

The Challis Messenger

EVERYMAN'S PLEDGE:
America Shall Win this War
Therefore, I will work, I will save, I will sacrifice, I will die, I will fight cheerfully and to my utmost for the whole issue of the struggle depended on me alone.

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HARRY KRAGH WRITES FROM OLD ENGLAND

The following letter was received from Harry Krach by Mrs. McGowan:

Well, we are here in South-England near London, and are getting our finish training, taking lessons in gas and bayonet fighting and we expect to be ready to go to the front in about 3 or 4 weeks. We can hear the big guns over at the front and every time we hear one of them we all say we were over there to help the boys.

It's a great country over here. We could only get enough to eat. Plenty of bread and meat and no sugar at all. Another thing we miss over here very much is our cigarettes; and writing paper is also rather expensive and hard to get. We only get 15¢ per here in England and we get to France we will only get 6¢ per mo. It makes us miss where our next smoke will come from, but we are willing to stand all inconveniences we can get over there and help the boys—out of Kaiser Bill.

What do you all think about last week's big drive at the front? Looks like Fritz was getting the best of us but don't believe it—he is losing more than he can afford to white wash all right, our time is not long before you will hear what we have done to the boys.

Your friend, Harry.

Note: The above writer, who had seen previous service in Uncle Sam's navy left here in summer and again tendered services to his country but was rejected on account of an injury which had been broken since leaving the service. After endeavoring to enlist many times for the Stars and Stripes he finally made application in Canada and was at last successful in now serving with the 18th Canadian Reserves.

PHONE LINE COMPLETED

The telephone line from Challis to Clayton and up East Fork is completed and in operation and as predicted is proving to be a great convenience to its patrons, a list of whom follows, together with their rings:

- F. Coleman
- J. Kerr
- C. Jenson
- N. Jenson
- J. Calvin
- C. Mock
- L. Giampedraglia
- W. Germer
- J. Malm
- A. Gini
- R. Graham
- P. Marifio
- Marafio & Co.
- G. Hosford
- L. Frost
- Webb & Co.
- Ed. Baker
- R. Spencer Co.
- E. Papworth
- P. Gussi
- R. Carman
- Leisinger Co.
- J. Bradshaw
- S. Shaw
- M. Yacomella
- M. McConnell
- Felice & Co.
- J. Schuchatti
- P. Piva

Some changes will probably be made in the above rings.

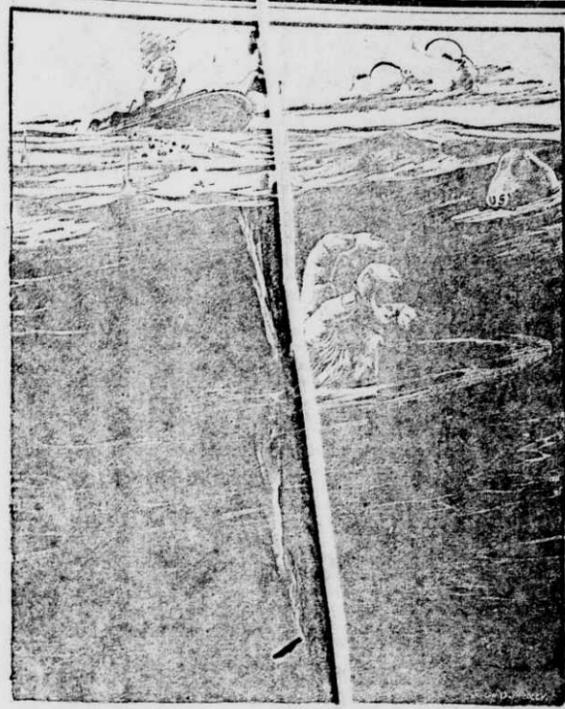
THE POLITICAL BEE HAS IT

It is rumored in political circles that Constable Fred Westfeld of Mackay will be a candidate for the office of sheriff of our county, subject to the will of the voters at the Democratic primaries.

Fred is well known throughout the county and has filled the office of constable of Mackay precinct in a capable and efficient manner, and if elected would make a good officer.

Notice to Auto Owners
All persons owning automobiles are requested to make application for 1918 licenses immediately.
D. M. BURNETT, Assessor

For sale: White Russian seed, 25 cents a pound in the bin. For more inquire of G. M. Challis, Idaho.



REMEMBER THE TUSCANIA BUY A BOND

HARRY LAUDER'S ADVICE

Harry Lauder is being serious these days. The famous Scotch comedian is subordinating his comedy to the all-embracing demands of war. Along with his work for his Injured Soldiers' fund and the Y. M. C. A., Lauder is making an earnest appeal to Americans to prepare for the next Liberty Loan. General subscription is the theme of Lauder's message. Here is what he says:

Liberty is the dearest word in any language. It is the thing the Germans are fighting to take away. It is the one big thing we must fight to keep.

What have you done to help win the war? What are you doing to preserve liberty?

Every Sunday 500,000 Germans in the United States sing songs of pulling the trigger; they are talking of you—of the United States. What are you doing to do about them?

Right now our answer must be—BUY LIBERTY BONDS! We have given that answer once, twice already. But we must make it again and again as need is. We must turn our dollars into silver bullets. That is the way we can become shareholders in the Bank of Humanity. Our part is to provide the wherewithal, since we can't do what the boys out there are doing.

Back in France I saw battalions of young fighters marching along and chanting a song—any old song—right into the mouth of death. They knew where they were going. They were fighting to save LIBERTY. And they are calling on you to help them, you back here.

Our part is easy compared with theirs—but it is OUR PART and it must be done. Put your money into Liberty supports. Sign up as shareholders in humanity's bank.

