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LET THE EAGLE SCREAM.

In their anxiety to damn the democrats and the president—and even his best friends do not hold him to be above criticism—some men have gone to the length of minimizing and depreciating the whole American effort, including the achievements of our men in the field, says the Saturday Evening Post. They have been ably seconded in this by American expatriates, ribbon-chasers and observers who were too far away to comprehend the true significance of events, or so near that they lost all perspective on them. But we have seen no reflection of this in the attitude of the allies. Men who have fought side by side with high heroism are so broad-minded for this civilian meanness. They have generously recognized the importance of American help and the valor of our army. Nor have the leaders and the press of the allies withheld one word of the praise due to their own armies or sought to minimize their national achievements, though they, too, have had their blunders and their profiteers. It has long been charged against Americans that they brag. But on the whole our press is rather more given to playing up our worst than our best side. Still we do brag. So do the British, the French and the Italians—each nation in its own peculiar racial way, though a good deal of this European self-appreciation that has come to our attention is quite American in its directness. It is right and proper that the allies should express pride in their men. They have suffered all things and done big things. And any American who does not brag about our man's army is not worth fighting for, let alone dying for. They have made it possible for us to hold up our heads before the world and, adapting the old Roman brag, to exclaim "Civis Americanus Sum!"

Let the Eagle Scream.

The idea of converting the old fair grounds into a military park in honor of the soldiers of Adams county, is meeting with approval. This can be done under an act of the legislature of 1905 and it should be immediately taken up. We need not expend a lot of money at once but after the ground is cleaned up and the drives and walks planned, the work can be done a little each year. Various lodges or societies or individuals could aid in beautifying the grounds and almost before we could realize it we would have a park that every one would use frequently and be proud of. The city should take the park over, turn it to the park board and then every one get busy. Let's not just talk about it but do some thing.

Notice that the gym fund is climbing and is now nearly three hundred dollars. We should secure the entire amount necessary by one week from today and it can be done if every one who really intends to aid this good cause will do it.

SOCIETY

Club Calendar

Saturday.
Queen Esther—Margaret and Gertrude Klenze.
Monday.
Research Club—Mrs. Dan Beery.
Tuesday.
Presbyterian Missionary—Mrs. C. J. Dregman.
Reformed Missionary—Mrs. John Spuhler.
Tri Kappas—Gadys Myer.
A man is responsible for how he uses his common sense as well as his moral sense.—Beecher.
One is better not to know so much than to know so much that ain't so.—Josh Billings.

The Presbyterian Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society will meet with Mrs. C. J. Dregman Tuesday afternoon.

The Christian Pastoral Helpers had a splendid meeting at the home of Mrs. Noah Mangold yesterday afternoon. Reports for the year were read showing that the society has accomplished a fine work, being successful financially as well. The society has already invested in four liberty bonds and decided at the meeting yesterday to invest money on hand in another bond.

On account of the danger arising from crowds during the influenza period, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heuer did not give their annual Christmas or holiday party this year, but many little children in little groups or singly were royally welcomed to their home to view the lovely Christmas tree and the statutory bonfire and the pedestals that told the story of the

Christ child's birth; and also the fairy story of Santa Claus and his reindeer and other Christmas folk-lore. Pictures of the birth of the Child, illustrating the stories as told on the Victrola were also shown.

With Mrs. Reuben Lord installing officer, the new officers of the Pocahontas council took their places last evening. A number of the appointive officers not present, will be installed later. Those installed last evening were: Pocahontas, Jennie Miller; Wenonah, Maude Bennett; Prophetes, Maude Bennett; keeper of records, Blanche Whitright; keeper of wampum, Grace Reynolds; Powhatan, Mat Breiner; guard of tepee, Oral Johnson; guard of the wigwam, Kate Gall; first and second scouts, Clara Breiner and Rosa Lord. After the exercises, Mesdames Blanche Whitright, Maude Bennett and Clara Breiner entertained the company, serving sandwiches, hot wieners, pickles and coffee. With the ban lifted on refreshments, the party seemed like "ye good old times" again.

The Research club will meet Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Dan Beery for a social and for the election of officers.

