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THE STATE'S OLDEST NEWSPAPER. (Established 1878)

UNITED STATES Unconditional Surrender

JUDGE ROBINSON AND THE FLU.

As a defender of law and liberty and an exponent of that rare human quality known as "horse sense," Justice James E. Robinson of the supreme bench has won a somewhat distinctive pinnacle for himself among the eminent jurists of the northwest.

The Tribune believes the judge is honest in advocating the relegation of North Dakota's bone dry law, in order that liquor, which the judge considers "good anti-flu medicine," may be freely imported for personal use, as in the "good old days" that prevailed prior to July 1, 1917.

Alcohol has caused ten cases of pneumonia for every one it has warded off. Pneumonia dearly loves tissues which have been burned out by this deadly stimulant.

There may come a day when the American people as a nation can devise some plan whereby those who can and will use moderate alcohol stimulants in moderation may have their light beverages.

IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS SPANISH INFLUENZA IS A TEMPORARY BANE. IT CAN DO US FAR LESS HARM THAN WOULD RESULT FROM A PERMANENT RESTORATION OF BOOZE.

HEIRS OF THE VANDAL.

In a book entitled "Genseric, King of the Vandals and First Prussian Kaiser," Poultnery Bigelow traces the Prussians' present devotion to militarism in its worst form to this cruel, despotic monarch and his people, whose original home is now Central Prussia and who have given the word "vandalism" to our vocabulary.

The Vandals inhabited the upper basin of the Oder, whence their army went first to invade the Roman provinces of Dacia and Pannonia, corresponding generally with Roumania, Serbia and Bosnia, but in the year 406 they moved westward

and ravaged France and Spain. Let by Genseric, they crossed to Africa in 428, conquered all the Roman provinces, plundered the cities, destroyed the churches and made Carthage a pirate's stronghold.

Genseric is described as a man "with a great natural capacity for war and dominion, reckless of human life and unrestrained by conscience of pity," a description which admirably fits the present ruler of the Prussians.

The parallel is closer between the Prussians and the Vandals than between the Prussians and the Huns, because the former seem to have inherited the qualities of the Huns seems to do them an injustice, but the kaiser is responsible for that, for he first made it.

ANOTHER TEUTON FAKE.

The latest bit of Teuton diplomacy won't fool anyone.

It never was designed to fool the American government, but the Teuts apparently thought it might fool the American people.

It's the announcement of Baron Hussarek, Austrian premier, that Austria is to be federalized.

There are to be four states, says Hussarek: German-Austrian, Czech-Slovak, Ruthenian and Illyrian.

Questions affecting Bukowina, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Rumania and Poland, it is announced, are to be left for "future arrangement with the nations concerned."

It sounds plausible, but incomplete: What of Hungary?

Then you "tumble." Hussarek is talking about federalization of Austria only—not as Austria-Hungary.

And everyone of the subject races of the dual monarchy is split between Austrian and Hungarian rule.

A Czech-Slovak state including only the Austrian provinces of Bohemia and Moravia, and excluding Slovakia, in northern Hungary, would not even satisfy the ancient Czech aspirations for autonomy within the empire—certainly it would satisfy no one now that the allies have recognized, and the Czech-Slovaks had earned, the independence of this Slay race.

Autonomy for the Ruthenians under Austrian rule would not satisfy the Ruthenians in Hungary; and note that Bukowina, where there are many Ruthenians, is specifically omitted from the so-called "federalization" plan.

An Illyrian state would include only a minute fraction of the Yugoslavs, most of whom live in the Hungarian province of Croatia and Slavonia, in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which also are omitted from the federalization plan, and in independent Serbia and Montenegro.

As for the later arrangements with Rumania, this apparently is to affect only the handful of Rumanians in Bukowina—not the large block of Rumanians living in Hungarian Transylvania.

And the arrangement with Poland is apparently left till it can be seen whether Germany and Austria will jointly be able to dominate a Teutonized and delimited Polish "state."

All in all, it's about the clumsiest fake that has come out of official Teutonism in recent months.

Vienna knows that Americans ordinarily use the name "Austria" to denote the Austro-Hungarian empire. And the success of this federalization fake depends on Americans' not knowing the difference between the two.

