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German View Of
Present War

Many German-Americans resent the charge that Germany is the aggressor in the present war, and the Westlich Post, a leading German-American paper published at St. Louis, in discussing the matter editorially says:

"What has been expected, and at the same time doubted by every one for a week, has finally come to pass—the European war is now a reality.

"In deplorable misconstruction of facts and circumstances, the American press has on many occasions designated the German empire, and especially the German emperor, as the disturbing element in European politics. Since Germany, under the reign of its third emperor, made such phenomenal strides in the race for commercial and industrial as well as intellectual supremacy, it has become the object of the jealousy and envy of the rest of the world.

"Whenever Germany scored another success in any field of human endeavor this only served to still further increase the blind hatred. Whenever Europe faced a bloody war the cry outside the German empire was always that Germany was responsible for inciting the unrest, whereas the fact was always the contrary.

"Never has a ruler exerted himself for the cause of peace as did William II, supreme commander of the mightiest army the world has known. But his endeavors were not recognized. The intrigues against Germany became more pronounced as the empire threatened England's commercial supremacy.

"To annihilate this competition England did not hesitate in the choice of its means. English news agencies made it their business to saddle upon Germany the responsibility for every disturbance that arose in the eastern or western hemisphere.

"As the news service of the American Press is almost exclusively distributed from London, there has, unfortunately, been created a deep-rooted prejudice against the German nation in the United States.

"We German-Americans, loyal citizens of the land of our choice, but unwilling to forget the land of our birth, have noted with sincere regret that this erroneous conception is apparent again during the present crisis.

"The indisputable fact remains that this unfortunate war, by which all Europe will be made to suffer, has been forced upon Germany. Without any apparent cause Russia has been gathering its enormous war hordes on the German border for the last six months.

"The cry for revenge of the chauvinists in France became more insistent, but still Germany used its utmost endeavors to prevent the threatened conflagration. Not until it became apparent from the east and the west the arms of the octopus were stretched to throttle the empire, did the government take the utmost step.

"It is not a war of the kaiser's making; it is a war waged by the German nation for existence and the upholding of the national honor. The German people fight for what they prize highest in the world—their freedom and honor. The German nation is not waging a war of conquest; its purpose is to advance the growth of culture.

"We Americans of German extraction, during these solemn hours, desire only that these facts should be fully understood by our fellow Americans. But they can only be possible if the American press will judge impartially and will not accept the conclusion that Germany has brought about the war."

Many Camp
This Summer

This summer more Ashland people have gone to the coast or the mountains for vacations than have ever gone before, according to the street talk of old-timers. With the introduction of autos people are beginning to realize what a great rest it is to get out in the woods or along the ocean and rub up against nature for a while. This summer three times as many people have visited Crater Lake than have ever visited it before up to this date. Crescent City and the coast towns are also drawing their share of campers and outing parties.

English Sink
Submarine

Edinburgh, Aug. 13.—The Scotsman yesterday printed the story of an eye witness of the naval battle between British cruisers and German submarines, in which the submarine U-15 was lost.

"The cruiser squadron on Sunday," the story runs, "suddenly became aware of the approach of the submarine flotilla. The enemy was submerged, only the periscopes showing above the surface of the water. The attitude of the British in the face of this attack was cool and the enemy was utterly misled when suddenly the cruiser Birmingham, steaming at full speed, fired the first shot. This shot was carefully aimed, not at the submerged body of a submarine, but at the thin line of the periscope.

"The gunnery was superbly accurate and shattered the periscope. Thereupon the submarine, now a blinded thing, rushed along under water in immediate danger of self-destruction by colliding with cruisers above.

"The sightless submarine was then forced to come to the surface, whereupon the Birmingham's gunner fired the second shot of the fight. This shot struck at the base of the conning tower, ripping the whole of the upper structure clean and the U-15 sank like a stone.

"The remainder of the submarine flotilla fled."

Ashland Lads
Under Arrest

The first open move toward cleaning out the gang of young toughs who have been stealing and engaging in other deviltry around Ashland the past few months was taken Monday and Tuesday when three lads were arrested and sent to Jacksonville. The lads taken were Charles Culverson, Arthur Robison and Fred Miller. Culverson was held for stealing a forty-dollar saddle from Mr. Murphy's horse on the night of the 7th of May. Mr. Murphy was in attendance at the springs meeting at the Chautauqua tabernacle when the saddle was stolen. The property was recovered some weeks ago, but no action was taken as Chief Porter wanted to secure evidence against other members of the gang before making arrests.

