

REASON OF WAR

The Following Article Explains "Why We Are at War" With Germany. Read It.

A professional gentleman of Birmingham, an M. D., said the other day that the man who now says "He don't know why we are at war with Germany" is either a fool or a liar. He is right. Germany has forced America, as it has forced practically the entire world to defend itself by arms. We are in this war because Germany made war upon us. America is a peaceful Nation; we have no lust for conquest, no desire for annexation of territory; we are defending ourselves against Germany because the Imperial German Government entered upon a program which meant the destruction of all American institutions.

When we finally recognized that Germany was waging war upon us, we had seen more than 225 Americans, among them many women and children, killed by German submarines; hospital ships had been sunk and unfortified towns had been bombed. In 1914 the Medals had been struck in honor of the sinking of the Lusitania, the murderous act by which so many of our men, women, and children, lost their lives. German officials had treated the United States, a neutral nation, as an enemy. Strikes were organized in this, plain were blown up, pro-German publications were founded and subsidized, and hatred of America was systematically sought to be incited among our foreign-born inhabitants. Every effort was made to involve us in trouble with Japan and Mexico. Our repeated protests were met with promises and explanations which were little better than insults.

The Imperial German Government finally proclaimed the unrestricted destruction of neutral ships upon the high seas. It was the notification to the United States that our people were no longer sovereign, and that if they would sail the seas in safety we must conform to conditions laid down by a Government that defied international law, humanity, and elemental morality.

A policy of terrorism and fear was systematically applied by the Imperial German Government since the outbreak of the European war. Treaties that stood in the way of German militaristic plans have been disregarded, women and children have been treated with indescribable brutality, the noblest works of art have been destroyed, and prisoners have been abused and maltreated and civilian populations massacred and deported.

This is why America has gone into this war in defense of American honor and American rights. To have done anything else would have been to surrender our sovereignty, and we would have been forced in the end to acknowledge an autocracy which is in this war avowedly for indemnities, aggrandizement, and the control of the world. Our success means that our children's children will be able to enjoy peace.

Constant Sufferer Finds Relief. "I have been a constant sufferer from kidney trouble and was down at Erie Street, New York. I commenced taking Foley Kidney Pills. In a few days I was up out of bed." Recommended for rheumatic pains, backache, biliousness, sore muscles, stiff joints, "tired out" feeling. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

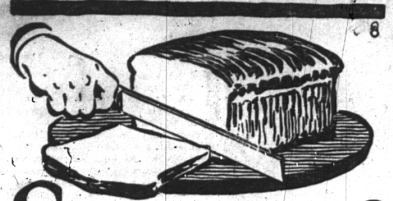
MISS BESS SCHLACK GIVES RECITAL. The Junior Recital given by Miss Bess Schlack of the Chaffee-Noble School of Expression, and assisted by Mr. Maurice Milton Noble, pianist, was attended with extraordinary success.

The recital was held in the high school auditorium Thursday evening January 31. An audience, almost completely filling the large auditorium, enthusiastically applauded Miss Schlack's entrance, and repeatedly encored each selection. It was easily noticeable that most of the audience had been delightfully entertained by Miss Schlack before.

Mr. Noble creditably performed adding much to the pleasure of an already pleased audience. The others, personal friends of Miss Schlack, were Miss Bonar VanZandt, Miss Clara Belle Carson, Miss Catherine Carson, Miss Catherine Leland and Miss Helen Walker. The program was entirely conducted by Miss Schlack with the exception of the musical numbers by Mr. Noble.

PROGRAM. As the Flag Went By, and Black and White, Miss Schlack; The Humming Bird, Miss Noble; The Gentle Violet, (a) The Shadow Baby, (b) Swan Song, Schlack; A Chapter from Donkey and Son, Charles Dickens, Miss Schlack; Masurka, Mr. Noble; Aunt Peggy and High Art, arranged by Edna Chaffee Noble, Miss Schlack.

Henry S. Lapold and wife of Columbus, Ohio, visited Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Saxton a few days this week.



Save a loaf a week help win the war

WAR CONFERENCE INSTANT DEATH

Is Planned for Older Boy's Gathering Mr. George Miller of North Woodward Avenue Struck by South-bound Car at Fifteen Mile Road.