SCHOOL NOTES

Bulletin board for April 26th: "Arbor Day", "99th Anniversary of I. O. O. F", "Liberty Loan Day"

At a special meeting of the student body, Chas. Daughterty, Pres., made an address and presented the Seniors with class pins, a symbol of good will from the Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen. The faculty and each member of the Senior class made a talk.

All of Prof. Barnham's class making an average of 90 per cent on their studies the last semester will be exempt from the final examinations.

Jess Zilkey has left school for a few weeks to work on the farm.

PROBATE COURT

A case of assault occurred the attention of Probate Judge Higgins last Saturday.

The case grew out of the persistent trespassing by a man named Harcourt on premises belonging to H. W. Weiler. Mr. Weiler finally gave up persuasion and proceeded to employ more drastic measures, i. e., a fire-plug wrench, with the result that he was cited for assault. Judge Higgins dismissed the case against the defendant, which decision met with the hearty approval of all who attended the same.

Save your old clothes—they might save some Belgian's life

HOW MUCH HAVE YOU?

Flour, sugar and wheat census must be taken and it is a patriotic duty for the residents of Custer county to help the Food Administration get the required data. Those who neglect or refuse will be guilty of a disloyal act and subject to governmental pressure. How much have you on hand?

Cut this out and after filling in mail to O. V. Anderson, C. F. A., Mackay, Id.

Flour.....pounds Sugar.....pounds
Wheat.....pounds No. of persons.....
(Signed).....
Address.....
Mail on or before May 1, 1918. Date filled.....

START REGISTERING MAY 4

The Messenger office has been quite busy getting out the registration supplies for this year's primary and general election.

Everyone old enough to vote must register if they desire to exercise their rights as citizens. Registration may be made on any Saturday commencing with May 4th.

Dorothy Dore has been appointed Registrar for this precinct.

For full information see the official notice on the last page of this issue

SILVER-STEVENSONS

Mr. John Stevens of Mackay and Mrs. Mattie Silver of Challis, were united in marriage last Thursday, April 18th at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mavity, Rev. H. G. Adams officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens will reside in Pahsamaroi valley.

The Messenger joins with their many friends in wishing them much joy in their wedded life.

An ounce of pep is worth a ton of peace talk.

Pay your subscription.

THE WAR, THE FARM AND THE FARMER
By Herbert Quick
Member Federal Farm Loan Board

What the Imperial German government offered the farmers of America in its ruthless submarine warfare was not the loss of profits, but slavery to the saber-rattler of Potsdam. He purposed to make us slaves by murdering the people who took our products to market. By all the laws of civilized warfare, commerce under a neutral flag was free from any hindrance except the legal interference justified by war. But the Germans not only stopped merchant vessels, they sank them. Sank them without warning, without trace—the most devilish thing war has seen since the savages scalped our ancestors and threw screaming babies into the flames of burning cabins.

The German plan of sinking merchant vessels without trace is based on the murderer's maxim that "dead men tell no tales." It was executed by the massacre of men, women and children, who, having committed themselves to small boats in the open sea after their ships were torpedoed, were mercilessly raked with gunfire, and exterminated to the last unprotected, unpitied soul! These are the murders that stain the hands of the Kaiser, his advisers and minions. These outrages were perpetrated on neutral vessels when all that civilized warfare gave the Germans a right to do even with the merchant vessel under a hostile flag, was to stop it at sea and make it a prize of war.

To kill the civilians on board, even under a hostile flag, was nothing but unmitigated murder. And these murders were committed in order that we might be enslaved! Having the right to take the sea with his feet, but being afraid to do so for fear he might lose it, and being unable by fair means to stop the selling of our products to his enemies, the Kaiser declared that he would do it by the foulest methods ever resorted to in war. He declared the sea closed, and that he would keep it closed, not by war, but by murder.

To have submitted would have cost us dear in prosperity that would have been the least of our loss.

We should have had to grovel before the German government.

We should have had to accept murder as a thing against which we could not defend ourselves.

We should have allowed this new horror to become a part of all future wars, and have been responsible for its incorporation into international law.

We should have proved that because the fire which burns up our farms' usefulness is beyond the horizon, we would submit to the kindling of it.

We might have accepted the seventy cents for wheat and the six cents for cotton, but we could not have done it merely because we were commanded to do it. By so doing we should have accepted degradation. We should have begun, after winning our freedom in our own revolution and establishing a union on the foundation of liberty in the blood and tears of our war between the states, to knuckle under to autocracy! We should have basely yielded up our birthright as Americans.

Such a thought is intolerable. Peace at such a price would not be peace, but only a preparation for a future revolt against subjugation. Better any sort of war; better war forever, than that.

Whenever the time comes for new sacrifices, let us remember that we fight, not for our liberties tomorrow, or next year or twenty years from now, but for our freedom today. Not for the right to live in the future, but for the right to make a living this year.

German oppression had begun to pinch us before we entered the war. If we had not declared war, but had accepted the conditions of life ordered for us by the Kaiser, we should today be a poverty-stricken people. Our factories would be shut down, our workmen unemployed, our people starving, our farmers ruined by the poverty of those for whose consumption they grow their crops. There is loss and sacrifice in the war, but there would have been far more of loss and sacrifice in accepting the German terms. We should have lost more in money than we have spent in the war, but we should have lost something far more precious. We should have lost our souls.

(This is the second of three articles. The third to be published next week.)



UNCLE SAM—WELL HERE'S A SCRAP O' PAPER. HE WON'T DESTROY IN A HURRY BECAUSE...

