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## A MOCKERY AND A DELUSION.

The last German peace move if the terms as outlined in the dispatches are correct will get nowhere and accomplish nothing. It overlooks the most important demand of the civilized world, that before peace terms can be considered there must be some sort of a German government that a treaty can be made with. Prussianism must be destroyed before peace can be considered. It is unthinkable that the allies can sit at a peace table with representatives of the kaiser whose unholy ambition has devastated the world, and consider any peace with him still in power, and in condition to again plunge the world in war. Militarism must be banished from the earth and the Hohenzollerns from all power. The peace offer so called will accomplish nothing because it was conceived in iniquity and begotten in sin. Because it is a sham, a snare, a delusion and a mockery. Because it is a subterfuge of the militarists to gain more time, to strengthen their defense to promulgate still more damnable propaganda against the peace of the world, while asking peace. Its utter unreliability, its failure to understand the principles for which the allies are fighting are shown in the Prussian acts as compared to the Prussian peace offer. While demanding that there shall be no indemnities, the Prussian continues the wanton destruction of property in France. He is destroying deliberately, factories upon which France must depend after the war. He is wrecking churches just in a spirit of fiendishness, since such destruction can have no possible bearing on the winning of the war for him. He is torpedoing ships without warning, and in violation of all the rules of civilized warfare, all the while pretending to desire peace. He is bombing hospitals, murdering the wounded deliberately, applying the torch to the property of France, in city and country alike, and while hiding his sneering and cruel countenance behind the dove of peace trying by every inhuman device that the devil only permits to a Hun, to terrorize the balance of the world into compliance with his conception of how the war should end. His sole idea now is to save the kaiser's job, and leave the unspeakable Hohenzollerns, the erstwhile robbers and their military henchmen still in control and in position to plunge the world again into war. Peace with the kaiser still in power cannot even be considered.

The Spanish influenza continues to spread, and the indications are it will sweep over the entire country before its course is run. Apparently the death rate from it is being reduced, that is the percentage of deaths among those attacked, which indicates that some control is being gained over it. It is claimed a vaccine is being prepared at Washington that will prevent the spread of the disease. Absolute cleanliness is said to be necessary, both in preventing the disease, and in its handling, once it is contracted. Like all other epidemics it will run its course in time, and while the death toll may be heavy there is no use trying to run away from the disease. We should so far as possible avoid exposure to it, and to do this to the best advantage every case of cold, or grippe should be isolated if possible. Each case should be reported to the health officer or at least to the family physician and every precaution taken to prevent the spread of the disease, and hold its death toll down to the minimum.

Colonel Roosevelt in a speech yesterday took occasion to attack the administration because it had not long ago declared war on Bulgaria. Of course the Colonel cannot understand that this very act, and President Wilson's stand as to how all countries should have a chance to be heard when the war ends and peace terms are being arranged, were the things that permitted Bulgaria to see her way clear for peace, and to abandon her allies. It can safely be predicted that when the last great day comes and the dead arise from their graves that the Oyster Bay man will be one of the first to appear and that he will come up with his teeth in evidence and bellowing against the way it is being conducted, unless perchance it is according to his preconceived notions.

The kaiser and his advisers have suddenly discovered that their German people are entitled to some consideration and that President Wilson's views on international peace (ridiculed by the kaiser's junkers when first made) are just about right. A right good licking is a mighty convincing thing sometimes and more effective than any possible argument that may be advanced.

Representative Young, of North Dakota, wants German prisoners of war brought over and put at work in wheat fields of that state. According to those who are disposed to question the loyalty of the Nonpartisans there are plenty of that element already in North Dakota.

While the kaiser is advocating autonomy for certain states in his last peace offensive, he is sending troops into Bulgaria, in order to prevent the Bulgarians making a peace on their own terms. The kaiser makes many promises, and tells the same number of lies.

