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## WHAT WILL THE GERMANS DO?

According to the press dispatches, high German officials expect a serious German uprising in the United States, in case of actual warfare between the two countries, says the Roseburg Review. This is said to be based upon the estimate that there are about 9,000,000 people of German ancestry or parentage in this country. Those who anticipate such an uprising, evidently overlook the important fact, that probably 98 per cent of these people are loyal Americans. There are doubtless a comparatively few individuals who will cause trouble by destroying, or attempting to destroy, property of various kinds, such as buildings, forts, factories, bridges, etc. It may be assumed, however, that most of such probable disturbers are already under surveillance of secret service officers and that they are being carefully watched. Any untoward action on their part will probably result in their being immediately placed in detention camps until the war is over. If the German authorities really expect any general uprising in their favor in this country they will be sorely disappointed. Reports of the mobilization of large German forces in Mexico to attack the United States from that quarter are also probably exaggerated. The question at once arises as to how such forces, even if they were in Mexico, could be supplied with food, ammunition, artillery and other war equipment for any considerable length of time. Uncle Sam has become very familiar with condition in Mexico during the past year or two, and is not relaxing his vigilance in that direction at present. Plans are already practically complete for promptly squelching any German plots in this country. Such conspirators will be severely dealt with.

## NO SURRENDER OF AMERICAN RIGHTS.

Mediation of the questions at issue between the United States and Germany should not be considered by Washington, unless Berlin, as an evidence of good faith, is prepared to issue orders suspending the warfare on American shipping.

If the Teutonic allies really are anxious to prevent war, it is in their power to do so. Despite all that has occurred up to this time, the government and the people of this republic would not refuse to listen to representations, if backed by an order terminating the wanton attacks upon vessels flying the stars and stripes.

However, Mr. Wilson should make it perfectly plain at once that he does not intend to enter into any negotiations designed merely to delay action on the part of the United States in support of its rights or intended to befog the public mind in this country.

There cannot be any arbitra-

tion of the main points at issue between the two governments. America holds to the rule that the military necessity of Germany constitutes no justification for sinking American carriers or imperiling the lives of American seamen. The Empire, on the other hand, declares its "barred zone" decree must be upheld as a matter of military necessity, no matter how grossly neutral rights may be violated. There can be no reconciling these conflicting policies. A clash can be avoided only by a surrender by one party or the other.

If Germany is prepared to recede from its position, an understanding is possible. However, there is no prospect whatever of any agreement that involves the surrender of American rights.—Seattle Times.

### COMMUNICATION

**West Springfield**  
 Mr. Editor: In the eastern states in the early days there were numerous kinds of snakes. Amongst them was one called the Copperhead from the peculiar color of his head. They were the most repulsive, disgusting and cowardly of the whole reptile family.

At the breaking out of the Civil war there cropped out a class of individuals, we can't call them men, who opposed the government in every way they could, and did all they could to prevent its crushing the Rebellion and saving the union. They discouraged enlistment, abused soldiers' families, rioted, committed murder and encouraged our enemies all they could. And loyal people of the North gave them the very appropriate title of, old slimy copperhead, and when the war was over and the Union soldiers returned home the copper head sunk into their treason tainted shell.

Now we are again confronted by war. Our rights on the world's high ways have been denied, Americans murdered and our flag insulted by an insolent and bigoted crowned head, and now the government proposes to resent those wrongs and insults, even by war if necessary. The old copper head element bobs up again as though soaked in treason as they were from sixty one to sixty five and they hamper the government in every way they can.

The motto of the old Know Nothing party would apply at present to good advantage. It was "America for Americans." That would knock Mr. Copperhead out.

DAN SPENCER

### COMMUNICATION

**The Bondage Bill**  
 On general principles, a long standing indebtedness should be avoided. The affirmation says that six million dollars will pave six hundred miles or it will prepare and pave three hundred miles. Now the bill agrees to prepare and pave four counties for nothing. This sum is to come from the taxes of the whole state. The counties are Columbia, Clatsop, Hood River and Jackson. Now measure the roads in these counties and complete three hundred miles, and your six million dollars will all be consumed. This would be a very unjust distribution of the peoples money.

