

What the Editors Say.

Mail from Tillamook now reaches Forest Grove the same day that it is dropped in the office of the famous cheese making city. Dr. C. L. Large, who has property interests in Tillamook appreciates the change.—News Times.

Albert Ballin, friend of the Kaiser, predicted last winter that the war would end by July 1 with a victory for Germany. It was the Kaiser who told his troops that they would be back in Berlin victorious before the leaves turned in 1914. And it was an Englishman—Kitchener—who predicted that the war would last three years. No American prophecies are yet on record.—Chicago Evening Post.

The Kansas socialist publication, the "Appeal to Reason," has been denied admission to the mails, not because it has never appealed to reason and therefore never lived up to its name, but because its attitude towards the country's course in the present war is radically wrong. The American people can be deprived of all such publications without suffering a particle of loss.—Telephone Register.

Changing horses in the middle of the stream has always been deemed unwise and the dismissal of his chancellor and other high officials by the Kaiser last week hints at dire straits. Unfortunately the change does not indicate that the German government is coming to its senses, for the new chancellor is said to be of a type which will render him a puppet in the hands of the war lords who are surely bringing the empire to the brink of destruction.—Independent.

More and more the pulling power of newspaper advertising has shown its supremacy over other kinds of catch-penny advertising. More and more the farmers are getting into the habit of using the newspapers to advertise. Posting bills along the public highway isn't good advertising nowadays. Proof? Because the "tin Lizzie" will not stop up long enough to allow one to read any old kind of bill. When the farmers drove horses, it was quite a thing to stop and read a sign near a fence or a poster posted or tacked on the farm gate to let the horses catch their wind. Not so now, the farmers drive their autos.—News-Reporter.

The war revenue bill carrying special taxation amounting to \$1,670,000,000 has been reported to the Senate. Letter postage is fixed at three cents, and newspaper postage is advanced a quarter cent a pound. Income taxes are shoved forward; tobacco and liquor are taxed additional amounts. Excess profits, meaning that where the profits this year are in excess of previous years, are taxed. Railroad fares, sleeping car berths, motor cycles, automobiles, boats, patent medicines, entertainments, tea, coffee, cocoa and sugar, are among the things taxed. The provisions of the bill are so general that none will escape paying some special tax for the purpose of the war.—Seaside Signal.

"Is it time to get scared to death? I don't believe so at all. I believe firmly that it is going to have an expansive effect on banking credits and bank deposits. I know we are going to see a vast industrial expansion. It isn't going to be 120 per cent employment; it is going to be 120 per cent employment. There will be need not only for every man who worked before; there will be need for all the men and women. The unskilled worker will step into the place of the skilled worker, and women will be called upon to take a greater place in industry. It is going to mean a great wage fund that was ever paid out." That is the verdict of Frank A. Vanderlip, head of America's largest national bank.—News Reporter.

Living is high and so are wages. Generally speaking the men engaged in business are making far less profit these days than they did in the past when raw materials and merchandise cost less and sold for less. The advance in the price of the commodities being retailed does not mean the dealers are making a greater profit. They are making less. With living high and wages high and work more plentiful than ever in our history, there is but one excuse for any able-bodied man to be without employment, and that reason is that he doesn't want to work. The man you see loafing these days, particularly when this country is engaged in a mighty serious war and when it needs the co-operation of every able-bodied person in the country, we say that when you see a man loafing you may put it down that he's a slacker and a loafer by choice.—Itemizer.

Those educators now educating in convention at Portland want German taught in the public schools. There might be no great objection to it if the pupils ever learned the language. There is not one out of a hundred after taking the course, that can speak German, read it, understand it or make himself or herself understood in it. Why then a waste of time in teaching it? There can be but one answer and that is that it gives someone a chance for a job, at a good salary. It is much the same in teaching music, for while it is taught it is not learned. It is generally public money thrown away in each of these cases. (As a matter of fact all foreign languages as taught in the public school are of very little value. The student gets at best a mere smattering because many of the teachers have not an adequate knowledge of the language).—Salem Journal.

The Next Big Loan.
No one need be surprised that while Wall street is preparing for a new Liberty loan of \$3,000,000,000, to be offered on or about September 15,

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo will only say that the talk about such a loan is unauthorized. It would be folly for the treasury department to announce such a loan formally so long in advance. Equally it would be folly not to make preparation for it by consultation with men who are powers in the world of finance.

