

**WHAT THE EDITORS SAY.**

The German war lord is not the only man whose altar ego makes him think he is the right hand man of God. There are one or two in Hillsboro who think they have the Lord appointed when it comes to knowing it. And, of course, this is bound to make the Divine one smile several times daily.—Argus.

From hundreds of thousands of American farms, in answer to the call of their country and in obedience to the law of their country, American boys have gone and today are fighting side by side with hundreds of thousands of American boys from the cities and towns of the country, confronting danger and death. The duty of us who remain at home in safety and comfort to afford the means to make these boys powerful and victorious is a most imperative one.—Itemizer.

There is a wide-spread movement to mobilize town men of farm experience for a few days at a time, or for certain days of the week, during the periods of labor strain, in planting, cultivating or harvesting. That was done successfully last year in many of the grain regions, and in some places the stores were closed for two or three days at a time and everybody joined in saving the crops. This is not the best farm labor; the town men are not "hard" but they can at least work a few days, and in the aggregate they can furnish the necessary man power for emergencies.—Telephone Register.

A smartly dressed woman in a street car in Portland last week remarked to a companion that she hoped this war would continue, as her husband had made more money out of it than he ever made before, received a stinging rebuke from an aged man who overheard the wish. This aged patriot arose and stood before the woman, and in a voice choked with emotion said: "I have three sons fighting in France and your remark is an insult to my feelings and to every true American," and being unable to control himself longer slapped her face with both hands. Every one in the car applauded and the women did not wait for her street to get off.—Sheridan Sun.

We have wondered what in the world had gotten into the usually fair Portland Telegram that it should make such abusive, lying attacks on Robert N. Stanfield, says the Corvallis Gazette. The Independent Monitor explains it. The attack's were written by McNary's Secretary who is the Telegram's star political reporter. McNary took him from Salem where he was covering the political dope for the Telegram, made him his secretary and took him to Washington. He evidently likes the Washington life and in his desperate effort to stay there is resorting to any means honest or dishonest, to stay there.—Umpqua Valley News.

The "Angelus Movement" which has been originated at a meeting of the Rotary Club, of Billings, Mont., and having for its purpose the devoting of five minutes each day to meditation in victory for America and her allies in the great war, is likely to be adopted by other cities. One would expect such a movement to be originated by the pastors of a city rather than by a Rotary Club. To the signals of whistles and bells, industry halts and those in their homes, hearing the Angelus, join in the ceremony. The Angelus Movement grew out of the sentiment that finds expression in Millet's famous painting, "The Angelus" where two French peasants have stopped their work in the field for a moment's meditation as they heard the echoing church bells of their village.—News Reporter.

What particular advantage Germany can expect to gain by forcing Holland into the war is hard to conjecture. Should the Little Dutch kingdom side with Germany she would speedily have her colonies taken from her by the allies and lay her own seaports open to bombardment and invasion by the allied navies, which alone, without the assistance of the army, could speedily conquer the little country. Germany would then be forced to withdraw troops from the Western front to prevent invasion of her own country across the Dutch border. This little condition would also obtain in case Holland should decide to oppose Germany and with her army of 500,000 joint allies. Which ever way Holland decides in the present crisis would prove of decided military disadvantage to Germany.—Itemizer.

The occasional weak-need individual who grasps at straws and perks up every time Germany sends out a feeler for peace forgets that such a peace could only be based on agreements and treaties between the warring powers. This being so, just how binding would such a peace be on a nation which has broken every treaty that stood in the way of military operations and whose doctrine promulgated by statesmen and educators is that the state is supreme and apparent cruelties and treachery against "lesser people" is in the end for these people's own good, for it will bring them under benign German influence? Truly a nice doctrine, but anyone who desires can read it for himself. But in the meantime there can be no peace until there are responsible Germans upon whom agreements will be

binding, and this will not be until the Prussian military autocracy has been humbled and the German people are brought to see themselves in the light that the rest of the world regards them.—Independent.

**Treatment of Spies Too Lenient.**

The career of Wilhelm von Linder, a confessed German spy, emphasizes the fallacy of lenient treatment for such fools of the kaiser's government. Von Linder, who has been ordered interned at Fort Douglas, Utah, for the duration of the war, confessed that after serving in the German army he came to the United States and met Captain von Ehlisruhe, naval attache of the German embassy at Washington, in 1914. From then until shortly before his arrest as a deserter from the American army at Lerdo, Texas, in March 1917, he worked under the direction of Captain von Ehlisruhe, spreading German propaganda in German communities, and his activities were reported to Berlin through Captain BoyEd, German military attache at Washington.

In 1916 he was arrested at Norfolk for violation of our neutrality laws, but according to his confession was released in three months on promise to become an American citizen and was then ordered to Augusta, Ga., to enlist in the American army. As a member of company B, First Georgia infantry, he obtained information for the German embassy at Washington. After five months he was ordered to desert and report for duty at Juarez, Mexico, where he was to gather military information for the German government.