Now the income from the one fourth mill tax, amount to two hundred and twenty thousand dollars annually. It should be expended for the best interest of the whole state, instead of using it to pay interest on bonds, compounded semi annually, to run for twenty six years. Or making a sleek pavement on the Columbia River high way. If the bill should pass the state of Oregon stands behind every dollar of the bondage. The map given in the Portland papers is just to hoodwink the voter. After these four counties are paved, the remainder on the map would be untouched.

Now this amortization table, is a compound of the supposed automobile fund, and the one fourth mill tax amounting to two hundred and twenty thousand dollars annually, which belongs to the whole state of Oregon. The figures are so numerous that no one will read them. The conclusion is that the longer the bonds run, at semiannually interest, the larger will be the amount left over. This is a hoodwinking humbug. The bond buyers are not taking any stock in automobile licenses. The one fourth mill tax should be used on macadam roads and distributed all over the state. The macadam roads are cheaply made, easily repaired, and when rolled, are good for automobiles, and especially for teams.

**Durability of Pavement**  
 Thirteenth street in Eugene is a good object lesson. It has been paved about three years, and is so full of holes that it is dangerous for automobiles. The framers of this bill have shown their love for the people of Oregon by calling a special election, at a cost of about one hun-

dred and fifteen thousand dollars. Now friends if you were to sign a note, to run for twenty six years, bearing a double compound interest and bind yourself and your heirs, to pay every cent of it you would feel guilty of a misdemeanor. You should have the same care, for the financial welfare, of your own state, that you would have in your own individual business. Stand up for the principles of honesty and integrity, and equal rights and equal justice for all parts of the state. The high school students are offered prizes for writing on the affirmative of this question and not requested to write on the negative.

If this bill carries, the millions of money expended is left at the entire disposal of three state commissioners. One of these commissioners, a resident of Lane county does not pay one cent of taxes. Is he a fit subject to assist in handling this vast amount of money? Now citizens I ask you, in all candor to vote NO on this rotten piece of legislation.

Very respectfully,  
A. HEMENWAY

### ROYAL HAWAIIAN SONBIRDS

The Royal Hawaiian Songbirds, eight native Hawaiian musicians, presenting a program of instrumental and vocal music, native dances and comedy, will be seen at the Bell Theatre, April 8. This aggregation is recommended as being one of the best Hawaiian troupes ever touring this country.

The atmosphere of the far off islands, the wave splashed shores of Waikiki, the plaintive music of the ukuleles, mingles with the dreamy, melodious voices of the natives, stirs the imagination to delightful heights, and one is seemingly transported to that far away jewel of the Pacific—Hawaii, the land of music and flowers.

Each of the eight Hawaiians is an artist—all Hawaiians are musicians—while the comedy share of the program is taken care of by Frank Poole who though of Southern parentage, was raised in the Islands. He displays a combination of the characteristics of both places.

The world's champion steel guitar player, who plays an entire selection with one hand only, is featured, as well as a refined version of the Golden Hula, danced by Princess Pauahi, a real native Princess.

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J. C. DIMM  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, has been appointed by the County Court of Lane County, Oregon, as administrator of the estate of William H. Lewis and Mary A. Lewis, deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of said William H. Lewis or Mary A. Lewis, are hereby notified to present the same duly verified to the Administrator, at his office, No. 23, E. 9th Ave., Eugene, Oregon, on or before six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, which is March 15, 1917.

LOUIS E. BEAN,  
 Administrator.  
 Mch. 45, 22, 29; April 5, 12.

### NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Vina McLean, Administratrix of the estate of Jahalau T. Witter, deceased, has filed her Final Account in said estate with the County Court of Lane County, Oregon, and that Saturday, the 5th day of May, 1917, at the hour of 10 o'clock, A. M. at the County Court Room in the Court House of Lane County, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing on said Final Account, at which time the Court will pass upon any objections that may be filed thereto.

All persons having objections against said Final Account are hereby notified to file the same with the County Clerk of said County, on or before the said 5th day of May, 1917 and the hour of 10 o'clock, A. M.

Dated this 29th day of March, 1917.  
 VINA McLEAN,  
 Administratrix.  
 Mch. 29; April 5, 12, 19, 26.

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