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BEHIND WAR SCENES

The collection of wartime documents just released for publication by the American State Department is worth a bit of your attention.

These documents—confidential messages exchanged in 1915 between our secretary of state and various American ambassadors in Europe—throw a new light on the World War. They make phrases like "the war for civilization" and "the crusade for democracy" sound a bit strange. They reveal the ugly side of the conflict—the sordid, greedy bargaining that went on behind the scenes, in which nations entered the war on one side or the other, not from any altruistic concerns, but simply because they thought they could get the most spoils for themselves in that way.

We see Italy, trying to decide whether to listen to the Allies' promises of land and loot or to be "bought off" by concessions held out by Austria and Germany. We see Bulgaria casting her lot with the Central Powers after the Allies had refused to meet her terms. We see Tumania teetering back and forth between the two sides, listening first to one and then the other. We see a chance of peace in 1915 blocked because Russia wanted Constantinople and France wanted Alsace-Lorraine.

Incidentally, we hear the plaintive cry of Walter Hines Page, U. S. Ambassador to England, after the Lusitania disaster, that if America failed to take immediate action it would lose "all European respect for a full generation." It is a pity that Mr. Page is not alive today to see the overflowing measure of European respect and love that we now enjoy, having acted as he wished.

All of this sort of thing is actually distressing. The fine phrases of which we nerved ourselves for sacrifice during the war sound hollow and thin. We discover that the nations of Europe were out for what they could get, and that our mortalizing and idealism must have sounded odd to the cold-blooded statesmen who sought our help. The war stands revealed as a big grab.

It isn't pleasant to be disillusioned. To see tinsel where you thought there was gold is depressing. Life could become almost unendurable if we were forced to believe that the millions

TODAY

By ARTHUR BRISBANE

\$4,807.36 to \$100,000,000 The King's Blood Stream No More Ice Age Hoover, the Engineer

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REAL ESTATE dealers, old and young, paste in your hats.

One hundred years ago a small piece of land, part of the old botanical gardens in New York, was bought for \$4,807.36. The land, three blocks, is on Fifth avenue.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has just secured that piece of property for \$100,000,000, an increase to make a good single taxer shudder.

MR. ROCKEFELLER will use part of the property for a new opera house, to be built in a fashion to allow students and others that have musical talent, but no diamond necklaces, to see and hear.

THE MONEY goes to Columbia college, which now owns the land. That probably reconciles Mr. Rockefeller to so large an investment.

He inherits from his father, who gave tens of millions to the University of Chicago, an interest in educational enterprises.

THE KING'S condition worries his doctors once more. Actinic rays, artificially produced, stimulating the blood's white cells to activity, have worked wonders.

BUT THEY must work with such blood as the king has. That blood is tired, poisoned by the invading streptococci.

Transfusion of young, energetic blood, at intervals of three or four days, in small quantities, should have been resorted to.

DR. LEOPOLD STIEGLITZ, a distinguished physician of New York, could tell the king's doctors of a recent case in his practice in which a blood infection, almost invariably fatal, caused by the streptococcus amoenus entering the blood stream from the mastoid sinus, was cleared up as though by miracle in a few days, thanks to blood transfusion.

PERHAPS the Woodrow Wilson committee don't like to honor any republicans, like the colored lady whose apartment was invaded by a burglar, while a Bryan parade was passing. Asked why she didn't scream, she put her head out of the window and replied, "I didn't want folks to think I was hollering for Bryan."

BEFORE the first ice age, 1,250,000 years ago, the earth's climate was mild everywhere, it will return to that condition about 100,000 years hence.

WE HAVE seen the last ice age, probably shall never have another, and should be grateful for those we have had. They made men use their brains and drove into caves to escape the cold. There, sitting around a smoky fire, primitive man got acquainted with his wife and

of men killed in the war died to no purpose.

Yet, despite the ugly things revealed by our state department, we do not need to believe that. The war may well have begun on the worst of motives, and the assorted statesmen may have been blind and selfish; but there is a consecrating power in the deaths of 4,000,000 men that such things cannot overcome. It is idle to say that the war was a matter of miserable intrigue and mean bargains; the men who were killed went to their deaths believing that they were dying for an ideal—and they were right.

