writings and Lectures.

American birds did their part in the war by aiding in food conservation, according to the annual report of the National Association of Audubon Societies.

Herbert C. Hoover, as food administrator, had asked the American people to protect the insect eating and migratory birds.

"Increased acreage under cultivation very naturally means more insects in turn and the need of more birds to combat them," says the Audubon societies' report. "Hence there has been a still greater need for Audubon service, which through its many agencies supplies information and through its wardens is protecting bird life."

Investigate Pelican. T. Gilbert Pearson, executive head of the association, at the request of the food administration went to the Southern Atlantic coast to investigate a complaint that the bayou pelican was destroying valuable food crops and therefore should be exterminated. His investigation in the pelican colonies from Mexico to Key West showed the reports libelled the pelican clan. He says the 65,000 odd adult pelicans in those colonies prey entirely on fish that is not eaten by man and which are destructive to the young of marketable species.

Another complaint was that the sea gulls were despoiling the sheep ranges on the islands off the coast of Maine. An agent of the association investigating the report found that on the contrary the gulls were of material aid in increasing vegetation. This association was active in preventing the destruction of the Klamath and Malheur bird reservations in Oregon and California, which were to have been dismantled and drained on the plea that they were needed for farming purposes. The birds which took refuge there in the breeding season were shown to be valuable conservators of grain and fruit, justifying the use of the land as a reserve.

Practical Use of Bird Life.

H. K. Job, in charge of the department of applied ornithology, at his experimental bird farm at Amaton, Conn., made important investigations showing the practical use of bird life and distributed his knowledge to landowners through writings and lectures.

The work of the association will be aided by the passage of the enabling act of the migratory bird treaty, which will afford means of protecting birds on their way from the United States to Canada. It is expected that the act will become law now that world peace will permit a more determined campaign in its favor.

Despite the distraction caused by the war, the association has had a healthy growth in the fiscal year. The movement to show the economic value of the work brought into the association 301 life members, a large yearly increase. An addition of 150,000 boys and girls were enrolled in the 8,297 classes conducted throughout the country, a work increased through the donations from the late Mrs. Russell Sage, General Coleman du Pont and George Eastman. The sustaining membership of the association now numbers 3,800 persons, each of whom pays \$5 annually.

KISSED BY THOUSAND GIRLS

Cleveland Lad Is Sald as Representative American.

November 11 was a great day for Corporal Louis Romanelli, a Cleveland boy in France.

Not because the war was over and he was sure of coming home. But because November 11 is the day he was kissed by a thousand beautiful French women. He tells about it in a letter to his mother and says that he was saluted as a representative of the United States and in recognition of what this country has done to help France. However, his photographs show him to be a fine-looking, upstanding lad of nineteen, with a Cupid's bow for a mouth.

"Biddle" on the Job.

Mrs. Sidney Kirby, living northwest of Moberly, Mo., has a patriotic hen which she claims is the champion patriotic hen of Missouri. Biddle has raised three broods of chickens since last spring and the fourth will soon be hatched. Not satisfied with the three broods, the hen stole away some twenty eggs and made a nest in a cane shock.

Shoots Albino Hedgehog.

While out hunting Leonard J. Brown of Claremont, N. H., was surprised to find a whitish looking animal in the woods. He surprised increased when the animal began to climb a tree. A single shot, however, brought it to the ground. It was an albino hedgehog, quite rare in New Hampshire.

An Old Pinwheel.

Frank Emmons, a Manhattan (Kan.) man, celebrated the signing of the armistice with a pinwheel which was bought in 1894 to celebrate the election of Blaine in a political contest. The fireworks were bought by the Manhattan Republican Flambeau club, and when the election was lost the pinwheel was put away and served its purpose Monday in celebrating the bringing of peace to the world, just thirty-four years later.

OPERATE UPON WOUNDED MEN ON BOARD SHIP

Vessels Equipped for Giving Expert Surgical Aid.

RED CROSS IS GREAT HELP

Every Provision for Comfort of Soldiers After Arrival Made in Advance—Many Organizations Help in the Work—Army Staffs Work Night and Day in Handling the Returning Troops—Great Difficulties Surmounted.

For days there have been pouring back to our shores tens of thousands of khaki heroes. Their tales of war adventure have thrilled the hoary of civilian newspaper readers. In the glamor of their heroism there has been little to sight the less romantic, yet equally essential, work of other branches of military service, representatives of which have returned with the warriors and have received but scant attention. For instance, tied up at the army piers in Hoboken are two former Ward liners, now the hospital-ships Comfort and Mercy. Each brought back to port in one way or another 400 badly injured soldiers, many of whom were such desperate cases that operations were necessary while the ships were breasting terrific seas on the way home.

