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PEACE WITH GERMANY

Germany has made overtures for peace, yet the overtures are not sincere. It is true, the peace proposals emanate from a high government official and without going into the matter deeply, it would appear on the surface that Germany wants peace. If the peace proposal is given serious consideration, it can be seen that Germany is not ready for peace, that is, the military party is not. In our opinion the peace proposal is only German propaganda. The Kaiser can now say to his people, "I have done my best to obtain peace, but the enemies of the fatherland will not hear my voice." Thus he can, to a certain extent, enlist the loyal efforts of his subjects, and continue the war for "God and the Fatherland." The peace proposal might, also, have some effect on the lukewarm in America, for they can now say "we have a chance to make peace, why don't we do it?" To the true American, however, the trickery of the Kaiser and his army is an impenetrable barrier against a patched up peace and a St. Helens soldier boy, George Christie has best expressed our sentiments, when in a recent letter, written after the battle of Chateau-Thierry, he told his father—"War is a bad business, but Germany started it, so we are going to give them all they want of it. There is no use making a patched up peace until they are absolutely past doing anything and starting another war." Here is an opinion from a soldier facing the Hun, and it is the best editorial that could be written as to a German peace at this time.

CLIMBING ON THE BAND WAGON

To hear some of the candidates for certain high positions in the county speak of the necessity of the Pittsburg-St. Helens road and express their sentiments that the road should be built, is indeed, laughable. It looks as though the Pittsburg-St. Helens road band wagon was a good old wagon and going along on a two per cent grade, so it is easy to catch on. The taxpayer should bear in mind that the Pittsburg road or any other road in the county cannot and will not be built on promises alone. It takes money to build a road and the money must come from taxation. The Pittsburg-St. Helens road was started about 40 years ago. Why hasn't it been completed before this time?

THE CREDITORS

This poem was written by R. Mill Oliver, a late lieutenant in the Australian Imperial Forces, who was wounded at Passchendaele in October, 1917, and has been discharged by reason of his wounds. He is now in San Francisco en route to his home in Australia.

Each mother's son, who has given his life,
 In Freedom's fight over there,
 Each wooden cross, that points to the sky,
 Demand that you do your share.

Each Belgian babe, that has lost it's home,
 The fatherless, motherless, too,
 Cry for succour, but not in vain
 For their cries are heard by you.

Each tender nurse, who mother's us
 Back to health and strength again,
 Can't work alone, she needs your help,
 Though far from the field of pain.

Each dawn that rises, sees on the tape,
 Your sons, waiting the word to go,
 And when the barrage thunders down,
 They have never faltered or gone too slow.

So each over here can do a share,
 Though not in an active way,
 Just buy a bond, and help to drive
 To his den, the world's beast of prey.

Drive him to his den and across the door,
 The stone of Liberty roll,
 And blot out the name that has blood stained,
 Civilization's sacred scroll.

GERMANY PAYS DEARLY FOR HER SAVAGE TREACHERY

The American forces in France now number 1,800,000 men, according to the war department's latest statement. Information is withheld regarding the number that are in action or holding positions on the battle front, but it is not improbable that 400,000 or 500,000 are so engaged. Whatever the number, it is sufficient to turn the tide of battle. It is probable that we have as many as a million men now performing service of one kind or another that would require an equal number of French and British soldiers if the American armies were not in France. Our contribution to the allied man power is therefore a telling factor in General Foch's strategy. Without claiming undue credit, it seems not too much to say that if America had not entered the war, very different annals would now be coming from the fighting zones.

Germany lost this conflict when it forced the United States to take up the gage of battle. And the United States would never have taken up arms if Germany had fought decently, according to the canons of international law and civilized warfare. It was the shame and horror of Belgium invasion, the accumulating atrocities of the Hun armies, the piracy of U-boat operations, and Germany's intriguing, corrupting, treacherous plotting in this country that turned us from an intensely peace-loving neutral nation into the avenging and righteous Nemesis that we are today.—Spokesman Review.

A man that advocates low taxes is not the man who is in favor of good roads.

"OVER THE TOP"

Columbia county has again gone over the top. From incomplete returns received, it appears that the Fourth Liberty Loan quota has been subscribed and approximately \$100,000 extra thrown in for good measure. The people of the county are determined to support the boys "over there" that are doing the real giving and making the real fight and sacrifice.

