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President Wilson has issued a proclamation against lynchings and other lawless acts, begging again for the protection of the weak whether they be right or wrong. His words ring with a Christian, loving and forceful wisdom that will draw the people of this and every land, closer to him.

In this day when every man should make every lick count, the government is asking that no man change his job without consulting the employment service department of the U. S. A. It is proper that each man should try to improve his condition but there is always a certain loss when you change jobs, that is it takes a required length of time for you to settle down and get used to your new surroundings so that you can give the very best you have to your country. To take care of this the U. S. employment service has been inaugurated and if you contemplate changing your work, if you are going to leave the farm, the shop or the store, take the matter up with the nearest representative, whose address you may secure by inquiry at the postoffice, newspaper or by writing to the employment service department at Washington.

Hold your head, work harder, keep on hoping and praying, keep the home fires burning, do all you can all the time to produce and to help the government. Some of these days the Kaiser is going to get the punch that will make him listen to reason. With in the past few days he has had the incalculable nerve to offer peace terms, insolent, arrogant and as unreasonable to the civilized world as previous similar documents have been. He does not seem even now to understand that when the peace terms are dictated they will not come from Berlin. He seems to forget if he ever knew the great strength of this nation which is just beginning to fight. He has not yet admitted that we can go on for years, increasing our speed, but that is the truth and if his army can be driven back by the allies as they are now being pushed from the Marne, there is no doubt as to the result when the Americans are reinforced by numbers ten times that now on the front line. That's what he must know within the next few months.

Miss Bertha Heller who has been enjoying a two weeks' vacation with her mother here, will return to Indianapolis Sunday evening.

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SOCIETY

Club Calendar

Monday.
Delta Theta Tau—Leona Bosse.
Tuesday.
Knitting Club—Mary and Hulda Haug.
Friday.
Lo-Nick—Postponed.
Christian Pastoral Helpers—Mrs. Joe Cloud.

Saturday.
Queen Esthers' Stand—Courthouse Yard.
Home Guards—Harriet Myers.
Kings' Messengers—Gerald O. Chilton.

"Worrying over yesterday profiteth little, but what we do today meaneth much."

Miss Anna Miller, of Monticello, is the guest of Mrs. C. V. Connell for several days.

The Delta Theta Tau sorority will meet with Miss Leona Bosse Monday evening.

The last meeting of the Loyal Workers of the Evangelical church until after August was held at the home of Mrs. U. S. Cress, with Mrs. Charles Peterson, assistant hostess, yesterday afternoon. Besides the nine members, there were present the following guests: Mrs. Ben Emerline, Mrs. Frank Peterson, Mrs. Clifford Lee, Mrs. Minnie Teeple and Miss Addie Freidlein. A candy mot-to-heart hunt was an entertaining feature and Mrs. Frank Butler won the greatest number. The class will have no meetings during August, but arranged for a picnic for an afternoon in the last week in August. This will be at Waterworks park and the members will invite their husbands.

The Lo-Nick club which was to have met this evening with Miss Anola Frank, will be entertained by her next Thursday evening instead. The postponement is due to the illness of her mother.

The Royal Neighbors of America held their second Thrift and War Savings Stamp meeting. The amount sold at these two meetings was \$18.86. The program was as follows: Solo, Opal Glancy, accompanied by Alice Lenhart; speech, Vivian Bernice Closs; reading, Miss Uhl; solo, Vivian Bernice Closs; speech, Nedra Glancy instrumental solo, Mrs. Closs; solo, Charles Mills; speech, Miss Worden; solo, Charles Mills; reading, Miss Uhl; instrumental solo, Opal Robinson; reading, Mrs. Kinna; instrumental solo, Goldie Closs; reading, Dolores Burkhead.

About twenty girls found the spacious lawn of the William Parent home on Mercer Avenue a cool and enjoyable place last evening when Miss Dreda Parent celebrated her birthday anniversary. Japanese lanterns and colored electric lights made the lawn an unusually pretty place. Games were played and refreshments were served. Miss Parent was the recipient of many beautiful gifts, together with good wishes from her friends.

The Ed Ahr family and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harden and children, of Nottawa, Oklahoma, were guests yesterday of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Harden of east of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harden and children, of Nottawa, Oklahoma, who are guests of their cousin, Mrs. Ed Ahr and family, will go to Bluffton this evening to visit with his mother, Mrs. Lew Harden.

Miss Madge Hite and her guest, Miss Zoe Miller, of Fort Wayne, visited in that city this afternoon.

The Queen Esthers will conduct a refreshment stand on the courthouse lawn Saturday afternoon and evening. All Queen Esthers are expected to be present.

Miss Harriet Myers will be hostess to the Home Guards Saturday afternoon.

