

HUN SOLDIERS WRITE LETTERS FROM HEAVEN

AMSTERDAM, July 31.—Cults of all kinds, most of them based on sexual degeneracy, are flourishing in Germany. The latest scandal of this kind to be exposed is that of an organization which professes to get letters from Heaven written by German soldiers who have died in battle, seeking to corrupt an already demoralized soldiery.

One of these published in the "Volksfreund" of Brunswick reads as follows:

"Dear parents, brothers and sisters: This letter I am writing to you from Heaven. When I was still living on earth I often wrote you from the trenches. 'Things are all right.' Now, however, I see that things were not all right.

"Every day I thank the sweet Mother of God on my knees for having allowed the fatal bullet to pierce my bosom so that I could be transplanted to this lovely place. Ah! you should have witnessed the fervor with which the Holy Virgin embraced me on my arrival after I had told her what doughty blows I had struck for Germany.

"All the same, I am rather concerned about you. Many a rumor is circulating around the throne of Mary which the sweet Mother of God does not like at all. Nor do they please us soldiers here either. We hear that some of you are whining and murmuring because you are not getting as much bread to eat as formerly. Worse than that, the angels tell us that down below on earth there are many who still revel in luxuries and indulge in unmentionable excesses.

"Here in Heaven the angels and saints call such people traitors to the fatherland, who are drawing the wrath of God on the land.

"My dear parents, I spoke to the Virgin about you, and told her how good you were. She kissed me passionately and called me a dutiful son. This is written to you in Heaven by your son and brother."

AIRPLANE FRIGHTENS SOUTH AFRICAN NATIVES

LONDON, July 30.—A Johannesburg dispatch says Major Miller recently made an 800-mile airplane flight over Swaziland which threw 100,000 natives into a panic. The natives hid in the brush or scuttled for their kraals. "White man," said one, "can have Swaziland now. Only thing he cannot do is raise the dead, and that will come in time."

THE BRASS HORN HAD AN EXTRA BIG LOAD

AMSTERDAM, July 30.—A Berlin band gave a concert at Werder, a town near Berlin famed for its cherry harvest, the other day. After the concert the musicians were all arrested for trying to take cherries away concealed in their instruments.

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ROOSEVELT PLANS TO BE CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY

By Gilson Gardner.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—The prominent part played by former President Roosevelt at the recent New York state convention has started inquiries as to whether Roosevelt is to figure again as a candidate.

It is my guess that he will figure again, probably as a republican presidential candidate in 1920.

Col. Roosevelt's attitude toward the presidential situation was set forth in an interview I had with him several weeks ago.

At that time he stated frankly that he was not interested in the presidential office, but is interested in forwarding certain policies which he regards as important.

Win the War Now

The winning of the war is, of course, the first of these.

He believes that it is no time to think in political terms. His attitude is best expressed in his own words delivered at the recent Saratoga convention, where he said:

"Everything we do now and everything we say must help win the war. The president has said, 'Politics is adjourned.' He is certainly right, in so far as politics is to be used for personal ends or party triumph.

"But popular government, even in war, must be carried on by parties. * * * Party organization of public opinion may be the best way to secure needed government action. That is the present case.

"The nation needs the republican party to give popular expression to an affirmative aggressive war policy. Its success at the polls in November will spur the administration to adopt one. A republican congress will enact legislation to initiate and carry it on. * * *

"We are not now concerned with the national election of 1920. That may take care of itself. Its outcome will depend on circumstances which one cannot now foresee. Our present task, as patriots and republicans, is to help the present administration to organize the potential force of this country into a knockout blow to William Hohenzollern and his compliant German people."

Couldn't Win Today

If the national presidential convention were to be held tomorrow it is my belief that Col. Roosevelt would decline to be a candidate against Woodrow Wilson. While there has been some criticism of the administration's handling of the war and war preparations, it is a fact recognized by all politicians that the country as a whole is quite solidly behind President Wilson, and any candidate, even as popular a one as Col. Roosevelt, would make poor headway against Wilson.

The spirit in which the administration has taken criticism is the evident willingness of the secretary of war and others to correct any shortcomings which might be pointed out, and the strong efforts made to speed

STEEL TRUST RAISES WAGES 10 PER CENT

NEW YORK, July 30.—The United States Steel corporation today declared its usual quarterly dividend of 1 1/4 per cent, usual extra dividend of three per cent, on the common stock, together with the regular 1 1/4 per cent on the preferred.

Total earnings of the United States Steel corporation for the quarter ended June 30 last were \$62,557,391 compared with \$56,961,424 at the close of the previous quarter, according to the quarterly report.

These figures were reached after appropriating for income and war profit taxes, the sum of \$96,716,250.

Net income for the quarter totalled \$52,399,493, compared with \$48,449,817 the previous quarter. Surplus amounted to \$19,017,375 compared with \$15,932,500 the previous quarter.

The allowance for taxes included \$58,716,250 for the current quarter on the basis of existing tax laws and \$32,000,000 on account of additional taxes which may be chargeable for the first six months under proposed legislation.

GERMANS COUNT UNDER ANAESTHETIC

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE AISNE-MARNE FRONT. July 30.—(By the Associated Press.) Brought to an American dressing station on the banks of the Oureq, a wounded German captain kept repeating, "one, two three," monotonously. Inquiry to a nurse elicited this explanation:

"Oh, all those German officers do that." "You see" said the nurse, who was administering ether, preliminary to an operation upon the German officer, "an average person talks when under the anaesthetic. It is like talking in your sleep. The Germans know this and every officer we get goes under the ether while counting. The result is that instead of talking and giving information, they keep right on counting."

COST OF WAR TO ENGLAND GROWING

LONDON, July 30.—The largest appropriation demanded since the beginning of the war will be submitted to the house of commons Thursday, says the Daily Telegraph. The credit to be asked will be 700,000,000 pounds. The previous highest was 650,000,000 pounds a year ago. The new appropriation is required to finance the war until the end of October.

ROUMANIA EXCHANGES FOOD FOR CHEMICALS

BERNE, July 30.—Roumania is negotiating with Germany for the exchange of chemical preparations and other medical supplies for its food crops. Entire villages are being decimated by disease owing to shortage of chemicals.



Profits and Prices

Profits may be considered from two angles:

- 1st—Their effect on prices;
- 2nd—As a return to investors.

When profits are small as compared with sales, they have little effect on prices.

Swift & Company's profits are only a fraction of a cent per pound on all products sold, and if eliminated entirely would have practically no effect on prices.

Swift & Company paid 10 per cent dividends to over 20,000 stockholders out of its 1917 profits. It also had to build extensions and improvements out of profits; to finance large stocks of goods made necessary by unprecedented requirements of the United States and Allied Governments; and to provide protection against the day of declining markets.

Is it fair to call this profiteering?

Swift & Company, U. S. A.

DEMONSTRATION OF—

Samson Sieve-Grip Tractor and Killefer Sub-Soil Plow

On the H. C. Christofferson farm, three-fourth [3/4] miles East of Talent, on

Wednesday, July 31st

Demonstration will be held throughout day.

Owing to the shortage of labor and feed, a tractor is an economical proposition and a necessity on the farm. Plowing so many years at a certain depth forms a plow sole. This is broken up by the KILLEFER SUB-SOIL PLOW and permits the moisture to penetrate the soil and increase the yield. Come and see for yourself what we are able to do with these time and labor saving equipments.

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