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ZEEBRUGGE ROAD ONE CONTINUOUS GREAT FORTRESS

BELGIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN FLANDERS, Sunday, Oct. 27. (By The Associated Press.)—The road from Ostend to Zeebrugge, which the Germans recently held, is one continuous fortress with many guns silhouetted against the sky. The number of guns increases as the fortified line nears Zeebrugge.

The town of Blakenberghe, between Zeebrugge and Ostend is virtually unoccupied and deserted. All the buildings have been stripped of copper and iron.

Ostend, from a distance, looks exactly as on fete days in times of peace. Flags are hanging from every window and the city is decorated with signs of rain and dancing, however, become apparent as soon as the city is entered. Ostend has suffered much. The Casino is desolate and empty and the walls have been riddled with shell fire. The maritime station is a complete wreck. Many houses have crumbled to the ground and most of the bridges in the town have been destroyed.

The fact that not all the bridges were blown up by the Germans is commented upon by military visitors to Ostend. An alderman of the city explained that the German general staff had given orders to destroy all the bridges. However, the German non-commissioned officers detailed for the work of destruction, he added, fell easy victims to persuasive 100 to 200 mark bills.

FORT YELLOWSTONE TO BE ABANDONED

LIVINGSTON, Mont., Oct. 31.—Abandonment by the government of Fort Yellowstone, in Yellowstone National park, intention of which is announced, will mark the passing of one of the historic spots of western frontier history. The barracks and other modern buildings of the present day fort stand near Mammoth hot springs, reached through Gardner canyon. In ruins on a nearby hillside, where it commanded a view for miles around, stands what remains of the ancient fortress, in whose vicinity many Indian battles were fought in an early day.

As the Indians began to be pushed back on their reservations, however, and the park became the haunt of tourists, the old fort, which once sheltered a large force, was abandoned for a modern barracks, and the garrison was gradually reduced until only a few platoons remained to serve as park policemen. Their place since the entrance of the United States into the war, have been taken by civilian guards.

Took Out Dreadful Soreness

When the kidneys are weakened or overworked so that they fail to filter and throw all impurities out of the blood, the poison remains in the system and backache, soreness, lameness and rheumatic pains are likely to develop. Mrs. David Henry, 65 S. Lincoln Ave., Washington, N. J., writes: "Foley's Kidney Pills are doing me much good, both my kidneys and the rheumatism. They took all the dreadful soreness out of my limbs. For sale by Medford Pharmacy."

A NATIONAL REFERENDUM.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S appeal to the people for support is in the nature of a national referendum upon his conduct of the war and his diplomacy.

No one can reasonably criticize success—and the conduct of the war has been a success. The result speaks for itself—despite the carping of disgruntled politicians—and professional carpers. The contrast with the conduct any other war conducted by the nation cannot be other than favorable.

The president's diplomacy has succeeded in forcing the allies to abandon imperialistic policies and unite for world democracy. He has vitalized their cause and united the nations of the world against autocracy. To his insistence is due a united military command and the elevation of Foch, the greatest military genius of the age. The peace points he enumerated last January were universally accepted by the entente allies and in this country. Not until election time neared was criticism heard—and then only to secure an issue to attack the president upon.

There has been a widespread conspiracy to discredit the president abroad by electing an opposition congress. All the reactionary elements of the country united with the disgruntled politicians and autocratic captains of industry who were forced to recognize the rights of their employes and democratize the industries, in a clandestine effort. Then the president, suddenly realizing the danger, appealed to the American people. "Not for my own sake, or for the sake of a political party, but for the sake of the nation itself" he appealed.

Former Presidents Taft and Roosevelt have united in a partisan appeal to the people to discredit and repudiate the president. Boiled down, the burden of their song is that President Wilson is an autocrat and not to be trusted, and that the republicans have a monopoly of the brains of the country. Hence at a crisis in the national history, for partisan profit they seek to repudiate the president at home and discredit him abroad.

Their assertion that only democrats have been utilized in conducting the war is belied by the facts. Taft himself has been chairman of the war labor bureau, Schwab of the shipping board, Pershing of the army, Root of the Russian commission, and numerous other republicans have had as much to do with the war as democrats.

