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VIVA LA FRANCE!

THE KAISER ordered a national celebration to commemorate the capture of Riga. This conquest over disorganized and mutinous Russian troops who refused to fight and abandoned their defenses is as near to a German victory as it is possible to get to cheer up and stimulate the German people—tho it profits nothing in conducting the war.

There have been no celebrations over victories on the western front since the war began. There, after the first rush of troops after 43 years of preparation and the seizure of an unprotected portion of France, thru treachery and dishonor, the defeat of the Germans in the battle of the Marne checked the victorious advance to Paris and since then the territory held by Germany has steadily shrunk.

No one can but admire the magnificent fight waged for three years by France against an enemy vastly superior in strength, resources and preparation. Foot by foot, France has driven the enemy back towards his own borders, and, with the co-operation of the British and Americans, will in another year expel Germany entirely.

There has been no German celebration of the capture of Verdun. For six months the flower and strength of the German army was hurled against the French citadel and now, after 18 months, the French have not only regained ground lost in the first attacks, but advanced their lines beyond where they were when the great offensive began.

The exhaustion of France has long been heralded by the kaiser and the French reply has been not only the Verdun defense and offensive, but the Aisne offensive and participation with Britain in the successful offensives along the Somme and at Ypres, still in progress.

The bloodiest battle of the year was the crown prince's great offensive on the Chemin-des-Dames, but recently taken by the French in the Aisne drive. For three months, night and day, the German masses were thrown against the new French lines. For the first time during the war concentration of artillery and lavish use of men failed to gain the attacker a foot of territory.

There has been no celebration of victory by Germany whenever or wherever French met German, nor will there be any, for Americans will do for France what France did for America in the revolutionary war.

Viva la France!

"CONSCRIPTING" WEALTH.

THE WAR revenue measure just passed by the senate raises approximately \$2,500,000,000. The war profits section will produce a revenue of \$1,060,000,000 which added to the sum assured under the present law, swells the total revenue from this source to \$1,286,000,000.

The income tax schedule raises approximately \$850,164,000, of which \$360,000,000 is from corporations, the balance from individuals. As many of the incomes are from war profits, also, it is apparent that wealth has been "conscripted" for nearly 90 percent of the total revenue raised. The assertions of La Follette and others that wealth is escaping its share is not borne out by the facts—and raises the suspicion that the clamor is raised by pro-Germans to discredit the war and create dissatisfaction.

The senate bill is a great improvement over the house bill, which taxed war profits \$207,000,000. The graduated rates and their estimated revenue yield is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Tax Rate and Estimated Revenue. Rows include: Twelve per cent on excess profits up to 15 per cent, \$100,000,000; Sixteen per cent on between 15 and 25 per cent, \$46,080,000; Twenty per cent on between 25 and 50 per cent, \$109,000,000; Twenty-five per cent on between 50 and 75 per cent, \$101,000,000; 30 per cent on between 75 and 100 per cent, \$88,200,000; Thirty-five per cent on between 100 and 150 per cent, \$120,050,000; 40 per cent on between 150 and 200 per cent, \$102,000,000; Forty-five per cent on between 200 and 250 per cent, \$84,150,000; 50 per cent on between 250 and 300 per cent, \$72,500,000; Sixty per cent on profits in excess of 300 per cent, \$162,990,000.

Consumption taxes on sugar, coffee, tea, etc., were stricken out, the increased postage rates, except by zones, were eliminated, so that the burden of the war cost does not fall on the poor.

Radiants sought a higher tax on wealth, but it is not necessitated at the present time, tho it may be another year. It is claimed that the load is as heavy already as business can stagger under and that heavier taxation now would tend to destroy prosperity and cripple industry by "killing the goose that lays the golden egg."

On the whole the bill seems a fair measure when we remember that other and more drastic revenue measures loom in the near future.

The Country Correspondent

(Editorial in Publishers' Auxiliary.) When you go blue-penciling thru your country correspondence what do you do when your contributor has permitted an "I" or "we" to creep in? Perhaps if you have had a long day of it you jab down fiercely with your blue point and wonder if your correspondent knows anything at all.

But the editor of the Medford, Or., Mail Tribune does not do that with the copy which comes in every week from Eagle Point. The copy is furnished by Pa Howlitt, father of one Miss Hattie Howlitt, who is always mentioned in the Eagle Point "Eaglets" as "our daughter, Miss Hattie Howlitt." Not only is Mr. Howlitt permitted to thus defy all theories that the reporter must eliminate first person pronouns, but he is also allowed to go into his state of mind on advantages of owning an automobile, and to say that he will not write any more this week, although he has a "whole lot more notes" which he is sure would prove interesting. A manuscript comes along, and although the scribe admits charmingly that he fears he has not been educated "ap-

FIRST PICTURE OF NATION'S FLAG BEARER AT HEAD OF ARMY



Woodrow Wilson stepped out ahead, down Pennsylvania avenue from the peace monument to the White House, as leader of the parade of the selective service soldiers of the District of Columbia. It is the first time in the present generation that a president, nominally the nation's standard-bearer, has acted as an actual standard bearer, carrying the nation's flag.

RIGA ARMY LEFT APPEAL TO GERMANS TO DESERT KAISER

PETROGRAD, Sept. 11.—The committee of the Twelfth Russian army, before leaving Riga, left an appeal printed in German and addressed to the German soldiers, pointing out that the latter were making war on the side of the autocracy and against a revolution of liberty and justice. The appeal said:

"A victory of Kaiser Wilhelm would mean the end of democracy and liberty. We are leaving Riga, but we know the revolutionary spirit will prove stronger than your cannon; we know that in the end your conscience will see more clearly and that you will march on to victory and liberty, side by side with the revolutionary army. Your strength is greater than ours but your superiority is merely of physical and material force. Moral force is on our side. History will relate that the German proletariat marched against their Russian brothers, forgetting the dictates of internal solidarity."