Columbia county has sufficient undeveloped farming land to support ten times the population that we now have. As the timber is removed the land must be developed if the county is to grow. Good roads are the first essential.

OLD HIGH COST OF LIVING JUMPS

But That Makes No Difference to the Millionaire With a Hobby

Old High Cost of living has so jumped the past twelve months that mere existence has become a sort of luxury.

Your groceryman tells you he simply has to charge the price asked; the clothier informs you that the same suits he sold for \$20, are now \$40 and \$50 each, and a bargain at that; your milkman strikes you off the list in a hurry if you dare demur to \$3.75 per quart a month; your wife's winter coat will be close to the \$60 mark and her shoes will be a bargain at \$14.50. As to your winter's wood pile—the least said the better.

Such are the fruits of war, and such are the burdens to be borne by the great army of the secondary defense.

It's a great life—if you don't weaken.

But what would your groceryman say if you asked him to knock off his profit in these troublesome times? What would happen if you informed your shoeman, your milk man, your dry goods man and the rest of the bunch, that they would have to let you have the goods at a reduced price? Would these gentlemen politely accede to your request? They would not. Bankruptcy would follow if they did.

You couldn't expect it—you would not ask it. These are not the good old days of old. Costs have gone up on everything, and quite naturally, too.

In view of the general condition of affairs it is a rather astounding bit of legislation that Sam Jackson, editor of the Portland Journal, would foist onto the statute books this fall. It is astounding to the person unacquainted with the facts, but to those who understand the motives underlying the proposed measure, Mr. Jackson's scheme is petty, diabolically dirty, and as malicious as any piece of legislation that was ever framed to be "put over" on the citizens of Oregon.

You have your home paper, you believe in it, and you realize that its influence as a community builder is big. Do you know, also, that a man high in affairs of the nation has recently stated that the First, Second, Third and Fourth Liberty loans would never have been possible without the generous support of the press of Oregon and of the nation? Do you know, too, that not one cent of advertising was appropriated by the government to help the press make the loan a success.

But to return to Jackson's malicious measure. He and some Portland attorney have decided that the legal advertising rate which provides that publishers shall not be paid a greater sum than five cents per line, is altogether too high to suit his imperial taste. He therefore has prepared an initiative petition and wants the voters of Oregon to lower the rate, in accordance with his wishes.

This is Millionaire Jackson's way of "getting even" with the press of Oregon. He has been unable to dictate to the thinking editors of the state who have steadily refused to be whipped into line to support Jackson's single tax and other campaigns waged by the Journal. He has chosen the psychological time to carry out his nefarious plan—a time when probably ninety per cent of the papers of the state are struggling to keep the wolf from the door, that they may "carry on" in their important mission of helping Uncle Sam's war activities. It is a scheme quite worthy of Jackson and a really clever way to cut the throats of the country editors. Bring his advertising rates down below cost and you can run him out of the field! Isn't it a commendable work for a millionaire publisher to be engaged in?

Unfortunately for Jackson the voters are onto his little game. They believe in their own communities, they believe in their home papers, and they are generous enough to admit that the newspaper men of the state have a God-given right to live in Oregon, in spite of Editor Jackson's personal wishes in the matter.

The Mist is still \$1.50 per year.

Political Announcements

For a Patriotic and Progressive Administration Vote for



W. J. FULLERTON for County Judge

Good roads are an absolute necessity for the development of Columbia County and I am in favor of such. Your support at the coming election will be appreciated.

W. J. FULLERTON.

To the Voters of Columbia County—Having received the nomination on the Democratic ticket for the office of sheriff of this county, I wish to state, I have been a resident and a



taxpayer of this county for nearly eight years, I am a working man, a member of the L. L. L. and also belong to the International Union of Steam and Operating Engineers. I elected to the office of sheriff, I promise an economical business administration and an impartial enforcement of the law. If you want that kind of a man and that kind of an administration, I shall greatly appreciate your votes.

Respectfully submitted,
 G. B. CONYERS,
 Democratic Candidate for Sheriff.

GEORGE B. CONYERS

I believe that county business should be done in the open and on the square, and if I am elected I will, to the best of my ability, work for the best interests of the county and will not be influenced by any clique, clan or corporation and will endeavor to secure co-operation between the citizens of the several road districts and the County Court.

