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HAPPY NEW YEAR

WE can wish you a happy New Year—and we do! So can anybody else—and most everybody does! But whether or not you have a happy New Year is entirely up to you.

Don't hate anybody. But also see to it that you're doing your best to prevent anybody's acting in such a manner that others may hate him.

Love your fellow-man; stand shoulder to shoulder with him in all movements for the common good; fight shoulder to shoulder with him in all battles for the common welfare.

Try to secure healthful conditions for yourself and family—but also seek to abolish unhealthful conditions for all others.

Demand justice for yourself—but oppose the denial of justice to others.

Live well, eat proper foods—but don't be satisfied with earth's conditions while other folk are eating less than proper foods.

Seek beauty in your daily life—but don't let others be crushed into squalor.

Your resolutions, after all, are small matters. We suppose you make New Year resolutions, just as the rest of us do; and we hope you live up to them, as most of the rest of us don't.

But the one resolution that should not be broken is this: "In this new year I will do the best I can for myself by doing the best I can for everybody!"

Isn't it so? HAPPY NEW YEAR!

1917 UP TO YOU

THE year 1916 has witnessed slow but steady progress in the valley. New industries have been established, and a beginning made at development of timber and mineral resources.

Despite the fact that unfavorable climatic conditions prevailed, the fruit crop netted the valley a million dollars, most of it due to the extension of irrigation. Sugar beet culture has been added to the valley's occupations.

Growth and development of 1917 rests with the people themselves. Another dry year is forecasted, and irrigation spells salvation. The real progress of the valley is measured by the extension of the watered area. Besides this problem, all others sink into insignificance.

Hard times have placed the city of Medford in a tight fix financially, to remedy which a comprehensive plan of refinancing has been devised by Colonel Hansen, adopted by the city council and submitted to the people for ratification at the January election.

At the same election, the Medynski plan, to repudiate private indebtedness and unload on the city all public improvement indebtedness, refunding property owners in warrants, payments already made, will again appear upon the ballot as a rival financial remedy, despite its rejection a year ago.

It needs only the adoption of this Medynski wildcat finance to complete the financial demoralization of the city, destroy its credit and plunge it and ourselves into financial chaos.

The future lies only with ourselves. We can progress or retrograde, as we please. We can create prosperity in the valley, which reflects in the prosperity of the city. Or we can pull down the pillars of credit from the temple we have builded and destroy ourselves financially in the crash.

PAPER SHORTAGE STOPS MAGAZINES

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Owing to the increased cost of white paper and other materials necessary to printing and art work, several magazines of national circulation announced today increases in price of subscription.

Publishers explain that many of them have had to renew their contracts for paper at this time and to pay nearly 50 per cent more than this item has cost them here before.

The rise in subscription prices announced today ranged from 20 to 33 1-3 per cent.

BELL-ANS Absolutely Removes Indigestion. One package proves it. 25c at all druggists.

SEVEN ECLIPSES FOR COMING YEAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Four eclipses of the sun and three of the moon, the greatest number possible in a single year, will occur in 1917, according to a memorandum issued today by the naval observatory.

On January 8 there will be a total eclipse of the moon by the earth's shadow, visible throughout the United States, beginning at 12:50 a. m. and ending at 4:39 a. m., eastern standard time. Between 2 and 3:39 a. m., eastern time, the eclipse will be total.

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JOHN A. PERL UNDERTAKER

WILL GREAT WAR END IN 1917? NOT UNLESS GERMANY DECREES END TO PRUSSIAN MILITARISM

Mason, Noted War Expert, Says the Fever of Militarism Must First Burn Itself Out—War Will Not Be Ended by Exhaustion in Coming Year—All Can Last Several Years.

(By J. W. T. MASON, Noted American War Expert.) (Copyright, 1916, by the Newspaper Enterprise Association.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The war will end in 1917 if the spirit of militarism shows certain evidence of having burned itself out in Germany; otherwise, not.

The war will not end in 1917 through exhaustion. Both sets of belligerents can carry on the conflict several years longer before exhaustion overtakes either.

But, a finish culminating in the capitulation of the militaristic spirit can occur long before the central powers have reached the end of their resources, and probably will.

