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SATAN ABDICATES THRONE OF HELL IN KAISER'S FAVOR

Louis Syberkrop of Creston, Iowa, has acquired much fame in recent weeks as author of a satire on Kaiser Wilhelm. Requests have come to him Tumulty, Secretary Daniels and Roosevelt, and people in every state of the Union and in Canada have asked for copies of Mr. Syberkrop's article. It is:

"The Infernal Region."
June 29, 1917

"To Wilhelm von Hohenzollern, King of Prussia, Emperor of all Germany and Envoy Extraordinary of Almighty God:

"My Dear Wilhelm:

"I can call you by that familiar name for I have always been very close to you, much closer than you could ever know.

"From the time that you were yet an undeveloped being in your mother's womb, I have shaped your destiny for my own purpose.

"In the days of Rome I created a toughneck known in history as Nero. He was a vulgar character and suited my purpose at that particular time. In these modern days a classic demon and efficient super-criminal was needed, and as I know the Hohenzollern blood, I picked you as my special instrument to place on earth an annex to hell. I gave you abnormal ambition, likewise an oversupply of egotism that you might not discover your own fallings. I twisted your mind to that of a madman with certain normal tendencies to carry you by, a most dangerous character placed in power; I gave you the power of a hypnotist and a certain magnetic force that you might sway your people. I am responsible for the deformed arm that hangs helplessly on your left, for your crippled condition embitters your life and destroys all noble impulses that might otherwise cause me anxiety, but your strong sword arm is driven by your ambition that squelches all sentiment and pity; I placed in your soul a deep hatred for all things English, for all nations on earth I hate England most; wherever England plants her flag she brings order out of chaos and the hated Cross follows the Union Jack; under her rule wild tribes became tilters of the soil and in due time practical citizens; she is the great civilizer of the globe and I hate her. I planted in your soul a cruel hatred for your mother because she was English and left my good friend Bismarck to fan the flame I had kindled. Recent history proves how well our work was done. It broke your royal mother's heart, but I gained my purposes.

"The inherited disease of the Hohenzollerns killed your father, just as it will kill you, and you became the ruler of Germany and a tool of mine sooner than I expected.

"To assist you and further hasten my work I sent you three evil spirits, Nietzsche, Treitschke and later Bernhardi, whose teachings inflamed the youths of Germany, who in good time would be willing and loyal subjects and eager to spill their blood and pull your chestnuts, yours and mine; the spell has been perfect—you cast your ambitious eyes toward the Mediterranean, Egypt, India and the Dardanelles and you began your great railway to Bagdad, but the ambitious archduke and his more ambitious wife stood in the way. It was there that I sowed the seed in your heart that blossomed into the assassination of the duke and his wife, and all hell smiled when it saw how cleverly you saddled the crime on to Serbia. I saw you set sail for the fjords of Norway and I knew you would prove an alibi. How cleverly done, so much like your noble grandfather, who also secured an assassin to remove old King Frederick of Denmark, and later robbed that country of two provinces that gave Germany an opportunity to become a naval power. Murder is dirty work, but it takes a Hohenzollern to make a way and get by.

"Your opportunity was at hand, you set the world on fire and bells of hell were ringing; your rape on Belgium caused much joy; it was the beginning, the foundation of a perfect hell on earth, the destruction of noble cathedrals and other infinite works of art was hailed with joy in the infernal regions. You made war on friends and the alike to the master of civilization showed my soldiers had borne fruit. Your readiness to ward neutral nations bestowed a universal approval; the thing I most desired. Your undersans were a magnificent success, from the

smallest mackerel pot to the great Lusitania you show no favorites. As a war lord you stand supreme for you have no mercy; you have no consideration for the baby clinging to its mother's breast as they both go down into the deep together, only to be torn apart and leisurely devoured by sharks down among the corals.

"I have strolled over the battlefields of Belgium and France. I have seen your hand of destruction everywhere; it's all your work, superfluous that I made you. I have seen the fields of Poland; now a wilderness fit for prowling beasts only; no merry children in Poland now; they have all succumbed to frost and starvation—I drifted down into Galacia where formerly Jews and Gentiles lived happily together; I found but ruins and ashes; I felt a curious pride in my pupil for it was all above my expectation. I was in Belgium when you drove the peaceful population before you like cattle into slavery, you separated man and wife and forced them to hard labor in the trenches. I have seen the most fiendish rape committed on young women and the many forced into maternity were cursing the father of their offspring and I began to doubt if my own inferno was really up to date.