The coast liners have been converted from all semblance, except in outward lines, to passenger ships. Each is equipped with up-to-date hospital apparatus, and each, so that experiments may be made even at sea, has on the topmost deck a "farm yard," tenanted by sheep, guinea pigs, white mice, rabbits and chickens. There is an abundance of available material for dissecting and germ studying experiments.

Equipped as Hospital.

The commandeered ships have lost the scores of magnificent staterooms that delighted peace-time passengers. Most of them have been ripped out to make way for berths for wounded men. The dining rooms have been converted into wards. Reading and smoking rooms have been made into laboratories, and operating rooms, dressing rooms, instrument lockers, disinfecting chambers, sterilizing quarters, bandage storerooms, etc.

On each of the vessels is a large operating room on the promenade deck, lighted with fully half a hundred bulbs and equipped with six operating tables. Adjoining is a smaller room where minor operations are performed.

Separate wards have been established for eye, ear and nose cases, for surgical patients, contagious diseases and for minor ailments. The medical personnel of each of the hospital ships, an aggregate of forty for both, comprises expert specialists who have volunteered for navy service during the war and who have been doing superb work in emergencies on the sea.

Neither of the ships was originally intended to transport wounded men home. Both were sent to foreign waters as floating hospitals attached to war fleets, to be in readiness to receive wounded cases immediately after a naval battle or a skirmish with submarines.

Encountered Bad Weather.

It was with great difficulty that they weathered the severe December storms that impeded the progress of such ships as the Mauretania, the Adriatic, the Lapland, the Orca and the Minnetonka.

A sort of sub-hospital ship has been working at Hoboken for some weeks in conjunction with the arrival of named and sick troops. She is the Shincock, under command of Lieut. Jollins, which in peace times used to ply between Montauk Point and Block Island.

She, too, has been equipped for medical purposes and reconstructed to hold many berths and cots. Every lay, sometimes two or three times a day, she edges against a returning transport and takes away wounded men, landing them at the base hospital on Ellis Island or the Fox Hills hospital on Staten Island.

Good Samaritans.

Not a small part of the work of transferring the men has been looked after by scores of Red Cross nurses under command of Col. Dorothy C. Smyler, head of the ambulance division of the Red Cross. Her workers have seen to it, with the co-operation of the National League for Women's Service, that easy-riding military ambulances have been at the piers in sufficient numbers. Red Cross nurses accompany each ambulance and remain with the transferred patients until they have been safely placed on hospital cots.

A less vital, perhaps, but nevertheless important work done by the Red Cross women has been in the greetings extended the returning troops. They have been at the pier edges every time transports have pulled in, good weather or bad, waving flags, wrapping jests, flinging cigarettes and newspapers, boarding the ships when they had dozed, and going among the men with tobacco, chocolate and other comforts that have drawn from many of them such expressions as: "Get! but you women did great work in France, and you're doing it here too!"

The Knights of Columbus have boarded the transports at quarantine and the docks and have given to the troops stamped postcards so that they could communicate immediately with relatives. In hundreds of instances the Knights have sent telegrams for men who did not have the "price."

Army chaplains have gone among the troops on the ships, taking messages for relatives, jotting down phone numbers, extending cheer and facilitating the removal of the

wounded. Y. M. C. A. men have given away thousands of newspapers daily to returning soldiers, meeting them as their transports put into quarantine. Officers in Charge.

Some of the most difficult tasks connected with the return of the soldiers have been those of Major Gen. Shanks, in command of the port of embarkation; Brig. Gen. McManus, director of troop movements, and Vice Admiral Gleaves.

The service of Gen. Shanks has embraced the period of heaviest troop departures from Hoboken, which was the most important port of embarkation in America, and which sent a large bulk of the record number of 300,000 troops in one month when troops were badly needed at the front.

It was the work of Gen. Shanks to see to it that there were sufficient transports for the soldiers, plentiful accommodations and utmost secrecy of departure. In one night, in the record month, half a dozen large transports stole out of the Hoboken piers, loaded to capacity with soldiers, and no inkling of it reached the public.

It was the job of Admiral Gleaves to make certain that the seas were bridged with convoys so that no mishap should occur to the transports Gen. Shanks sped away. That he did his work satisfactorily is attested by his promotion a few weeks ago from rear admiral to vice admiral. Not a transport was lost on a Europe-bound trip.

Gen. McManus was in command of the port of embarkation for three months, while Gen. Shanks was sent to command Camp Kearny, California. Gen. McManus now resumed his position as director of troop movements. When men arrive at Manhattan or Hoboken or Brooklyn, Gen. McManus decides whether they shall be sent to Camp Mills, Camp Merritt or elsewhere.

The staffs of these officers have been working long hours every day and many hours of the night handling the returning troops. Though here and there difficulties have arisen through misunderstanding of privates or minor officers still infused with the rigidity of wartime regulations, these difficulties have been smoothed out by the commanding officers, and the matter of meeting and greeting and handling the returning troops has been done in the smoothest possible manner.

