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MEDFORD'S SHARE OF LIBRARY FUND FOR TROOPS \$500

A million dollars is to be raised by popular subscription as a fund for soldiers libraries, of which \$25,000 is Oregon's share, and \$500 is Medford's. The week of Sept. 23 has been set aside to raise this fund and the city library board has voted for full co-operation. The first contributions will be received at the library booth at the county fair.

The money thus secured is to be spent to install libraries at the 32 cantonments and for soldiers and sailors everywhere. Books as well as money are sought. The work is under the supervision of the American Library association, co-operating with the commission on training camp activities and the war department. Secretary Baker writes as follows concerning it:

"I understand that the American assumed the responsibility for providing reading matter in our training camps and that the plans which they have formulated to carry out the design are most comprehensive. It is my understanding that the library war council will assist in connection with the campaign to provide the libraries and books, and I trust that this activity, which will mean so much to the men, will meet with every success. (Signed) Cordially yours, NEWTON D. BAKER, Secretary of War."

Some persons have the idea that as they have already contributed to the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A., these organizations ought to provide library facilities to the soldiers and that there was no need for the American Library association to enter the field. In answer it is pointed out that the American Library association is doing this work with the knowledge and approval and desire of the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. These organizations cordially agree that as librarians are experts in this field, the job ought to be given over to them instead of being attempted by persons unfamiliar with the subject. Moreover the Y. M. C. A. and the Red Cross already have as much or more than they can do and have not sufficient funds to carry on the work of providing reading matter for the soldiers. The American Library association will utilize the resources of these organizations for collecting and disseminating material but by the agreement of all concerned the primary responsibility for seeing that the soldiers are supplied with library resources are upon librarians.

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ARMY SERGEANT INTERNED AS ENEMY

FORT OGLETHORPE, Ga., Sept. 20.—Sergeant Alfred Bonhaupt of the Sixth United States Infantry, who served with General Pershing in Mexico, has been discharged from the army, it was learned today, and interned at the German prison camp here as an enemy alien.

Bonhaupt's dismissal from the army followed the intercepting of a letter which he wrote his sister in Germany, in which he expressed regret that the United States had entered the war.

RUSSIA'S DANGER

GERMANY is the last stronghold of feudalism because the German people never experienced a revolution. The leveling influence of the French revolution democratized a large part of Europe, but left Germany untouched. The failure of the revolution of '48 left Prussian militarism supreme, and the democrats migrated to America. Hence Germany is still feudal-minded—and the chances of a democratic revolution are small.

Russia, on the other hand, never was feudalized. The Romanoff autocracy, created by Peter the Great, was a foreign feudalism imposed by force upon the Russian people, but never took root in the life of the masses, who accepted it as philosophically as the Chinese accepted the Manch dynasty, for Russian life was an outgrowth of the primitive patriarchal and tribal system, elementally democratic. Republics flourished in Russia centuries before the advent of the Romanoffs.

In addition to the menace of a destructive war waged for national preservation, Russia is also staging a revolution, involving fundamental social and economic changes in the life of the nation. The extreme radicals are reported to be gaining control, with anarchists in ascendancy, repeating the history of the French revolution. Democracy is not the object of the revolution, for the Russian people are already democratic, but the socialistic state, long the object of dreamers. Extreme socialism is a product of and complement of autocracy—an exchange of the tyranny of a tyrant for the tyranny of a bureaucracy called the state.

The Kerensky government is a socialist government—but does not meet the demands of the radicals that property owners be excluded from participation. It has the distinction of being the first socialist government the world has seen, barring the brief regime of the Paris commune, and if unfettered by the war, might solve problems vital to the progress of the world.

Democracy differs from socialism in that democracy believes and practices individual liberty without too much government or too much restriction. It believes in the protection of private property, but not at the expense of the community, and in the curbing of forces tending to destroy the rights of the small property owner, abhorring equally the communistic state and the "communism of self," as Grover Cleveland described the reign of private monopoly. Socialism preaches the total abolition of the rights of the individual in property, whether they conflict with community welfare or not.

Socialism has yet to prove that it has constructive energies. Hitherto it has been purely destructive. It has shown the will to destroy existing conventions, but never demonstrated capacity for practical reconstruction. In so far as socialism is democratic, it has the support of democrats in the war against autocracy, who realize that the progress of the world depends upon evolution rather than revolution, and that democracy is in process of evolution.

The danger that Russia faces is the triumph of extremists, who would destroy existing foundations without wisdom of reconstruction, who would force fundamental changes in a world as yet unprepared, and hence cause a reaction that would shackle democracy, restore autocracy and set back the progress of humanity towards its goal—the establishment of social justice.

Our Part in War

BY HERBERT KAUFMAN. France daily bleeds upon her torn frontiers and counts her waning wealth of men and gold with still unquailing heart. Belgium, a shambles and a house of shame, superbly keeps the faith with exiled flag and king beneath the banners of a conqueror. Bewildered Russia, groping, manumitted serf, plays perilously with sudden rights as children with a toy they do not understand, who, in the search for a revelation, break the works beyond repair. The path to Austria has taken an Italian life in toll for every foot of progress made, and after two years spent upon the stubborn heights, the farthest sentry on the last outpost peak is not a night removed from his own boundaries. Rumania struck one blow and then became a German camp, a looted realm; and Serbian Peter leads his homeless waifs on alien soil.

