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TRYING TO SCARE AMERICA

The attack on American vessels along the Atlantic coast yesterday and the sinking of half a dozen of them will get the kaiser nowhere. The deed only shows the more strongly how little the Prussian mind understands the American people. The raid has no other purpose than to frighten Americans and compel them to halt in their sending troops across the ocean for fear the U-boats get them. It is a move in the Hohenzollern program of ruthlessness to terrorize the American sailormen and drive them from the sea. The Teutonic think tank does not understand that the only effect such things have on Americans is to stir them to hot anger and to cause them to redouble their efforts to do away with the unspeakable Hun. The arousing of the nation as only such attacks can arouse it, is worth more to the cause of the allies a thousand times over, than the value of the sunken ships. It makes those Americans already awake to the magnitude of the task before them but the more determined to carry it to a successful termination, and it stirs those who have been none too enthusiastic, into action. Had this attack been made when the liberty loan was on, its effect would have been seen in a sudden doubling of men and money at the subscription booths, and an over subscription that would have astonished even Americans.

The raid on the Atlantic coast is not without its compensations. It is noted also that the U. boats turned their entire attention to attacking coasting vessels, because these are unarmed. They fear to attack the overseas ships because they carry guns and will fight. This fact shows the divers have no designs on the overseas ships and that their raid is only another evidence of Prussian destructiveness. While this is not a war of "annexations or indemnities" at least on the part of the allies, and on the part of the kaiser too when he thinks he is in danger of getting licked, at the same time it would not be out of place to make the Central Powers, when the final settlement comes, pay the full price of every ship and every cargo sunk by her U-boats, and in violation of the rules of war. They deprived the world of the means of providing itself foodstuffs, and neutrals as well as enemies, and it should make good to the world the damage it has done.

The city council is making a mistake by cutting off the lights in the business district of Salem. It gives the city a gloomy, wierd appearance that is uninviting to strangers and not appreciated by residents. If economy must be practiced, the lights might be turned on an hour later—but they should all be turned on. Anyway it is poor economy to let a town go all to pieces just because people are talking savings and thrift as aids to win the war. The Capital City is able to go right ahead with all its municipal activities and obligations just the same now as it ever was, and the lights ought to burn just as brightly now as ever. Who is responsible for the pessimistic attitude taken by the council?

The war is changing many things, and among them the sentiment of the Great American jury. Before the war there was no such a thing as finding a woman guilty of murder, or if such was done it was so rare an event as to make it historic. This is changed. In Wisconsin a few days ago a jury found a woman guilty of murder and about the same time Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes was found guilty at Kansas City of violation of the espionage act, and the judge also set a new mark by sentencing her to ten years in prison instead of limiting her punishment to a fine. Equal suffrage seems to be working out a common level between the sexes in all things even punishment for crimes.

It is claimed one of the five U-boats taking part in the raid on the Atlantic coast has been sunk, and this leaves but four so far as is known of the attacking fleet. The accounting for 20 per cent of the attacking vessels in the first day is not so bad.

German arrogance has driven the peasants of Ukraine to revolt and the latest news from that section is that they have fired the forests and are destroying everything rather than have the Germans get it. The dispatches also tell of the ruthlessness of the Germans in dealing with these "friendly farmers," the people the kaiser has but recently made a solemn treaty of peace with. Whole villages are reported as being gassed and the entire population murdered in a campaign of terror.

Taken in connection with the attack along the Atlantic coast by U-boats, Monday, the action of the Dutch ship owners in ordering two grain laden ships held in American port for fear of their being sunk by submarines, indicates the owners had some information as to the attack. Otherwise the ships would not have been held on account of the risk in the danger zone, for the Dutch need the wheat, and the risk is no greater at one time than another.

There is considerable criticism of George Creel, chairman of the committee on public information, some of his critics call him a socialist and others insist he employs I. W. W.'s in his office. In answer to the last charge he says he has none of the "wearies working under him, but has 5 democrats, 8 independents and 13 republicans. Now the question is which was taken for the I. W. W., the independents or the republicans?

An Italian physician believes he has found, if not a cure, at least an aid in curing consumption in sugar. There have been so many hopes raised over supposed consumption cures that the world is disposed to be skeptical concerning them. One thing though indicates there may be something in this last cure, and that is that sugar is getting among the medicines in price.

"What's in a name?" Reverend L. Myron Boozer of Grants Pass is hitting the demon Rum and old man Booze about the hardest jolts of anyone in Oregon, and yet one would suppose the names would cause a sort of feeling of relationship. However, those who read what Mr. Boozer has to say will have no doubts as to his opinion about the drink.

Statistics just completed show that more than 47,000,000 persons contributed to the Red Cross funds in the last drive, or nearly one-half of the entire population. In addition it is announced that the complete returns will show that the \$100,000,000 asked was oversubscribed by \$70,000,000. Truly a splendid showing.

It is stated the Prussians contemplate putting all their convicts in the army. This indicates a change of heart among the leaders, and indicates that hereafter the war will be conducted on a more humane spirit. The plan will certainly help the general tone of the Prussian armies.

