

ostensibly fighting on that side, the real and unseen power behind all this was working for Germany.

It was the pro-German party, covertly, that armed the Russian troops, with sticks and crowbars for guns, provided their cannon with ammunition that fitted German artillery, but not their own, sent them to destruction or defeat, surrendered them by the thousand, and soaked the soil of Poland with their blood, needlessly sacrificed.

The extent of this colossal treason staggers the imagination and makes all the fiction in the world look tame. It has greatly prolonged the war, cost hundreds of thousands of lives, wasted millions of treasure and laid upon the patient people a burden under which they will stagger for generations.

All for the sake of the Hohenzollerns and the supremacy of the kings.

And now all this, or most of it, is revealed as come to naught.

Russia has awakened from its filthy monarchical trance. A democracy at last, she has now taken her true place with the other democracies, fighting the mad dog of monarchism, now in its last lair.

They sang the Marseillaise in the streets of Petrograd, and at the news all democrats around the world sang with them!

They had reason to sing. These democrats have left Germany and Austria the only autocracies in Europe. They have made the issue of this war so clear that no longer can either a liar or a coward side-step it.

Democracy against autocracy, the people against the thrones!

The last great struggle, clean cut, sure, unmistakable. The world for the kings or the world for its people.

#### BURNED IN KEROSENE BLAST

J. A. Best, 6328 Drexel av., poured kerosene on fire which was not heating his breakfast coffee quickly enough today. The explosion of the oil can enveloped him in flames. He

ran to street screaming and a neighbor beat out flames in time to save his life.

Firemen had to use ladders to rescue families of John McDowell and J. J. Carroll on upper floors of building. Loss to building \$2,000.

#### MAYOR VETOES ORDER GIVING BUCK & RAYNOR AWNING

Considerable talk was started last night at the meeting of the city council when Mayor Thompson vetoed an order passed by the council at its last previous meeting giving Buck & Raynor, State street druggists, permission to violate the building laws to put an iron ornament over the door of the store.

Ald. Coughlin of the First ward, who introduced the order, had nothing to say in response to the mayor's action. He simply said he thought to grant such a privilege was not good public policy.

#### LAWNS CAN DRINK, BUT POOR PEOPLE ARE STUNG.

Ald. Utpatel and Rodriguez, backing an order to the chief of police asking for enforcement of the water ordinances this summer, declared that while the property owners are sprinkling their lawns in the alk-stocking wards, out in their district people on the second and third floors cannot get water to drink from their faucets because pressure is so low.

New York.—Chas. J. Vopicka, American minister to Balkans, says Rumania entered war on belief she would help shorten it and liberate countrymen held prisoners, but was unprepared.

Washington.—Heads of practically every important telegraph or telephone company has signified to the government a willingness to thoroughly co-operate in event of war.

Inquiry on to set blame for death of four in burning of Scottish Old People's home, Riverside.