Bankruptcy will not overwhelm the warring nations for the next twelve months. The systems of borrowing differ in the belligerent nations, but they have in common the fact that for the most part the wealth remains within national boundaries and can be utilized time and again at the government's call.

No Fear of Bankruptcy. The influence of the continual borrowings upon peace is not due to the fear of present bankruptcy. It is due to the fact that each fresh loan must be paid for in additional interest charges, to continue at a heavy rate of taxation long years after the war ends.

Unless the belligerent governments look ahead and curtail their borrowings to prevent a possible revolt of overburdened taxpayers when the war ends, there is no reason to believe the events of the new year will compel a shortening of home credits.

Nor have the casualties of the past twenty-nine months been so enormous as to compel a cessation of fighting because of an absolute lack of man power. Among the allies, France, proportionately to her population, has suffered very severely. But the British and Russian losses are not great enough to cause the allies to fear a depletion of fighting material below



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th demands of the trenches. There are still more men among the allies ready for the front than can be properly furnished with all the necessary implements of war.

Estimates of Losses. The Germans have lost most heavily of the nations in the Teutonic alliance. The maximum estimate of the German dead, issued by the British war office, is about one million. It is highly improbable that more than half a million Germans have been so badly wounded as to be unable to return to the fighting line.

The total number of Germans permanently removed from the nation's battle strength, since the war began, therefore, is not more than 1,500,000.

About three-quarters of a million Germans come to military age every year. If those unfit for fighting be deducted, the total number of Germans who have reached the trench age since the war began is approximately the number who have been killed or permanently injured.

Germany's reserve of manhood, therefore, is not falling behind the requirements of her generals.

But the present casualty lists are not the dominant factor in influencing the belligerents to consider possibilities of peace. The killing and maiming can go on for a long time yet before the cannon fodder runs out. The future effect on the various nations, when the industrial demands of peace find so large a part of the young workers permanently removed from the population, is the cause of the dismay produced by the persistent casualty returns.

Enough Men for Slaughter. All belligerents have enough men

for another year's fighting; and for still another year. But when peace comes, if the slaughter runs yet further, the nation that has suffered most in young men is the nation that will be most seriously handicapped in the industrial struggle that will succeed the struggle of the battlefields.

So, when the exhaustion of the belligerents, financially and in man power, is counted upon to end the war, the difference between financial and physical exhaustion while the war continues, and operative industrial exhaustion with an overwhelming tax rate when peace comes, must be borne in mind.

The latter condition is now dominant in the thoughts of European statesmen.

They know the war can certainly go forward for another year, if it must; but they also know that each additional month of fighting means the opening of new wounds that will bleed for years after peace finally is declared.

Nevertheless, the only possible deduction from the present situation is that the allies are resolved to fight, regardless of time conditions, until the militarists are ready to admit that the pen is mightier than the sword.

There is much evidence that diplomacy, as a substitute for war, is coming into constantly higher regard among the central empires; and when this state of mind reaches the full point of conviction the war will end.

The ideals of the warrior preachers, so much in favor previous to the

present conflict, are unquestionably showing signs of collapse.

Admiring discourses upon the doctrines of Bernhardt and Nietzsche are no longer being sent from Germany into neutral countries.

Instead, the doctrine of limitation of armament, which the militarists so strenuously opposed during the decade before the war, is now meeting with approval in influential German circles.

As the year 1917 begins, the fact is unmistakable that the militarists have not made good.

Peace is waiting for the Teutons to show that they realize this truth.

Militarists Didn't Make Good. How they are to make manifest their acceptance of the fact is a matter that will require the highest qualities of statesmanship to indicate.

There can be no doubt that the confession will be a public one; and there is increasing reason to believe this is what the Germans themselves are beginning to want.

Militarism has saved the central empires from being crushed out of existence. It has proven its worth as a magnificent defensive force; but its offensive purpose has gone awry in a ghastly manner.

After the peace terms are written, this fact will stare upon the world for generations to come. The coming event is casting its shadow as the new year opens.

Miss Nellie Campbell, who is a student at the University of California is spending the holidays with her parents in Medford.



We thank the public for their liberal patronage and good will during the year just closing and hope to merit the same during the new year. May 1917 be the happiest year you've ever had—the most prosperous, contented and satisfactory one. May it be such a year as you can look back at on December 31 with a feeling of pleasure.

HOLLAND HOTEL

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