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THE FRUITS OF SECRECY

The irritation displayed by Premier Lloyd George when questioned about disagreements among the peace conferees is easy to understand, if, as he says, "there is no divergence among the negotiators." But when he complains that all ears are at the keyhole and that the air is filled with rumors of disagreement he complains of the inevitable consequence arising from the policy of secrecy pursued at Paris. "Cannot the people wait until we have finished our work instead of always wanting to judge our intentions?" he asks.

No, they cannot, and any person acquainted with human nature might have known that they could not. Probably six months will elapse between the signing of the armistice and the conclusion of peace. Does Mr. Lloyd George imagine that, after being keyed up to the highest pitch of nervous tension and exertion by four and a half years of war, the people would suddenly return quietly to their peaceful vocations and leave the arrangement of peace implicitly to the assembly at Paris, displaying no interest in its proceedings and waiting patiently for the diplomats to announce the treaty? Does he imagine that things would stop happening in three great empires which were in a state of revolution or in other suffering, war-ravaged countries? Does he imagine that during those six months the enemy would do nothing to break the unity of the allies, to weaken them, and thereby to obtain mitigation of the terms?

The troubles of which the British premier complains are the consequence of the action of the conference in abandoning the first of President Wilson's fourteen points at the very beginning of its sessions. In place of "open covenants openly arrived at," we have open covenants secretly arrived at. Most meager communications have been given as to the proceedings of the conference, telling practically nothing of its conclusions. Information as to the daily proceedings has leaked, giving a doubtless colored, distorted and fragmentary view of what was done. Being denied full and accurate information, the public has grasped at any news it could get, has discussed it and drawn conclusions from it. Certainly the allies have not profited, and the Germans have.

The peace conference should have learned from the events of the war

the folly of secrecy when practiced without well-thought-out discrimination. The first great effort of the intervention of the United States was moral, both on the allies and on Germany. Promptly a veil of secrecy was drawn over all the tremendous preparations of this country. German morale could have been broken much earlier by knowledge of what the American people were doing, but the newspapers were forbidden to publish anything about the launching of ships, the sailing of transports or the movement of troops. When the boches met the first Yanks in battle they believed they were fighting British troops disguised in American uniforms. Not until they met Americans in force during the last few months of the war did they realize the truth. Not till then did the fact of American participation in the war begin to break down their morale. When their choicest troops met none but Americans in the Argonne, and were daily driven back their morale went to pieces and they fled. The final surrender was the effect of knowledge that they had to contend with a fast-growing army of Americans, in conjunction with knowledge that their allies had deserted them, and that they were beaten in battle.

Secrecy delayed that moral effect for at least a year after it might have begun to be felt. It assisted the propaganda of the German government, which denied that Americans could cross the ocean, that they could be trained in time to fight, that they could or would fight. While the Kaiser's government was stiffening up the German soldiers' morale with such yarns the American government's policy of secrecy was helping it by suppressing photographs of the launching of great ships and of the sailing of transports carrying thousands of troops and of the scenes at American debarkation ports in France.

The same policy is raising the morale of the Germans and lowering that of the allied nations during the peace negotiations. It revives the old insolent, menacing talk of the Prussian militarists and encourages them to threaten a world flood of bolshevism if the allies are too hard on them. They, the most dastardly criminal nation on earth, actually demand admission to the League of Nations as equals from its inception. At the same time the morale of the allies is lowered by long secret sessions of the peace conference, by conflicting reports, by resitiation to deal firmly with bolshevism, by delay in seizure of German ships, in occupation of Danzig and in sending the Polish troops home. After such a complete victory as the allies have won, there should have been no anxiety in their minds as to the terms of peace; all the anxiety should have been in the minds of the Germans. But we hear daily of fears, doubts and dissension among the allies, which spring from the mystery in which the peace conference is wrapped. Secrecy is the breeder of rumors and false alarms, which are the most potent force against confidence and unity among the allies.—Oregonian.

"Mickey" at the Liberty Friday and Saturday. 7-11

PERSONAL MENTION

LITTLE SIDELIGHTS ON LOCAL HAPPENINGS AMONG THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY AND VICINITY GOINGS AND COMINGS OF LOCAL FOLKS

G. K. McDonald made a business trip to Dorris today.

R. D. Carted is among the recent arrivals from Portland.

Fred Matz is a recent arrival in this city from Medford.

Agnes Fussell is registered at the Hotel Hall today from Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Horton are in town for a short time from Olene.

Preston Nine came in on the train yesterday afternoon from Chiloquin.

Dennis O'Connor is in town today from the Merrill district on matters of business.

Ma and Mrs. C. C. Cathey came in for a short visit on the train last evening from Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Doak are guests at the White Pelican Hotel from Oakville, California.

Alan Baker is among the county seat visitors today from the Merrill section. He is staying at the Hotel Hall.

L. L. Miller and L. B. Miller were among the train arrivals last night from Roseburg. They are guests at the Hotel Hall.

L. S. Stocker and Walter Dixon are down a few days on business from Fort Klamath. They are guests at the Hotel Hall.

Lieutenant V. P. Farley was among the train arrivals last evening from Ft. Wyandott, New Mexico. He is staying at the White Pelican Hotel.

James M. Allen, district attorney for Siskiyou county, who has been in the city for a brief business visit, left on the train this morning for Dorris.

L. J. Straw, who operates a ranch on the West side of the Upper Klamath Lake near Odessa is in the county seat for a few days looking after business interests.

W. E. Seehorn was a passenger this morning for San Francisco where he expects to spend the next few days on business. He may go to Nevada before returning.

C. W. Warren, a well known resident of the Bly district is looking after business interests in the county seat for a few days. He is registered at the Hotel Hall.

Vice-President Alex Rosborough of the California-Oregon Power Company came in on the train last evening on business for the company.

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Messrs. Wimberly, Harper and Wilkerson, the income tax men who have been here for the past three days to assist the residents in making out their income tax blanks left on the train this morning for points on the main line. They announce that the work here is now completed satisfactorily.

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SINGING AT THE LIBERTY.
Patrons of the Liberty Theatre tonight will certainly get a good run for their money as two entire shows will be given starting at 7:30 P. M. In addition to the big double bill, the new song "MICKEY" will be featured by Miss Claudia Spink, whose sweet voice is well known to local theatre goers. Miss Spink will sing at the close of the first feature picture so that everyone will have a chance to hear her.

O. F. Demorest, dentist, is located in Klamath Falls; office in the Bristol building, above Sugarman's store, 6th and Main. 9-121

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