The kaiser majestically tells his people that he has "offered peace to the enemy." And how surprised this ruler by divine right will be to find that just now his enemies are more anxious to finish licking him than they are to have peace.

As a flax promoter the governor is selling off the extra plant not needed so long as he is in charge. This is a proper move for if he is re-elected it will be at least four years before it can be used.

Every additional town and city burned by the Germans in France and Belgium will make the terms of peace they will eventually be granted just that much harder to comply with.

A little more rain and then a few weeks of clear weather will see the grain fields of this section prepared for another harvest.

## Rippling Rhymes

by Walt Mason

### THE SACRED SEVEN.

The Germans die in every style that's been invented up to date; they lie around in rick and pile, they're borne away in box and crate. They fall before the roaring guns, and, planted, lack an epitaph; the while the kaiser and his sons are posing for a photograph. In herds and swarms, in droves and flocks, the Germans upward turn their toes; they perish while the landscape rocks beneath the marching of their foes. At Wilhelm's word the gray-clad ones march forth to face the deadly storms; the while the kaiser and his sons are putting on new uniforms. Some guns now used are weird and strange, for countless leagues their missiles whoop; but no gun has so great a range that it can hit that sacred group. Though death may riot 'mid the Huns, and for the last survivor search, the kaiser and his stalled sons will be concealed behind a church. The Huns march forth, and few escape the raging blast that lays men low; 'most Prussian homes are hung with crape, and echo with the sounds of woe. At Potsdam, though King Death has won no victims for his well known grave; the kaiser, with each beery son, is hiding in the cyclone cave.

## Booth-Kelly Company Sells Big Timber Tract

Eugene, Or., Oct. 7.—One of the largest timber deals ever made on the Pacific coast has just been consummated wherein the Oregon Land and Livestock company of Eugene, has sold to the Long-Bell White Pine Lumber company of Kansas City, Mo., 87,000 acres of timber lying north of the Klamath Indian reservation, north of Klamath Falls. The consideration is not made public, but timber men estimate the value at about \$4,000,000.

This tract was acquired by the Oregon Land and Livestock company through exchange of other lands with the government. When the company bought the road grant lands extending from Eugene to Idaho through central Oregon, over 100,000 acres of it were in litigation before the United States supreme court. The decision was adverse to the government, whereupon the government desired to exchange for other lands acquired by the company. This block of land just sold was taken in the exchange.

**Local People Shareholders**  
The shareholders in the Oregon Land and Livestock company are local people and people connected with the Booth-Kelly Lumber company. R. A. Booth of Eugene, is president; John E. Kelly of Eugene, is vice president; George H. Kelly was secretary until he was called to France, and H. A. Danbar of Eugene took his place. Other shareholders are John W. Blodgett of Grand Rapids, Mich.; James E. Danaher of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Louise G. Ross, of Chicago; Frank Miller of Berkeley, Cal.; Roy Booth of Yoncalla, Ore., and J. H. Booth of Roseburg.

## GIRL ESCAPED SCHOOL

Victoria Hornsett, 13, one of the most daring runaways ever in the State Industrial school for girls, escaped yesterday after many unsuccessful attempts, and Portland police have been asked to help find her.

## KAISER ANNOUNCES DEFEAT ON EAST FRONT

Also States That He Has Offered To Give His Enemies Peace.

Berlin, Oct. 7.—Emperor William yesterday issued a proclamation to the German army and navy in which, after announcing that the Macedonian front had crumbled, he declared that he had decided, in accord with his allies, again to offer peace to the enemy.

The text of the emperor's proclamation reads: "For months past the enemy, with enormous exertions and almost without pause in the fighting, has stormed against your lines. In weeks of the struggle, often without repose, you have had to persevere and resist a numerically far superior enemy. Therein lies the greatness of the task which has been set for you and which you are fulfilling. Troops of all the German states are doing their part and are heroically defending the fatherland on foreign soil. Hard is the task."