MISS ELEANOR BLISS



Daughter of Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, one of the American delegates to the peace conference.

GOOSEBONE FORECASTING

Propbet Thinks That Cold Weather 'Will Last Well into Spring.

L. S. Sargent, Junction City, Kan., has made his annual "goosebone" weather prophecy. It calls for a steady winter, unvaried by periods of milder weather, and the low temperature will last well into the spring. The breast bone of the goose is used in casting the weather, the amount and location of the dark coloring matter indicating the period when winter weather may be expected. Mr. Sargent has been keeping the goosebone weather records for more than 80 years and claims for the goosebone a batting average of 1,000 as a weather forecaster.

Iron Cross for Loan Dodger.

A citizen of Conyngham, a farming district near Hazelton, Pa., has received through the mail an Iron Cross for "distinguished services" in the fourth Liberty loan drive. On the cross are these words: "Gott Helf Ue" ("God Help Us"). Where the emblem came from no one knows, but it was sent in recognition of the failure of the recipient to take any bonds.

WEARS SILVER KNEECAP

Soldier Hit by a German Piece of Shrapnel.

Maybe Private Thomas Harrison of the Eighteenth Infantry, formerly of Jefferson City, Mo., is "hard boiled" but he has a right to be. Thomas has had a "run in" with the Boche, and he has a silver kneecap instead of the one he took overseas a year ago. He is convalescing now at the United States General hospital, Fort Des Moines, Ia.

It was at Chateau Thierry that Private Harrison "got his." He spotted a German machine gun in a nearby tree.

"Kidlike, I thought I could get that guy," says Thomas. "Just as I blazed away with my rifle, a machine gun on the ground opposite me barked, and a bullet caught me in the knee. A chunk of shrapnel followed and scraped my kneecap off. I crawled to a shell hole, and lay for hours waiting for a stretcher bearer to pick me up."

There are a number of Missouri men convalescing at the United States hospital at Fort Des Moines.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, was 85 years old January 1.

The Willamette river at Albany reached a lower point in the year just passed than at any time since 1861.

A disastrous fire that occurred at Haines destroyed five buildings and caused damage that is estimated at \$14,500.

Herbert Speckhart, aged 25, committed suicide at the Speckhart ranch near La Grande. He and his wife had quarreled.

A total of 2407 cars completely filled with Klamath county products were exported from Klamath Falls during the year 1918.

Landowners in the vicinity of West Stayton and Turner, in Marion county, are planning the organization of an irrigation district.

Mrs. Roy Herrick and her two children were fatally burned when their home at Silverton was destroyed by fire. All died shortly afterward.

December was a month of exceptionally wet weather in Astoria. According to the official records the rainfall during the month was 11.22 inches.

Instead of having the compensation law optional with employers, a bill will probably be introduced in the legislature making the law compulsory.

Harvey Wells, state insurance commissioner, has been under quarantine, suffering from an attack of influenza, in Los Angeles, where he spent the holidays.

Publication of retail prices as a check on food dealers has been discontinued by the food administration following advice from Washington that this check is now considered unnecessary.

In justice court at Astoria E. P. Bailey, as manager of the Pacific Power & Light company, was found guilty on a charge of permitting crude oil to flow into the waters of the Columbia river and fined \$250.

Thirty guests escaped in their night clothes when the brick building occupied by the Albert hotel and the Optimist Publishing company at The Dalles, was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$40,000.

O. S. Blanchard, of Grants Pass, has been appointed by Governor Withycombe as a member of the Oregon bureau of mines and geology. Mr. Blanchard succeeds J. F. Reddy, of Medford, whose term has expired.

Warden Stevens has proposed to the state board of control to install a lighting plant at the state penitentiary at a minor cost to provide 150 horsepower and furnish night lighting for both the penitentiary and asylum.

Withdrawal of the Spruce Production division soldiers from mills and logging camps in the Coos bay district has caused a marked shortage of help, and workmen can obtain work wherever industries are operating.

Much valuable war work was done in Oregon by home demonstration agents, according to a summary just completed. Beginning the year with a single worker the work has enlarged until the close of the year finds 10 workers in the field.

D. B. McKnight, Linn county judge, who has had the distinction of officiating at more weddings than any other person in the county for several years past, maintained his record in 1918. He performed 49 marriage ceremonies in the year just ended.

All employees of the Pendleton Woolen mills who have been on the payroll during the past year will participate in extra earnings amounting to several thousand dollars, the management has announced. The earnings will be based on wages.

The 27th annual convention of the Oregon Dairymen's association will be held January 14 and 15 in Hillsboro. The convention will take the place of the regular farmers' week and short course that usually is held at the Oregon Agricultural college.

