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ANOTHER PYTHIAN CRATER LAKE CONCLAVE.

Did you hear of the meeting To be held at Crater Lake? There will be glad greeting And all the Pythians' sake. Come on boys, join our throng. Now raise your visors dark; A good thing, rush it long And join us on this lark. We'll do things you will like And more than you expect; So come along, don't pike But do as we direct. We'll beat the nineteen fifteen As has been said before. We rested nineteen sixteen, So we can now do more. You heard, if you didn't go, That conclave was a hummer, From experience we know We will beat it next summer. Some missed two years ago And they howl about it yet, But this time they will go And will have no sad regret. That was just a sample; Next comes the real thing. But that trial was ample, To insure another fling. Just then we feared to crow For that was big to tackle; But now the world will know, Because we sure will cackle. We will take our ladies; They surely have the rights. But please don't bring the babies, They won't enjoy the Knights. The feed will be in fashion To ladies and the gents For good and healthy rations; And all for fifty cents. The fare, three days, ten bucks For rides and feeds and fun. It's very cheap, but shucks! You know it's worth the "mun."

Our C. C. Thomas Moffat, Of Talisman thirty one, Says this is not for profit But "good of order" done. The price will be so low You can't afford to miss A trip which you well know Is fine and cheap as this. Tell the boys down the line What they may expect; Say they should start in time And go to Medford direct. You may leave home Sunday (Good day, better the deed, Get to Medford Monday Just in time to feed. Bring blankets for your bed In open star lit camp, For up there, it is said, The nights are cool and damp. August, the fourteenth day-- That's when we will start From Medford on our way Up to Carter Lake Park. Next day is for candidates Way out to Wizard Isle Where they from many states Will march up single file. "Lesson of Friendship" true Will be shown good one night Beneath the starry blue By bonfires' cheery light. You'll want to be there sure To meet old friends and new; High and low, rich and poor Will all look alike to you. You'll meet with some big guns Who're coming, so they write, As sure as S. P. runs The trains to bring each Knight. Then plan that you will go On this good, cheap vacation So you for self will know Of Crater's reputation. The scenery on the road Will be well worth your while As shown each auto load From start to Wizard Isle. So pack your K. P. grip And save a little stake To make this jolly trip With us to Crater Lake. M. A. Rader, K. R. S., Talisman Lodge No. 31, Medford, Oregon.

A GREAT "GERMAN SUCCESS."

A "GERMAN SUCCESS" is the designation of the German retreat along the French front by the inspired Lokai Anzeiger of Berlin. We are soberly told that it demonstrates the "power of Von Hindenburg's personality" and is a tribute to his "grand style of initiative" which gives "joy to every German heart."

Why then is Berlin not celebrating this victory of imponderable genius as other victories have been celebrated? At least a few more nails ought to be driven into the wooden statue of Germany's white haired boy to commemorate such a stupendous success, and a few more iron crosses awarded the destroyers of shade trees and libraries along with those bestowed for sinking unarmed American ships.

There is another cause for celebration also—the masterly strategical victory won by the Turks when the British captured Bagdad and the Russians Kermanshan. Perhaps the celebration is delayed to await the impending capture of Jerusalem by the British and all these victories will be celebrated together by the blonde supermen.

The truth of the matter, so artistically colored, is that the German retreat was forced by the complete destruction of their lines by the artillery of their enemies, and the absence of physical conditions making another line of defense possible until the hilly country further east was reached. It is an indication that at last the allied forces have superiority in artillery, munitions and men.

The Teutonic withdrawal is the first sign of real distress displayed by the Germans. They are forced to shorten their lines because of a shortage of men. The war of attrition has thinned their ranks and there are no more reserves to take the place of the slaughtered. The preponderance of artillery has passed to the allies. The blockade has cut down the manufacture of munitions in Germany by cutting off the essentials.

If the Russians are able to accomplish results in their expected summer campaign, the lines on the east must also be materially shortened. German retreats must soon be the order of the day thus carrying out belatedly the scheme proposed by Falkenhayn last autumn. Yet Falkenhayn was rewarded for his suggestion by retirement and Von Hindenburg lauded as victor for belatedly carrying out his predecessors plans.

The German retreat is the same kind of victory that the Russian's "masterly strategical retreat" was, the same kind that the initial German retreat from Paris was, the same brand of success that crowned the Crown Prince's long battle of Verdun.

But while German hearts may dutifully ring with joy, as they are told to by the kaiser's newspaper organ, there is no doubt at all about the jubilation of the British and French. For nearly three years they have fought the grim battle without success and for the first time are now inspired with the glow of victory. German prestige of success has been shattered and the hitherto invincible German ranks have been forced to flee. The psychological effect upon all belligerents augurs ill for German victory.

REVOLUTIONIST GUARD OVER CZARINA



Czarina Alexandra, wife of deposed Czar Nicholas, is held captive by the revolutionists who have taken over control of the Russian government, and is held with the czar under guard. She is a daughter of Grand Duke Ludwig IV of Hesse and was married to the czar in 1894.

REAL BATTLE PROSPECTS

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amount of French territory liberated from the German invaders by the Somme offensive up to March 21 is 853 square miles situated in the four departments of Pas de Calais, Oise, Aisne, and Somme. It includes 366 towns and villages, the homes of 181,935 Frenchmen. The Germans are still in possession of 7,126 square miles of France.

The Germans made energetic resistance to the French last night between the Somme and the Aisne, but after spirited fighting north of Tergnier the French forced them out of several strong positions. The French occupied a number of villages.

