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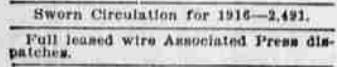
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EM-TEES

The Kaiser's Final Appeal to Lucifer, O Lucifer, mit you I make der last appeal.

Dot most ungrateful Gottforsook der German weal

Und took der sides mit dem United State;

So now I ledge mit you my empire great.

Prepare your legions, brimstone, fire und two-edged sword,

My million Zeps await, come quick und get aboard.

Ve'll start for heaven in mass formation strong

Und show dem oder vorlids dis mighty triumph.

So soon ve reach dot heavenly land so fair,

Und find vat John in Revelation said vas dere;

Dot city mit der pearly gates so strong,

Twelve thousand furlongs vide und high und long.

Ven Peter mit der keys dot passvord vants to know,

Ve tell him nix, und ofer dem Jasper walls ve'll go.

Ten billion bombs shall fall mit firey glare

Upon dose golden streets und mansions dere.

Dem four und twenty elders vot all der throne about,

Mit all dem angels dere, ve'll surely put to rout.

For peace dey'll force dere Gott to abdicate

Und make you king of your lost estate.

(Lucifer's Reply to the Kaiser.)

I rue, in torments dungeon, that ambitious hour,

When rose vain hope to wear the kingly robes of power.

Against Almighty God, revolting sword I drew,

While conflict raged, and hopes rose high to view

A sudden change—a hurling, headlong, hideous spell

Which sent us vanquished to this firey gulf of Hell.

Dear Kaiser great, command your armies to retreat:

To war against Omnipotence is sure defeat.

(The Kaiser's Soliloquy After the War.)

Great wealth und power brought discontent; I vas a fool.

Like Julius Caesar, all the world I hoped to rule.

Dem Belgians vas so easy licked by me;

How France defied my host is hart to see.

Dem U. S. airplanes smashed my forts to smithereens.

Dot wizard Edison got all my submarines.

Jehova may be right, but Satan vas a sham;

I haf surrender made to Voodrow's Uncle Sam.

STATE OF SIEGE; DUSSELDORF RAISED

COPENHAGEN, July 15.—Advices received from Dusseldorf say that the state of siege there, the result of food riots, has been raised after 185 persons received sentences averaging 18 months. At a big labor meeting vigorous protests were made at the severity of the sentences. Suspension of the sentences of children and minors and guarantees against reduction of the bread rations were demanded. Twelve thousand workmen attended a meeting at Bielefeld, the center of the Westphalia linen industry, and adopted a resolution demanding peace without annexations or indemnities. They asked the reichstag to support

THE GERMAN CRISIS.

AN AMSTERDAM dispatch states that according to news brought by arrivals from Berlin belief in liberal circles there is that Chancellor Michaelis is merely a stop gap who will prepare the way for something in the way of a dictatorship with General Ludendorff in supreme control.

As near as can be judged from this distance, it matters but little who composes the German ministry. They are but figure heads to be dropped and replaced according to the exigencies of the occasion.

The government of Germany is a military dictatorship with Ludendorff and Hindenburg in command. Germany is divided into military districts, each ruled over by a general who makes and enforces his own laws, subject only to the orders of the general staff. The civil laws are suspended except as permitted by the army organization to remain in force.

The reichstag may talk, an escape valve for popular discontent, but it is without real authority and can be over ridden by the crown. Ministries may be decapitated as a sop to public opinion, but the people of Germany have no more to say about the ending of the war than they had about its beginning. The army organization rules.

The military has promised victory to Germany. Its power rests on this promise. As long as it delivered the goods, its power was unquestioned. Now that it is not making good, its prestige is waning. No sacrifice is too great if it will strengthen its hold—hence Von Bethmann-Hollweg, Zimmerman, and others are sacrificed to appease popular clamor.