Such is planned to make the gathering a Birmingham of the Older Boys of Oakland County, February 22 and 23. Birmingham is making provision for 200 or more delegates and extends a cordial invitation to all the boys of the County. The magnificent new High School has been opened for the entire program. Clubs, classes and societies are urged to provide transportation and send an older man, where possible, with an average of every five boys.

The message of this conference is for greater unity of the young men and older men of every community toward the solution of the days' problems. Any Oakland County boy may attend representing a Club, Public School or Sunday School Class, Church, Young People's Society, Scouts or Y group. The meeting at the county headquarters, of a registration card and fee, will insure for the regular delegates lodging and breakfast in the homes of Birmingham, also a ticket to the War Supper to be served Friday evening following the afternoon preliminary of the basketball contest, the finals of which will be played Saturday a. m. The Saturday afternoon and evening meeting will be addressed by speakers of state wide reputation and will be of special interest to all men and boys on subjects relating to the war and each man's place in it, whether at the front or at the base of supplies. Following are the committees for Older Boys' Conference, Birmingham, February 22 and 23.

General Chairman E. G. Potter. **Finance** L. Reid. **Entertainment** Linton Carter. **Athletic** George Slater. **Decorating** C. Carson. **Special Meal** Leigh Smith. **Refreshments** Elvin Edwards. **Program** Robert Peck. **Enrollment** Glenn Voorhies.

A Word to Mothers. Mrs. E. J. Bedard, Cowich, Washington, says: "Foley's Honey and Tar is the best I ever used. I always keep a bottle in the house for the children. It is quick care for coughs and colds. It heals raw, inflamed surfaces, loosens phlegm, eases hoarseness and cures all throat troubles. It is safe and reliable. Sold everywhere.—Adv."

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at Birmingham, Michigan Postoffice on February 18. Crowell, Miss Today Christy, H. Downing, A. W. Ditcher, Miss Irene Edwards, Eldon Hastings, Drub Noah, Mr. Elman Oliver, Geo. T. Reed, L. C. Webb, Rev. C. L. Williams, Mrs. J. H. Dennis, Mrs. C. F. Keotod, Mr. B. Ferguson, Miss Betty Paddock, Mrs. Barus Wakeman, Wm. Young, Miss Mary Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "Eccentric", P. M.

POST CARDS. GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M. Fred Rainey has gone to Stewart, B. C.

RED CROSS BULLETIN. Birmingham Unit has a rush order for old fashioned mittens. Anyone able to knit is requested to communicate with Red Cross Committee at school at her new residence. Clarence Carson has been very ill at his home, but is now able to attend school again. M. E. W.

FROM F. F. KRAFT

Mrs. Frank Gordon Receives Letter of Appreciation for the Packages Sent Camp Custer.

My dear Mrs. Gordon: I am mighty glad I had the opportunity at Christmas time to tell you a little something of the good work your box accomplished. I say your box, of course I fully understand how many dear good people of Birmingham helped you, and all working together made it the great success it proved to be. Our biggest gift receiving day was on several days before Christmas when many of the boys in our regiment were ordered to other Camps. Poor fellows, I did feel so sorry for them. You see they had been counting on the Christmas holiday; I was just to wrap up their old clothes to be sent home, or just to say a word of appreciation to us and a word of farewell.

They came to our building to write a good-bye letter, or to telephone home to Detroit or to wrap up their old clothes to be sent home, or just to say a word of appreciation to us and a word of farewell. When we heard of the order, I passed the word along to the members of our building force that the gifts would be made to the departing boys.

I was dubbed "Santa Claus," and every one in a while you would hear a call for "Santa," and then I would go in my own and bring out one or two of the gifts so kindly made ready by the people "back home." The boys would be told about you, Mrs. Gordon, and how you aroused the interest of the "home folk" and how you stayed down at a store all one day, and how the people brought in these gifts, and the little Christmas tag and asked to write to the one whose name they found on the tag.