This confessed spy was treated too indulgently from the beginning. In the first instance his place was in jail, not in the army, and he should be in jail now under severe sentence or under the sod instead of in an internment camp. In all probability he continued to serve as a German spy after the war declaration, and if the government had evidence of that fact he should have been shot.—Spokesman Review.

**Incompetence or Graft.**

As might well be expected the good citizens of this country who are giving their sons to the service, are wondering whether incompetence or graft shall be shown as the cause of delay in aircraft production. Months ago men proclaimed loudly that airplanes would win the war. Large appropriations were made by congress and the work of spruce production was begun. Now Congress is trying to find out who or what is to blame for the lack of flying machines at the front in France.

It is likely that every American feels disappointed over our Government's failure to turn the tide of war, as not only America but all the world hoped, with fleets of invincible air-fighters. But it is incredible that the business men that abandoned their own big affairs and went to Washington to help out on this problem could be, under the circumstances so unspeakable as to have gone there for mere loot. It is unthinkable that these keen, successful business men could have been so stupidly blind as to let some Tom, Dick or Harry of a thief plunge his arm up to the elbow in the aircraft moneys. It is beyond belief that military officers of high character and proved integrity could themselves have been guilty of such crimes or could have compromised the guilt of others.

It is not unbelievable, it is entirely probable, that in this new aircraft work, as in so many other war fields where the American people were inexperienced and ignorant, the best of them like the worst of them blundered and wasted and failed.

In such a situation, shocking as it is to this country, fatal as it might have been to the allied armies battling against the Germans, there would be no need of grand juries, district attorneys or criminal courts. There might well be searching investigation and merciless exposure of the facts by a congress committee. And yet that thing itself would not achieve what the crisis demands.

We need action which will give us airplanes that will fly faster and fight better than the enemy's. We need action that will give us for sure service more airplanes, many more, than the enemy can make and employ.—Optimist.

**Committee on Mismanagement.**

One of the most reprehensible features of the aircraft fiasco is the deception by which the people were led to believe that airplanes had already begun to fly from the factories in thousands before summer was far advanced. Misinformation has been distributed far and wide at Government expense and under the authority of the government by George Creel, chairman of the Committee on Public Information, who was appointed by the President, to spread correct information about America's part in the war, and he continued to circulate false statements after he had been warned of their inaccuracy by senators.

After a military committee had begun to extract the facts from unwilling witnesses, Senator Wadsworth read to the Senate from the official Bulletin, published by Mr. Creel's committee, the following captions of photographs offered for publication: 6858. Aeroplane Bodies ready for shipment "Over There;" These aero-

plane bodies, the acme of engineering art, are ready for shipment to France. Though hundreds have already been shipped, our factories have reached quantity production, and thousands upon thousands will soon follow.

6859. The Result of Long Experiment: Scientists and engineers have worked long in our aeroplane factories before the perfection was attained, and now that success has crowned their efforts, the factories have been put on a quantity production basis, and many thousands of these efficient machines will be sent to France.

6860. Speeding Up Aeroplane Production: These cylinders of our perfect aeroplane engine are the product of the best engineers and scientists in this country, and now that perfection has finally been attained, the engine factories have been placed on a quantity-production basis. Huge amounts will be turned out to supply our ever-increasing air fleet in France with motive power until victory is ours.

6861. Building Airplane Bodies: These carriages are models of efficiency and are built along the models furnished by the best engineers of this country. They are now being manufactured by the thousands and rushed to France to become a part of our ever increasing air fleet.

On learning that these pictures and captions had been released for publication Mr. Wadsworth called the attention of the director of the division of pictures to "the grossly misleading statements," and that official "admitted the information was misleading" and said the captions "applied only to training planes." The military committee then "corroborated the well-known fact that no training planes had been sent to France," and sent for the director. He "admitted before the committee in open session" that his statement was "misleading and flamboyant," but laid part of the blame on a subordinate, who "could give no satisfactory explanation whatever" as to where he got the information contained in the captions. The director promised to stop publication, but two days later "these falsehoods" were published in the Official Bulletin.

Senator Thomas characterized the captions as "absolute and unmitigated falsehoods" and said the information for them was furnished by Colonel Deeds, a member of the Aircraft Board whom Gutzon Borglum accuses of having said that more than 1200 American planes were flying in France when in fact there were less than twenty. The captions were written by Maurice Strunsky, who said, according to Mr. Thomas, that "he drew partly from his imagination and partly from his construction of an announcement upon February 21, the conclusions of which he places here as facts."

Senator Kirby rose to the defense of Mr. Creel, saying "it was testified that we had sent a great number of planes abroad," but Senator Hitchcock whittled the plans down to engines and the "great number" down to twenty—ten to France, six to Great Britain and four to Italy, but none to the American army. He placed this statement in contrast with that of the Official Bulletin:

"Though hundreds of aircraft have been shipped, our factories have reached quantity production, and thousands upon thousands will follow."

