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BELGIAN EXILES RETURNING HOME AFTER FOUR YEARS

BELGIAN HEADQUARTERS IN FLANDERS, Sunday, Oct. 27.—(By Associated Press.) After four years of exile the residents of the now liberated sections of Belgium are returning home. On all roads peasants' carts and other vehicles loaded with household goods are moving north and east of the rear of the old battle line. The returning ones exhibit no exhilaration, merely plodding on behind their carts steadily, apparently unwilling to rejoice before they had seen their villages and knew that their homes were intact.

Young men and middle-aged men were on the roads but they were moving toward the south. Being of military age the men were going to join the Belgian army. They had succeeded in escaping deportation by hiding in cellars and elsewhere when the Germans departed.

ALLIED ATTACK IN EAST AGAINST HUNS FORECAST

LONDON, Nov. 1.—An allied attack on Germany in the east was foreshadowed by George Nicoll Barnes, member of the British war cabinet, in a speech last evening at the American Officers' club in London.

The committee with Turkey might have been signed earlier, said Mr. Barnes, "but we held the Turks on a string." He explained that the allies were committed to a free Arab state with Aleppo as the capital and there was no hurry to get the Turks out of the war until Aleppo was captured.

Mr. Barnes said he understood that British vessels already had started through the Dardanelles. He concluded:

"There now is nothing to prevent the fleet from sailing into the Bosphorus and the Danube to Germany's back door, and if the Germans are going to defend their territory they must divide their remaining forces between the western front and the back door at which we shall soon be knocking."

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 1.—The views expressed at the German war cabinet meeting of Tuesday, says the Weser Gazette, "substantially strengthened the decision to meet President Wilson's demands regarding the monarchial authority."

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 1.—Germany, according to an announcement made in the Weser Gazette last week, has recognized the Prussian general national council and has ordered Comptroller Gelsballe to make a necessary declaration in behalf of the Berlin government.

OUR GERMAN ADMIRER.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT was always a great admirer of Germany and German methods. The influence of German philosophy that might makes right and that the state is justified in making treaties scraps of paper was apparent in his grab of Panama from Colombia—which he justified by the same logic that Germany justified the rape of Belgium.

Roosevelt was formerly a great admirer of the kaiser—because their characters and ideals were so much alike. Each worships himself as a glorified edition of humanity. Both are cinematograph heroes, posing constantly for the camera. The kaiser sought to rule the world, Roosevelt also would consent to be hereditary president. Both have a blood lust, which the kaiser gratifies by the slaughter of humanity and Roosevelt by killing wild animals.

Roosevelt monopolized heroism in the Spanish-American war and had painted for the capitol a picture showing him charging up San Juan hill at the head of the Rough Riders, when as a matter of fact he was not at San Juan Hill. Had the battle occurred in the present war, the account would have read:

"Demounted Rough Riders were repulsed in an attack upon Kettle hill, which was captured by negro troops." When Germany started upon its mad career of conquest, Roosevelt stated, "It is eminently desirable that the United States should remain entirely neutral," and he justified the invasion of Belgium, saying in an article in the Outlook, September, 1914:

"I admire and respect the German people. I am proud of the German blood in my veins. When a nation feels that the issue of a contest in which from whatever reason, it finds itself engaged will be national life or death, it is inevitable that it should act so as to save itself from death and perpetuate its life... (The Belgians) are suffering somewhat as my own German ancestors suffered when Turenne ravaged the Palatinate... the sufferings is by no means as great... As to her (Germany's) wonderful efficiency—her equipment, the foresight and decision of her general staff, her instantaneous action, her indomitable persistence—there can be nothing but the praise and admiration due a stern, virile and masterful people, a people entitled to hearty respect for their patriotism and farseeing self-devotion."

Holding these sentiments, we are not surprised to find Roosevelt doing his utmost throughout the war to create division and discord, distrust and suspicion in the United States, seeking to shatter public confidence in the government and prevent a united front to the enemy. Disappointed ambition has made him a carping critic and common scold, consciously or unconsciously doing his utmost to aid the enemy.

Now that in spite of his carping, the war has been successfully conducted and victory is in sight, Roosevelt is turning his batteries of abuse against the peace program outlined last January by the president—a program that gave the allies a moral issue—the right of little peoples to independence, that abolishes oppression of the small nations by the mighty. Such a program would prevent the subjugation and exploitation of Mexico and Pan-America and is naturally repugnant to the despoiler of Colombia.

So Roosevelt has dropped his fake cloak of progressiveness to join the old guard of reactionaries, profiteers and special interests to prevent if possible, through a hostile congress, the adoption of the president's program for an abiding peace—though these terms have been acclaimed by our allies and approved by the American people.

