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THE INCENTIVE TO WAR

Some critics are unable to see any connection between the demand for electoral reforms and the ultimate peace terms of Germany.

There is a very direct connection. When they lose their hold on the election machinery at home, the German Junkers will no longer have a keen interest in indemnities and annexations. Unless they are to control the exploitation of conquered regions they have no interest in conquest.

Those at the head of the Reichstag revolt are able and practical politicians. Desiring peace, they aim to destroy the incentive to war. That incentive is bound up in the undemocratic franchise which is now under attack.

LAW AND LIBERTY

Swift punishment is properly due those who violate any law, or who induce others to violate. But "every man has a right to any opinion about any law, and may do anything that is in itself lawful to secure the repeal of any law on the same status books."

This is the clarifying opinion handed down by United States Judge Rose who directed the acquittal at Baltimore of two men arrested for agitation in connection with the Military Draft law.

Judge Rose's decision is in harmony with the highest traditions of political liberty in the United States. Nobody can misunderstand it, or find in it any excuse for seditious agitation. While it remains a law, every law must be obeyed. There is no other basis of orderly government.

AUTOCRACY GONE MAD

Blind to every sign of the times, Bethman-Hollweg throws down the gauntlet of Prussian despotism to the war-weary masses of Germany.

The people of Germany begged to be told why they were led to slaughter. The Imperial Chancellor kicks them from his presence with the arrogant exclamation:

"Peace without annexations or indemnities is impossible! Germany cannot declare her peace terms. We must fight and conquer!"

This is not in reply to Lloyd-George or to Premier Ribot. They have not asked for his peace terms. It is the German masses that drove him to madness by their insistent clamor for peace.

Madness! We use the word deliberately. It is sheerest madness today for any statesman to employ the quoted words and tone of Bethman-Hollweg.

It is sowing the winds of rebellion. Tomorrow comes the whirlwind.

A FEATHER IN HER HAT

Representative Jeanette Rankin has made herself beloved of the women employees of the Government Bureau of Printing and Engraving. In direct consequence of her agitation, Secretary McAdoo has placed the establishment on an eighth-hour basis for both men and women.

Working conditions in this great establishment have long been a reproach to Uncle Sam as an employer. While private corporations all over the land were reorganizing their plants along modern lines, women workers in the "Bureau," many of them widows with dependent children, were toiling twelve hours a day.

The Lady from Montana deemed it an appropriate task to investigate the situation. Within a short time she was able to present facts to the authorities which led to quick relief for hundreds of women and scores of children. This act of simple justice should not have waited for the election of a woman to Congress.

—How easy it is to say five or ten million dollars! Who ever thought the time would come when we would count money the same as we count microbes and miles to the stars?

—Very sorry to hear that the fortune of the former Czar Nicholas has dwindled down to \$4,000,000. Suggest that he cut out meat and use an axle grease substitute for butter.

BARACA-PHILATHEA WORK

Some of the Things Contemplated During the Year.

At the meeting of the North Carolina Baraca Philathea Union executive committee held in Raleigh recently, Mrs. N. Buckner, Asheville, one of North Carolina's leading philatheas, and chairman of the Philathea state executive committee, was elected to succeed Mr. A. R. Williams, who recently resigned. During the two years Mr. Williams has held this office he has been a faithful and efficient worker, and under his direction much progress has been made. His successor needs no introduction to the Baracas and Philatheas of the State, for Mrs. Buckner has long been recognized as a leader and organizer unsurpassed in Baraca Philathea circles. During the past few years she has devoted a great deal of her time to the work and has organized a large number of Baraca Philathea classes in Western North Carolina. As General secretary devoting her entire time to the work her influence will be felt throughout the entire state, and leaders in the work are confident that North Carolina, already the banner state in Baraca Philathea circles will win new laurels under her leadership. The state office will be moved to Asheville and the Herald, the official organ of the movement will be published there. The goal set for the present year is five thousand new members added to the classes; five hundred secret service committees formed; two hundred new classes organized; two thousand new subscribers to the Herald, and one thousand conversions in the classes. The plan of organization outlined by the new secretary is as follows: The state divided into districts, each district being under the supervision of a secretary, and each county in the district to also have a secretary, all working under the direction of the general secretary. HETTIE LYON.