They all promised they would, and I happen to know that in no few cases the boys were true to their promise. It was pretty hard to see those fellows pack up and move out just before Christmas. I tell you the tears came to my eyes several times, as the boys would tell of their disappointment. Some said, "O, as far as I am concerned, I can stand it, but my family wanted to see me again; I'm not saying but I'd like to see them, and we had counted on seeing them at Christmas, but we're in the army now, this here army is about all the Christmas I'll know unless they give us a good furlough whenever we're going." The boys generally were pretty plucky about it, and through the kind was of the Birmingham people we could give them just that little bit of cheer. Some of the larger boxes of candy and nuts we opened and put on our office counter and asked the men to help themselves, and they were told that the "Preacher's" friends back home were wishing them a Merry Christmas before they went away. Yes, they called me "Preacher" because I have charge of the religious work in our building.

I am sorry that the apples were delayed, they did not arrive with the box and they were nearly all frozen and had to be thrown away. They were such beauties. We picked out possibly two pecks and I tell you the boys made short work of them. All the gifts were not given out on this day of departure. When we saw a fellow whose story we knew, and we knew too, just what a little something out of the ordinary would do, we just quietly slipped him one of those nicely done up packages and told him that someone cared. He would hardly look you in the eye for he didn't want you to see his eyes getting wet. Then, as he looked away he would say, "Gee, I wonder what we would do if it wasn't for the Y." It was all mighty thoughtful of you, Mrs. Gordon, and I am so glad you did such a generous response, and if all the people who give could have just been around and watched, they would have been amply repaid for any trouble they had taken.

F. F. KRAFT.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Worst Winter in Years. Snow, wind and extreme cold caused more colds this winter than in years. Foley's Honey and Tar proved its worth in thousands of homes. Mrs. Edward Strey, R. 37, Clinton, Ohio, says, "I think Foley's Honey and Tar is the only medicine for coughs and colds, and recommend it highly." Fine for children.—Adv.

PEOPLE'S PARTY CAUCUS. The People's Party, which is practically the party in power had a caucus at Monday night and chose for candidate for president Wm. B. Brown, who has been chairman of the water board and actively engaged in all activities civic for the last three years. For Commissioners, David Bell, former city clerk and township treasurer; Phil Schlack former president and thoroughly acquainted with all public matters. For Clerk, the choice was the present incumbent, Thomas E. Harris. The meeting was well attended and everybody had his chance to take part for there was no slate and no clique work.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY. Services at Birmingham Club Sunday 10:30 a. m. Sunday School same hour. Services evenings 8 p. m. All are invited.

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Garrick Theatre.

"The man who came Back," William A. Brady's production of the Jules Eckert Goodman's dramatization of the John Fleming Wilson story, will remain over at the Garrick Theatre another week, beginning its second lap with a matinee Monday afternoon. This play came to Detroit with the reputation of having run 483 consecutive performances at the Playhouse, New York City. After witnessing the performance it is easy to understand the appeal made by this unusual play, which at times is frankly melodramatic tense and almost horrible, but in the most moment we are given a spiritual touch that lifts it from the plane of the ordinary, and in the final act an unexpected surprise sends the audience forth from the theater in a happy frame of mind.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. REV. WILLIAM C. MCKNIGHT, PASTOR.

Mr. Prudden has after fuller consideration decided that churches are entitled to at least nine hours a week. This is more as it should be. But our regular Sunday school had in no way been changed. It is still the same as usual. Full time always in the Tabernacle every Sunday, with good fellowship and hearty cordial welcome for everybody. Sociability and helpfulness make a great slogan.

Next Sunday, February 10, services will be held as follows, the pastor occupying the pulpit at both services. 10:30 a. m. Worship and sermon. Subject, "What Jesus Taught Concerning the Kingdom." 12 m. Sunday School with graded classes. Adult Bible classes for men and women. 6:30 p. m. Devotional meeting of the Young People. 7:30 p. m. Special evening service. Sermon especially, "The Father and His Boy." Men especially invited. Fathers come with your boys. Boys bring "Dad" along.

This Friday evening the men of the Church will spend an evening at the home of Mr. Richard Erwin. Supper will be served at 7 o'clock. The remainder of the evening will be spent in having a good time. Don't forget the Father's and Son's Banquet on Tuesday evening, Feb. 12. Have you signed up yet? If not, do so at once with your pastor!

To all gatherings in the Tabernacle a hearty invitation and a cordial welcome. Strangers and all not otherwise attached especially invited. "The Church of the Friendly Hand, shake."

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