OBITUARY.

Geo. R. Brobeck died on Saturday, September 8, 1917, at his home at Marymac orchard, on King's Highway, aged 63 years and 20 days.

Deceased was born at Circleville, Ohio, August 19, 1854. He leaves a widow, two sons, Carl S. and Walter B., two daughters, the Misses Georgia and Zula, two sisters and one brother. He had been a resident of Medford nine years.

Funeral services, under the auspices of the National Bible Students' association, were held at Par's chapel, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial was in Odd Fellows' cemetery.

keep a bit of eye on him, then let him ramp. Give him his "I's" and "we's" and his dissertations on the advantages to the farmer of an auto; forget the hint of calumny in his phrase, "a man who gave the name of Edwards" and the cumbersome-ness of his "lady by the name of Brown"; forget it all if he minds the libel law and gets himself read.

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BELGIAN RELIEF STEAMER STRANDED

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Sept. 11.—The Belgian steamer Eburon, from an American port for Rotterdam with provisions for the Belgian relief commission, stranded last night off the New Foundland coast, and reports today indicated she would prove a total wreck.

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WOMEN OF STATE TO REGISTER FOR WAR SATURDAY

In all phases of this war preparation, Oregon has stood foremost and we are proud of our men and women. Now with September 15, women's registration day, as proclaimed by Governor Withycombe, so close, the women of Medford are facing another opportunity to show that Jackson county stands ready to give as liberally as she has already done. Much must be done and done quickly and moreover done by each woman in the city.

Every woman is a member of the woman's committee of the United States Council of National Defense and she is expected to "do her bit." Within a few days each home in the city will be visited and a card left for each woman 16 years of age or over. Information will be printed in local papers later concerning places where cards may be obtained and the filled-out cards left. Saturday, September 15 during the afternoon and evening.

The Medford organization several weeks ago at its first meeting elected Mrs. E. N. Warner as chairman and Miss Burke secretary. At the second meeting last Thursday at the library a committee was appointed to work out local details for this registration. This committee consists of Mrs. E. N. Warner, Mrs. C. Schieffelin, Mrs. W. T. Grievie, Mrs. Stewart Patterson, J. M. Snelbier, Mrs. T. E. Pottinger, Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Crews.

Registering does not mean that the one who thus signifies her ability and desire to serve in a certain capacity will be called upon immediately to serve but it does mean that should this war continue for several years, the government will know where to find capable women to carry out its instructions. Those who are reading know what the French and English women are doing today and our turn may come all too soon. Who can predict? But we must be ready. This is our war, and we must fight shoulder to shoulder with the men. This is not a state or local move-

ment. It is nation wide with Dr. Anna Howard Shaw at its head and many states have already held their registration days. Women of Medford will you rally now as never before, and help us to send in a full and complete registration?

Lemons Whiten and Beautify the Skin! Make Cheap Lotion

The juice of two fresh lemons strained into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white makes a whole quart pint of the most remarkable lemon skin beautifier at about the cost one must pay for a small jar of the ordinary cold cream. Care should be taken to strain the lemon juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness and tan and is the ideal skin softener, smoother and beautifier.

Just try it! Make up a quart pint of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands. It should naturally help to whiten, soften, freshen, and bring out the hidden roses and beauty of any skin. It is wonderful for rough, red hands.

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WHERE MONEY WE ARE LOANING ALLIES IS SPENT BY THEM

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—What are we loaning our allies—real money, bonds, or credit? How much have we advanced? How did we raise the money? What are we getting in return—receipts, promissory notes, or bonds? Is the United States protected, or are we simply pouring money down a rat hole?

Here are the facts obtained from Assistant Secretary George R. Conkey, spokesman for the treasury department:

Up to date our loans to our allies total \$2,666,400,000, distributed as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Country and Amount. Rows include: Great Britain \$1,005,000,000; France 530,000,000; Italy 200,000,000; Russia 275,000,000; Belgium 53,400,000; Serbia 3,000,000.

This leaves nearly a billion of the three billions congress voted still available.

These loans are in the form of treasury warrants against which the allies draw just as if it was cash on deposit in a bank. The largest of these warrants, for \$20,000,000 in favor of England, is the biggest check ever drawn.

All of the money from these loans is being spent in the United States for munitions and supplies.

Money From Two Sources.

The United States treasury has secured the money from two sources—Liberty bonds and certificates of indebtedness sold through the federal reserve system to banks and other investors in all parts of the country.

In return we have received certificates of indebtedness bearing the same rate of interest as the obligations sold to raise the money.

If the United States should convert any of the basic securities into securities containing different terms—3 1/2 per cent Liberty bonds into 4 per cent, for example—the terms of the certificates will be similarly changed. Thus the United States will always hold obligations of the borrowing countries corresponding exactly to the securities it must sell to raise the money.

Could Not Resist.

There has been some discussion by members of congress as to whether the United States should not sell these obligations of the allies and thus avoid the necessity for raising a large amount of revenue which must underlie future loans. This is simply idle talk. They may not be sold at a loss price, and there is no country whose securities of like terms will sell within ten points of those of the United States.

Anyhow, it would be poor finance, for we would not only secure less than we can realize by selling our own bonds and buying the allied certificates, but we would demoralize our bond market and seriously injure our credit.

GENERAL STRIKE AT SPRINGFIELD FAILS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 11.—The general strike of all Springfield trade unionists, following the "rebellion" of 5000 coal miners and railway shopmen yesterday, resulting from the action of police and military authorities Sunday in breaking up a parade of street car strike sympathizers, failed to materialize today, as recommended by the joint car strike committee.

With Medford trade is Medford made.