The plan doesn't even begin to solve the racial problems of the Hapsburg empire. And Americans will be strengthened in their growing belief that the only solution for "Austria" is—dissolution.

True to its nature to the end, the Hohenzollern dynasty is likely to die nasty.

Having parried the HUN effort to steal peace it is now up to us to steel ourselves for war.

The poor homesick dreamer who orders "punkin pie" in a restaurant draws nothing but the punk.

Belgian refugees declare they found some Germans were "kind." Probably the same sort as the "good injuns" of frontier days.

The flu germ's too tiny to be seen under a microscope, but when you've swallowed it you don't care much to look down microscopes anyhow.

Baron Burian thinks Germany will accept Wilson's terms in full, but will not consent to humiliation. The baron misses the main point of the Wilson terms.

The only jot anybody can believe is that the crown prince would be in danger of his life if he came to Berlin. Since he is equally unwelcome at the front his future seems pretty dark.

With all respects to Lord Milner, it is hard for American democracy to understand his fear of the spread of Bolshevism in Germany. If the HUNS take to cutting their own throats it will save us the trouble.

THE GREAT AMERICAN HOME



LISTENING TO DAD TELL ABOUT THE OFFICE

Fallen for Freedom

- SECTION NO. 1. The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American Expeditionary Forces: Killed in action 199; missing in action 72; wounded severely, 191; wounded slightly, 195; died from accident and other causes, 3; died from wounds, 49; died of disease, 33; wounded, degree undetermined, 145; prisoners, 1; died of aeroplane accident, 1. Total 660.

EVERETT TRUE



PEOPLE'S FORUM

JUDGE ROBINSON'S LETTER ON "BONE-DRY" LAW.

DIOCESE OF BISMARCK, Bismarck, N. D., Oct. 23, 1918.

"Dear Sir: The letter of Judge Robinson on our North Dakota Bone-Dry Laws, published a few days ago, has surely been an interesting reading to many citizens of the state.

"He declares it his duty to give the bone dry statute a complete and absolute knock-out. I wonder whether he and other citizens of the state realize what other knock-out is given by putting the facts which are so fatal to the Bone Dry before the public. Let us review the facts as stated by the honorable judge who is a member of our supreme court. First fact. After the bill, House Bill 33, had been passed by the house, it was amended by the senate and the senate passed the amended bill. Then the bill was presented again to the house, but the bill as engrossed did not contain the senate amendment."

"Second fact. Our governor signed this bill, passed by the house which did not contain the senate amendment, and thus it has been published as a law of the state of North Dakota, though it has not passed the senate.

"Third fact. The little whiskey of doubtful vintage and character that has been smuggled into the state has found ready sale at \$8 and \$10 the quart. Several very prominent citizens engaged in importing for their own personal use have been arraigned in state and federal courts and assessed fines ranging up to \$2,000, or given prison sentences ranging as high as two years."

"Keeping these three facts before my mind, I say, they give the first most serious knock-out to the dignity of our state legislature. Law-makers who realize their dignity and their responsibility before God and the citizens of their state should never tolerate that laws are put on the statute book that are actually passed by only one house of the law-making body.

"They give the second most serious knock-out to the dignity of the governor of the state. How can the people of the state have real respect

for, and confidence in the highest executive of the state when he signs laws which have passed in an illegal way?

"They give the third most serious knock-out to the dignity of our judicial department. Judges who assess fines ranging up to \$2,000 and give prison sentences ranging as high as two years upon the strength of laws that have been passed illegally and, therefore, are not really binding, do not deserve the respect and the confidence of us citizens.

"It may also be well to ask whether the citizens of a state who accept laws which are passed illegally without any protest have really the true spirit of liberty? We common citizens cannot be expected to watch carefully all the political tricks by which some laws are smuggled in; but we have a right to expect that leading politicians should call our attention to any gross mistake or crooked work that has been committed. It is now about 20 months since the bone dry bill passed in the legislature; but none of our leading public men has ever called the attention of the public to the illegal way he has been passed. It matters very little what kind of prohibition laws we have; but it is of the highest importance that we have good order and not legislative anarchy in our state.

"VINCENT WEHRE, Bishop of Bismarck"

Regarding Pensions Increase.