"You have taken millions of dollars from innocent victims and called it indemnity; you lived fat on the land you usurped and you sent the real owners away to starvation. You have strayed away from all legalized war methods and introduced a code of your own. You have killed and robbed the people of friendly nations and destroyed their property. You are a liar, a hypocrite and a bluffer of the highest magnitude. You are a part of mine and yet you pose as a personal friend of God. Ah, Wilhelm, you are a wonder. You wantonly destroy all things in your path and leave nothing for coming generations.

"I was amazed when I saw you form a partnership with the impossible Turk, the chronic killer of Christians, and you a devout worshiper in the Lutheran church. I confess, Wilhelm, you are a puzzle at times. A Mohammedan army, commanded by German officers assisting one another in massacring Christians is a new line of warfare. When a Prussian officer can witness a nude woman being dismembered by a swarthy Turk, committing a double murder with one cut of his saber, and calmly stand by and see a house full of innocent Armenians locked up, the house saturated with oil and fired, then my teachings did not stop with you, but have been extended to the whole German nation. I confess my Satanic soul grew sick and there and then I knew, the pupil had become the master. I am a book number and, my dear Wilhelm, I abdicate in your favor. The great key of hell will be turned over to you. The gavel that has struck the doom of damned souls since time began is yours. I am satisfied with what I have done; that my abdication in your favor is for the very best interest of hell—in the future I am at your majesty's service.

"Affectionately and sincerely,
Lucifer H. Satan."

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Shutter wish to thank the kind neighbors and friends for caring for Mrs. Shutter through her illness and for the nice Thanksgiving box of eatables which was sent to them the day before Thanksgiving.

Those who enjoyed the feast at the B. M. Rogers home Thanksgiving day were H. A. Hooker and family and the R. C. Rogers family.

Columbia school honor roll—Henrietta Akers, Glen Clark, Marda Hangan, Oscar Whitsett, Kathryn Rogers, James Waugaman, William Waugaman, Florence Hannan, Gertrude Hall, Merie McDade, Mary Neadeau.

Hermiston Bank in Healthy Condition
That the First National Bank of this city is in a healthy and prosperous condition is shown in the statement of its financial condition printed in these columns this week. Its resources have increased amazingly within the past year, and in this showing is reflected the ever increasing stability of the Hermiston valley.

HEAD OF AMERICA'S WAR COMMISSION



Col. E. M. House is chairman of the American war commission that has been sent over to attend the conference of the allies in Paris. He will act as the spokesman of President Wilson on questions pertaining to the general policies of the conduct of the war.

COUNTY COURT WILL GRAVEL RIVER ROAD

The telephone played an important part in securing a representative meeting of good roads boosters here last Wednesday evening, when a hurry up call was sent to Umatilla, Stanfield and Echo by the Hermiston Commercial Club secretary. The meeting was for the purpose of selecting delegates from the four towns to wait on the county court and urge them to at once begin laying a base for the Columbia highway between Umatilla and Echo, so that there would be no obstacles in the way when the state highway awards contracts early next spring for hard surfacing the highway along the water grade route from The Dalles to Pendleton.

The court was in a pleasant frame of

mind, and without much coaxing the members expressed a willingness to start grading and graveling the highway in this part of the county within a short time—and the delegation returned to their homes happy over the prospects of having a good trunk line road through this part of the county next year.

Among the delegates who were instrumental in securing the promise of the county court to begin road work on the stretch of highway from the Morrow county line to Echo were George A. Cressy, B. S. Kingsley, Carl McNaught, J. D. Watson, J. H. Young of Hermiston, D. C. and C. G. Brownell of Umatilla, R. A. Holts, W. T. Reeves, J. M. Kyle of Stanfield, and Fred George and Asa Thompson of Echo.