He states that the three arrests made were but a beginning and that there are a number of others still at large who are going to be severely dealt with.

The three boys sent to Jacksonville were taken before Judge Tou Velle Tuesday and Calvert was sent to Portland to be placed in the charge of a boys' and girls' aid society there, while Miller and Robison were paroled and returned to Ashland on their good behavior. Young Miller and a lad named Stineman are charged with having killed a sheep on Wagner creek where they were cutting wood, and young Robison is charged with having stolen a revolver from Dave Good's warehouse.

Sheppard Hurt
In Helman's

Arthur Sheppard, lineman, was injured slightly at the Helman baths Wednesday afternoon. Sheppard was at the top of the chutes, ready to slide down, when he slipped and got started down the slide sideways, throwing him off upon reaching the hump. He struck the brace, which supports the bottom of the chute, on his back. A doctor was immediately called by Mr. Helman, and upon examination no bones were found to be broken and the backbone was uninjured.

The accident was caused through no fault of the chutes, whatever, as they are arranged to be perfectly safe if one is careful. Accidents will happen, no matter how many precautions are taken for safety. Mr. Sheppard will be able to be out in a day or two.

Has Brother in War Zone.

A. C. Briggs, manager of the Ashland Fruit and Produce Association, is watching the war news about as closely as anyone in Ashland. His brother, Rev. F. F. Briggs, with his wife and three children, are traveling in Europe and when last heard from, July 15, were in Switzerland headed for Germany, being due there about August 1.

War News Very Scarce
And Service Unsatisfactory

New York, Aug. 13.—Melville E. Stone, general manager of the Associated Press, has made the following statement:

Advices to the Associated Press from London state that an increasingly rigid censorship is being imposed on all matter from Brussels. This increases the delay on such dispatches as are allowed to come through.

The French Cable Company, which, except those with terminals in the British islands, is the only direct line to Europe now in operation, has given notice that the congestion on its lines is such that all messages are subject to a minimum delay of 48 hours.

In an effort to avoid this delay direct dispatches of the Associated Press from Paris are being routed through London, but the delay is also very great. Dispatches which left Paris early yesterday are being received with a delay of from 15 to 17 or more hours, and other Paris dispatches have suffered even greater delay in transmission.

There is absolutely no direct communication with Germany or Austria by any routing. A few censored dispatches are coming through via London and these are censored for transmission out of England. The Associated Press has been making every effort to communicate with Germany through the wireless companies operated from New York. On Sunday a message was sent to the Berlin bureau of the Associated Press, and the wireless company notified us that it had been received in Germany, but since then only fragmentary signals have been exchanged over that system.

Inability to secure wireless communication with Germany since the cutting of the direct German cable at the outbreak of the war, and the increasing rigor of London censorship, still further obscures what has actually transpired within the military zone.

Game Protection
Is Being Urged

R. E. Clanton, superintendent of the fish hatcheries of Oregon, and Commissioner Evans were in the city the first part of the week on business. While here they talked to a number of the prominent sportsmen of the city, including Harry Hosler. They stated that it would be much to the interests of the sportsmen of Ashland and vicinity to organize and protect the game to be found in this locality.

They are urgent for better game protection. Animals of the forest are becoming scarcer every year. Something must be done, they say, to prevent the tremendous onslaught of hunters on the numbers of game and wild birds.

Revisit Old Scenes.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Root left Tuesday evening for Astoria to visit for a time. Mr. Root was chief engineer of the Astoria railroad for several years prior to 1907 and they have a large number of friends there whom Mrs. Root will visit while he attends to business matters. They also expect to enjoy the ocean breezes hugely.

Polytechnic Opens
September 1st

An erroneous rumor has gotten into circulation that the Polytechnic Business College had closed permanently. Such is not the case. It has simply closed during the month of August for the reason that few desired summer work and also because good work is almost impossible in the heat of summer.

There has been at no time any intention of closing the school here and the school is putting out a large amount of advertising matter for the coming year.

