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WAIT AND SEE.

It will be a great relief to the world when the decisions of the peace conference are made generally and fully public. The public has really waited with considerable patience for this publicity, and has realized that the tremendous stake made delay inevitable.

There seems to be creeping into public opinion both here and abroad the feeling that there is a tendency in certain quarters to make the peace terms unduly easy for Germany. It is more than hinted that America is not interested in maintaining as strict a policy as is the desire of both the French and British public.

With the publishing of the peace terms it will doubtless appear that this nervousness was premature. The people of the United States have not forgotten in so short a time either the sufferings of France or her allies, the insults, trickery and conspiracy which has been aimed at their own security.

Any peace which in any sense compromises Germany, which fails to put her in her proper place as a defeated and despicable traitor to mankind, would be resented by the entire American public as failing to express either their true sentiments with regard to their own safety or their honorable intentions with regard to their allies. Nor was it possible that they have been represented as having any other feeling.

Fairness and common sense forbid uncertain conjecture or uninformed criticism. Even the doubters owe it to themselves to wait and see.

The reason why fighting was kept up by the Americans until the very moment the armistice went into effect was that the Germans continued to fight, and the Yanks proceeded to give them as good as they sent. We remember reading a specific incident mentioned by a well-known correspondent at the front. The commander of an American battery knew that the armistice would take effect in a few hours and told his men there would be no more fighting, and his guns were not worked until a German shell burst among his men killing and wounding several. The commander then ordered his battery into action and kept the guns busy until the last minute of the time limit. That incident probably explains why there was fighting on the American front after the armistice was signed.

The socialists are meeting with their usual success in establishing stable government in Germany. The former empire is so quiet and orderly that Villa will be emigrating there from Mexico the next thing we know.

RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason

MAKING BOOKS.

I'm glad I didn't cross the brine ere Kaiser Bill took in his sign. My friends all said, "You ought to go, and write some rhymes about the foe, and that will make him throw a fit, admit he's had enough, and quit." Three time I packed a large valise with pipes and socks and elbow grease, and said, "I'll hike across the foam," then changed my mind and stayed at home. It's fortunate I didn't go, or I'd have multiplied your woe; for I'm the sort of busy gent who'd jot down notes where'er he went, and then come home and write a book--as everybody does, gadzook! The presses groan away like fun, they turn out warbooks by the ton, and all the gifted inky guys are writing yarns of German spies, of mighty combats here and there, upon the sea or in the air. Consumers cry, "We've had enough of this soul searching, curdling stuff! So give us cheerful tales once more, as in the sunny days of yore!" But still the presses whang and clack, and turn out warbooks, stack on stack. And there'd be one or more by me, had I gone slopping o'er the sea, instead of which I stayed at home and kept a poultrice on my dome.

HUNGRY HUNGARY.

Now the Hungarians want a king. Poor things! How could they tell that a democratic form of government might give the people a right to be happy, but that they have to make their happiness themselves. They thought that happiness was something that you found under your plate at breakfast, not something that you fought, bled and died for, and a king might give it to them!

It will take a lot of those bewildered nations a long time to get the sleep out of their eyes and realize that freedom is only one of the essentials of happiness--that it is a tool for the worker, not a gift to the shirker.

Probably the real truth of the matter is that Hungary is not hungry for democracy, nor for autocracy, either, but just plain hungry.

The complaint of the small sawmills of Oregon that they are being discriminated against because the government wants the railroad ties it pays for up to the standard it contracted for, emphasizes the difficulties of government ownership. The mill owners would not think of making such a ridiculous complaint were the railroads under private control. They would furnish ties and other material fully up to standard or they would be rejected and that would end it. Now that the government is operating the railroads, the mill men make a plea for public sympathy that they are being put out of business, and immediately the question that is purely one of business becomes a political issue. Even now partisan newspapers are alleging that the state's industries are being closed down because the national administration refuse to take inferior railroad ties at high prices.

Now that national prohibition is practically accomplished, the professional prohibitionists must seek another field for their activities. Rev. Clarence True Wilson has opened the fight against tobacco which he asserts is damning the world and populating hades with lost souls. We had thought there was some hope for the salvation of the world with John Barleycorn disposed of, but it seems, according to the immaculate Clarence, that the human race is still heading straight for perdition. If this is true why keep up the fight? It would be easier, and save time, energy and money to turn things over to the bolsheviks and let them blow the world up in a hurry and be done with it. This eternal struggle for reform is growing as monotonous as it seems to have been futile so far, in the estimation of good Brother Wilson.