The gossip is that the interest will be 3 1/2 per cent, the same as the interest on the completed \$2,000,000,000 loan "unless conditions shall change materially." That indicates what is the most doubtful point in the policy to be adopted.

Frankly speaking, the test of the financial resources of the country in such a second offering without increasing the interest rate is a severe one. Sale at par of \$2,000,000,000 more bonds at this rate would be a marvelous triumph. It will be possible only with complete organization, and Secretary McAdoo has begun in time.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Autocracy Wins in Von Bethmann-Hollweg's Downfall.

As we glimpse actions behind the Prussian screen we begin to discover that the downfall of the German chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg did not mark, as was first surmised, an ascendancy of the elements that are working for the democratization of the government. The converse seems now to be the fact. Hollweg is driven out of power by the reactionaries and the military leaders, von Hindenburg and Ludendorff. The fallen chancellor had championed popular reforms and thereby incurred the disfavor of the royal house and the military imperialists.

That is now the view taken by the masses in the streets of Berlin, and it finds strong corroboration in the methods under which Hollweg's successor was chosen. The Vossische Zeitung, the Tageblatt and the Vorwaerts of Berlin emphasize the significant fact that Dr. Michaelis was made chancellor without previously sounding parliament and that the new chancellor accepted the post without consulting with party leaders or attempting to learn whether his proposed policies were acceptable to the reichstag.

When all the facts are revealed it will probably be found that the Kaiser's proclamation heralding electric reform along the line of equal and universal suffrage was only a sugar coating for the autocratic pill and his purpose to fight on. It will probably be found that the proposed grant of equal suffrage will be so hedged in with conditions that it will not in the slightest alter the character of the existing autocrat government.

We fear the cause of peace and democracy has lost a friend in the enforced resignation of von Bethmann-Hollweg.—Spokesman Review.

More Silos.

Central Oregon is living up to its reputation for doing big things in a big way in no more important particular than in its building of more silos. The silo fits nicely into the food conservation scheme of the country. It is coming to be appreciated not only by dairymen but by stock feeders. It represents crop insurance, since it makes possible the saving of all forage in season when the weather does not permit its preservation in the form of hay.

In going after the record for having the biggest silo in the state, therefore, Central Oregon has entered upon an undertaking of which it can well be proud. The 385-ton silo now being erected on the Dickson-McDowell ranch may not hold the record for the entire state, but it sets a pace. A container of cattle feed, succulent all the year round, that pierces the sky to the height of fifty feet is a truly imposing monument. It is more than a monument—it is a beacon. In a region like the Crook-Deschutes agricultural district, it points the way to prosperity. It means the development, in addition to the grains now grown, of strains of corn that will do well, and a crop rotation system that will ultimately insure vastly to the benefit of the country. Pending the spread of corn growing, it will make profitable use of barley, oats, and vetch. Indirectly, it may have the effect of creating interest in sugar beets.

The value of the silo has long been appreciated by scientists and practical farmers, and it merely remains for more farmers to adopt it. It is destined to play an important part in the solution of the meat and milk products problem.—Oregonian.

Germany's Self-Conceit.

Self-confidence is a desirable quality with a nation no less than with the individual, but when it passes to the stage of positive and overweening self-conceit it becomes dangerous and frequently leads to trouble and disaster. And Germany is afflicted with this bad trait to a remarkable degree, which explains her inability to understand or get along with other nations, and also explain most of her mistakes and failures. Before the war, for instance, Germany allowed her conceit to grow until she believed herself to be invincible. She regarded the French as decadent, the Russians incapable, the Belgians negligible and the British as too immersed in money making and pleasure to be willing to fight.