Defeat means the failure of the military autocracy, the collapse of its power, held only on promise of victory. When the German people understand that the promises of victory cannot materialize, when they comprehend that the nation faces irretrievable disaster, when they realize that the blunders of militarism have arrayed against them practically the entire civilized world and its barbarities isolated Germany as a nation abhorred as the Huns were of old, autocracy will have to answer for the calamity by something besides unfulfilled and empty promises and the war will end.

ASCERTAINING THE AGE OF FISH.

A BOOKLET on "Pacific Salmon Fisheries" just issued by the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries, contains interesting data concerning the age of salmon at maturity compiled by Dr. Charles H. Gilbert of Stanford University, an acknowledged authority, who has adapted the discovery of European investigators that the ridges observed on the scales of certain fishes, indicated a period of growth of the fish, much as the rings of trees indicate the age of trees.

This microscopic method, new as regards Pacific salmon, has been fully tested in Scotland in the case of Atlantic salmon and has been shown to be applicable to trout, carp, bass, flounder and cod, and is now universally accepted as furnishing reliable data as to age and many other facts in the life history of fish.

The scale in general, persists thruout the life of the fish and grows in proportion to the rest of the fish, principally by additions around its border. At intervals there is produced at the growing edge, a delicate ridge upon the surface, the successive ridges thus formed being concentric and sub-circular in contour, each representing the outline of the scale at a certain period of growth. Many of these ridges are formed in the course of a year's growth; more in the spring and summer when the fish grows rapidly than in the fall and winter.

During the period of rapid growth, the ridges are widely separated. During slow growth the ridges are crowded closely together, forming a dense band. Thus the surface of the scale is mapped out in definite succession of areas, a band of widely spaced rings, always followed by a band of closely crowded rings, the two constituting a single year's growth.

By this means, Dr. Gilbert has ascertained that the chinook salmon spawns in its fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh years, the female being preponderatingly four-year fish. Those which remain longest in fresh water, reaching maturity latest. The silver salmon spawn normally only in their third year. The dog salmon mature in their third, fourth or fifth years. The Humpback always in their second year. The sockeye either in its fourth or fifth year. The larger fish are the oldest.

Those stunted male salmons, commonly known as "griske" or locally as "jack-salmon" are undersized males which sparingly accompany the spawning run, being precociously developed in advance of the normal spawning period of the species. The griske of the chinook are in their second or third year, and those of the silver and dog salmon, in their second year.

Another interesting fact brought out by marking and other experiments, is the explosion of the old theory that salmon when once in the ocean traveled vast distances and matured in foreign regions. It is now reasonably certain that the vast majority of salmon are comparatively near the coast line, while others stay in bays, straits and sounds virtually all the time and it is questionable if any ever travel very far from the mouth of the river in which they were spawned or liberated.

A Day at Del Rio Orchards

A good way to see the Rogue river valley is to accompany friends on business trips to outlying districts. If one of these friends happens to be F. K. Deuel the sightseer has a treat in store, for Deuel has the rare faculty of talking only when he has something to say and he can fracture the speed limit with his Buick six without jarring a man's right superior oblique thru his medulla oblongata. On a recent trip down the valley

of the word. They have no intention of selling to sneakers, but expect to reap their reward by selling ammunition for the interior department, packed in bushed boxes and guaranteed to rout the universal enemy, hunger.

Del Rio is located two miles west of Gold Hill, where the Pacific Highway crosses the river. There are 230 acres in apples and pears and the books were balanced with red ink until last fall, when eight cars of fruit were sold at an average price of \$860 per car. This year's crop is estimated at 20 cars and when all the trees get down to business the yearly shipments will probably total 50 cars. When that time arrives Mr. Deuel expects to move to Del Rio and take things easy in the shade of his own vine and plum tree, with a fish line tied to one big tree and the other inserted in a convenient knot hole, far away from Medford's madding strife. Mr. Weeks, being of a more warlike disposition, plans to build another hunting lodge on the cloud-piercing heights above the ranch and from there launch frequent campaigns against the wild animals which infest the fearsome heights beyond.