We have never been a very strong supporter of Governor Withycombe, but this thing of providing his successor just because his health is not robust, strikes us as premature and cold-blooded. The people re-elected the governor and, bowing to the will of the majority, we hope he will live to the end of his term and many years beyond it. Also, we would like to see the chief executive brace up and show these fellows who are so anxious about filling his shoes in advance that he is worth a dozen dead men, and purposes to live to hand over his office in person to his successor. Here's to the governor's health!

To show how easy it is to appropriate money this session, it might be mentioned that an appropriation bill for \$2000 for some sort of an O. A. C. experiment station near Astoria was passed twice. It seems that the printer made a mistake in the number of the bill and reprinted them, both batches of bills being distributed among the members. Both bills passed without opposition, the only difference in them being their number on the calendar.

Senator Poindexter comes from the bolshevik state of Washington and Senator Borah was elected with the endorsement of the non-partisan league in Idaho. Both oppose a League of Nations to enforce peace.

Washington couldn't tell a lie, so his biographers assert. Statesmen of the present day are not so constituted, and, naturally, fall from grace sometimes.

The grip of the fish and game commission in Oregon is even stronger than that of the paving trust--but then its income is larger.

Oregon may have the poorest penitentiary of all the states but our assortment of convicts is just as complete as any of them.

We'll bet those Salem boys who are landing in New York today are experiencing the happiest day of their young lives.

The record of appropriations passed by this legislature sounds like the financial plank of an old-time populist platform.

Chancellor Ebert says Germany is done forever with "nobility". In that case there's some hope for German honor.

If you attended that show at the penitentiary, you can realize why traveling vaudeville talent is so scarce.

The reconstruction plans are fine for everybody just as long as the taxpayers will stand for it.

The paving trust lobby has no cause to worry over how a majority of the house will vote.

THE PROMOTER'S WIFE

BY JANE PHELPS

One of Nell's Deals Goes Through
CHAPTER XIV.

"Hip-hip-hurrah!"

Nell it was whose voice had rung out in the cheer. I was waiting dinner for him, but had not heard him come in.

"What's it all about?" He had grabbed me around my waist and was whirling me about the room for all the world like a mad Dervish.

"It's over! The deal went through today. My, but your husband's some money-maker! Say you're proud of me, Bab! Say it quick or I'll go and find someone who will. Anxious as always for praise.

"Of course I am proud of you, you dear boy. I'm always proud of you. Come, you shall tell me all about it while we have dinner."

Nell was very gay all thru dinner. Again and again he reiterated that "deal had gone thru" and more than once I had to tell him that I was proud of him.

"We'll go and look at those apartments I told you of, on Sunday, or would you rather have a house?" he asked.

"Oh let us have the apartment. A house isn't half so pretty nor so easy to manage. But Nell, why not stay here until our year is up? We'll have to pay unless we find someone to take it."

"Stay here! Well, I guess not! We'll get out of this joint just about as fast as we can, then we'll show them a few things." ("Them" being his friends of course.)

He was so joyfully happy, I said no more. Yet I dreaded the thought of change. The apartment, while not large, was comfortable and was almost luxurious in its furnishings. With the two servants I had little real care, and we had been happy there--in our first home.

After Nell's first ebullition of joy had somewhat subsided, as we were sitting in the library, sipping our coffee, I tried again to question him.

"Never mind the details, Bab. The thing is done. You couldn't understand if I tried to tell you."

"Lorraine said today that if she married she would want to know all about her husband's business. It made me realize I knew absolutely nothing of yours."

"She probably would have to take it out in waiting. Men aren't apt to tell their wives very much of their business. Women gossip too much, for one thing; and for another, a man has to talk bus-

iness all day, and he doesn't want to talk it all night as well."

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"Oh, I'll surely rent it, but I hate to let anyone have our things."

"We shan't need or want them. Might as well let them stay here."

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STATE CHAMBER IS DRIVING FOR MEMBERS

Campaign Now In Swing Most Comprehensive Ever Launched In This State.

John L. Etheridge, state chairman committee on membership, Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, having completed the committee's organization throughout the state, has begun a vigorous campaign for membership. Chairman Etheridge says:

"The Oregon State Chamber of Commerce has launched absolutely the most comprehensive, far reaching and beneficial piece of work of its kind ever undertaken by the state.

"The purpose of the chamber is to encourage the development of the natural resources of the state of Oregon and of trade and commercial intercourse between the different parts of the state and between this state and contiguous territory and also with foreign countries, and to encourage co-operation between the various chambers of commerce, industrial, agricultural and other organizations throughout the state and to generally increase their efficiency.

"The value of co-operation needs no comment. Whatever is beneficial to one section of the state is beneficial to the state as a whole and whatever benefits the state as a whole, works to the benefit of each and every community in the state, regardless of how vast removed it may be. The chamber's slogan: 'Oregon For Every Community; Every Community For Oregon,' is a real slogan, abounding in meaning and concisely, clearly and absolutely expressing the purpose of the state chamber.