No doubt General Foch is holding them in reserve, and it is possible a counter drive will be attempted with them. If it is, there will be something doing different from anything the boches have experienced yet. If the Yankees start they will go through.

King George of England recently purchased at a woolen mills he visited, cloth to be made into a 57 shilling suit of clothes for himself. That means the suit will cost less than \$14. Such a suit bought in America would hardly permit his royal person to camouflage with it.

Railroads earnings for April showed receipts of \$80,000,000 which indicates an increase. With the increased freight and passenger rates the roads should show substantial increases in the next few months.

Rippling Rhymes

by Walt Mason

THE INNOCENT
"Oh, what," cries Prussia's chief, have I not done to save the world from all this grief?
We hear the kaiser rave; the old red kaiser weeps the tears of crocodiles, his victims strewn in heaps, in windrows, stacks and piles. The countless dead men lie on Europe's bloody plain, beneath the blue spring sky, by Wilhelm's orders slain. The kaiser's long range gun, fired from its secret perch, has cruel murder done among the babes in church. There is no crime so base that Bill would balk, no abyss of disgrace in which he will not walk. The vultures find their feasts wherever Wilhelm goes; old men, and girls, and priests he butchers, as his foes. He leans against a gun, and we can hear him roar, "Chee, what have I not done, to sidestep all this gore?"
The kaiser's victims sleep, uncounted, everywhere; they're buried in the deep, they're slaughtered in the air; they're dragged from hut and hall, and from the church, to die; they're backed against a wall, and shot, and know not why. Now cries the royal Hun (a heartwung Hun is he), "Oh, what have I not done to stop this jamboree?"
Come off your perch, old boss! Cease talking through your hat! You cannot get across with such a gag as that! In leagues of Flanders mud your murdered men repose; your hands are dripping blood, it's dripping from your clothes!



WALT MASON

The Woman Who Changed

By JANE PHELPS

MERTON GRAY'S ATTENTIONS CAUSE GOSSIP.

After that day, when I so plainly showed my delight that Merton Gray had called, I saw a great deal of him. If I played tennis he was sure to play also. He seemed always to be at the casino when I was there, and invariably joined me. My portrait had been shown to a few of George's friends, and they had been enthusiastic in praise of it. Often, he would happen in and spend an hour with me. I would play and sing for him. Or else he would join me in a walk on the beach when George was away and I was out killing time. That was what it amounted to—killing time. One day Mrs. Sexton joined us, and after a time, Merton took his leave. "Aren't you unwise, my dear Mrs. Howard?" she asked, when we were alone. "Unwise! What do you mean?" I had not the slightest inkling of what she meant. "Unwise to be seen so often with Merton Gray. People are gossiping." "Why—I never—the idea!" I exclaimed. "I was sure you didn't know it." "But—"

"Yes!" she asked, as I hesitated. She always had had an uncanny way of reading my thoughts. "George—he has said nothing about it."

It Would Not Be His Way.
"No?"
"Never has mentioned such a thing. If there has been gossip, he surely would have heard it. And there has been no cause for gossip; Mr. Gray and I are simply good friends!"

"You do not have to explain that to me; I am sure of it. But the world is very censorious, my dear—especially when a woman is as young and pretty as you are. Your husband may not have heard the gossip, and even if he has, he may not have considered it worth his attention. I imagine it would not be his way to notice vulgar gossip. You must not be foolish. You love your husband; be very careful that you do nothing to destroy your happiness and his."

Long after Mrs. Sexton left me, I thought of what she had said. Really, to be truthful, I cared little for gossip—I knew it was not deserved. But she had spoken of destroying my husband's happiness; she must think he loved me else she would have said that what I did might distress him or annoy him, but not that it would make him unhappy.

I determined to do a reckless thing; I would tell George I had heard that people were talking because Merton Gray was seen with me when he was away yachting, etc.

Old Enough To Know Her Own Mind.
"I heard something very disagreeable today, George," I said, as we were dressing for an affair at one of the palaces that lined the ocean drive. "What was that?"

"I heard that people were talking about Merton Gray's being with me when you were off yachting."
"You did!" in a careless tone.
"Yes!"

"Well, what of it? If you aren't old enough to know when you want to be with people, and haven't sense enough not to give reason for gossip, it is time that you learned."
"Had you heard it?"
"Yes."

"Why didn't you say something—tell me?"
"Because I trust you implicitly." Then, after a moment, "I should hate to see you do anything foolish, so be careful; but I have no patience with gossip in any form. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred, it is malicious."

I was really astounded. What I had known of men, at home, had led me to believe he would be jealous, find fault—but he had been absolutely careless in his manner! He had found far more fault because I had not greeted some of his friends properly or because I had been unacquainted with some dish which was being served.

I understand, now, that it was a great compliment George paid me, by giving me his unquestioning faith and trust; then, it made me feel that he didn't care—that, as long as I didn't interfere in what he did, I might do as I pleased.