Miss Minnie Weber went to Fort Wayne to spend Sunday. She goes to be a sponsor for her nephew, William Lewis, the little son born to Mr. and Mrs. William Bierbaum recently who will be christened tomorrow. The mother of the child was Miss Mae Weber.

The sections of the Methodist Mite society of which Mrs. Dan Sprang and Mrs. Tom Vail are chairmen, entertained yesterday afternoon at the Sprang home. Mrs. O. H. Odell conducted the devotionals, and a piano solo by Mrs. F. F. Thornburg and a vocal solo by Mrs. J. O. Selleneyer were given. Business plans were considered before the social period, when light refreshments were served. At this meeting the ban on refreshments was lifted and the society hostesses are henceforth allowed to serve, limiting the menu to three articles.

COURT

By the terms of the will of Joseph Wallace Huston, presented for probate today, he gives all his real estate in this county, consisting of that in Hanna's addition to the city of Decatur, to his daughter, Jeanne Bailer; also giving to her, all other effects of his. G. F. Kintz and Emma Gray witnessed the will the date of which is June 25, 1918.

The case of the State vs. C. Frank Reed, charged with administering poison with intent to murder, has been postponed from next Monday, January 6, until Wednesday, January 8. A motion for the continuance was filed by the state.

Real estate transfers: Louis Weh, Jr., to Bernard Myer, lot 803, Decatur, \$2500; Lawrence L. Diehl, et al to William Arnold, realty in Kirkland

township, \$14,000; William Arnold, executor, to Fred Bracht, et al, realty in Kirkland township, \$6,000; William Arnold, executor, to Jacob L. Zimmerman, 39.50 acres of Kirkland township, \$8,000.

The evidence of the plaintiff, John C. Etzold, in his case against the Huntington Board of Commissioners to collect \$7,000 for services as court stenographer, was finished today. At the conclusion of the plaintiff's evidence, the defendant filed a motion that the court require the jury to return a verdict for the defendant. This was overruled and exceptions taken. Further hearing of the case will be resumed Monday, January 6.

Emanuel Springer, executor of the estate of John Wieman, filed report of sale of personal property which court approved.

George W. Pond vs. James C. Burkhead, et al. Supplemental complaint filed.

In the matter of the estate of George A. Martz, William Frazier was appointed inheritance tax appraiser.

PROPHET SPEAKS

A Turbulent Year—Downfall of Kings—Spread of Plague—Revolutions.

A DIVORCE INCREASE

"Eternal Vigilance the Price of Peace—America Needs to be Prepared.

An exchange says under a New Haven (Conn.) heading:

"Dr. Delmer Eugene Croft, a 'mental scientist,' is out with a list of prophecies for 1919, among which are predictions that the league of nations will be a success, that Kaiser Wilhelm will die before he can be tried by an allied tribunal, that the price of coal will go down, farmers and factories will prosper, there will be a shortage of labor with high wages, and Chicago during the first half of the year will 'have a profound sensation.'"

"These are only a few of the subjects touched upon, in the prophecies, which cover a field ranging from the downfall of kings and the spread of revolutions, to a startling increase in divorces.

"The doctor does not pose as the apostle or any single school of second sight. He says his prophecies are 'adduced from the Pythagorean code.' He also cites the authority of astrology, pointing out that 1919 will feel the malice forces of Mars, Saturn, Mercury, Jupiter, Vulcan and Libra, as well as the propitious forces of Uranus, Neptune, Venus and others. Therefore, the year will see great revolutions, and great constructive works.

"Turning from the atmosphere of Greek philosophy and medieval black art; the doctor says there was divine intervention in the battle of the Marne, at Verdun and at Chateau Thierry, and it will come again in the councils of the nations until the peoples of the earth shall embody 'the tabernacle of God,' in freedom, justice, honor and glory. Propaganda and plans to rehabilitate thrones will fail.

"The league of nations will be actualized. It will inspire the old world to republican forms of government. There will be revolts, dissensions, conspiracies, dishonorable motives set in motion, but they shall fail.