I believe that my election to this office is warranted by my past record and ability, having served as Recorder of the City of Clatskanie for the past four years, together with several other responsible offices including County Surveyor and Justice of the Peace.

(Signed) GEORGE B. CONYERS.

REPUBLICAN TICKET

General Election, November 5, 1918

- United States Senator (short term) FRED W. MULKEY
- United States Senator (long term) CHARLES L. McNARY
- Representative in Congress (1st Dis.) W. C. HAWLEY
- Governor JAMES WITCOMBE
- State Treasurer O. P. HOFF
- Justice of Supreme Court CHARLES A. JOHNS
- Attorney General GEORGE M. BROWN
- Superintendent of Public Instruction J. A. CHURCHILL
- Labor Commissioner C. H. GRAM
- Public Service Commissioner FRED A. WILLIAMS
- County Ticket
- For Representative EDISON I. BALLAGH
- For County Judge MARTIN WHITE
- For Sheriff E. C. STANWOOD
- For County Clerk J. W. HUNT
- For Treasurer BESSIE HATTAN
- For Surveyor L. J. VAN ORSHOVEN
- For Coroner T. S. WHITE
- For County Commissioner JUDSON WEED

All Buses Call at Hotel
 Courteous Treatment
STOP AT
ORCADIA HOTEL
 THOS. ISBISTER, Prop.
 Chicken Dinner Sunday, 35c
 RATES \$1.00 PER DAY AND UP
 Special Rates to Regular Boarders

ST. HELENS-PORTLAND AUTO LINE
 FRANK SHEPARD, Prop.
SCHEDULE

	A. M.	P. M.
Lv. St. Helens	7:30	1:30
Warren	7:45	1:45
Scappoose	8:00	2:00
Ar. Portland	9:20	3:20
Lv. Portland	10:00	4:00
Ar. St. Helens	11:50	5:50

Saturdays and Sundays
 Special trip leaving St. Helens 6 p. m.
 Leave Portland 11 p. m.

Frazier's Confectionery
 St. Helens, Oregon
 On the Strand near Mill Yard
 CIGARS, TOBACCOS
 CONFECTIONS
 SOFT DRINKS
 POOL and BILLIARD PARLOR

ST. HELENS ROUTE
 via Willamette Slough
 THE PEOPLES BOAT
STR. AMERICA
 Leaves Portland daily -- 2:30 p. m.
 (Sunday 1:30 p. m.)
 Arrives St. Helens -- 6:00 p. m.
 (Sunday 3:30 p. m.)
 Leaves St. Helens -- 6:15 a. m.
 Arrives Portland -- 10:15 a. m.
 H. HOLMAN, Agent
 Makes all way landings. Wharf foot Alder street. Phones: Main 8212, A-4204.
 FRANK WILKINS, St. Helens Agent.

We Were Ready==
Were You?

WHEN the Fourth Liberty Loan drive opened Saturday, September 28th, you found the doors of the COLUMBIA COUNTY BANK open early, and every last person and facility in the place was available to help YOU subscribe your quota. BUT, don't wait until the 11th hour. As soon as you know what YOUR share is to be, PLEDGE YOUR SUBSCRIPTION.

The time to think, talk and figure is NOW. Help send St. Helens, Columbia County and Oregon FIRST over the top.

SHERMAN M. MILES, President

Columbia County Bank
 ST. HELENS OREGON
 IN COLUMBIA COUNTY

ST. HELENS HOTEL
 E. A. ROTGER, Prop.

American and European Plan
 All Buses Call at Hotel
 Everything Modern — Steam Heating Plant
 Hot and Cold Water in Rooms

So many people think of our Market when they want meat because they have found it pays to get

Fresh Quality Meats
 AT
Central Meat Market

THE BEST MEAT MARKET IN THE COUNTY
 Phone 60
 Free and Prompt Delivery

UMECO

Nut butter made from vegetable oils
 PURE and WHOLESOME
Save 29 cents
 per pound on Butter

Pears Fall Butter Canning Pears, box - **1.40**

If you don't trade with us we both lose money.

St. Helens Mercantile Co.

Phone 80 St. Helens, Oregon
 DON'T FORGET—WE MAKE DAILY DELIVERIES