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MUST STAND TOGETHER

THE value of irrigation has long been recognized by the farmers of the Applegate, Little Butte, Evans creek and other sections where it has been utilized for half a century. Most of these farmers regard the water as of more value than the land, and owe their crops along the narrow benches and precipitous hillsides almost entirely to the use of water.

Although handicapped often by poor and shallow soil, the yields average more per acre than in the richer, easier tilled lands of the valley. From a few acres they produce more than the dry farmers of the main valley produce from several times the acreage. Yet the object lesson is lost on many of the larger property owners of the valley who still obstinately oppose irrigation.

It is the favorite excuse at the present time of these reactionaries that they do not oppose irrigation—but do oppose the district plan. Yet every effort to secure sufficient signed acreage to justify the extension of privately owned and controlled irrigation conduits has met with similar opposition, resulting in failure because not sufficient water could be contracted to justify the investment required to build the canals.

Development of water costs money. Placing it upon the land costs more money. Capital cannot be expected to make the investment unless returns are assured. To water half the lands in a given area costs almost as much as to water all. If only half the lands are watered, the cost of the water per acre is nearly doubled—which renders it a burdensome investment.

Under the district plan, the farmers own and manage their own water system. Equal treatment results. The water is paid for on easy payments, out of the increased production of the soil. It involves no hardship, but enables the industrious to make farming profitable. With water, the land has a ready market for sale or lease—without it, it cannot earn returns upon its present valuation.

The only way the upper valley will ever secure irrigation is under the district plan. It is a case of standing together—all for one and one for all.

FOR SELF-PRESERVATION

PRESIDENT WILSON'S urging of a peace conference according to Secretary Lansing, was to keep the United States from being drawn into war through the endless aggressions of belligerents. Germany torpedoes our ships, England seizes our cargoes and mails and the friction engendered makes the role of a neutral most trying. With the nationalization of all industries, including shipping, it is going to become more and more difficult to keep on good terms with the warring nations.

In a speech at Pittsburg last January, President Wilson said:

"When you know that there are combustible materials in the life of the world and in your own national life and that the sky is full of floating sparks from a great conflagration, are you going to sit down and say it will be time when the fire begins to do something? I do not believe that the fire is going to begin, but I would be sure of it if we were ready for the fire. I want to come as your responsible servant and tell you this, that we do not control the fire. We are under the influence of it, but we are not at the source of it. We are where it at any time may affect us and yet we cannot govern its spread and progress."

At Cleveland, the president said:

"Two-thirds of the world are at war. It is not merely an European struggle; nations in the Orient have become involved as well as nations in the west and everywhere there seems to be creeping upon the nations disengaged the spirit and the threat of war. All the world outside of America is on fire."

During the recent campaign the president repeatedly called attention to the increasing difficulties of the role of the United States forced to play and the possibility of being drawn into the conflagration at any time, despite every possible move to escape it.

It is apparent that the president's move was not dictated by any desire to aid any of the warring nations, but actuated by self-preservation.

BOSTON IRISH ASK WHAT GERMANY HAS TO OFFER

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Resolutions calling for an official statement from the German government of its intention with regard to Ireland were adopted tonight by the executive council of all affiliated branches in Ireland is guaranteed."

Greater Boston of the Friends of Irish Freedom.

The resolutions set forth the claim that "Ireland has fully established her right to be regarded as an ally of Germany" and ask that no peace agreement be signed by Germany with England "until the freedom of council of all affiliated branches in Ireland is guaranteed."

PRESIDENT ASKS WARRING NATIONS TO TALK PEACE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President Wilson has appealed to all the belligerents to discuss terms of peace. Without actually proposing peace or offering mediation, the president has sent formal notes to the governments of all the warring nations suggesting that "an early occasion be sought to call out from the nations now at war such an avowal of their respective views as to the terms upon which the war might be concluded and the arrangements which would be deemed satisfactory as a guarantee against its renewal or the kindling of any similar conflict in the future as would make it possible frankly to compare them."

Wholly without notice and entirely contrary to what administration officials have described as his course, the president last night dispatched the notes to all the belligerents and to all the neutrals for their information. Summarized in the president's own words as contained in the notes, his attitude is as follows:

"The president is not proposing peace; he is not even offering mediation. He is merely proposing that soundings be taken in order that we may learn, the neutral nations with the belligerents, how near the haven of peace may be for which all mankind longs with an intense and increasing longing. He believes that the spirit in which he speaks and the objects which he seeks will be understood by all concerned, and he confidently hopes for a response which will bring a new light into the affairs of the world."

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expected and still left the way open for further negotiations, it is believed that the allies will meet the present note in at least a friendly spirit.

Those in official circles who discussed the note thought it worthy of attention that President Wilson, after saying his action had long been in mind, added:

"The president can only beg that his suggestion be considered entirely on its own merits and as if it had been made in other circumstances."