"The dethroned emperor of Germany will, as I declared three years ago, not live to see the final end of this war. He will be forced from Holland, and before an allied tribunal can judge him for his crimes against civilization he will pass before that tribunal whose justice is measured by divine immensity. The allied councils will hale before a world court those who plotted the war. There will be tragic scenes and violent acts.

"Prussianism will never repent. Autocracy will never forgive. It is in the blood. Eternal vigilance shall be the price of peace. England will need her fully equipped navy, America will need to be fully prepared.

Some pithy observations on world politics are culled from the prophecy, in these paragraphs:

"Whirlwinds of political revolutions will sweep the nations of the earth and blow the chaff from the thrashing-floor of outgrown systems of politics.

"America's political system shakes itself free of moss-grown traditions and shackling precedents.

"A glowing fervor of patriotism, a potent fidelity of conscience toward labor virtue ethics of industrial rights and social justice will continue to give progressive power to our government.

"Old line politics in selfish distrust will vainly protest from their despo-

lite solitudes of archaic beliefs. "Germany will become a republic patterned after America. Germany's colonies will seek annexation to republics. Many German states will annex to France."

On American politics the doctor makes these important predictions:

"Not the present congress, but the congress-elect, will pass the revenue bill greatly modified. Serious problems concerning the army and navy will arise. International questions will give rise to dissension and bitter strife. Our president will have positive support. The equal suffrage bill will finally pass. Great labor questions will arise which result in new government control. Federal control of the railroads, telegraph, cable and telephone systems will grow in favor. The people will demand a right of control of these utilities created by their necessities and supported by their necessities and supported by their money. National prohibition will not come in July. There will be decided popular and legislative reaction on the question."

"World disasters are predicted in these words:

"Constant disruption will go on in Germany until allied authority will command in Berlin. There will be tragic deaths and assassinations. A frightful scourge and epidemic will break out in Russia and will sweep over Austria and Germany. The influenza epidemic will return with more acute forms of greatly afflicting European countries and America. India and Asia will be visited with famine and plague, owing to an extended drought which will envelope great areas of the earth. Appalling earthquakes will be in evidence in central and South America, Japan, with severe shocks in America.

"Great storms are indexed in January, latter part of February, and the last half of March. Angry seas will bring reports of disasters. February, April and July are tragic months. In the first half of the year England loses two of her great leaders and statesmen; America will be startled by the passing of members of the senate and great political leaders; France will mourn for an illustrious son who gives his life in her cause; the courts of Italy and Spain will be invaded by death; the latter will be torn by revolution.

"There will be a startling increase of divorces. There will be a great political sensation in Canada, a new era of great prosperity comes to her people. The president of Mexico will be in peril of assassination. Seven heads of royalty bow in death. London, Paris and Rome have tragic events of world importance."

MOVING TOWARDS HOME

Celia Hoffman Jolly, wife of Oscar Jolly, a soldier in France, received three letters from him yesterday, stating that he had been in Belgium but is back again in France and believes that he is being moved homeward. He is a wagoner in the 143th infantry, thirty-seventh division.

PRESIDENT HAS ITALY'S SUPPORT

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The Balkan situation, was discussed by the people and politicians alike today. It has prompted a freedom of expression that is expected to go far toward the clarifying the relations of Italy and the new Slavic states, which have been somewhat tense of late.

The president's statement in his speech before the chamber of deputies yesterday evening that the Balkan peoples "must now be independent," was believed to be a broad hint that all Italy-Slavs differences must be adjusted and that Italy must join the other associated powers in promoting establishment of a strong Slavic nation.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—"Make Mexico pay," was the demand raised with ever-growing emphasis here today.

So strong has the demand grown that the senate foreign relations committee agreed to report immediately a resolution directing the state department to begin vigorous action to force Carranza's government to an accounting.

Those demanding this accounting want these two things:

1. Prompt payment by Mexico of claims of Americans who have suffered loss through bandit raids or attacks of Mexican federal troops in Mexico.

2. Adoption by this government of an attitude which will constitute a rebuke to Mexico for virtually siding with Germany in the war.

Brussels, Jan. 4.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Col. Barclay Parsons, American railway expert, has been appointed by the United States to assess the damages inflicted by the Germans upon the Belgian railways. It was announced today.

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