Britain in vain hurls her full strength into the west, recruits unceasing levies for the slaughter-heap. Her constant transports ply the Seven Seas. Pathan, Egyptian, Anzak promptly answer each fresh call and the ever astounding Prussian, with Fatherland, calmly eats their steel, presents unbroken fronts, maintains his hold from Antwerp to the Dardanelles, and insolently challenges the world from pole to pole to pool its might and come in-arms against him. The end of this grim war is not in sight. Whoever thinks the allied cause is won has read his facts amiss. We have our part to play—a sad and heavy dauntless part. We cannot, dare not, fall our pledges. Should Europe yield, as Europe may, before we can assert our strength, America alone must meet the Central Powers, free then to devote their undivided fleets and armies to our desolation. This is the time for minutemen—for the right minutemen—the time for the best to lead and the rest to heed; for swift minds, for bold minds; for vast, audacious plans; the time for unity, for sacrifice, for action by the fastest clocks. We've sworn to save democracy—if we delay, we may not save ourselves.—October Cosmopolitan.

SHOOT MEXICAN FOR INSULTING FLAG

CALEXICO, Calif., Sept. 20.—Octavio Flores, a Mexican resident of Mexicali, was today ordered shot by Colonel Esteban Cantu, military governor of the Northern district of Lower California, for his alleged offense in tearing an American flag from the automobile of Ben Hulse Saturday.

RED CROWN GASOLINE advertisement featuring a crown logo and the text 'easy starting' and 'The Gasoline of Quality'.

MANY FIRES IN VARIOUS PARTS OF COUNTY BURNING

Forest fires have been causing considerable trouble to the state fire-fighters the past week in the Jackson county district, none of which assumed very serious dimensions. Last Sunday nine fires of suspected incendiary origin were set in various parts of the county, most of them being in the Evans creek and Pleasant creek regions.

The fire which started last Sunday in the Meadows district, and which gained considerable headway in the heavy timber, was gotten under control last night. Another serious fire in this section had just been conquered when the new one broke out Sunday.

A new forest fire started at the head of Birdseye creek, between Gold Hill and Rogue River, yesterday afternoon and swept up the mountain. Late last night it was thought to be under control.

The rain of last week was not heavy enough to do much good in the way of preventing forest fires, and on account of the excessive dryness existing in the timber regions the fire situation is a constantly menacing one.

German Reply to Pope

BERLIN, Sept. 20.—While the text of the German reply to Pope Benedict's peace proposals will not be announced before Saturday, the Berlin press and parliamentary circles concur in the prediction that the message will not be confined only to discussions concerning Belgium.

Impression prevails in well-informed quarters that the note will not leave the subject of Belgium in abeyance.

The German attack on this point might be tersely expressed this way: "Germany considers Belgium too valuable a pawn to be exposed to jeopardy thru an ill-timed or hasty move."

JOHN A. PERL UNDERTAKER advertisement with address 28 SOUTH BARTLETT, Phone M. 47 and 47-J-2.

FRED ALTON HAIGHT advertisement: Teacher of Piano and Harmony. Composer and Arranger of Music, announces season of 1917-18.

THE HAIGHT MUSIC STUDIO advertisement: 401 Garnett-Corey Building, Medford, Oregon. Phone 72.

EDWARD CHARLES ROOT MUSIC STUDIO advertisement: 31 North Grape Street.

Announces Season '17-'18 advertisement: Teacher of Violin. Also Clarinet and Fretted Instruments. Boys Wanted for Juvenile Band.

Ford THE UNIVERSAL CAR advertisement with logo and text: World-wide distribution and the continually growing demand for Ford cars are the best proofs of Ford value. Ford cars are utilitiest—they are positive necessities—for they have revolutionized modern business, brought country and city together and opened up new life to the family.

DODGE BROTHERS MOTOR CAR

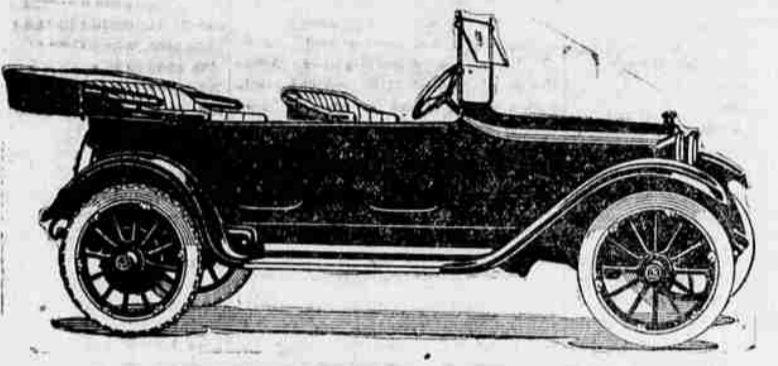
If the car is reasonably well treated it will render faithful service for years.

That is why it always commands such a high price when resold.

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The gasoline consumption is unusually low. The tire mileage is unusually high.

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DENNEY & CO. Fruit Marketing Agents

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M. E. ROOT, Representative Medford, Phone 294. Main Office Chicago, Ill. Western Office Payette, Idaho. F. H. Hogue, Western Manager.

Go East UNION PACIFIC SYSTEM advertisement with logo and text: Low Fare Round-Trip Tickets to Eastern cities on sale Fridays and Saturdays to Sept. 29 via the scenic Columbia River Route.