Bismarck, N. D., October 26, 1918.

Editor Tribune, Sir: A bill having been passed increasing our pension and signed by the president June 10th. Most of us expected the increase at least in October, and we were somewhat disappointed for not receiving it on our October check; I wrote Senator Gronna and received his reply dated Oct. 15, saying in part, 'I have received your letter regarding the matter to increase of pension, have taken the matter up with the commissioner of pensions, and as soon as I am in receipt of a reply, I shall not fail to advise you.' A. J. Gronna, U. S. senator by TERENCE J. TULLY, 1200 Broadway, Bismarck, N. D.

WALT MASON SAYS:

"Breathless the man with soul so dead he never to himself hath said, 'I'll dig up money, every chance, if that will help our boys in France. If coin will help to squish the Hun, I have no use for hoarded mon. The hat I've worn since '03 will do another year for me; the shoes I bought three years ago will serve to bear me to and fro; the pants I drew in father's will are fit for ample service still. I roof for Uncle Sam at but, so come along and pass the hat.' It's hard to understand the skate who's scheming early, scheming late, to see how little he can give; he ought to be ashamed of the Committees call at his abode, and kindly ask him to unload. He backs and fills and hums and haws, and shoves some piffle through his jaws: 'I dug up 50 cents last May; I can't spare anything today.' And he can face himself, that guy, who ought to be ashamed to die. But in the long sad years to come he'll find this world is out of plumb; he'll fall to whoop for liberty; and while he lives on earth he'll be as lonesome as the yaller dog that hangs around the city morgue. Oh, we must give until it hurts, until we're soaked our Sunday shirts, and when we get our money back, still strive to give another bone."

How Strange Things Sometimes Happen.

"I want to write you to let you know that I have taken 2 more doses of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy, and have gained 30 lbs in the last 2 weeks, although I am thinner around the waist than before, because the bloating in my stomach has all gone and I am feeling like a boy again. There never was anything in this world half as good as this medicine." It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver, and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. Lenhart Drug Co.

A SPLENDID TRIBUTE TO THE WORK AND WORTH OF MISS MINNIE J. NIELSON AS COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

The Presidents of the Barnes County School Officers Association unite in an unequalled endorsement of Miss Nielson's candidacy for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, based upon her work in Barnes County.

Valley City, N. Dak., Oct. 3, 1918.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Her long service as superintendent of schools and teacher of Barnes County enables us to speak with some authority as to the qualifications for State Superintendent of Public Instruction of Miss Minnie J. Nielson, whose name appears on the Nonpartisan School Ballot for that office.

Miss Nielson's influence upon our schools has been far-reaching. She is practical, sane, well-poised, scholarly, resourceful, zealous and possesses extraordinary powers of leadership, tremendous vitality, hardihood, and capacity for work. Miss Nielson is master of the fundamentals of learning, is broad and thorough in her scholarship, and up to the minute on all school questions. These qualities coupled with a teaching career, in which at different times she came in contact with students of all ages and classes and taught all subjects from the most elemental up to those of college grade, have made her a broad sympathic, and compelling leader.

During her incumbency in office our schools have progressed immeasurably. Her office force has been organized for both general and specialized ability, and she and the entire force have given untiring attention to the development of the schools. She drives her own car and works untiringly, facing the severest weather. Some ten rural consolidated schools that are probably the equal of any ten in one county of the country have been built in her regime and almost solely at her behest. These fine buildings typify the less tangible good things that have been brought about by her efforts, and speak far more eloquently than any written testimonial.

President Barnes County School Officers Association.

- (Signed) Willie Murphy, Sanborn, 1907-1908. R. B. Cox, Wimbledo, 1908-1909. John Logan, Ashtabula Township, 1909-1910. C. E. Spicer, M. D., Litchville, 1910-1911. J. H. Rogers, Getchell Township, 1911-1912. P. P. Pickett, Leal, 1912-1913. C. O. Langer, Sanborn, 1913-1914. Geo. H. Law, Anderson Township, 1914-1915. Mrs. M. M. White, Getchell Township, 1915-1916. J. F. L. Bohnhoff, Valley City, 1916-1917.

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