INTERMENT CAMPS ARE GETTING A FEW

While the training camps located in Oregon, Washington and Idaho are receiving many patriotic young men daily, the interment camps are also taking within their confines a pro-German straggler now and then. The latest addition is Karl Lees, who was taken from so close a place as Nollan near Pendleton. His sympathetic utterances in behalf of the fatherland led him into trouble with the government, and on Monday of this week he was taken to Portland by Federal Officer Carter, and by this time is probably confined in one of the western camps established for the purpose of interning enemies of this nation found within its borders.

WEATHER CONDITIONS APPEAL TO VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. A. Waely, of Elgin, Ore., visited a couple of days the first of the week with their friends and former neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Thompson, ranchers out in the fourth unit. They imparted the information on arrival here that snow fell on Thanksgiving day at Elgin to a depth of four or five inches and that the weather was still stormy when they left home. They were more than surprised to experience sunshine and warmth when they stepped from the train Monday, and as a result of these satisfactory climatic conditions they immediately became imbued with a longing to come here to reside permanently, which they will do if they can find a suitable location in the near future.

BOARDMAN NEWS

Mrs. A. P. Ayers is bedfast with rheumatism.
Dr. Reed of Hermiston was called to attend Mrs. Wilson Thursday.
Two new homesteaders this week, Wm. Westlund and Claud Montgomery both filed in section 14.
Mrs. E. W. Mack, son John and Mrs. Lucile Mack went to Hermiston Monday, S. C. Mack going on to Pendleton to be examined for military service.
J. A. Gibbon went to Arlington Saturday, returning the same day.
M. L. Williams spent Thanksgiving with friends in Ione.
S. C. Mack and wife, Miss Clara Voyer and C. Blackman went to Portland Friday, the men to see about enlisting.
Mr. Mattoon and family came down from Hermiston Saturday. Mr. Mattoon's brother and wife arrived Friday.
Born—To Alex. Wilson and wife November 29, a fine baby girl, the first new arrival on the west end. Mother and baby are doing nicely.
Carl M. Voyer, Clifford Chadwick and Rob Crooks are among the men who enlisted from here.
I would like to take this means of letting the public know that the post-office will be open on Sundays and holidays a half hour at each train and from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. week days. Postmaster.
C. C. Paine, agent for the Model laundry at The Dalles, received his first basket this week and will give it a trial.
Geo. Blayden is putting up a dwelling house of four rooms on his lot east of Main street.

MASONIC AND ODD FELLOW LODGES ELECT OFFICERS

PARENT-TEACHER MEETING PROGRAM

The meeting of the Parent-Teacher association will be held in the high school assembly hall at 8 o'clock Friday evening, December 14.
Following is the program:
Music.....Akers' Quartette
Reading, "Hoover's goin' to get you".....Frank Swayze Jr.
Music, Patriotic Airs.....High School
Lecture, "The Child and the Alarm Clock".....Dr. S. B. L. Penrose
No admission will be charged, as expenses of the lecture will be borne by the Parent-Teacher association, who are offering the evening's entertainment as a treat to the community.
Dr. Penrose, president of Whitman college is a scholar of high attainment, and is a pleasing and forceful speaker. None should fail to avail themselves of this opportunity to hear him.

NO CITY ELECTION UNTIL YEAR HENCE

This is the week and Tuesday the day that in former years a municipal election was held in this city, and it has seemed a heretofore of use to many that the usual electioneering germ has not been buzzing around. But the passing up of a city election here, along with many other cities in the state, came about through the passage of a new law by the last legislature making state, county and municipal elections fall on the same day and date—thus the present administration will hold over until next November.
Among those who would have to stand for re-election this year had the law not been changed are Councilmen A. L. Larson, E. P. Dodd and F. C. Woughter, City Clerk Jensen and City Treasurer Phelps. Mayor McKenzie, Councilmen C. S. McNaught, Harry Straw and J. D. Watson were on easy street, for their terms do not expire until next year.

GET LICENSE EARLY AND AVOID THE RUSH

Better send in your money now to Secretary of State Olcott and avoid trouble by getting your auto license by the first of the year, for that gentleman has sent out a general warning to automobile owners in this section that they will not be allowed to run their machines on public highways after January 1 unless they have the 1918 license tags attached without subjecting themselves to prosecution. Payment in time may save a fine in this instance.