"My navy is holding its own against the united enemy naval forces and is unwaveringly supporting the army in its difficult struggle."

"The eyes of those at home rest with pride and admiration on the deeds of the army and navy. I express to you the thanks of myself and the fatherland."

"The collapse of the Macedonian front has occurred in the midst of the hardest struggle. In accord with our allies I have resolved once more to offer peace to the enemy, but I will only extend my hand for an honorable peace. We owe that to the heroes who have laid down their lives for the fatherland, and we make that our duty to our children."

**Peace Far From Certain**  
"Whether arms will be lowered is a question. Until then we must not slacken. We must, as hitherto, exert all our strength and in God's gracious help, we feel ourselves to be strong enough to defend our beloved fatherland."

(Signed) "WILHELM."

## Wants To Purchase Surplus Machinery Prison Flax Plant

Alfonso M. del Campo, who owns a flax mill at Guadalajara, Jal. Mexico, was here yesterday afternoon negotiating with state officials for the purchase of some of the surplus and unused flax machinery which has been on hand ever since the flax plant was installed at the state penitentiary. He also wants to purchase some flax seed. Governor Withycombe gave his approval to selling some of the flax breaks and threshers which the state has never had use for. After the legislature appropriated \$50,000 for the flax experiment, J. C. Cady, the first superintendent of the flax plant, was commissioned by the governor to go east and purchase a suitable plant for the flax experiment. He went east and purchased what he declared was machinery for the largest flax plant in the world. He bought 12 threshing machines and 12 breakers. No more than six of the breakers have ever been used while only a few of the threshers have been used. The others have been stored away at the prison.

At the time that Cady made a failure of handling the flax and ran the state in the hole financially his extravagant purchase of machinery was cited as an illustration of his lack of business judgment.

## Salem Man Gained Training Camp Honors

The names of six University of Oregon men who have been put on record as having done exceptionally good work at the S. A. T. C. at the President last summer have been sent to Eugene by Colonel H. Diekmann, U. S. A. Some of the men were cited for general good work and others for special branches. The men cited are as follows: George J. Beggs of Portland, for musketry; Sprague Carter of Baker, Richard Avison of Salem, Dwight S. Parr of Woodburn, for physical work; W. F. G. Thacher of Eugene, for machine gun handling, and Roy M. Wingard of Eugene.

## MRS. ANKENY DEAD.

Mrs. Jennie NeSmith Ankeny wife of ex-Senator Ankeny of Washington, and mother of Robert Ankeny, formerly of Rickreall, now serving in the navy, died at her home in Walla Walla, September 29th, after a lingering illness. Mrs. Ankeny was born near Rickreall, Polk county, Oregon, April 5, 1848, being the eldest daughter of Colonel Jas. W. NeSmith, later United States Senator from Oregon. She still owned the farm near Rickreall on which she was born.—Itinerary.

## TURNER MAKES GOOD.

Thanks to the efficient work of the local Liberty Loan committee, Mr. J. E. Whitehead, Mrs. Emma Herron and Miss Agnes Bowne, Turner is able to report that her share of the Fourth Liberty Loan is oversubscribed. The committee were ably assisted by a number of solicitors whose personal work was largely responsible for the good showing. Let's maintain our good record in all future calls as well.—Tribune.

## Highway Engineer In Army Service

Portland, Or., Oct. 7.—Major C. S. Noble, 563 East Madison street, has been ordered to report to the Y. M. C. A. personnel board at the Bristol hotel New York, October 7, for overseas work in charge of the construction department, which is erecting army huts. Major Noble will leave Wednesday or Thursday.

Major Noble is locating engineer of the Oregon state highway engineering department. The Noble family is well represented in the war. The major's son, First Lieutenant G. B. Noble, was recently reported severely wounded in France. Three nephews have been killed, 10 other nephews are in the service, and 100 blood relatives in all, many of them natives of Scotland, are fighting in the war of democracy.

