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GETTING ACQUAINTED

Made of Americans are so centered in France as the actual field of battle that they are apt to overlook the fact that many thousands of our troops do not go direct to that country, but land first at English or Scotch ports, undergo training for a considerable period in British camps and finally go to France by the Channel route which is used by the British army. It is reported that American troops are billeted at no less than 80 places in Great Britain.

This arrangement has brought about relations which may have lasting effect on the future intercourse of the two Nations and on their attitude toward each other. It has brought together a large number of average representatives of the American people and the great mass of the British people under circumstances which predispose them to friendship and mutual understanding. The Englishman we have known in America has been the aristocratic or plutocratic tourist, the immigrant workingman or the remittance man in person, or the brainless fool of a lord, or the cockney who drops his "h's" and "blasts your bloody eyes" on the stage. We have formed little acquaintance with the great body of representative Britons, who are the middle class. Our soldiers are now getting to know them and to like them. They are also learning the sterling good qualities of the aristocracy in general at one extreme and of the working people in general at the other extreme of the social scale, and that the stage lord and stage workingman are freaks or caricatures.

American soldiers, on the other hand are opening the eyes of the Britons to the true character of the average American. Having been convinced that the American does not worship Mammon alone but is so devoted to a high ideal as to leave all and fight for it, the Briton begins to find other good qualities. He discovers that the American is not a

bragart know-it-all, but is ready to learn humbly from those who have been playing the deadly game of war for four years. The American he has seen has been generally the purse-proud, ill-bred millionaire ostentatiously spending his millions in Europe or the adventurer and swindler, or he has been the cowboy, miner or bad man of Bret Harte, the movies and the best seller novels. Now the Briton gets acquainted with the real, average American, who talks 20th century slang and does not say: "I guess" and "calculate," who has been to college though he may be only a private, whose English and manners are as correct as those of any well-bred Englishman. The boosting of his town is found to be the natural loyalty of a man to the place which he has chosen for his home and which he helps to build up, an attitude which cannot be expected of an Englishman who lives in a place simply because his father and grandfather lived there and because he has had no particular reason to move.

The two Nations are really getting acquainted under circumstances which tend to mutual liking. Old causes of quarrel cannot endure after an American hears an Englishman ascribe the revolution to the fact that King George III was a pig-headed German fool, and the old political game of "twisting the British lion's tail" is never likely to be revived. The American will realize that he has been deceived by insidious German propaganda, deliberately planned to promote ill-will between two nations which Germany desired to keep apart until she got ready to destroy them in succession. Both nations will hold that by provoking America to war in alliance with Great Britain, the Kaiser has unintentionally brought them together in so complete an understanding that a quarrel will forever after be impossible.—Sunday Oregonian.

PRUSSIANISM OR AMERICANISM?

That is the soft issue in the tide of socialism sweeping over our country—which shall it be, prussianization or stay American?

With all the alleged mistakes, blunders and imperfections of the American political system, for fifty years a hundred million people prospered.

We enjoy greater opportunities and achieved greater happiness and made more progress to the square inch per individual than any nation.

Paternalism and socialism read well and talk well, but the American system that which they attack, has always worked well.

Bolshevism viewed through the tortoise-shell rimmed glasses of some soft-handed and soft-headed theorist

is a nostrum. It is a name for the highest flowering of rampant socialism that opened the door for kaiser kultur and is not making the people happier.

Prussianism is despotism by the all-highest. Bolshevism is despotism by the all-lowest. American democracy means opportunity for all.

Democracy is the only system on trial today that is intelligently planned and fitted to the needs of the world.—The Manufacturer.

CONCERNING HEALTH

The report made by county health officer N. E. Winnard of the cases of small pox in the Eight Mile country is burdened with more than usual significance at this time. A small pox epidemic at any time is a bad thing, but now, when the Government is making every effort to safeguard the health not only of the soldiers, but of the prospective soldiers as well, it would be much worse. The fact that there were cases of small pox, that the immediate family knew it was small pox and that the neighbors knew it was small pox, and yet none reported it to the proper authorities, does not reflect very much credit upon the community. Failure to report cases of contagious diseases to the health officers is a punishable offense, and such failures should be prosecuted. That the quarantining of a family on a ranch at this particular time would interfere with the harvesting of the crops on the ranch, if true, does not mean much when the failure to quarantine would incapacitate a whole neighborhood, with the possibility that the infection might be carried to the training camps by some draftee from that neighborhood. This is indeed no time to be negligent or careless about such matters and stern measures should be employed.

WHAT WOULD YOU CALL IT?

The city of Oakland, California recently witnessed the disgraceful spectacle of 3500 union boiler makers and iron shipbuilders, striking and tying up construction work on some 26 ships for two days.

The matter was over a technicality in regard to some back wages due under a government award in February, at which time the men agreed not to strike during the war but submit their troubles to arbitration.

The word of the government was behind the whole proposition but the men struck anyway and have further notified the government and shipyards that they will strike again August 7, unless matters are settled to suit them.

Regardless of the merits of their

demands, which will be fully considered by the proper authorities, there was no excuse whatever for such behavior.

The action of these men was a disgrace from any angle it can be considered. They broke their word in regard to striking and they placed their petty grievances ahead of the lives of our boys in France.

These men have sold jobs at home at big pay and the time has arrived to call a spade a spade.

Action such as theirs, in the army, would be called desertion and the offenders would have been severely dealt with. An individual who would delay construction on 26 ships for two days to the great aid of the kaiser, would be called a traitor.

As an American citizen you can classify the action of strikers in a case like this to suit yourself.

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THE SIXTH ANNUAL MORROW COUNTY FAIR

SEPTEMBER 17, 18 AND 19, 1918, AT HEPPNER, OREGON

Will Be Different

THE FAIR this year will be a "war fair," and those things tending to assist in the winning of the war will be featured more prominently than heretofore.

Food Conservation Will Be The Keynote

The U. S. Dept. of Agriculture will have an exhibit and will have representatives here to give instruction.

INDUSTRIAL Club exhibits will be larger and better than ever and canning contests will be held daily.

There will be lots of good, clean amusement, and music will be furnished by a live-wire orchestra.

The Secretary of Agriculture has asked that fairs which instruct and amuse be held this year, believing them a strong "win-the-war" agency.

SO BEGIN NOW TO PLAN TO ATTEND

The Sixth Annual Morrow County Fair