Germany has since discovered her mistake, although even yet she seems unable to comprehend the actual reason for her miscalculation. The negligible Belgians stopped her armies long enough to give France a chance to mobilize, and the decadent French have fought the most courageous war in all history. The incapable Russians also have developed a degree of energy and spirit which the Germans apparently thought impossible, and the latest recuperation of the Russian armies has again overturned the much despised British are delivering sledgehammer blows that are causing Germany to reel and stagger. The self-conceit of Germany is still

strong, however, and is shown in the recent promise by Bethmann-Hollweg that Germany can yet win and enforce her will on her enemies. It is also shown in the repeated contemptuous reference to the part the United States may play in the war, the German people being assured the war will be over before America can do anything to avert a German victory. Such blind conceit is pathetic and one wonders how the people of Germany can cling to it and continue to place such implicit confidence in the words of their leaders. For while their vain conceit may paint rosy pictures for the Germans, the wheel of fate is steadily pushing them toward dire disaster, which seems to be the only thing that will puncture their conceit and get them back where they will see things as they really are.—Observer.

German Limitations Made Plain.

Whatever may be Germany's present resources in fighting men—and there is no doubt that they are large—it is nevertheless true that Hindenburg no longer has the meritorious lavish demonstrations on both fronts that were possible early in the war. Germany can more than hold her own in the east, and can make a very respectable showing in the west, but she can not do both at once. This was suspected some time since; and now the Russian advance proves it.

Until Brussiloff's armies had demonstrated that their rejuvenation was real the Germans continued to deliver telling blows in France and Flanders. Their attacks on the French front in the Champagne, motivated apparently by the hope of destroying the waning French reserves, were determined and well sustained. Near Nieuport a vicious offensive was foreshadowed by an appreciable dent made in the British front.

But since the Russian drive has become a real menace to Austria, requiring the stiffening effect of large German forces, the western offensives have stopped or diminished. Hindenburg's reserve forces having taken up their familiar task of saving Austria. The Austrian morale needs not only military, but political bolstering, and Prussia cannot afford to be stingy with support, no matter what its other plans may have been. It was German troops, according to yesterday's dispatches, that checked the Russians at Kalusz, and if the Russian progress is stopped at other points it will be by German troops. Undoubtedly the German general staff is capable of marvels in swift strategic disposition of troops, but it cannot work miracles and use the same forces in two places simultaneously. By making this apparent the Russian campaign has already been proved a success.—Spokesman Review.

Life.

A man comes into this world without his consent and leaves it without his will. During his stay on earth his time is spent in one continuous round of contraries and misunderstandings. In his infancy he is an angel; in his boyhood he is a devil; in his manhood he is everything from a lizard up; in his duties he is a darn fool. If he raises a family he is a chump; if he raises a check he is a thief and the law raises him to obscurity. If he is a poor man he is a poor manager and has no sense; if he is rich he is dishonest but smart. If he is in politics he is a grafter and a crook; if he is out of politics he is a straddler and an undesirable citizen. If he goes to church he is a hypocrite and if he stays away he is on the road to hell. If he donates to foreign missions he does it for show; if he does not he is stingy and a tight wad. When he first comes into the world everybody wants to kiss him. If he dies young there was a great future before him; if he lives to a ripe old age he is only in the way and is living to save funeral expenses.—Coleridge, (N.E.) Blade

Canning the Kaiser.

London.—The newspapers declare today that the American soldiers and marines have already found a slogan, which is "Can the kaiser!" The British are much puzzled by the ability of the Americans to invent new slang, and the papers explain that the word "can" is used in the sense of hermetically sealing the kaiser to prevent his further activity.

Tune: "Marching Through Georgia." Bring the good old bugle, boys, we'll sing another song, Sing it with a spirit that will move the world along, Sing it as we need to sing it, half a million strong— While we are canning the Kaiser. Chorus. Oh, Bill! Oh, Bill! We're on the job today! Oh, Bill! Oh, Bill! We'll seal you so you'll stay We'll put you up with ginger in the good old Yankee way— While we are canning the Kaiser. Hear the song we're singing on the shining roads of France; Hear the Tommies cheering, and see the Poles prance; Africaners and Kanucks and Scots without their pants— While we are canning the Kaiser. Bring the guns from Bethlehem, by way of old New York. Bring the beans from Boston, and don't leave out the pork; Bring a load of soda-pop, and pull the grape juice cork— While we are canning the Kaiser. Come you men from Dixieland, you lumber-jacks from Maine; Come, you Texas cowboys, and you farmers of the plain; From Florida to Oregon we boast the Yankee strain— While we are canning the Kaiser. Now we've started on the job, we mean to put it through; Ship the kings and kaisers all, and make the world anew; Clear the way for common folk, for men like me and you— While we are canning the kaiser. Chorus.

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