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Railroads employ "section hands"—men charged with the responsibility of keeping tracks and roadbed in repair. Why not section hands or "patrolmen" on our public highways? It wouldn't be good business for a railroad to permit its line to go into decay for months and then invite all the property owners along the road to get together and put it in repair. Neither is it good business for counties to permit the public roads to wash to pieces before repairs are made. The State Highway Department urges all counties in the State to give the "patrol system" of road maintenance a thorough trial. Why not select a section of from five to ten miles of road in this county, employ a patrolman, provide necessary tools, and have him go over the road at least three times a week? "A shovelful of earth in time saves ninety and nine." Approaches to culverts and bridges should be given careful attention, and the patrol system is said to be the cheapest and best method of having this work performed. Can't we try this in Audrain?

"Luxuries hit hard in the new revenue bill" is a headline running in the papers. Well, let it hit. The rich should do their full part in helping to meet the expense of this war.

Hedgedale School District contributed \$42 for Salvation Army War Fund. What other district will beat it?

SUGGEST YOUR PANTS, BURN YOUR VEST, BE IN STYLE.

New Formula of Dress For Men Has Just Enough Buttons For Safety.

Cedar Point, O.—Aug. 19.—The formula of dress laid down as both necessary and patriotic by clothing builders following a conference with the War Industries Board at Washington, claimed the attention of Custom Cutters' Association here today.

"Very short trousers, very skimpy coat tails, no vest, and just enough buttons to insure safety—that's the program and that's what Mr. Man has got to be satisfied with," says G. D. Bones of Cleveland Cutters' Club.

"A curtailment of 30 percent on materials has been agreed to for fall styles," said Bones. "As to new spring and summer—well, the designers have been ordered to go the limit in the interest of conservation."

KILLED BY THE CARS.

Robert Burke of Mexico Meets Fatal Accident At Laddonia—Caught His Foot In A Switch.

Robert P. Burke of Mexico, 32 years old, a single man, is dead from an accident which happened him at Laddonia near sundown Monday. He was a brakeman in the employ of the Chicago & Alton Railroad. He was coupling cars when he caught his foot in a switch. One side of his body was crushed, one arm was cut off and one leg badly mangled. He was hurried to the Mexico Hospital, but died about two hours after the accident.

The Burke family formerly lived near Thompson. Robert's mother survives and one sister and three brothers, now residents of Mexico. The mother is Mrs. Wm. Burke; the sisters are Elizabeth Burke; the brothers, James, William and Lewis. The funeral will be held at the Catholic church this morning.

DEATH OF JESSE PAINTER.

Jesse Painter, 32 years old, a brother of W. R. Painter of Mexico, died a few days since at his home in Beablo, Colo. The body will be shipped to Wellsville for burial. Jesse Painter was reared to manhood in the Laddonia neighborhood and was a fine boy. He leaves a wife and one child.

THE AUDRAIN NOMINATIONS.

The Centralia Courier comments as follows:
You can nearly always depend upon Audrain doing the right thing. Her fine majority of 500 for Wilfley reflects credit upon her people. Knowing Wilfley to be worthy, Audrain voted for him—a home boy who fought his way to the front over obstacles. Now that it is all over, we want to say that we have never known a more worthy or better man than Zen Wilfley. Too bad that it was necessary to assassinate his reputation for loyalty to his country in order to defeat him. We also like the way Audrain voted for Representative W. W. Botts is a level-headed man and will make good. We are also immensely pleased that Eppa Elliott was returned a winner for Circuit Clerk. He is an efficient official who is deservedly popular with the people. We tip our hat to Mrs. Stephens—we are glad she won. Shannon will make a good Probate Judge. We don't know C. P. Arnold, but take it that he is all right in as much as he defeated a lot of mighty good men—some of them our personal friends, too.

BEAVER DAM.

(Too late for last week)
A fine shower Friday night and another Sunday morning helped pastures and corn.

Lightning struck F. A. Summerville's barn Friday night. Building and contents entirely lost.

Treshing is about over. Oats made 30 to 40 bushels to the acre and wheat about 30 bushels per acre.

Elva Sims from Millersburg is visiting his brother, James Sims.

R. A. Herring and J. N. Waugh delivered hogs to Fred Roberts in Mexico last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Willingham and daughter, Jewell, returned last week from a week's visit among relatives in Monroe county. They report corn and pasture seriously needing rain over that way.

Joe Crews, the road overseer, has been busy building culverts the last week.

James Sims is feeding a car load of mules.

Louis Kireher sold hogs to J.P. Harper at Rush Hill at \$13.35.

SANTA FE ITEMS.

Mrs. John Dowell died Wednesday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Miller, at Hannibal. The body was buried at South Fork Thursday.

Will Sterrett and Emma Kerr attended the State Fair last week.

The Calhoun Bale baling at Lee McClure's, set fire to the straw stack, burning ten tons of straw and damaging the machine badly.