Charles H. Gram, labor commissioner-elect, has announced the personnel of his deputies, with one exception. B. H. Haasen, Portland; J. C. Bradford, Corvallis, and J. H. West, Salem, are the three deputies named under the factory inspection law.

Attorney-General Brown was instructed by the state board of control to start ejectment proceedings against the Salem Hospital association, providing the building it now occupies and which is the property of the state, is not vacated by January 12.

A decided decrease in the number of industrial accidents is shown in the statement issued last week by the state industrial accident commission. However, in the list, which totals 377 accidents, there are five fatal accidents, as follows: E. A. Bealer, Ontario, logging; J. R. Haney, Knappa, logging; Thomas W. Phillips, Powers, logging; T. H. Ebezer, Portland, shipbuilding; A. N. Durant, Portland, janitor.

Fred E. Ward, millionaire stockman of Hemet, Cal., has notified A. H. Lee, secretary of the Oregon state fair, that the directors of the Los Angeles fair have Mr. Lee's name under consideration for a possible secretary of that association at a salary of \$5000 a year.

Thirty-one residents of Swiss Home, Lane county, have petitioned the public service commission to order the Willamette Pacific Railway company to maintain a station agent at Swiss Home. They contend there is enough business at that point to justify the

expense. School children of Oregon were instrumental in selling more than \$2,500,000 worth of thrift stamps during 1918 and in every way joined in keeping "Oregon first" in war activities, according to the biennial report of Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchhill.

The bodies of George H. Sims and his wife were found in bed at their home in Bend. A revolver was slung in the hand of the woman, and the police declare there was evidence to show she had shot her husband while he lay asleep and then had turned the gun upon herself.

The department of agriculture, in its annual aggregate crop value comparison, says that the total value of thirteen crops in Oregon embracing all the crops raised on the farm for 1918 was \$32,287,000. This was a record-breaker yield. In 1917 the aggregate for those crops was \$73,467,000.

Mail service to Canyon City and Frairie City, Grant county, having been cut off by the strike on the Sumpter Valley railroad, Second Assistant Postmaster-General Praeger has promised Representative Sinnott that special service will be provided by stage, either by way of Condon and Fossil or via Yukiah.

The Sumpter Valley railroad company has filed with the public service commission a new passenger tariff, increasing the rate from 4 cents, the old rate, to 5 cents a mile. On the basis of the passenger business done on the road for the last three years, this would mean an additional revenue of about \$12,000 a year.

With but 264 appeals filed in 1918, a remarkable decrease in cases coming before the supreme court is shown in a statement issued by Court Clerk Benson. In 1917 there were 322 cases. The falling off is attributed largely to the prohibition law and the workmen's compensation act removing personal injury cases from the courts.

Figures included in the report of the state industrial accident commission show that accidents reported to the commission during 1918 have averaged \$4 for each day of the year, or a total of more than 25,000. For 1917 the total was slightly more than 15,900. The increase is due largely to increased activity in shipbuilding.

While no definite action has been taken by state or United States authorities, the federal government, it was recently announced, may apply \$54,000 to the construction of the proposed

Loop road, which will connect the Columbia highway with the old Barlow trail, located in the upper Hood River valley. In this case Oregon will expense a like sum.

County Clerk Brown estimates that 4000 Umatilla county citizens whose names appear on the registration books of the county have failed to vote at any of the three elections during the past two years. The office is now engaged in eliminating these names from the rolls. Four thousand names is about 40 per cent of the total registration for the county.

The Baker Commercial club will send Joseph N. Neal, of Portland, and D. C. Eccles and Frank Gardner, of Baker, to Washington to confer with railroad administration authorities there on the situation on the Sumpter Valley railroad, provided the railroad administration has "an open mind" on the subject, according to advice received by the public service commission.

A state fund for providing subsidies for high-class bulls in order to eliminate entirely low breeding strains, is a plan which is being advocated by cattle men of the state, particularly for dairy herds and legislation to prevent the sale of bulls for breeding purposes unless such are eligible to registry, will be presented to the legislature, State Veterinarian Lytle has announced.

Organization of an \$800,000 concern with E. B. Kingman as president and A. W. Miller, vice-president and treasurer, to build and operate a sawmill of 100,000 feet capacity, either at Eugene or in the company's timber in the Alsea country, has been announced at Eugene. Construction work on the plant is expected to start soon and the mill probably will be in operation early in the spring.

A flock of 275 milk goats, inspected and graded by experts of Oregon Agricultural college, will arrive at the Portland Union stockyards about January 20 and will be offered for sale to the children of Portland city schools in the hope of developing an important industry among city children. The milk-coop project has received the endorsement of the school authorities of the city, who have arranged for the formation of "goat clubs" among the school children.

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