They accuse the president of raising political issues—when every day since the war started, Roosevelt has done nothing else. The president had abundant precedent. President McKinley appealed to the people in 1898, stating that with a foreign war "This is no time for divided counsels." He was supported in his appeal by Theodore Roosevelt, ex-president Harrison, Senator Lodge and other republicans.

In 1906, President Roosevelt appealed for a republican congress, urging that a change would lead to purposeless confusion. Again in 1908, he appealed for a republican congress for Mr. Taft, saying that an opposition congress would "thwart and baffle the president on every possible occasion." In 1910, President Taft asked for a congress of his own party—and these appeals were made in times of peace when there were no foreign complications.

The effect of the election of a republican congress in Germany is thus depicted by former Ambassador Gerard: "I know that Germans cannot understand our political system; that if a congress opposed to the president is elected they will believe again what they believed before we dared to war with them, that there is in the United States a great number of people favorable to the German cause and opposed to the president and to war. And, encouraged by this belief, the military resistance of the people will again stiffen and the favorable moment for the allies may pass."

"I am no sure of this that if I were opposed to every other policy of the president and were his bitter enemy, I should nevertheless beg the American people to support him at this fateful moment."

THE FOLLY OF FANATICS.

THE national woman's party, which disgraced suffrage by picketing the president, has sent an emissary to Oregon to accomplish the defeat of Oswald West for United States senator—although he has valiantly championed equal suffrage throughout his career.

The same little coterie of silk stocking women sent a similar emissary to help defeat Senator Chamberlain four years ago—despite the fact that he had a life-long record as a suffragist, with the result that Chamberlain had a record majority.

The women of Oregon, who have voted for years, do not need any instruction from their eastern sisters who have not yet succeeded in securing the right to vote and universally resent the attempted dictation.

Now as in the past, the woman's party is being used, not to secure suffrage, but as a catspaw to pull republican chestnuts out of the fire, for in no other way can the fantastic antics of these practices in opposing the proven friends of suffrage be accounted for.

DOCTOR YOUR OWN SPANISH FLU

IT'S CHEAPER—IF YOU ARE NOT PARTICULAR ABOUT RECOVERING

A penny-wise policy which is arousing wide sentiment and condemnation is being advocated by the Portland Journal in its campaign for two "substituting" measures to be voted on at the next election. The Portland Journal wants the people of the state to abolish the present delinquent tax collection law and the present land rate statute, both of which measures are to be supplanted by two yet laws advocated by that newspaper. There is no earthly reason for a change in either of the existing statutes, but the Journal insists it is "cheaper."

Fallen for Freedom

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary force: Killed in action, 28; died of wounds, 16; died of accident and other causes, 3; died from aeroplane accident, 1; died of disease, 37; wounded severely, 121; wounded, degree undetermined, 245; wounded slightly, 237; missing in action, 20; prisoners, 3. Total, 731. Marine corps: Killed in action, 1; died of wounds received in action, 3; wounded in action, degree undetermined, 2; missing in action, 15. Total, 21. The following are Pacific coast casualties: Wounded severely: Corp. Clyde R.

MERCHANTS AGREE TO CLOSE STORES AT FIVE O'CLOCK

We, the undersigned business men of Medford, agree to close our stores or places of business in the future at the hour of 5:00 p. m. sharp, week days, except Saturdays, this not to be operative for any line unless signed by all engaged therein: Garnett Bros., The Tegever, California-Oregon Power Co., Jones Cash Grocers, Weeks & McGowan Co., Hester A. Cochran, John F. Lawrence, Nova L. Lounsbury, Marsh & Bennett, Medford Sample Store, M. M. Company, Model Clothing Co., The May Co., Waters Paint Store, Crater Lake Hardware Co., Hubbard Bros., Monarch Seed and Feed Co., C. K. Manning & Son, Warner, Wortman & Gore, Inc., C. M. Kidd Co., H. C. Behling, Medford Fish & Poultry Market, Paul's Electric Store, Home Tel. & Tel. Co., Medford Book Store, John W. Johnson, Jeweler, Martin J. Reddy, John C. Mann, Chas. L. Scheffelin, Hutchinson & Lundgren, Medford Furniture & Hardware Co., Banard Millinery, Fay E. Diamond, C. P. Kribbs & Co., V. E. Censer, C. W. Whillcock, J. G. Hibbard.