Mr. Creel boasts that the committee which circulates these falsehoods is "a world organization." The more pernicious are the misstatements with which it deceives the American people and deludes the allies with false hopes of help which cannot come, as regards aircraft, until a radical change has been made in the organization charged with production.—Oregonian

**Making It Warm for "Loafers."**

There are different ways of bringing the necessary pressure to bear on the man who, convinced that the world owes him a living, has declared an embargo on the primal curse of labor. Some states and some towns attack the idle ones with all the beautiful and imposing mechanism of the law, and pass statutes which formally declare idleness to be a misdemeanor. Other places, with strict wartime economy, use old laws for the new purpose. Still other communities go in for Spartan simplicity and make it known bluntly that while a man may have a constitutional right to loaf, he had no better right to exercise that right.

One such place is Douglas, Wyo. At Douglas the eye of the wayfarer is caught by two printed placards, the first bearing as a prominent caption "Fair Warning" sets forth the principle that "all vagrants, slackers or bums must enlist, work or travel."

The second gives the name of a citizen who will supply jobs to such as desire them. "Loafers Will Not Be Tolerated" is the ultimatum of the Wyoming town. Back of all the different devices for putting the lazy man to work there lies that same dictum: "Loafers will not be tolerated." This is a busy year. There is so much work to be done that no one has yet decided just how he will get enough hands to do it. And before the year is over the conscientious objector to all forms of toil will have to find an extremely secluded spot if he intends to continue his laborless existence.—Spokesman Review.

The fact that all their predictions about the end of the war have failed does not deter seers and seersesses from continuing to name dates on which it will come to an end. The lat-

est one declares that the war will be over by June 28, 1918. The premier of France, however, has them all beaten as a predictor. It is said when anyone asks him when the war will end, he invariably replies: "Next Thursday at 10 minutes to 3."

**Ordinance No. 363.**

An Ordinance relating to dogs and repealing other ordinances in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency. The people of Tillamook City do ordain as follows:

Sec. 1. Every person residing within the corporate limits of Tillamook City, owning or having in his possession in said city any dog or slut, shall hereafter pay annually to the city treasurer, the sum of four dollars for each dog and four dollars for each slut so owned or possessed by him. Upon presentation of the Treasurer's receipt showing the payment of said for the purpose named, the City Recorder shall issue to such person a license to keep such dog or slut for a period of not more than one year and terminating on the first day of May next ensuing, and such person upon procuring such license shall put upon the neck of each dog or slut so licensed, a collar with a tag, such tag to be furnished him by the Recorder and to be numbered to correspond with the license. The license shall give the name of the owner of the dog or slut and a brief description of the dog or slut licensed to be kept. Present licenses to be good until expiration of time for which issued.

Sec. 2. Any person who shall own or have in his or her possession in Tillamook City, any unlicensed dog or slut, or shall neglect to place and keep upon the neck thereof, a collar and tag as required by Section 1 of this ordinance, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than \$3.00 nor more than \$10.00, for each and every offense.

Sec. 3. No dog or slut shall be or run at large within the corporate limits of Tillamook City.

Sec. 4. The Marshal is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to catch, take and impound every dog or slut found or known to be running at large within Tillamook City, and he shall have the right to pursue any such dog or slut upon the premises of the owner or elsewhere. Each dog or slut caught and taken by him shall be forthwith conveyed to the dog pound and there safely kept for a period of 48 hours from the time of its capture, unless sooner released as herein provided. All dogs remaining in the pound for a period of 48 hours after the time of their capture shall be forthwith killed and disposed of by the Marshal. Any person shall have the right to capture and deliver to the Marshal any dog or slut found running at large or trespassing upon any grounds, public or private, within Tillamook City. The Marshal shall receive any such dog or slut and dispose of the same in the same manner as he is hereby required to do with any such animal captured by him. Any person whose dog or slut has been impounded may have the same released by exhibiting and surrendering to the Marshal a receipt from the City Treasurer, showing that the sum of Two Dollars has been paid into the City Treasury on account of said dog, and in addition thereto exhibiting to said officer a license issued by the City Recorder and then in force, for the keeping of said dog or slut, and demanding the return of said dog or slut, and signing a receipt for said animal in a book for that purpose to be kept by the Marshal.

Sec. 5. The Marshal shall receive a fee of \$2.00 for each dog or slut impounded by him under the provisions of this ordinance; he shall make a report each month of all animals taken by him under the authority of this ordinance and shall in such report show the disposition made of such animals by him.

Sec. 6. The present ordinance relating to this matter, being Ordinance No. 275, and all other ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 7. The present ordinances relating to this matter are unsatisfactory; dogs are running at large and trespassing, causing damage and tending to cause breaches of the peace, so that an emergency exists necessitating that the ordinance go into immediate effect, so the Council declares the immediate going into effect hereof of necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its approval by the Mayor.

Approved May 17, 1918.  
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