"In order to accomplish this purpose it is not enough that commercial, social, associations and individuals give into the chamber, their moral support and individual effort--it is essential that the chamber be founded upon a sound financial basis. To raise the necessary funds, 'The Sines of War' and in order that the chamber may otherwise properly function, its membership has been divided into three classes: First, Commercial, consisting of local chambers of commerce and commercial clubs; second, Association, consisting of industrial, agricultural and other organizations not formed for private purposes; third, Individual, non-voting members.

"The annual fee for the Commercial membership is \$10, for each one hundred members of the local club, plus \$10 for each additional one hundred members or major fraction thereof, the maximum fee not to exceed \$50. The holder thereof being entitled to one vote for each \$10 fee; the number of votes for any one commercial organization not to exceed five. The annual fee for the Association membership is \$20. This entitles the association to two votes. The annual fee for Individual membership has been put at a minimum \$5 per member. No maximum has been fixed. It is planned by the state chamber to raise approximately \$50,000 from individual memberships outside Multnomah county, and approximately the same amount within Multnomah county. This is imperative in order to put the state chamber upon its feet financially and in order to make its work effective. This is a gigantic task but we have set ourselves to it and it must and will be accomplished.

"A membership committee, with a live wire as chairman, has been named by Mr. Etheridge for each city in the state. Each of these committees has been notified that the quota for its city is a certain number of individual members, representing a minimum quota of a certain number of dollars. In raising this amount of money the state committee prefers to have the local committee secure at least the minimum number of members at the minimum fee of \$5 per member. However, the plan of raising the local allotments is left entirely to the local committees. A local committee may find one person in its community who will pay a sum equal to its entire quota for its single membership. However, the greater number of persons brought into the chamber the greater will be its strength and the more effective its work.

"Aside from the stated quota to be raised by each committee in its city and community from individual memberships, it is expected and requested by State Chairman Etheridge that each local committee secure at once, if it has not already been sent in, a commercial membership from the local commercial club or chamber of commerce or its city; that if such an organization does not exist the local committee will proceed at once to organize one in order that its community may be properly and duly represented in the state chamber and have the right of casting a vote, or votes, therein and hence a voice in the affairs of the state chamber.

"Also the local committees are asked to secure association memberships from any industrial, agricultural or other organization not formed for private purposes and existing in its city or community."

of the firm and has gone to Portland. J. M. Ringo, the undertaker, has ordered a new auto hearse, which he expects to have ready for use about May 1.

Geo. Neibert visited several days this week with relatives in Salem. Ben Gehlen made a business trip to Portland Friday.

NO VICTORY LOAN.

(Medford Mail Tribune.)

There will be no fifth issue of liberty bonds--no "Victory loan" as it was to be named, under an agreement reached by the house ways and means committee and the secretary of the treasury. Instead a series of short term notes will be issued, at interest rates to be fixed by congress.

The existing liberty loan legislation authorizes the issue of five billion dollars of liberty bonds at 4-1/4 per cent interest. In the opinion of the secretary and of the congressmen, this interest rate is insufficient to float the bonds successfully. Bonds of the previous issues are now selling at a discount that yields 4-1/2 to 5 per cent on the investment and, without the patriotic stimulus of the war, it is questionable whether a fifth loan could be floated successfully at the old interest rate.

Instead of bonds, a series of short term notes will be issued probably bearing a higher rate of interest and maturing in a few years. These will make an excellent investment and they should market themselves by the aid of the banks, although it may be necessary to use the machinery of the liberty loan drives in an effort to market these federal notes.

SCOTTS MILLS NEWS

(Capital Journal Special Service)

Scotts Mills, Feb. 22.--Friends quarterly meeting held at Highland Friends church in Salem was well attended by members from Scotts Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Coulson, Mrs. Ethel Cox, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Taylor, Miss Harris and John Ritchie motored to Salem Friday to attend the Friends quarterly meeting held last Friday and Saturday.

David Delano took an auto load of young folks to Salem last Friday to attend quarterly meeting at Highland. Those thus attending were the Misses Mable and Edith Kellogg, Winnifred and Lillian Frazier.

E. A. Adleman accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ben White and Mr. Lutgen, motored to Salem Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes and family are expecting to move to Portland soon. J. A. Adleman, manager of a large sporting goods house in San Francisco, visited over night with his nephew, C. A. Adleman and wife this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes and family and Miss Lila Broughter visited over Sunday, with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ramsey of Salem.

J. A. Taylor was a Salem visitor Wednesday and Thursday.

F. C. Harris was a business visitor at Portland and Newberg this week.

S. L. Frazier and family, who have been living here