ALLIED SUPREMACY OF AIR CONFESSED

AN ALLIED AERODROME IN FRANCE, Oct. 31.—Entente air supremacy is admitted in German documents recently captured. A German battalion report captured on the Flanders front says: "Enemy aircraft are absolutely masters in the air here. They are far more numerous than ours. They carry out their reconnaissance by day and night and scouts, singly or in larger formations, penetrate far behind our lines."

STOP CATARRH! OPEN NOSTRILS AND HEAD

Says Cream Applied in Nostrils Relieves Head-Colds at Once. If your nostrils are clogged and your head is stuffed and you can't breathe freely because of a cold or catarrh, just get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm at any drug store. Apply a little of this fragrant, anesthetic cream into your nostrils and let it penetrate through every air passage of your head, soothing and healing the inflamed, swollen mucous membrane and you get instant relief. Ah! how good it feels. Your nostrils are open, your head is clear, no more sneezing, snuffling, blowing; no more headache, dizziness or straggling for breath. Ely's Cream Balm is just what suffers from head colds and catarrh need. It's a delight.

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AMERICANS ESCAPE FLU BY CLOTH MASKS

LONDON, Oct. 31.—A transport carrying 6,000 American soldiers has arrived at a British port. During the trip there were only 50 cases of influenza recorded. One death was caused by the disease. The success achieved in combatting the malady was due in the opinion of physicians, to the fact that every man wore a cloth mask during the voyage.

VORWAERTS ADMITS COLLAPSE OF BERLIN

BASEL, Oct. 31.—"The continental policy of the German empire has collapsed," says the Vorwaerts of Berlin. "The Hamburg-Bagdad line has been reduced to the Hamburg-Bodenbach road."

Try FELS-NAPHTHA this way

Perhaps you've always used Fels-Naptha Soap with boiling water. Of course, it gives splendid results. But next time you have one or two pieces to clean, try washing them with Fels-Naptha in water of comfortable temperature. The result will astonish you. The washing is perfect. And so easy! It will be easier still when you do all the wash in the Fels-Naptha way.

C. M. THOMAS Addresses Open Letter to Citizens of Jackson County

During these trying days when in answer to the demands of leaders, every loyal citizen is giving every spare moment of his time and every available penny in both cash and credit to aid in the successful prosecution of the war, I feel that political campaigns should be dispensed with, and in place of personal visits to each voter I address this open letter to the citizens of Jackson County, with the object of presenting my views on several of the points at issue. First: One who serves you in the state senate in order to give maximum service must have had service in the house. A place in the senate has always been looked upon as a promotion. My colleagues of last session are each candidates for his old position. If you are satisfied with my services in the house it is but proper and right that you should express that approval in giving your support to me for the senate.

VOTERS OF OREGON

Justice F. A. Moore of the Supreme Court died last month, 103 days late for the name of any candidate to succeed him to be placed on the Ballot. This condition makes it necessary to write in the name of your candidate. This is the most important position in the judicial system of the state. It is essential to choose a man of extensive legal training, of high character, and of broad vision. We commend for your consideration and vote

J. U. CAMPBELL

Of Oregon City. Resident of the State 30 years; lawyer for 25 years; veteran of Spanish-American War and Philippine Insurrection, having served with 2nd Oregon Regiment; member of Oregon Legislature in 1907 and 1909 sessions; Judge of the 5th Judicial District 9 1/2 years. (In all these positions he has made good.) His record as a private citizen and public official has been above criticism. Write in his name at the General Election Nov. 5th. For Justice of the Supreme Court to fill vacancy caused by the death of Justice Frank A. Moore. Vote for One

C. M. THOMAS

Candidate for State Senator.

Which Do You Want?

More and Cheaper Fish HONEST LIVELIHOOD FOOD PRODUCTION HIGHER PRICED FISH Pleasure Seekers WASTE OF FOOD FISH SPORTSMEN. Keep the price of fish down. Help production of Fish Eliminate Waste. VOTE 307 X NO Read argument in State election pamphlet. Clatsop County Fishermen's Union, Andrew Naterlin, Secretary. Oregon City, Oregon. (Paid Advt.)