Miss Ollie Epperson returned home Thursday, and Miss Mary Wilson accompanied her to spend the week-end.

Miss Nell Wilson, Glessie McGill, Mary Hanna and others attended the teachers' meeting at Paris Friday and Saturday.

A short revival meeting will be held at the Christian church commencing August 25.

Lindell Rudasill, who is at the Amanda Hospital in Mexico, is on the mend.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson of Kansas City visited friends and relatives here for the past week.

Miss Fay Enoch of Illinois is visiting her uncle, Perry Davis.

Alvie Smith is home from Iowa where he has been working all summer. He will register August 24.

Mrs. Leon Bybee came home Friday from Oklahoma, her mother, brother and two children coming with her.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Audrain Mutual Telephone Company will be held on the 4th day of September, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the I. O. O. F. Hall, Mexico, Mo.

R. F. JAMES, President.
JNO. H. WAYNE, Secretary.

Clark Gibbs is in Colorado Springs.

Why We Fight
No. 1
Because Germany for Years Has Been Making Secret, Treacherous War on Us

By CLARENCE L. SPEED
Secretary of the War Committee of the Union League Club of Chicago.

One of the deep, underlying reasons—not just a diplomatic pretext—why we are at war with Germany is that for a generation Germany has been making war on us. Germany has made this war not openly, bravely or humanely, but secretly, treacherously and persistently. She has sought to create race discord, to corrupt and defile politicians and officeholders, and to create separate German communities within our borders. She has poisoned the minds of children in our schools in an endeavor to make Germans of them instead of have them grow up into loyal American citizens. She has invaded the sacredness of the pulpit itself in an endeavor to corrupt our people through the very leaders of morality to whom they are accustomed to look for guidance.

These may be startling assertions, but they are all true, as you shall see from the documents of the Germans themselves. We all know that it was a German fleet which stripped for action when Dewey sailed into Manila bay. We all knew it was the Germans who sought to bring about a European alliance against us when we were engaged in the war with Spain. Few of us realized, however, that all these years Germany has been busy within our own borders, through editors, teachers and preachers, seeking to break down our national unity, so that when the time came it would be easy to defeat the United States in open warfare, to set at naught our cherished Monroe doctrine, and to seize, in the Western hemisphere, anything that the land grabbing rulers of the German empire might desire.

The climax of Germany's underhanded war on the United States came in 1913, more than a year before the outbreak of hostilities in Europe. This was the enactment of what is known as the Delbruck law, which provides that if an emigrant from Germany who is about to be naturalized makes application to a German consul, he may retain his German citizenship even after he has become a citizen of his adopted country.

In plain words, this law, and the application of it, mean just this: A German goes into court in this country and solemnly foreswears allegiance to the Kaiser and pledges his word—the temptation was to say, "of honor"—that he will become a loyal citizen of the United States. Then he slips around to the German consul and says:

"You know I didn't mean that, at all. Those Americans are easy marks, and they fell for what stuff right off. But you just put me down on your list as a good, loyal German, and if the time ever comes when I can prove it, you can count on me."

So the German consul puts his name down in the little card index of which the Germans are so fond, and this man—this creature who swears allegiance to the country which gives him an opportunity to make a real living and to become somebody in this world, and at the same time swears secretly to be true to Germany—is turned loose to work his will, while Americans go carelessly about their business and refuse to see the danger in the arrangement.

Long before the passage of the Delbruck law, there was formed the Verein für das Deutschtum im Ausland—the Union for Germanism in Foreign Lands. This organization, officially fostered in Germany, issued a quarterly magazine, which, in its very first issue, outlined its aims as follows:

"The purpose of this union is the preservation and promotion of the Germanism of over 30,000,000 people of German blood dwelling outside the German empire." All it aims to do, you see, is to keep Germans who come to this country from becoming Americans.

Away back in 1890 the Alldeutscher Verband, or the Pan-German league, was formed. It now consists of 268 chapters of which two now are—or at least were immediately before the war—in the United States, one in New York and one in San Francisco. To quote from the Alldeutsche Blatter, its official publication, "the Pan-German league is founded for promoting German National interests, both in Germany and in foreign lands."

A few thinking Americans knew all the time what was coming—what must come. But America, as a whole, went along in that carelessness and indifference with which it treats all things unpleasant, and allowed this German war on our most sacred institutions to continue unchecked.

So Germany stands today, with one foot on prostrate Belgium and the other on the neck of poor deluded Russia; with a bayonet planted in the heart of Serbia, and the point of its sword at the throat of Roumania, while it looks out over the vassal States of Bulgaria and Turkey to India and the Orient. And as it stands thus, it cries to its foes on the western front:

"Kamerad! Why go on with all this killing? Let's have a peace by negotiation!" and, under its breath, adds, "I've got all I want for the present."
Can we talk of any peace until such a Germany is absolutely defeated? Shall we negotiate a peace and allow all these German preparations for world domination to go on until the time is ripe for Germany to complete its conquests?