Perhaps we can put it this way: the war represented the final devastating explosion of forces that modern civilization had put to work. If we who survive it can be warned by what happened and reshape our civilization so that it can never happen again, the men who were killed did not die in vain. But if we can't—well, then we might as

children. That civilized him, and permanent marriage started.

FOLLOW the discussions of five thousand scientists, gathered in New York, and gain wisdom.

The various ice periods made us what we are, largely. Chasing living creatures from the north toward the equator they mixed up the races of men and animals.

THE ICE AGE started the clothing business. This is not as was formerly believed a young planet, only 500,000,000 years old. It is at least 1,000,000,000 years old. This is proved in many ways, among others by the amount of salt that streams and rivers have washed into the ocean during the billion years.

HERBERT HOOVER is at work on his inaugural address, a document important to the whole world.

For the first time since George Washington, the president is an engineer, and one that knows the United States, its problems, and knows thoroughly the science of engineering.

NO KNOWLEDGE is more important to our industry and prosperity, in which science and engineering play so great a part.

Scientific engineering can protect the United States against all possible danger, of invasion, or air attack.

It can find work for all those that need it, work for the government, and tremendously profitable to the government.

AN ASSOCIATION organized in honor of Woodrow Wilson held its annual dinner but didn't give a peace prize to anybody. Secretary Kellogg certainly worked hard enough to deserve a prize.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE deserves two prizes, for continuing to mind his own business, and for minding the business of the United States, leaving Europeans to mind theirs.

A COLLECTION of miserable human beings, losing sleep, undergoing useless torture, engage in a "talking marathon."

The one remaining awake and talking, for the greatest number of hours, receives \$1,000.

A civilization that does not allow one man to torture another, should not allow human beings to torture themselves for profit.

THE "holy man of Bonanza" who sits all day on sharp spikes, collecting cash from the devout, ought to be taken off his spikes and put to useful work, assuming that he is not a fraud.

Even the Boyrend St. Simeon Stylites, sitting on top of his column, would have been a better Christian had he climbed down and worked for the poor.

Note to Europe: Americans wouldn't be dollar-chasers, either, if they could get things by floating a bond issue.

Great president: One who happens to be on the job when some crisis is met and handled wisely by the country's business men.

If he gets mad when you tell him every man can distinguish right and wrong for himself, he has the true reformer complex.

Free people are those who try to sink the ship because the majority refused to steer it as they suggested.

The reformer's original mistake consists in his belief that people must improve in order to be as good as he is.

Look Hearing Is Postponed, Two Witnesses Gone

Date of the preliminary hearing for Frank Look, charged with contributing to the delinquency of an 11-year-old girl, which had been scheduled for yesterday afternoon, has been set for January 5. It was stated yesterday by Justice of the Peace W. B. Barnes.

Before the grand jury met Look was held on a complaint charging him with contributing to the delinquency of a 13-year-old girl. No indictment was returned by the grand jury. The day after the grand jury adjourned Look was charged in the second complaint.

Harry Bolvin, deputy district attorney, says that one party filed out a damaging affidavit against Look and that when an attempt was made to call them before the grand jury it was found that the person who had signed the affidavit, and her mother, had both left the city, and that the district attorney's office was not able to locate them.

It was then that the second charge was filed, according to Bolvin.

Increase Noted in County Tax Rate, City Levy Is 63.4

The needs of a rising city have brought about an increase in the millage rate of Klamath Falls. It was revealed yesterday when Glen Terrill, assistant county assessor, computed the millage for different districts in the state. Taxes for the ensuing year will be figured on a basis of 63.4 mills as against 58 mills for 1927.

The general city levy, 16.1 mills, bond and interest levy 4.5 mills, and the state and county tax, the road district tax and the school districts tax combine to make up the total. The amount to be raised for the city's use is \$233,666.08. This does not include the state and county tax and other levies.

Chiloquin has a millage rate of 70.9 with a total of \$11,952.17 to be raised; Bonanza, 46.9 with \$1,091.74 to be raised; Merrill 55.2, with \$2,319.38 to be raised.