Mr. Geo. T. Sherman, of Moriah, was a town visitor Friday. Things are looking prosperous in his section, says Mr. Sherman.

STOVALL NEWS LETTER.

(Correspondence Public Ledger)
Miss Ella Lewis, who has been visiting friends at Mocksville, has returned home after a weeks visit.
Miss Mollie Hester, who has been on a visit to relatives at LaCross, returned home Tuesday to the pleasure of her many friends.

Miss Lucile Norwood has returned home from Kinston.
Miss Mary Hutson and Mrs. W. T. Hutson, of Richmond, is the pleasant guest of Mrs. C. E. Earl this week.
Mr. Lonie Hutson, of Route 5, visited Mr. C. E. Earl Tuesday last.

Miss Lillie and brother Luther Wilkerson were in Oxford Tuesday on business.
Mr. H. H. Eastwood, who went of Bass hospital last week, returned home Tuesday.

Mr. J. P. Williams, was at Virginia this week and came back by old Grassy Creek church and heard two good sermons as meeting is going on there this week.
Mr. Jim Slaughter, of Richmond, who has been working in the American Locomotive works is at home on a vacation.

Mr. Billie Williams and son Geo. were the guests of Mr. J. P. Williams Sunday.
Mrs. Amelia Puckett has returned home after spending several days visiting relatives at Youngsville.

The writer often receives letters asking why I do not write oftener to the Public Ledger as they are glad to get the news from Stovall.

The sound of hammers are heard again as Mr. R. T. Gregory will soon have a cottage completed in north Stovall. Three new ones have been completed the last two months.

We have had our streets scraped up and we appreciate the efforts of the commissioners.

The Boy Scouts will have field day here soon. Will let you know through the paper. Watch for it.
The Camp Fire Girls and Boy Scouts are not far behind, as they are canning goods for the Red Cross.

Miss Hazel Henry will leave for home at Infield Monday.
Miss Ruby Cullom has returned home after a weeks stay with her sister, Mrs. Lewis Wilson of near this place.

Mr. H. M. Gillis will motor to Baltimore next week.

STEM NEWS LETTER.

(Correspondence Public Ledger)

Bad Negroes.

Two negroes, Armstead Smith and Bruce Hinton, while at work at McKinney's saw mill on Route 3, engaged in a heated altercation about an oil can Tuesday morning about nine o'clock, which resulted in the shooting of the latter by Smith with a shot gun, four of the shots taking effect in the back of the head and face. The wounded man was brought to Dr. Hardee's office and his wounds, which were not serious, received medical attention. Smith made his escape and has not been apprehended.

Big Picnic.

A large crowd attended the Rousemont Circuit picnic held at Mangum's Mill, one mile from Bahama, Durham county, on the banks of Flat River last Saturday. Seven Methodist churches were represented. Stirring addresses were delivered by Rev. R. L. Flowers of Trinity, on Education, and Mr. J. W. Umpstead of Durham on Church Circuit Unity. The abundance of dinner was placed on a table and everybody cordially invited to partake of the bountiful feast of good things. A special musical program was a leading feature of the picnic, which was in every respect a pronounced success.

Dates of Meetings

A protracted meeting is in progress at Geneva church conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. S. McKinnison. Protracted services will be held with Tally Ho next week. Regular meeting at Bullocks Methodist church Saturday and Sunday, Rev. J. E. Underwood presiding.

Heavy Rains.

This section has been visited the past week with the heaviest rainfall for several years and there is talk of "drowned tobacco."

Good Man Passes Away.

Mr. Rowland Goss passed away at his home near Camp Creek last Thursday, July 12, in the 74th year of his age. He was a Confederate veteran, having rendered service during the entire period of the War Between the States. Mr. Goss was of Primitive faith although he never united with any church. He was regarded as a splendid citizen, kind

and obliging and always ready to serve his fellowman. He is survived by his wife and several brothers. The remains were interred Friday in Frank Goss' on Route 1.

Personal Mentions

Messrs J. W. Farabow and T. W. Bullock, two popular R. F. D. carriers from Stem, accompanied by their families, spent Sunday with relatives in Palmer Springs, Va., making the trip in automobiles.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Whitaker spent the week end with relatives near Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gooch visited friends in Durham Sunday.
Mr. J. A. Batts, of Hopewell, spent the week end with his sister, Mrs. Logan W. Hall.