The school will open Tuesday, September 1, for what is confidently expected will be the most successful year of its career.

Ansoco film, the first film made. All Kodak companies pay Ansoco company a royalty to make films. Hence the Ansoco film is the best film made.—R. J. Smith, Elk Temple.

The above from the Associated Press summarizes the war situation. Absolutely nothing of importance and reliability is being received in the way of war news. Later reports confirm rumors that Liege has fallen into the hands of the Germans but several at least of the forts are still in the hands of the Belgians and their allies.

Late reports are that Germany, through the mediation of Holland, has again asked permission to pass peaceably through Belgium and it has been refused.

There has been no confirmation of the report that a British vessel had been destroyed off the Pacific coast, and the statement that the wreckage found was caused by the stripping the Rainbow for action is becoming more and more accepted.

The Chicago packers deny that they are boosting prices because of the war, Armour & Co. announcing that they were only able to fill one-third of an order from a foreign source because they were unable to secure the livestock. There is no doubt that many stock raisers will hold their shipments in the hope of higher prices, and equally without doubt the blame will be laid on the packing trust.

Hauling Fruit
Overland Now

Several parties in Ashland are finding employment in hauling fruit to northern California and the Klamath country and selling it. Wayne Goff left Wednesday morning for Mt. Hebron and Doris, Cal., with a load and Fritz Rouse left Tuesday for Ft. Klamath with a load of fruit.

H. V. Richardson was in Medford Tuesday on business of legal nature.

Drive Survey
Is Delayed

The survey ordered by the council of the drive along the old mining ditch on Nob Hill has not yet been made, on account of the inability to act just now of different members of the committee appointed, some of whom have been away or occupied with other pressing matters. City Engineer Walker has walked over the course, however, and is ready to make a survey at any time the committee gets together. No road work can be done until fall or winter, so the need for a survey is not pressing as yet. The committee, however, hopes to get this preliminary move for the drive off their hands as soon as possible.

Get Better
Mail Service

Hereafter Ashland will have better mail service between this city and Portland than in the past. Taking effect yesterday, mail cars have been placed on trains 13 and 14 and local as well as through mail will be carried thereon. This will bring much more mail into Ashland at noon. Heretofore train No. 13, arriving at 11:35, has only carried a closed pouch from Portland, but hereafter it will carry local mail as well. Train No. 14, which has not heretofore carried mail, will receive a car at Ashland and take mail for the north, but will bring no mail from the south.

May Revive
Irrigation Plans

The dry weather this summer is causing many a farmer who last year looked askance upon the plans for irrigation projects to wish that he had not so summarily turned down the promoters. There is little doubt that many land owners would sign up today who would not a year ago. If the European war does not render it impossible to finance the work there is little doubt that there will be marked advancement in immigration in the valley the next year or so.

Effect of War
On Ashland Resort

San Francisco, Aug. 10, 1914.

Dear Sir: It has occurred to us that on account of the character and extent of the European war now in progress the great mineral water resorts of those countries will not be generally available to the public for several years to come. It would therefore seem that this is a great opportunity for the Ashland project and should be taken advantage of in the forthcoming railway advertising campaign.

Your mineral springs are the equal or superior of those in Europe, and if the best type of travel could be directed to them at this time it might advance the immediate success of the project far beyond your original expectations.

We are making this suggestion for what it is worth.

Yours very truly,
SMITH, EMERY & CO.

Forest Fire On
Wagner Creek

What threatened for a time to prove a disastrous forest fire broke out on Wagner creek Tuesday afternoon. The fire started in a canyon on Kerby brothers' ranch which they think must have been caused by a carelessly dropped match or cigarette, left by some hunter, as no one had been working in that part of the forest. It was discovered by the parties living on the ranch and they dispatched a little girl to a neighbor's to phone Mrs. Henry Kerby. She at once dispatched Archie Strickland on his motorcycle to notify Messrs. Kerby, who were on their way from the ranch with wood. They gathered a force and returned and succeeded in getting the fire under control. About that time the forest rangers, who had been notified, arrived with a force of 20 men and took charge of the situation. Messrs. Kerby will lose some timber, several acres of hardwood having been burnt over, but feel lucky that the fire was seen in time to prevent it reaching a large amount of corded wood nearby. Frank Smith had some timber land burned over and it was thought for a time that fifty cords of wood owned by him would be burned, but by strenuous work it was saved.