There is an especially fine block of nine-year-old Newtowns at Del Rio and a number of six-year-old Winter Nellis pear trees loaded with fruit, altho the most profitable Nellis orchard in the valley did not begin to bear until more than twice this age. For meeting the frost king's annual spring offensive there have been installed a number of hot air guns, consisting of sheet iron cylinders two feet long, 20 inches in diameter at the breech and 15 inches at the muzzle. These frost annihilators are loaded with wood cut on the ranch by the men while resting from strictly horticultural labors, the theory being that a change of occupation is rest, so the genial foreman informed me. Each employee cultivates and otherwise cares for an average of 45 acres of trees and so well has the spraying been done that last year there were only 200 boxes of canes in over 5000 boxes of fruit.

A few years ago the Southern Pacific in an unguarded moment established a flag station at Del Rio and since then all trains except the limited stop there on signal. A siding makes it possible to load fruit directly from packing house to car, which causes the members of the Gold Hill draymen's union to gnash their teeth in impotent rage at present and prospective loss of business.

The entire Del Rio ranch comprises over 700 acres, occupying an immense amphitheater of hills projecting a fine body of bottom land. The dwelling was originally an old stage station built to accommodate the throng of tourists who caught the western fever about the time that states east of the Missouri river were drafting men to go south and hang Jeff Davis on a sour apple tree. During old times Mr. Deuel refurnished some of the rooms for the use of himself and Mrs. Deuel, using some of the furniture they first kept house with and from which they were loath to part.

The barn with its massive, hand-hewn timbers, has been recovered and is now the permanent residence of a dozen stubborn looking mules. In order to enable the latter to find their places each stall bears the name of its occupant painted in large letters

overhead. Tricky, the educated pony, has nothing on Del Rio mules, for when the latter enter the barn they glance at the names and never fail to find their own stalls. The writer happened to be there at the noon hour and witnessed this remarkable evidence of equine sagacity.

The cook at Del Rio is deaf in both ears and visitors as well as boarders are forced to make gustatory wants known by means of signs. Mr. Deuel has eaten at the ranch so many times that he has developed a sign language that is most marvelous. Angel's cake and devil's food are requisitioned by the simple expedient of pointing upward or downward, as the case may be, while milk is indicated by going thru the motion of extracting the lactal fluid from Bossy and butter by lowering the head like a calf going to butt her. On this particular day a plateful of weinies disappeared with astonishing rapidity and your correspondent was curious to see how our host was going to let the cook know we wished the plate replenished. All he did, however, was to let his tongue hang out and pant like a "hot dog."

We next visited Riverbank farms, nine miles west of Grants Pass. This is one of the finest agricultural properties in the valley, comprising an immense body of easily irrigated, rich bottom land near the juncture of the Applegate and Rogue rivers. Cloyd E. Niles, the very successful manager, calls it a "diamond in the rough," there being only a few hundred acres in cultivation. Mr. Niles is demonstrating that absentee landlordism need not always mean loss and ruin. Altho the owner of this property lives two thousand miles distant, it is so managed as to produce a good profit each year. All net returns are spent in development work, which at present consists chiefly in clearing new land. Caterpillar tractors are run day and night, dragging 2000-pound plows thru the brush, uprooting willows a rod high and with a steel cable pulling down good sized trees.

The Rogue river valley needs more Fiverbank farms and Del Rio orchards. C. H. BARNHILL.

REESE CREEK RIPPLETS

Last Saturday afternoon the people's anticipations were raised, just to be crushed again, as they thought the long-looked-for rain was coming. But all it did was to sprinkle after thundering and lightning a good deal. Perhaps our turn will come soon.

Sunday was like one of the days one reads about but does not often experience. The thermometer at Bert Clarno's registered 117.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Courtney, July 10, a six-and-half-pound boy; the mother and son are doing nicely.