"BONE DRY" MEASURE FOR ENGLAND LOOMS

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The newspapers learn that the government is preparing measures for the future control of the production and sale of alcoholic beverages, which may go as far as absolute prohibition. It is stated from one source that it has already been decided that the manufacture and sale of whiskey in Scotland will virtually be prohibited and that this is likely to be followed by a similar step in England and Wales.

As regards Ireland, it is said that the government from the first of January will take over the Irish distilleries for the manufacture of munitions, but that the retail sale of whiskey will not be affected as whiskey less than three years old cannot be legal.

ly sold and existing stocks will be allowed to be consumed.

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FINAL VOTE UPON DRY CAPITAL JANUARY 9

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A final vote on Senator Sheppard's District of Columbia prohibition bill will be taken in the senate on January 9. That date was agreed upon after plans for a vote yesterday had been upset by a tactical error by one of the friends of the measure. Advocates of the bill fear that postponement of the vote may endanger its prospects of passage.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Reported by Jackson County Abstract Co., Sixth and Fir Sts.

Circuit.

John B. Abernethy vs. Chris J. Kenney et ux, default. Jackson County vs. Elizabeth A. Miller, foreclosure of lien. Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co. vs. Frederick C. Page et al., reply of F. C. Page.

Ellen Cappelock et al. vs. James D. Simons et al., answer of Luana Simons.

Holland-Washington Mortgage Co. vs. Abbie H. Frink et al., statement of costs claimed by plaintiff.

Big Pines Lumber Co. vs. Anabel Read Scott et al., certificate of attachment.

Probate.

Estate of Samuel Rosenberg, renunciation of compensation.

Real Estate Transfers.

United States to Ray R. Eaton, land in sec. 4-37-3W. Patent United States to Frank E. Loomis, land in sec. 8-36-1E. Patent Emmett Beeson to Ralph E. Koozer, land in twp. 38-1W.

XMAS EXERCISES AT BAPTIST CHURCH FRIDAY

The Christmas exercises of the Baptist Bible school will be held in the Baptist church Friday evening, beginning promptly at seven thirty.

An interesting and entertaining program has been prepared.

There will be the attractive Christmas tree and a treat for every member of the school.

All who attend, boys, girls, men and women, are invited to bring some useful gift for the needy of our city. Such things as used clothing, shoes, eatables, etc.

Donors are asked to place their gifts upon the platform, or hand to an usher at the door.

The pastor of the church, Rev. Frederick W. Carstens, would be glad to know of any persons or families who are in need. Your co-operation solicited. Phone 629.

All information will be treated as strictly confidential.

Baptist Midweek Service

At our mid-week service tonight Miss Kurtz, a member of the high school faculty, will conduct the teacher-training class.

The teacher training class is held before the regular prayer service from seven to eight o'clock.

Teachers, teacher training pupils, and Sunday school workers of the city are invited to this service.

The prayer service which follows will be permeated with the Christmas thought and spirit.

Topic: "The Wise Men's search for Christ."

Lay aside your Christmas buying and planning for a little while and come with us to the worship of the Christ of Christmas.

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SODAS CONVICTED OF MURDERING SEATTLEITE

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 21.—John Soudas, proprietor of a cigar store, on trial for the murder of Mrs. Blanche Coleman in a downtown hotel June 16, was convicted today. The woman was stabbed to death with a knife. She was formerly Miss Blanche Gros-venor of Council Bluffs, Ia., where her father is a street railway employe.

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Women's \$3.50 Slippers reduced to only \$2.35 Women's \$3.50 Slippers reduced to only \$2.15 Women's \$2.00 Christmas Slippers cut to \$1.65 Women's \$1.50 Christmas Slippers cut to \$1.25 Women's \$1.35 Christmas Slippers cut to \$1.10 Women's \$1.25 Christmas Slippers, cut to .95

Men's \$5.00 Work Shoes reduced to only \$4.15 Men's \$4.50 Dress Shoes cut to only \$3.45 Men's \$5.00 Dress Shoes, badly broken \$2.95 Men's \$5.00 Rubber Boots, first grade \$4.35 Men's \$4.00 12-inch Top Rubber Pae \$3.45

Men's \$3.50 Christmas Slippers cut to \$2.85 Men's \$3.00 Christmas Slippers cut to \$2.45 Men's \$2.50 Christmas Slippers cut to \$1.85 Men's \$1.75 Christmas Slippers cut to \$1.35 Men's \$1.50 Christmas Slippers cut to \$1.20 Men's \$1.35 Christmas Slippers cut to \$1.15 Boys' \$1.25 Christmas Slippers cut to .95

Little Gents' \$2.00 Scufflers cut to \$1.35 Misses' \$3.00 School Shoes cut to \$2.55 Misses' \$2.50 School Shoes cut to \$2.15 Misses' \$2.50 Tan Calf Shoes cut to \$2.05 Misses' \$1.25 Christmas Slippers cut to .95 Child's \$1.00 Christmas Slippers cut to .85

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