Gravenstein Apples.

W. D. Hodgson has for sale cheap a few boxes of clean, undersized Gravenstein apples. Phone 427-J. 23-2t.

Parcel Post Is
Well Patronized

The parcel post is growing in favor, according to reports from the local postoffice. Much fruit is being received for transportation in the first two zones and packages weighing 20 pounds are being sent to eastern friends. The mail clerks report receiving two tons of sugar, 80 50-pound sacks one day at Marysville for transportation by parcel post. They have several times had sacks of coal to transport also. At this rate the mail clerks and carriers will be eligible for membership in the stevedores' union.

Installing Motors
For Roadwork

The California-Oregon Power Company has a crew of men at work this week installing two large power equipments for work on the Pacific Highway between Ashland and Talent. There is one 50-horsepower equipment being put in for the Clark-Henry Company to run their mixer, while 115-horsepower is being put in for the Medford Construction Company, which is opening gravel beds on Bear creek.

McGee Is Photographed.

A group of Oregon business men and women who are in Portland this week at the buyers' gathering were photographed in Tuesday's Oregonian. J. H. McGee of this city was among the half dozen so honored.

—Rolls developed for 15c, printed on Cyko, the prize-winning paper, conceded by all photographers to be the best paper made.—R. J. Smith, Elk Temple.

Cheese Factory
In The Applegate

Articles of incorporation for the Murphy cheese factory have been completed for filing and the new institution at the village on the Applegate will be rushed through to completion at the earliest possible date, says the Grants Pass Courier. The company is being incorporated with a capital stock of \$2,000, which is being subscribed by the farmers on the basis of the number of cows which they will milk for the factory. The incorporators are George Barden, A. H. Carson, R. W. Hyde, C. T. Sweeney and J. B. Lindsay, all of the Murphy district.

Work upon the factory building will be commenced at once, and it is hoped to have it completed by the time of the holding of the grange fair next month. The product of enough cows has already been pledged to guarantee the manufacturing of at least 350 pounds of cheese daily, and the plant will be made sufficiently large to meet the natural increase which is expected to come as the industry grows.

Experts were recently at Murphy from the Oregon Agricultural College and their investigation of conditions there resulted in their making a most favorable report. They said that there was no reason why the factory should not meet with as great a success as the Tillamook factories, conditions being just as favorable here.

Ashland Mineral
Water Prescribed

Mrs. W. I. Gilbert and little daughter, from Los Angeles, arrived at the Oregon Hotel Monday for a stay in the city, to try the beneficial effects of the Ashland mineral waters. Mrs. Gilbert will take the uncarbonated soda water as a cure for malaria. Her doctors in Los Angeles recommended the Ashland springs as surpassing all others in their ability to help her case. She has tried many different waters from various famous springs, and comes to Ashland with the hope of receiving much benefit.

Idaho Man
Visits Parents

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pinkerton and daughter Saisy of Harrison, Idaho, are here making a ten days' visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Pinkerton, 743 East Main street. Mr. Pinkerton is in the lumber business in Idaho and is enjoying a well-earned vacation. This is the first time Mrs. Pinkerton has seen her son in ten years and they are enjoying the visit immensely. Mr. Pinkerton's duties as mayor of Harrison will compel his return to that place the first of the week.

To Dance Or
Not to Dance

Roseburg church and official circles are all torn up over the action of the marshal in turning out the lights and dispersing a party of Episcopalians who were dancing in the parish house. It seems that the council passed an ordinance prohibiting public dances and the marshal thought it applied to all alike and acted accordingly. The rector filed charges against the marshal and they are to be threshed out at the next meeting of the city council.

Pear Picking
Has Commenced

The picking of Bartlett pears has commenced throughout the valley. The crop, where not taken by the frosts last spring, is good, but the market outlook, because of the uncertainties of the war situation, is not what it should be and some of the larger growers will put their crops in cold storage in the hope of a better market.

Buys Needle Shop.

Mrs. Lilith Hall has purchased Mrs. Lane's Needle Shop and moved it into the storeroom vacated by Abbott & McDaniel on Main street. She will occupy the rear rooms for a residence.