Miss Opal Glancy has gone to Berne to be the guest of her uncle, Henry Myers and family for a week.

Mrs. E. F. Gass has returned from a three weeks' visit in Culver, Indiana; Waukegan, Ill.; and Racine, Wis. in company with her niece, Miss Beatrice Weismantle, of Waukegan. Dolores and Dorothea Weismantle who have been here three weeks at the home of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Gass, returned to their home at Waukegan.

It was a delightful lawn party enjoyed by the men of the Christian Brotherhood, with a number of other guests and their wives at the country home of Frank Kern east of the city last evening. C. E. Wilson, the Decatur light man arranged the lights for the lawn. With its pretty natural

setting, and the fact that if there were any cool breezes at all, they were to be found straying here, the lawn was an especially agreeable place for the games and guessing contests. Punch and wafers were cooling refreshments provided cafeteria style in the house. The August meeting will be with the Rev. W. Paul Marsh, who is chairman of the program committee which also includes John Schultz and J. W. Rabbitt. The ladies from this city present were Mesdames Osgood, Wilson, Marsh, Burk, Weaver, Mangold and Knepper.

"In time of warm weather, prepare for the cold" is the motto of the Helping Hand society of the Reformed church, accordingly at the meeting yesterday afternoon at the church two fine comforts were made for their sales orders. Mrs. Fred Sellemeyer was hostess. The collection was \$2.25.

Miss Margaret Mlyott celebrated her fifteenth birthday anniversary last evening at her home on South Fifth street by entertaining a party of friends, who enjoyed the bunco and many other games arranged for their entertainment, and the tempting luncheon provided. Prizes were awarded to Dolores Weismantle, of Waukegan, Ill., and David Baker of this city. A tennis racket and holder were given to the celebrant for remembrances. The following were guests: Helen Gass, Irene Holthouse, Dolores Weismantle, Germaine Christen, Florence Harris, Charlotte Niblick, Louise Meyer, Bob Meyer, Buddie Smith, Gerald Kohne, David Baker, Joe Schmitt, Bernard Clark, Paul Phillips.

Yesterday a crowd of girls and boys gave a picnic in honor of Margaret and Othmar Smith, for their fifteenth birthday anniversaries. The picnic dinner and supper in the woods, with Sonora music, picture-taking and many games made the event highly enjoyable—in fact, a more delightful time could not have been planned. Miss Naomi Gass chaperoned the party.

COURT

Judge D. E. Smith who has been at Rome City for several weeks is at home on business. His family remained at Rome City.

Miss Rose Voglewede, deputy in the county clerk's office, left today for Rome City to spend her vacation which will extend to August 4.

Real estate transfers: Laura Christian, et al to Stella Steed, et al, lot 5, Geneva, quit claim deed, \$150; Frederick Schwartz to Daniel O. Speicher, et al, lot 215 Berne, \$1800; Charles A. Burd, et al to Charles A. Schafer, lot 958, \$165.

ALLIES HAVE TAKEN MAIN-DE-MASSIGES

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Pershing submitted to General Foch a plan to meet the coming attack. On July 13, Foch approved it. At 11:40 the night of July 14—20 minutes before the attack—a defensive artillery fire began harassing the waiting German reserves.

Counter-offensive forces were ready to move the first day of the battle, but were withheld until the crown prince's forces reached a previously determined line of resistance and were so deeply involved they could not alter their plans and meet the unexpected onslaught on their west flank.

With the American Armies in France, July 26—(Special to Daily Democrat)—General Pershing received the following cablegram from Secretary McAdoo: "America glories in the achievement of your gallant army and your French comrades."

"The country is thrilled with the valorous deeds of our heroic soldiers."

Pershing replied: "In the name of the American expeditionary force, I thank you for your cordial message. Our officers and men are filled with the national spirit of determination to win. They are superb soldiers."

(By Lowell Mellett, United Press Staff Correspondent)

With the French Armies in the field, July 25—(Night)—"If all the American army has the same temper, the German cause is lost," a German officer prisoner told his captors today.

The officer said a German attack planned late in June in the region of the Ourcq was called off because of the manner in which the Americans there previously had fought. Further evidence that the crown prince's offensive was held out to the Germans as a "peace offensive" was found on a placard in an evacuated

trench, addressed to the French troops and signed by a German colonel. It declared that England is using France to protect herself, while America, fearing Japan, fought to earn England's support. But the chief argument that the Germans' advance is irresistible, that Paris would soon be taken and that France should not delay peace by continuing to fight.

Paris, July 26—(12:30 p. m.)—Capture of Oulchy-le-Chateau, the principal German resistance center on the west side of the salient was officially announced by the French war office today.

Announcement was also made of the capture of Villemontoire, midway between Soissons and Oulchy-le-Chateau. Hundreds of additional prisoners were taken.

