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EM-TEES

THE BLESSED OLD RAG.

The world is a-watchin' each move that we make, With our wealth, our pride and our honor at stake; They say we are wrong; we know we are right.

But we never was "dippy" for pickin' a fight— It's hell if we don't, and it's hell if we do, And we're ready to die for the Red, White and Blue; We're waitin' and watchin' with never a brag, We're lovin' and guardin' the blessed old rag Every day; Hurrah!

The storm clouds are chokin' the sun in the west, The kaiser is swellin' all up in the chest, The cities are ravaged, the fields are all red

With the blood of God's people—oh, peace to the dead, It's hell if we live, and hell if we die, With the echoing sound of the starved babies' cry, So we're drillin' and trainin' and savin' our lead, As we take off our caps to the flag overhead, The blessed old rag.

We watch from our towers the deep, rolling sea; We sleep on our arms in this land of the free, We're guardin' our gateways from the jackals of greed, But we'd die for our loved ones to sneeze their need, It's hell if we win and it's hell if we lose,

But with honor at stake, what course would you choose? With the Old Rag a flappin' and slappin' the breeze, For a coward, you know, who gets weak in the knees, And cringes and cries.

Let them come if they will, in their blind, hellish lust; We will greet them a-fightin', if fight them we must, Let them weigh well the cost ere they fire the first gun, For when we smell powder we forget how to run, So it's hell if they fight, or hell if they brag, And it's murder we're feelin' if they touch the Old Rag, That's flashin' and slashin' up there in the bronze, For it's a coward, you know, that gets weak in the knees, Hurrah for the flag! WILL D. MUSE.

DECORATION DAY PROGRAM TO BE GIVEN ON MAY 30

All orders taking part in the parade for Decoration day, Wednesday, May 30, are requested to meet at the City park, 9:30, the parade to start for the Pazo theatre at 10 o'clock sharp. The address will be given by H. A. Canady, also a short program by the W. R. C.

In the afternoon memorial services will be held at the cemetery, leaving the Knights of Pythias hall at 2 p. m. All those who have promised autos please be at the K. P. hall at 2 o'clock sharp.

Everybody is invited to take part in all these exercises.

ACTORS AND SINGERS TO GO ABROAD WITH U. S. TROOPS

NEW YORK, May 29.—American troops would take rest and recreation centers along with them to France, under plans worked out by the training camp activities committee appointed by Secretary Baker.

The committee already has received many offers of aid from actors and other entertainers.

Major General Bell, commanding the eastern department, has urged the committee to lay great stress on singing, and efforts will be made to get soldier choruses going in the camps.

UNKNOWN MR. HOOVER.

WHENEVER the United States senate indulges in the luxury of an executive session from which the mere public and the reporters are kept out, some misrepresentation can be relied upon to make a fool out of himself.

Our American house of lords had a gabfest the other day in which it relieved itself of some of the spleen it has been cherishing against the president, the press and the public. One master mind spoke of Herbert C. Hoover as "a man who had emerged from obscurity only a short time ago and whom the administration now wants to make a food dictator." Another characterized him as unfit because he was not a "business man."

Long before the war, it just so happens that Hoover had made himself one of the master mining engineers of the world, with an income far beyond that of most of the jackleg lawyers who are now accidentally sitting in our senate. Wherever the engineers who were doing the world's big work foregathered, Hoover was known and admired and welcomed.

But it was the war which gave him his splendid opportunity. Dropping his own life's work and the big emoluments it brought him, he devoted himself without reserve and without pay to the Christ-like service of feeding and clothing 11,000,000 Belgians and Frenchmen.

In all the history of civilization there has been no job like it and in all history no such job was ever carried on with greater smoothness, swiftness, economy, efficiency and honesty. No history of the war can ever be written without devoting pages of glowing praise to Herbert C. Hoover. His name will be known and honored when the nonentities in our present senate have become nothing but names of those who once for a brief space held office.

More opposition has developed to the administration's food control measures than all other war measures. The opposition does not come from the producer or the consumer. It comes from the middlemen, the speculators and distributors—principally from the speculators who see their golden opportunity in preying upon the public.

Food growing must be encouraged and the producer is anxious for government cooperation. Food distribution and consumption must be facilitated, and the consumer clamors for government supervision. But food hoarding, food monopoly, food waste, and manipulation of stocks must be prohibited. Only those who seek profit in others' distress protest federal food control.

In Herbert C. Hoover the administration has found the man for the job—the man whose efficiency in feeding the Belgians won the praise of German efficiency and whose efficiency in feeding America will, if backed up by congress, stimulate production, facilitate distribution, penalize speculation, and enable everyone in a land of plenty to have sufficient food at reasonable prices as well as feed the allied peoples of democracy.

ITALIANS SEEK TO CEMENT BONDS BETWEEN ALLIES

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Francisco Saverio Nitti, former minister of industry and commerce and economic head of the Italian war mission, said today that the mission had come not to seek anything for Italy specifically, but to draw more closely together the two great nations and assure an allied victory.