The villages are situated to the north of Soissons. They were carried in the face of determined resistance by the Germans.

French Statement.

The statement follows: "In the region north of Tergnier we enlarged our positions east of the St. Quentin canal after spirited fighting and expelled the enemy energetically from several important de-

ensive positions. South of the Oise and north of Soissons we also made progress during the night occupying several villages in the face of considerable opposition on the part of the enemy in the region of Vregny. "We made a surprise attack north of Berry-au-Bac which enabled us to take prisoners. Several attacks on small French posts east of St. Hilaire-St. Sompert road, near Fontaine-Aux-Charmes, in the Argonne and in the vicinity of Courrieres wood were repulsed by our fire. Elsewhere the night passed in quiet.

LONDON, Mar. 22.—Prince Lvoff, the new Russian premier, receiving the Russian newspapermen at Petrograd, outlined to progress in the creation of New Russia, says a Reuter dispatch from that capital.

Timely Hints for the Home Garden

How Much Vegetable Seed to Plant for a Family of Four.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—Vegetable seed for planting should be ordered at once so as to be on hand as soon as the weather and condition of the soil make planting possible. Before ordering seed the home gardener would do well to look over his garden plot, decide on the best location for each vegetable, and determine how much seed he will require for the space available for each variety. He will find it helpful to make a rough plan for his garden on a large sheet of wrapping paper. On this plan he can indicate the spaces to be used for each variety and also by means of colored pencils or symbols show where a second crop is to be planted or interplanted between growing rows, and also arrange for the second and third crops which are to follow those previously harvested. Such a plan will enable him to keep the garden busy all season supplying fresh vegetables during the summer and producing in the late fall root

and other crops for winter use. Once th heavy preliminary spading and working of the garden has been done, it is about as easy to raise two or three crops as to keep the garden clean of weeds to produce only one picking. The specialists advise those who are not used to gardening to hire a laborer to do the heavy preliminary spading or breaking up of the soil. This heavy work frequently disgusts novices and children who would continue to take an interest in the garden if their task was simply to fine and cultivate soil already broken up. The home gardener should find useful Farmers' Bulletin 255, Home Vegetable Garden, and Farmers' Bulletin 647, Home Garden in the South. The latter is designed particularly for use in the warmer climates, but contains many suggestions that can readily be adapted by home gardeners in the North. The Department of Agriculture will supply these bulletins free on application as long as its stock for free distribution lasts.

RUSSIAN MINISTER ASKS SQUARE DEAL FOR OLD REGIME

PETROGRAD, March 22.—One of the men upon whom much depends the success of the new Russian government is Minister of Justice Kerensky. An incident showing his character occurred at a monster meeting of socialists and workingmen at the city hall Monday evening. Among the banners displayed was one which read: "Death to our enemies, the old ministers." Minister Kerensky mounted the platform amid great acclamations. He drew a red handkerchief from his pocket and waved for silence. As soon as he could be heard he said: "Have I your confidence, yes or no?" "Then listen," he continued, "Russian freedom is based on justice to every man. Those ministers, many

of whom are sitting in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul tonight, are entitled to justice, not vengeance. As far as I can prevent it, no wrong shall be done to them, but they shall have fair treatment and full justice."

Before M. Kerensky had finished his speech, the entire assemblage was shouting its approval.

POPULACE CRIES FOR BLOOD OF FORMER MINISTERS

LONDON, Mar. 22.—A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says the Finnish diet will reconvene on April 4.

According to this dispatch a crowd assembled outside the дума Wednesday carrying red flags, on one of which was ascribed: "Death to those arrested."

Cries, demanding executions also were raised.

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PRESIDENT SUSPENDS EIGHT HOUR LAW

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The eight hour regulation applying to labor on navy department contracts in private plants was suspended today by President Wilson under the authority given him at the last session of congress to take such action in an emergency.

ONE GRAVE FOR ALL VICTIMS OF REVOLUTION IN PETROGRAD

LONDON, Mar. 22.—Telegraphing from Petrograd, the Times' correspondent says: "Hundreds of delegates elected by the troops in the

provinces are traveling to Petrograd, all of them being anxious to share in the labors of the committee of workmen's and soldiers' delegates, which, sooner or later, will number many thousands. The military members completely outnumber those of the workmen.

"The Black sea fleet is in excellent condition. Vice-Admiral Koltchak, commander of the fleet, was isolated at Sebastopol until he was able to assemble his men and explain the events to them. The effect was entirely satisfactory.

"The night before the attempt was made to shoot Minister of Justice Kerensky, an equally unsuccessful attempt was made to shoot Minister of War and Navy Guchkoff.

Advertisement for LILLY'S Soluble Sulphur (Compound). Includes text: 'The Modern Method of Spraying Fruit Trees is with LILLY'S Soluble Sulphur (Compound)'. Features an image of a tree and a product box.

Advertisement for GUY W. CONNER Lime-Sulphur Lead and Oil Sprays. Includes phone number 64.

Large advertisement titled 'Which Road?' featuring an illustration of a man at a crossroads. Text: 'Which road? This is the question every community is facing today. In our community there are only two kinds of people. And they travel on just two roads. There are "home town patrons" and the "out-of-town patrons." There is the "trade at home" road and the "mail order" road. Which class are you in? What road are you taking? It should be easy to decide. Every time we fail to patronize home interests we are boosting an outsider. Every time we take the mail order route we are boycotting our home town. Which road? The only answer for us is the road to the right.'