## William B. Bennett Of Independence Killed

Albany, Or., Oct. 7.—William B. Bennett of Independence, was killed Thursday at the Quartzville mines, according to word received by Coroner Fortmiller. He shot himself accidentally, the report says. Details of the accident are lacking. A coroner's inquest was held at Gates Saturday.

## THE WIFE

By JANE PHELPS

BRIAN CLAIMS THE RIGHT TO TAKE MOLLY OUT IN RUTH'S ABSENCE.

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Ruth waited in silence for a while then said:  
"But you haven't told me where you went? I am so interested, Brian?" By a desperate effort she kept her voice calm and steady.  
"Oh, I went to the Della Robia room at the Vanderbilt, one night—had a snack there; and out to Claremont another night. Then to the Bero—or—the place you didn't like, you remember."  
Brian had spoken sulkily. He had not relished the confession he was obliged to make.  
"Did you have some new clients, dear?"  
"No—what makes you think that?"  
"Why, aren't those places terribly expensive?"  
"That's right! I begin about money; that's what a fellow gets for giving in and letting a woman have her own way! If I hadn't consented to your going to work for that Mandel, you wouldn't have dreamed of quizzing me about what I did with my money. I—"  
"Why Brian! I had no idea of quizzing you. I simply asked if those places weren't expensive. Of course you have a right to spend your money as you please," anxious now to placate him, "but Brian, please don't borrow again. I can let you have a little money if you need it. I only thought perhaps you had made some extra money and for that reason you felt as if you could afford to go to such expensive places."  
Brian made no reply, but sulked the remainder of the evening. While Ruth wondered how she was going to make him reasonable if he became angry every time they talked.  
After he had gone to sleep, she rose quietly and tucked a ten dollar bill in his vest pocket, the pocket where he kept his change. He would be sure to find it there. Then she crept back to bed. That with the twenty she had given him in the morning, would perhaps prevent his borrowing.  
The next morning at breakfast he himself brought up the subject:  
"Now see here, Ruth, we might as well have this out! If you go away and leave me to eat all alone for a week at a time, I shall take Mollie Kling or someone else with me and eat out. If you will stay at home like a woman should, and attend to your house, I'll come home too. That's fair. Anyway it's what I shall do."  
"I said nothing against your taking Mollie Kling to dinner," her heart sinking. And I think you have a right to take her or anyone you want to. I trust you, Brian, perfectly. But perhaps it may cause talk if you take ONLY Mollie Kling. Talk about HER, I mean," she added, seeking the quick frown on her words.  
"I'll risk that! Mollie isn't afraid of Hon. and Mrs. O. P. Coshov has been notified from headquarters at Washington that her application for service in the nurses corps has been favorably received and the young lady expects to leave within a month, probably for Tacoma, where she will receive special training. Following this special work Miss Coshov hopes to be sent overseas, where she may assist in ministering to the sick and wounded from the battle front.—Roseburg News."

(Tomorrow—Kenyon Roberts and His Wife Call Upon Ruth and Brian.)

## NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY.

For those interested in reading more about the war, the city library offers the following books:  
"Desert Campaigns" the story of the Egyptian Expeditionary forces, as told by their official correspondent who accompanied them.  
"Southeastern Europe" a discussion of the Balkan states and their part in the war.  
"Miss Americana" is not exactly history of the war but a novel dealing with the Russian situation.  
For the children the library presents "Official Handbook of the Boy Scouts of America"; "Fifty Famous Rides and Rides"; and "An Esquimo Robinson Crusoe."

## MISS COSHOW CALLED

Miss Leone Coshov, daughter of Hon. and Mrs. O. P. Coshov has been notified from headquarters at Washington that her application for service in the nurses corps has been favorably received and the young lady expects to leave within a month, probably for Tacoma, where she will receive special training. Following this special work Miss Coshov hopes to be sent overseas, where she may assist in ministering to the sick and wounded from the battle front.—Roseburg News.

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