WANTS RESTORATION OF ITS MAIDEN NAME

That School District No. 8, out in Butter Creek, does not longer want to be wedded to No. 118, the district in which the new school house near Westland is being built, and that it wants to be restored to the independent it enjoyed prior to consolidation last June, is the essence of a petition filed in the office of County Superintendent Young last Saturday by some of the residents of the district.
Strong opposition has developed, however, to dissolving the consolidation, and it now looks as though the two districts will have to remain united unless stronger argument is forthcoming for its dissolution than has thus far been advanced.

Hermiston Boys Enlist in Navy

Of the three young men, namely, Earl Boynton, Edward McKeen and Milton Longhorn, who went to Portland the first of the week to enlist in the navy, the first two passed, and after donning uniforms left the Rose City Wednesday for training quarters in California. Mr. Longhorn failed in the naval examination, but expects to pass and join some other department of the service. Pat Sisco, assisted by other friends of the boys, gave them a nice farewell dance in the Auditorium Saturday evening just prior to their departure.

Reports from the Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges, the two leading fraternal organizations of this city, show that they have enjoyed a good year, financially and from a membership standpoint, and that the auxiliary bodies, the Order of the Eastern Star of the Masons and the Rebekah lodge of the Odd Fellows, have increased their following during the past twelve months.

Following the usual custom the annual election of officers of the orders takes place about this time of the year and with the exception of the Eastern Star, which organization will hold its annual election shortly, the elective officers of the other orders have been chosen as follows:

HERMISTON LODGE NO. 138 A. F. & A. M.
Worshipful Master—M. D. Scroggs.
Senior Warden—J. H. Young.
Junior Warden—A. W. Prann.
Treasurer—F. B. Swayze.
Subordinate officers of the order will be appointed and installation held Tuesday evening, Dec. 18.

VINEYARD LODGE NO. 206, I. O. O. F.
Noble Grand—Frank Vernum
Vice Grand—J. S. West.
Secretary—W. R. Longhorn.
Treasurer—L. W. Furnas
Trustee—Frank Bilderback.

The installation ceremony of this order will be held on the evening of the 5th of January, 1918, when the elective officers, together with the appointive officers to be selected, will be installed.

SUNBEAM REBEKAH LODGE NO. 180
Noble Grand—Mable Sapper.
Vice Grand—Monte Prindle.
Secretary—Ina Gilbert.
Treasurer—Dora Mitchell.

Installation of the above elective officers and their subordinates appointed later will take place on the first meeting night of the order in January.

DEATH CLAIMS FORMER HERMISTON WOMAN

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Illsley received a message Monday morning from their son Howard conveying the sad intelligence of the death of his wife, which occurred the day previous at the home of her parents in Brewster, Wash., and that evening they departed for the above city to attend the funeral of the lady.

Deceased was well known among the older residents of this community, she having resided here with her husband when he operated the first jewelry store established in Hermiston a number of years ago. Mrs. Illsley had been in poor health for some time, and only a short time ago returned from California with Mr. Illsley after having been there seeking restoration of her health.

DEGREES CONFERRED ON TWO CANDIDATES

At the regular meeting of Odd Fellows lodge last Saturday evening B. J. Mason became a full-fledged member by taking the third degree, the work being put on by the Hermiston degree team in an able way. It is said that Bert used to be at home on the hurricane deck of a bucking broncho some years ago, and from the way he rode that goat while going through the degree showed conclusively that he had not forgotten any of the versatile tricks or tactics of bucking animals.

Rev. L. S. Chapman, pastor of the Baptist church, is said to have made a creditable showing riding the goat in the initiatory degree the same evening, and though the animal evidently came near reversing the tables by getting his goat several times during the ceremony, Mr. Chapman persevered and came through triumphant. The work was put on by S. S. Smith's excellent uniformed degree team, and from all accounts it was a very impressive ceremony. Wednesday evening the gentleman was able to go to Stanfield, where he was initiated into the mysteries of the first degree. Many Odd Fellows from here went along to give first aid, but the Stanfield boys handled the candidate in a nice manner, and gave the visiting members a good feed to cheer them on their homeward way.