The total state and county rate is 19.6 mills. Amount to be raised is \$773,324.72. This includes the state tax, the current expense fund, the library fund, the road bond sinking fund, market road fund, the county school fund, the road bond interest fund, the special funding bond interest, and the county high school fund.

Outside of Klamath Falls, the combined levy of school districts is as follows:

District number one, 41.8 mills; number 7, 26.2 mills; number 8, 33.4 mills; number 9, 25.2 mills; number 13, 24.5 mills; number 28, 31.2 mills; number 36, 37.4 mills; number 53, 35.5 mills; Union high school district number 2, 31.3 mills; Union high school district number 3, 34.1 mills; county unit, 24.5 mills.

Assessed valuation of Klamath Falls is \$9,346,643.74; of Klamath outside the city, \$29,592,680.72; of both combined, \$38,939,324.46.

County road levy totals \$44,254.62 which when added to one half of Klamath Falls' total of \$14,919.86 will give the county ample for its needs.

Chiloquin's road district gets \$596.45; Bonanza's district, \$117.39; Merrill, \$114.36; and Malin, \$149.33.

Must Have 1929 Hunting Licenses

Nimrods, if you would hunt for the few remaining ducks and geese in the Klamath country before the close of the season, January 15, it is necessary not only to buy a 1929 California license, but also a 1929 Oregon license, if you plan to hunt in Oregon.

This is the announcement today of M. J. Barnes, district game warden, who intends to apprehend all hunters who are not fortified with a 1929 license.

Pickering Cuts Logs for Railroad

Cutting of ties for the new logging road of the Pickering Lumber company, about 40 miles out of Alturas is well under way, according to G. A. Daly, in charge of operations at the portable plant.

The lumber is being taken out to build the logging roads which will carry out the building material for the plant to be started in the early spring.

Chamber Directors Hold Important Business Meeting

A "red hat" meeting of chamber of commerce directors marked the Wednesday luncheon when practically a full attendance greeted President H. N. Moe for the first gathering of the new year.

The committee appointed to pass on the proposition of supporting a movement to turn the old high school property over to the state for armory purposes reported back unfavorably. Immediately Director Cliff Dunn offered the building material, including the heating plant in the old Central school building to the city or state provided it would be removed from the ground and constructed into an armory. Other phases of armory matter were discussed and finally the whole affair was laid on the table for future considerations.

Walter West reported on the Southern Oregon and Northern California Development association meeting recently held at Medford, giving names of officers and the program outlined. It consists of an effort to connect the Weyerhaeuser logging road with the Owens-Oregon logging road on the mountain west of Klamath Falls thus giving direct rail connection to Medford. According to Mr. West when the two companies will have completed their present extensions there will be but twelve miles of railroad to build to make the connection.

Henry Perkins, as head of the advertising committee, reported favorably on a plan to join with Multnomah county in an effort to get the legislature at its session this winter to pass a law permitting counties to levy a heavier advertising fund. This brought heavy discussion. Governor Patterson has lately appointed a special advertising committee for Oregon and the board finally decided not to take action on the Perkins report until more had been heard from the special committee.

Another legislative matter showed up urging a law permitting railroads to grant transportation to chamber of commerce secretaries in the state. The board was hopelessly split on this issue and the argument went round and round but finally passed.

The American Legion's request for the chamber of commerce support for their big Fourth of July celebration was granted unanimously.

Hert C. Thomas reported back on his request to Federal District Attorney George Neuner to have adequate quarters included in the federal building for his court. The report indicated that Mr. Neuner could do little to help the cause and immediately Secretary Reynolds was instructed to take up the whole federal building matter with the Oregon delegation in congress.

Peterson Returns From Conventions

Fred Peterson, county school superintendent, returned yesterday from Salem where he attended a meeting of all county school superintendents of the state. Mr. Peterson also recently attended a meeting of the Oregon State Teachers' association in Portland, and was one of the principal speakers on the program.

Harry Poltz returned Monday evening to resume his school work at Oregon State college. He was among the college set who have been spending the holidays here with parents and friends.



Cold Can't Cause Them to Disappoint!