FRENCH, BRITISH AND YANKS CONTINUE TO PUSH HUNS.

Enemy Falls Back Into Flanders—Over Front of 15 Miles French Carry On To A Depth of 3 Miles.

From Soissons to the Belgian border the German armies are being put to the test by the French and British. Nowhere have the Teutons been able to sustain the shock.

From Aisne to the Oise, from Oise to the region around Roye, in the Arras sector and on to the Lys salient, the Germans fall back under pressure of Allied troops.

In the new offensive conducted by French General Mangin over a front of 15 miles, from Bailly to the Aisne, near Soissons, the French have carried their line to a depth of about three miles, and in the first phases of the battle had turned to French possession numerous enemy held villages. More than 8,000 Germans had been herded behind the line, prisoners.

Unofficial accounts placed the French on various sectors well in advance of positions outlined in the French official communications.

Along the Scarpe River, east of Arras, Field Marshal Haig's forces have kept up their harassing tactics against the enemy, who have continued to fall back.

The Germans resist vigorously but to no purpose. The British are to the east of village of Fampoux. The Germans now stand on the old battle line of December, 1917.

The British have the villages of Vierhosk, La Couronne, and L'Epinette. This puts the British astride the road running southeastward to Estaires.

Germans are stubbornly contesting for vantage on south line of the Somme, near Chaumes, and north of Roye, which place they still hold, and is the keystone to the enemy defense lines. With the capture of Beauvraignes by the French, however, Roye seems on the point of falling, and with it we hope for the entire line north to the Somme.

There has been little fighting along the Vesle River, where the Americans and French are facing the enemy.

Soldiers of the 138th Regiment At The Rear Resting Write Of Their Record.

After a period of service in the Vosges Mountains of Alsace, which started immediately after their arrival in France, members of the 138th Regiment are at the rear lines for rest.

L. E. Wornor returned home Friday from a trip thru Arkansas and southeast Missouri. They are suffering from drouth down that way, too. In Southwest Missouri their main dependence is corn, but their crop is likely to be a failure.

The great Chautauqua opens today. Have you secured your tickets?

Churchill Sims, at Camp Pike, Ark., has been made a Corporal.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL TELEPHONE MEETING.

All stockholders of the Laddonia, Rush Hill, and Mexico Union Telephone Company are requested to be present at the Annual Meeting to be held in Rush Hill, Mo., Monday, September 9th, 1918, at 2 o'clock p. m., Election of Directors and other important business.

VAL ERDEL, JR., PRES.
CHAS. MARTENS, Sec.

Administrator's Notice.
Notice is hereby given, That Letters of Administration upon the estate of Mantha Anderson, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, by the Probate Court of Audrain County, Missouri, bearing date the 19th day of August, 1918.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowances, within six months from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

JOSEPHAS ANDERSON, Administrator.
Attested by me, this 19th day of August, 1918.
W. W. BOTTS,
Judge of Probate Court.
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ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTEEN CHURCHES OF DISCIPLES.

The 38th annual convention of the Audrain County Missionary Association of the seventeen churches of the Disciples of Christ, to be held in Mexico, Mo., Aug. 29 and 30. The county officers are J.C. Mundy, Mexico; A. B. Smith, Thompson; C. M. Fox, Rising Sun; W. G. Wilkins, Mexico. Music under direction of C. M. Fox.

Thursday evening B. F. Hamann, of Macedonia, E. Herndon of Liberty, and A. L. Wills, have the floor. Friday—L. B. Coggins, R. W. Moore, J.C. Mundy, R. L. Schwab, J. B. Weldon, J. D. Greer are on the program which seems to have been printed at some printshop and it reaches the newspapers too late to give usual complimentary notice.

Friday afternoon—Mrs. F. P. Dye, Mrs. B. C. Berrey, Mrs. W. H. Coil, Mrs. A. C. Barnes are mentioned on the program.

Four Minute Comments by F. J. McGee, Harry Day, Wm. Doolin, Alex Carter, George Mosby, Leo Kuntz, M. C. Barnes, J. L. Wilkins, W. H. McIntyre, Herman Yelton, B. A. Smith, Frank Crosswhite, W. B. Freeman, Brent Erisman, W. P. Johnson, J. W. Dry.

JBlondin, the great rope walker, astounded the world in the early '60's by walking a tight rope across the chasm below Niagara Falls. At that time the world did not anticipate the coming of Herberta Beeson, the champion romper on the wire with the Sello-Photo circus, which will be in Mexico Tuesday August 27.

When Blondin made his famous walk across the chasm he carried a long balancing pole. He negotiated the distance successfully, but never realized that the balancing pole would soon be a thing obsolete to wire walkers.

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