So the president has appealed to the people to sustain him by returning a congress in sympathy with his policies instead of one captained by Lodge, Penrose, Smoot and the crowd that Roosevelt formerly denounced but with whom is now cheek by jowl.

A vote for Oswald West is a vote to uphold the president and a vote for world wide democracy and against reactionary reconstruction in the days following the war.

NEED OF A NORMAL.

THE Normal school will not be an Ashland institution. Its influence will reach to every part of Southern Oregon, markedly increasing the efficiency of our common schools. Never was Oregon shorter of teachers.

Many Southern Oregon girls would enter teaching if proper opportunity was offered. Southern Oregon school boards prefer Southern Oregon girls. Southern Oregon parents would like them, if qualified. There is a natural tendency to put local teachers in local schools, and the only way that they can be properly fitted for their all important work, is to provide teacher training facilities near at hand.

School districts pay, in the aggregate, large sums on their common schools. The teachers make the schools. If they are efficient, the tax payers receive one hundred cents in service for a dollar expended. If they are not efficient, a part of the public's money is wasted.

Let us have good schools; hence economical schools. The normal school is for all Southern Oregon. Every citizen should consider it a privilege to vote for it.

CALL MONEY LOWEST IN PAST QUARTER

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—An unexpected development in New York money market today was a decline in call loans from 6 to 4 per cent, the lowest rate in three months. The decline was based on such logical conditions as the successful flotation of the Fourth Liberty loan and the meeting of all necessary requirements for the moving of crops now under way.

The drop in money rates was, nevertheless, surprising because of the state recently taken by the local

BELLANS FOR INDIGESTION. 6 BELLANS Hot Water Sure Relief.

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Fallen for Freedom

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces: Killed in action, 17; died of wounds, 11; died of disease, 20; wounded, degree undetermined, 182; wounded slightly, 260; wounded severely, 115; missing in action, 31. Died of airplane accident, 1. Total, 641.

The following are Pacific coast casualties: Died of disease: Private Charles W. Bennett, Oakland, Cal.; Darrell C. Mitchell, San Joaquin, Cal. Severely wounded in action: Corp.

GERMANS TO ASK ABDICATION FROM KAISER WILHELM. COPENHAGEN, Nov. 1.—The rumors of Emperor Wilhelm's abdication are at least premature, the Berlin Vossische Zeitung says in Thursday's issue. It adds, however, that the abdication question was discussed in the latest meeting of the war cabinet and it is stated that former Vice Chancellor Delbrueck has left for the front on an independent mission for Chancellor Maximilian.

ARMENIANS ASK PRESIDENT'S AID. NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—Stirred by dispatches from London that a report was current there that the allies were prepared to make a "bargain" with Turkey by which they would be left in possession of Armenia in return for a free passage of the Bosphorus, Arshag Mahdessian, secretary of the American Armenian Independence, today sent a telegram to President Wilson urging him to protest against such a compromise with the Constantinople government.

Supreme War Council Meets to Talk Peace. VERSAILLES, Nov. 1.—(By Associated Press.) Representatives of the allied nations began their deliberations at the supreme war council shortly after noon today. General Tasker H. Bliss, representative of the United States, was the first delegate to reach the Trianon Palace hotel, arriving at 1:50 p. m. He was followed shortly afterward by Premier Clemenceau, Marshal Foch, Fleet Admiral Sir Douglas Haig, Colonel E. M. House, Pres-

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When Will the War End? We hope the war will end before Jan. 1st, 1919. But—the only safe way is to figure that it won't end for another year.

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dent Wilson's personal representative, and David Lloyd-George, the British prime minister. Today's deliberations in connection with the armistice were participated in by Belgian and Japanese representatives, the meeting having to do with Germany. When Austrian affairs were discussed yesterday, Serbian and Greek representatives were in attendance, because of their particular interest in Austrian matters.

You Can't Rub It Away; Rheumatism is in the Blood. Liniments Will Never Cure. If you are afflicted with Rheumatism, why waste time with liniments, lotions and other local applications that never did cure Rheumatism, and never will?

CASH AND CARRY. Is a successful system, wherever tried. Because it is fair to buyer and seller. Some prices this week at The Truax Store: Honey in pails \$1.50, Shortening, per pail \$1.25, 10 lb. Karo .95c, 5 lb. Karo .50c, Pink Beans, per lb. .9c, Seeded Raisins, pkg. 12c, Coffee, 3 lb. can Folger's .85c, Fancy Patent Flour, 49 lb. sack \$2.80.

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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.

FORD REPAIRING. I have again opened the Repair Department of my shop for the winter and will do Ford Work Only at Ford Service Station Prices. F. R. Roberts 132 S. Riverside