London, July 26—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The British air ministry today reported destruction of sixteen German airplanes, with the probable loss of three others, which are declared to have been sent down out of control. Only three British machines are missing.

Rome, July 26—(Special to Daily Democrat)—General Ludendorff told the Kaiser before the recent German drive that he was prepared to sacrifice half a million men, according to a dispatch from Berne today. The Kaiser approved.

London, July 26—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Japan has decided to accept the American proposal to assist the Czechs in Siberia, an agency dispatch said today.

BULLETIN

Washington, July 26—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Capture of part of Forest-de-Fere by American forces Thursday was reported today by General Pershing.

"Between the Ourcq and the Marne our troops continued to press the enemy," the communique said. "In the advance eastward they have taken the southern half of Forest-de-Fere."

BULLETIN

Washington, July 26—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Thirteen members of the house naval committee have arrived in Europe on an inspection tour. They will visit naval bases, hospitals, aviation sites and later make a trip to the front.

Zurich, July 26—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A hundred persons were killed and a number injured Wednesday when a German munitions factory blew up, copies of the Plauen Neue Voelkische Zeitung, received here today stated. The factory and several houses in the vicinity were destroyed.

(By Frank J. Taylor, United Press Staff Correspondent)

With the American Armies in France, July 25—(Night)—Americans continue to set the pace in the fighting northeast of Chateau-Thierry.

One Yankee outfit advanced several kilometers through villages, wood and grain fields, changing from street fighting to open battling or the Indian warfare of the forests without any change in efficiency.

German resistance is stiffening as the enemy exerts every effort to protect the removal of his supplies and guns. Villages, chateaus and crops are shattered as attack and counter-attack rages back and forth across the countryside.

I rode past fields pitted with shell holes, up-torn trees and congested dug-up roads into Epieds this afternoon where five hand to hand fights had resulted in the Americans holding the town. It was lost twice but the allied artillery raked the buildings and streets alternately, after which machine gunners and infantry charged and took the place.

Epieds lies in a secluded valley. Its cathedral is on a hillside. Its tower and medieval Norman architecture are pierced with shell-holes. Boche helmets, guns and equipment, scattered about in profusion, testify to the losses suffered by the enemy in attempting to delay the Americans, though the moppers-up have already buried the bodies.

One big mineweefer attracts attention on the main street, where it was hastily deserted by the fleeing boches. Every building testifies to war's presence, with battered down walls and caved-in roofs.

(By Fred S. Ferguson, United Press Staff Correspondent)

With the Americans in France, July 26—8:30 a. m.)—Under pressure from the Franco-American forces driving upon the Fere-en-Tardenois the Germans now face withdrawal across the Ourcq in the same costly circumstances that marked their retirement across the Marne. The allied advance, despite temporary setbacks at some points, is generally steady along the three highways leading to Fere-en-Tardenois from the south and southwest. Particularly hard fighting is under way in Fere forest, but the Americans and French are systematically cleaning the en-

emy machine gun nests out of these woods.

While practically all the interior of the salient is under fire from allied artillery and airmen, specially heavy bombardments are being directed on Fere-en-Tardenois, where the Germans' elaborate railway and highway system has been practically wiped out. The boche losses in this region are staggering.

The tightening of the pocket about the crown prince is increasing. While French, British and Italians are driving at the wings in the Soissons and Rheims region, French and Americans are jamming in the sides, rendering the avenue of withdrawal narrower, the transport confusion greater and placing an additional expanse of roads and railroads under artillery fire.

NEW SUGAR ORDER

(United Press Service)
Washington, July 26—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Short sugar crops and needs of increased exportation today caused the food administration to call upon the American people to reduce the consumption from three to two pounds per person per month from August first to January first. This is to include all sugar used on the table and in cooking.

WESTERN UNION INDICTED

(United Press Service)
New York, July 26—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Charging violation of the federal law which prevents private firms or persons from entering into competition with the U. S. postal service, the federal grand jury here today indicted the Western Union Telegraph Co. The indictment grew out of investigation which has been carried on since 1917.

HOBBO HOTEL IS CLOSED.

(United Press Service)
Chicago, Ill., July 26—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Chicago's hobbo Hotel de Luxe—the Rufus Dawes—closed its doors today. Grimy visitors in search of accommodations at the price of a dime per day turned to the old time flop joints. The Rufus Dawes will re-open August 1 for sailors and soldiers exclusively. Lieut. Col. Charles G. Dawes caused the change. In four years the hotel had sheltered 700,000.

AMERICAN PRIEST HONORED.

(United Press Service)
Rome, July 26—(Special to Daily Democrat)—First steps were taken Thursday at the Vatican for canonizing of Father Felice de Andreis, an American priest and first superior of a Catholic mission in America.

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