Singers can't always keep from catching cold, but they can get the best of any cold in a few hours—and so can you. Get the compound that comes in pleasant-tasting tablets, one of which will break up a cold so quickly that you'll be astonished. Pape's Cold Compound is what they call it, and any druggist you visit will have it—for thirty-five cents!

A bad cold that has settled on the lungs is conquered the same way; just takes a little longer. Pape's way is better than "doping," so remember the name.

PAPE'S COLD COMPOUND

Turns Over \$2,014 In Liquor Fines, City Gets \$1,918

Yesterday \$2,014 in prohibition law violation fines levied and collected by Justice of the Peace W. B. Barnes were turned over to Clara Houston, county treasurer.

This exceeded the month of November by \$411, bringing the total fines for liquor violations in Judge Barnes' court for the two months to more than \$3,600. During the month of December 94 arrests for all crimes were made by city officers and fines totaled \$1,918, according to a report made by Chief of Police Keith Ambrose.

Five men were arrested during the month for reckless driving; 10 persons were arrested for possession of liquor; 5 were arrested by officers for higher courts; 19 for disturbing the peace; 14 were charged with vagrancy and 48 arrests for being drunk were made.

Miss Billmeyer Pays Visit Here

Miss Mary P. Billmeyer, R. N. field supervisor for the Oregon state board of health, visited in Klamath Falls yesterday and paid her official call at the offices of the county health unit. She was introduced to many in the city through the courtesy of Miss Hazel McClelland, county health nurse.

Diseases Lessen In County, Says Dr. G. S. Newsom

Administering of diphtheria toxin and anti-toxin to students in the schools in Chiloquin was completed yesterday by Dr. G. S. Newsom, county health officer, assisted by Miss Lydia Fricke, county health nurse.

Dr. Newsom has high praise for the immunization, saying that in general cases in different parts of the county it had prevented persons from taking diphtheria even when members of their own families were suffering from the disease.

The influenza epidemic which struck the county nearly two months ago has greatly lessened both in number of cases and in the severity of cases reported. Since it is not obligatory for doctors to report cases of influenza, no definite check as to the number of cases is available, it is stated.

Measles and chickenpox' prevalence before the Christmas holidays of the schools has greatly decreased during the vacation period, when carriers were not meeting those not affected, Dr. Newsom reported.

"Take your physician's prescriptions to the Pelican Drug Co., 712 Main street (next door to the Pine Tree theater). They use only the highest grade drugs; all prescriptions are compounded by skilled pharmacists of years of experience, and their prices are right.—Adv. 18-1f



We had dinner with a prize fighter We were surprised to watch him eat jelly

WE HAD dinner recently with a famous prize fighter—one of the big fellows noted the world over for his perfect fighting physique. We were interested in seeing what he would eat. We heard him fellow of the waiters to bring a glass of jelly. Before the meal was over, the great fighter cleaned up more than half of that glass of jelly.

That was a practical eye-opener as to the energy value of sugar. The active body of this man craved and needed sweets.

Normal children also are athletes and their energy-consuming bodies hunger for and need sweets. All people whose daily work is of an exhausting, physical nature hunger for and need sugar.

And all others need sweets as an appetizing agent. Sugar develops the flavor of health-giving cereals, of fruits and of vegetables, of milk in milk shakes, and of eggs in egg-nog.

Every grocery store carries pure jams, jellies and preserves, and enough canned fruits and vegetables to bring health to every table. The Sugar Institute.

SPECIAL! All Purses, Vanity Boxes and Beaded Bags 1-2 Price THIS WEEK ONLY STAR DRUG STORE The Jexall Store

January Clearance Sale Of Electrical Appliances Sweeping reductions on Electrical Appliances of all kinds left over from our Big Christmas Stock! Every Appliance made by a manufacturer of national reputation. All are guaranteed to give long and satisfactory service. On every purchase above \$50.00 you can buy with a small down payment, the balance with your monthly service bills. SEE OUR WINDOW DISPLAY OF JANUARY BARGAINS AND COME EARLY! THE CALIFORNIA OREGON POWER COMPANY OFFICES: Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Klamath Falls—Oregon Yreka, Dunsmuir—California