Miss Anna Robertson is staying with Mrs. W. E. Hammel for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Avers and baby of Eagle Point visited at Amos' parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Ayers, last Sunday.

Merle and Fern Jacks visited their grandparents Sunday night.

Misses Maudie and Minnie Sliker of Medford were week end guests at Mr. Robertson's.

Mr. W. S. Hammel had about 20

of their choicest turkeys killed by the coyotes last Friday night.

Mrs. Graham called on Mrs. Watkins one afternoon last week.

A. P. Pardue of Agate had 42 chickens killed last Saturday night by some mysterious varmint; their heads were crushed, but their bodies not touched. Perhaps someone can enlighten us to what it was.

Marshall Minter and Miss Anna Robertson visited Miss May Wilson of Derby Sunday.

CENTRAL POINT

Mr. McDonough of Tolo was trading with our merchants here the latter part of the week.

Miss Vada Altimus is confined to her home this week with a very severe attack of tonsillitis. Miss Altimus' large circle of friends hope for her immediate recovery.

Miss Ina Diamond of Nebraska was in the city a few hours Friday, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Clara Hawk.

Professor Barnard of Ashland was among Central Point relatives and friends the week end.

Mrs. Drusilla Mee of Applegate is paying her daughters, Mrs. Emma Bebb and Miss Mary A. Mee, a visit this week.

Miss Nora Watkins has gone to Eugene to spend a month with her sister.

Mrs. Day is among the out of town people in town this week. Mrs. Day is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Scott and comes from Grants Pass for a few days' visit.

The sudden and serious illness of Master Everett Faber made it necessary for his parents to leave their camp at the Ashland Chautauqua and return to their home here Saturday morning. At this writing Everett is somewhat improved and it is the sincere wish of the whole community that the sunny little fellow will soon be all right again.

Will Leigh Greenleaf, former city superintendent of schools here, but now of Santa Monica, California, was among his friends and acquaintances here Friday.

Luther Hazelwood of Evans creek was the guest of his former neighbors, Mr. Thompson at his home here Sunday.

Miss Helene Warner, accompanied by her small sister, Miss Ruth Warner, left Sunday morning for Eugene at which place the two sisters will spend the remainder of their vacation with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Warner.

Misses Sadie and Fern Beebe returned last evening from a few days visit with Ashland friends.

Mrs. R. M. Holmes and small daughter are enjoying a visit with Ashland relatives this week.

Miss Nellie Showalter of Seattle, Washington, arrived here Friday afternoon to be in attendance at the bedside of her father, who was seriously ill. A short time after her arrival the parent died. Mr. Showalter was a resident of Central Point for five years. He has a large circle of friends here who regret very much his sudden death and who extend to the sorrowing family their most heart felt sympathy in their great hour of bereavement.

Drs. Dow left the first of the week in their car for an extensive tour of the California coast. They expect to

be absent from town about one month and will go as far south as San Diego. Miss Doris Kinwel went to Ashland Sunday and spent a pleasant day with friends.

Among the many Central Point residents who spent Sunday in Ashland and attended Chautauqua, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Broadbent and children, Miss Elsie Duran, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Stearns, Miss Rose Cheever, Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell and family, Mrs. I. C. Young and sons, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kahler.

John Ellestad made a trip north Sunday morning, returning home in the evening.

Mrs. W. H. Merriman took her small son to Portland Sunday evening to have the little boy's back treated again.

Several young ladies attended Ashland Chautauqua Monday evening. Among this number were Miss Esther Pankey, Agnes Dunlap, June Dunlap, Clarabelle Arnold, Blanch Arnold, Reva Arnold, Beulah Wright, Consette Tetherow, Hazel Tetherow, Audrey Holmes and Ella Witte.

Captain Washington Rawlins, who has spent the past several months with his daughter, Mrs. Geo. Fox, departed Monday morning for his home in Portland.

Vernon Pankey has gone to Klamath Falls, where he will remain indefinitely.

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