I had made up my mind, when I married George, that my life was to be one long, sweet, song, and now that I found that song so often out of key, I seemed to have neither the poise nor the patience nor the character, to wait until my own endeavor could change things. Then came a terrible shock. (Tomorrow—Merton Gray's Plea)

SWINE MORTALITY FROM DISEASE AT LOWEST MARK
Washington, June 1.—The death rate in swine from all diseases for the year ending March, 1918, announced by the United States department of agriculture as 42.1 per 1,000, is the lowest in thirty-five years, according to the records kept during that period.

Open Forum

UNCLE SAM'S PRAYER

Our father in heaven, we thank thee for thy great goodness to us as a nation. Thou hast helped us over many hard places in times past and we need thee now, we realize this world war means life or death to us as a nation, so at this time of special prayer, we ask thee to again aid us.

Bless us as states, as a people, help us to prosper and make it possible to do "our bit" to send food and money to those who represent us in the great struggle for democracy.

We thank thee for President Wilson, a man with a level head, a christian heart, a great soul. Guide and lead him always.

Bless our own dear native land U. S. A. let there be no slackers here. And we would pray for our enemy, find the little spark of God-spirit in his heart, touch him in a way that will make him ashamed, make him repent and see the awfulness of his war and upon whom the responsibility rests.

In our Bible, we read, the prayers of a godly man availeth much. Our prayers today all over the land come from the very depths of our hearts, from true earnest souls, make them count, press the power down, press the weight on his conscience so heavily, he cannot stand, will fall, give up, surrender all.

Then if it be according to thy will, we would build a Christian Endeavor Temple as a monument to christianity, a symbol of victory.

After the war, when liberty, justice and peace are won, invite all nations and have a time of great thanksgiving and praise.

These favors we ask in thy name and thou shalt have all the glory. Amen —JOAN.

AGAINST WHEATLESS ORDER

Editor of Capital Journal: I think the thanks from the housekeepers, and every one else for that matter, are due the grocers and the Capital Journal if they succeed in their efforts to keep Oregon from going on a wheatless basis.

If it were necessary the Oregon people, who are as patriotic as any one, would be willing but surely the food administration figures of May 24th show that it is absolutely unnecessary. According to that report, there were 45,000,000 bushels of wheat on farms

and 37,000,000 bushels in elevators. About 23,000,000 bushels of wheat, or its equivalent in flour, are held by dealers. To furnish the allies sixteen million bushels a month is all they ask for, leaving about 37,000,000 bushels to meet domestic requirements, which is deemed sufficient if substitutes are used as we have been using.

If it is done to get our good old state into the lime light then let us try some other way. But it looks more as though there were a "nigger in the wood pile blacker than that." Any way let us hope the grocers, with the help of your esteemed paper may succeed. —C. C. P.

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OUR DAILY STORY

IT'S A "GREAT" LIFE.

After thinking it over and reading all the pamphlets sent out by the food administration, and then thinking it over once more, young Mrs. Spendor Jellybeans decided that thereafter she would go to the butcher shop in person every day and select her own meat, thus assuring herself against unnecessary waste.

"So, with her swigger new market basket, that she had knitted herself she went around to Schmutt's meatery. "Good morning, Mr. Schmutt," she radiated. "I'm going to do my marketing personally, after this. There's to be no more waste in my house, absolutely none. I think I'll have a nice steak today—suppose you cut me some off of that piece, there? Oh, is that lamb? Well, well."

"Here's a elegant steak already cut, Mrs. Jellybeans," said Schmutt, as he slapped a piece on the scales and held it steady with three heavy fingers. "Seven pounds."

"But oh, look at all the fat on it!" objected Mrs. Jellybeans, shaking her finger at him mischievously. "It's sheer waste to pay for fat, you know." "Sure, I'll cut it off for you," said the butcher with a butchery smile. "Shall I chop the bone out, too?"

"Oh, how sweet of you to think of it and help me out so generously in my thrifty plan!" she cried. "Notta tall," said Schmutt. And he cut off the fat and chopped off the bone, remarking "Seven pounds at forty-five a pound—that's \$4.10. Anything else, Mrs. J.?"

"How much are those frankfurters?" asked Mrs. Jellybeans. "Twelve cents a pound, two pounds for a quarter."

"Then I might as well take two pounds—every penny counts nowadays," sparkled Mrs. Jellybeans. And she tripped gaily out with her purchases. "It's a great life," mused Schmutt the butcher, idly scratching his chin with a two pound roll of hundred dollar bills.

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The centers in the spinal cord controlling motion, and those in the brain controlling the senses, are more or less paralyzed; the surface of the body is warm, and there is often profuse sweating.

The third stage is that of unconsciousness and insensibility with more or less paralysis, loud breathing, and sometimes apoplexy, collapse and death.

The brain, the lungs, the heart, the kidneys, and the digestive organs are all congested, and if the arteries are weak they may not be able to stand the pressure.

Drunkness is followed by headache, general depression, stomach disturbances and trembling. One who is recovering from it may be given a mild cathartic, some form of ammonia, and external heat or a hot enema—if stimulation is required—with very little food except milk.

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