"There is only one great question today and that is whether German militarism or allied democracy shall survive," he said. "If Germany wins this war, her oligarchy will destroy the world. This does not mean the crushing of the German nation, but rather such a military defeat as to discredit absolutely Germany's military caste."

"Italy did not enter this war for any particular interest. She could easily have stayed out on the basis of her treaty with Germany. The threat of world combination under the menace of the mailed fist made such a course impossible. This is Italy's last war of independence. It gives her opportunity to rectify her boundaries and to win back her lost provinces."

"Germany and Austria know they are beaten. The last blow is in the submarine or in discussion amongst the allies. She is using both to the full limit. It is essential for us all to hold together in the common cause."

Mr. Nitti declared Italy's general

CHARLES APPOINTS COUNT ANDRASEY HUNGARY'S PREMIER

ZURICH, May 29.—An official telegram from Budapest says that Emperor Charles has appointed Count Julius Andrassey premier of Hungary.

There has been a vacancy in the Hungarian premiership since May 23 when Count Stephen Tisza, Austrian "iron man" and leader of the pro-German party in the monarchy, resigned his post. Differences with the throne over franchise reform measures were assigned as a reason for the resignation; Count Tisza's proposals were reported to be narrower in scope than those the monarchy favored.

Count Andrassey is regarded as a liberal of the advanced type. With Count Appony and other opposition leaders he participated in an agreement early in the war not to antagonize the government's foreign policies but last August the truce was broken and the opposition has since been an active force in Hungarian politics with differences regarding democratic policies accentuated.

AMSTERDAM, May 29.—The Volks Zeitung of Cologne says official confirmation of the report of Count Andrassey's appointment is lacking.

economic situation splendid and that he expected her to emerge from the war one of the strongest industrial nations of the world.

Advertisement for Postum coffee featuring a cup and saucer. Text: "A safe, delicious beverage for thousands who find that coffee disagrees. POSTUM. 'There's a Reason'"

Large advertisement for United States Tires. Features a sign for 'United States Tires SALES & SERVICE DEPOT' and text: 'Look For This Service Sign', 'Tire dealers displaying this sign carry a complete line of United States Tires.', 'the 'Nobby', the 'Chain', the 'Royal Cord', the 'Usco', the 'Plain', 'a tire for every need of price and use.', 'This sign also means to you tire service', 'that the dealer can supply you every sort of tire service from testing your wheel alignment and putting on your tires to a complete line of the best tire accessories in the world.', 'Dealers who display this sign are the best dealers in their respective communities.', 'Deal with them—depend on their judgment—and you will have supreme tire service.', 'United States Tires Are Good Tires', 'A Tire for Every Need of Price and Use - 'Nobby' 'Chain' 'Royal Cord' 'Usco' 'Plain', 'United States TUBES and TIRE ACCESSORIES Have All the Sterling Worth and Wear that Make United States Tires Supreme'.

Advertisement for Edgar Wight Jeweler. Text: 'EDGAR WIGHT JEWELER. Watch repairing my specialty. Artistic engraving. Prompt service, personal attention. No. 17 North Central Avenue, Medford, Oregon. Phone 861-R.'

Advertisement for Morse's Never-failing Seeds. Text: 'Morse's Never-failing Seeds. Plant Now. For early flowers and vegetables. Sweet Peas, Parsnips, and other Grand Prize. California Seeds. Also Cabbage, Carrots, Onions, Beets, Peas, Spinach, Turnips. Don't take seeds that are "just as good." Get Morse's. On Sale by all Leading Dealers. If your dealer does not carry Morse's Seeds, send direct for our catalogue—free. Your order will be promptly attended to. C. C. MORSE & CO. Seedsmen San Francisco.

Advertisement for Preparedness is Economy. Text: 'PREPAREDNESS IS ECONOMY. The average business man has not the time to look after his automobile properly. Little things that need fixing are ice for many family cars. Why let go. The old adage: A stitch in time saves nine applies particularly. The Crater Lake Garage does service to an automobile. Because they have five mechanics employed that do their best to please the public, and are able to turn out work with quickness and dispatch. What an automobilist wants is service and the Crater Lake Garage and Machine Shops know how to give it. 16 So. Fir St., Near Main. Phone 109.'

Advertisement for John A. Perl Undertaker. Text: 'JOHN A. PERL UNDERTAKER. Lady Assistant. 28 SOUTH BARTLETT. Phone M. 47 and 47-J-2. Automobile Hearse Service. Ambulance Service, Coronet.'

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Advertisement for Wiregrip Tires. Text: 'We Sell the Famous Wiregrip Tires. THE TIRE OF A THOUSAND CLAWS. Guaranteed 6000 Miles. Riverside Garage.'

Advertisement for Tom Merriman, Proprietor. Text: 'AT THE OLD STAND. I have returned to Medford and will be found at the old stand on South Riverside, where I will continue to do expert horseshoeing and all kinds of blacksmithing. Tom Merriman, Proprietor.'

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