Mr. W. F. Washington, of Louisburg, is visiting his brother, Mr. C. H. Washington, of Tally Ho.

Rev. B. H. Black returned Tuesday from the bedside of his mother who is critically ill at her home in Littleton.

Mr. Dewey Thomasson, who holds a responsible position with the Durham Hotel, of Durham is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thomasson.

Mrs. J. W. Woodlief and daughter, Miss Irene of Youngsville, are visiting relatives in this community.

Mrs. R. L. Bishop, of Durham, is on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Carden, of Route 3.

Misses Mary and Lillian Cozart, Miss Lucy Hardee and Mr. F. T. Cozart spent Sunday with friends in Chapel Hill.

Miss Ethel Lippart, of Concord, returned home Tuesday from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Royster of Oxford Route 6.

Miss Pearl Ravis, of Vance county is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. L. H. Carrington of Route 2.
Mr. and Mrs. Mack Robards, of Apex, are on a visit to relatives on

JUST RECEIVED BY EXPRESS—Diamonds, Lovalliers, Rings Brooches, Vest Chains, Bracelet Watches, Clocks, Musical Instruments, in fact anything that is carried in a first class Jewelry store. If you like you may stay right in your home and see and examine my jewelry, sent anywhere for inspection. Yours to satisfy—L. C. WILKERSON, Jeweler, Stovall, N. C. JYF

LANDIS & EASTON

The Sale That Brings Good News To You.

A great Stock and approaching the end of the season. Stocks must come down fast, and all this in spite of a rapidly advancing market. We can not too strongly urge upon all our customers to take advantage of these present prices, for we are today selling Merchandise at less than we can buy them. These are facts, and not to deceive, but to your decided advantage.

1,000 yards 36 inch Sea Island Shirting 12½c per yard, this fall's price 15 to 18 cents.

1,000 yards 36 inch solid blue cheviot shirting at 15c, worth 20c and this fall price 25.

WASH GOODS

Several thousand yards Voiles, Lawns, Organdies at 10 and 12½c, worth much more at reduced prices, worth 15 to 20c.

The Garment Department

We do not intend to carry over a single garment if prices will be any object. Any Silk Dress, White Dress, Coat Suit, Cloak or Wrap will be sold at half price.

Separate Skirts

We have a large assortment of extra size skirts in Black and Navys, also Poppins and Gabordines, a special discount of 25 per cents will be offered on these skirts. Styles are perfect and they will be much higher the coming season than our previous selling prices.

Beautiful White Goods

And white will be used for a good while yet. No possible chance for us to reorder or buy at the prices. We will dispose of what we have on hand.

Towels, Bed Spreads, Table Linens, Napkins, Cot Diapers are at prices we can not duplicate. All these are now selling at less than we can replace them for.

THE SALE WILL START WEDNESDAY AND CONTINUE FOR 10 DAYS. IT IS BEST, HOWEVER, TO BE ON TIME AS SOME OF THE GOODS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE SOLD EARLY, AND PERHAPS THE VERY THING YOU MOST NEED.

1,000 yards Gingham at 15c, worth today 20. The fall price 25c.

1,000 yards best grade percale 18c, will be sold this fall at 25c.

Shoes = Shoes

Everybody knows shoes are going to be much higher, in fact we are selling to day shoes at a lower price than we are paying for the same shoe. Anticipate your wants for this fall and winter and if we have sizes you want and need we guarantee that every pair we sell you now will be a dollar and a dollar and a half higher. Everything in Ladies' Summer low shoes will be sold at a big discount even at the present low prices. Remember you have a long time to wear low shoes.

Woolen Dress Goods

By all means come in and buy your serges now, the fall and winter goods will be from 25 to 33 1-3 per cent higher and if what we say is not so you may bring back this fall any thing we have sold you and your money will be refunded. All our goods were bought before the present high prices and this fall's stock cost us even more.

Ladies Hosiery

Now is the time to buy and we strongly advise you to by now for all your needs, for this fall and winter the new stocks coming in will be much higher.

WE HAVE A LOT OF GOOD THINGS IN SUMMER STUFF THAT WE WILL GIVE A LIBERAL DISCOUNT ON. MEN'S AND BOY'S SUMMER SUITS. LOW CUT SHOES, SHIRTS, UNDERWEAR, ETC.

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