

THE KAISERITE IN AMERICA.—101 GERMAN LIES.

The "Watchman" herewith begins the publication of one hundred and one German lies that have been circulated in this country for the purpose of creating distrust and unrest on the part of our people. Many of them you have no doubt heard in circulation and just possibly gave them a bit of credence. The St. Louis Republic has run each one down to its source and proves every one the lie that it is.

Read them carefully so that you will be in a position to refute similar ones that are retold to you; and also to convince yourself that the most dangerous, the most pernicious enemy we have is the man or woman who, within our own gates, undertakes to help the Huns by sowing discord that may prevent the perfect unity of purpose on our part that will be necessary to win the war.

LIE No. 1. That Mr. Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson, was found guilty of treason, sent to Fort Leavenworth, stood up against a wall and shot.

(Secretary Tumulty, in an official communication, has nailed this as a lie, without any foundation).

LIE No. 2. That a sweater knit in St. Louis for the soldiers in France, was sold by Red Cross workers and identified by the woman who knit it by a piece of currency sewed into the fabric.

(Heads of the Red Cross society in St. Louis have branded this as a bald fabrication. Nothing handled by the Red Cross society is sold).

LIE No. 3. That all the boys and men between the ages of 16 and 35 years of age are to be drafted into the army by January 1.

(Congress fixed the ages of men subject to the draft at 21 to 31 years, inclusive, and has never changed this rule).

LIE No. 4. That tobacco collected through the various agencies for the men overseas is not given to them until they have paid from 50 cents to \$2.50 a package for it.

(The Republic has sent several thousand dollars worth of tobacco to France, and not one cent has been charged the soldiers for it).

LIE No. 5. That no soldier or sailor, after he leaves American soil, is permitted to write home.

(This lie is patent to hundreds of men and women who have been receiving mail from friends and relatives in the expeditionary force in France).

LIE No. 6. Mrs. Charles G. Roe, of Chicago, says a caller told her that "everybody I know of is getting the cost of the wool they knit from the Government, and you ought to quit knitting until your expenses are allowed."

(Congress has never authorized anyone to pay one cent for wool or for labor in the knitting of articles for the soldiers and sailors).

LIE No. 7. That the recent registration of women was to find out how much money each one had in bank, how much of this was owed and everything about each registrant's personal affairs.

(While this lie was given credence by many women who should have known better, still it is without foundation from the very fact that the registration was voluntary, and that questions of a personal nature were not asked. Any woman who registered knows this).

LIE No. 8. That the millions collected from the public for Red Cross work goes into the pockets of thieves, and that the soldiers and sailors get none of it, nor any of its benefits. This lie was reported by J. H. Davis, secretary of the Elks at Mitchell, S. D. (Men and women at the head of the Red Cross society are the most upright imaginable. They were selected for the work because of this fact. Work done abroad and in the army camps and cantonments in the United States by the Red Cross nails this as pro-German propaganda).

LIE No. 9. That Base Hospital Unit (Washington University) No. 21 had been annihilated while en route overseas, or that leading members of the organization had been executed as spies by the American Government.

(Washington administration emphatically discredited this assertion in official communications).

LIE No. 10. That canned goods put up by the housewives of St. Louis were to be seized by the Government and appropriated to the use of the army and navy.

(This was run down by the Women's Central committee on Food Conservation and found to be pro-German "bunk." Government does not want canned goods from citizens).

LIE No. 11. Mary Reid Cory, who recently visited Chicago in the interest of Belgian prisoners in Germany, says that at a dinner recently a woman went to her and said, "We are every bit as bad as the Germans because the soldiers in training are being instructed to put out the eyes of every German captured." She said she had a son in one of the camps and he had written this to her.

(Absolutely without foundation. Any man who is taking a course of instruction at any United States army camp will brand this as a falsehood).

LIE No. 12. That all the money invested in Liberty bonds by men and women and children throughout the United States will be lost.

(Liberty bonds are backed by all the finances of the United States. Whenever the money so invested is "lost," this government will have collapsed).

LIE No. 13. Comes from J. K. Kidder, enrolling clerk at the Wisconsin State Senate, who says he has repeatedly heard that soldiers at one of the Northern cantonments are seriously ill with a malady which army physicians have been unable to diagnose.

(Surgeons at the cantonment in question assert there is only the usual amount of sickness in camp, and that they know the identity of each of the ailments. This story was started to frighten relatives of men at the camp and to discourage recruiting among their friends).

LIE No. 14. This was sent in by a Red Cross worker. It is to the effect that at Camp Funston "fourteen sol-

diers are sleeping on one bale of hay there because there is no bedding or anything to make them comfortable," and that "for the slightest infraction of a rule by a soldier of German extraction he is lined up against a wall and shot."

(Officers at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kan., laughed when they heard this lie. They said an inspection of the camp would refute it better than any statement from them. Soldiers at the camp hadn't heard of such conditions and knew that none of their number had been shot).

LIE No. 15. That the Pullman company will not hire a man who does not wear a button showing he has contributed to the Y. M. C. A. war fund.

(Officials of the Pullman company deny this).

LIE No. 16. That sweaters knit by St. Louis women for soldiers in the trenches wear out in less than two weeks because of the inferior workmanship in the garment. Many women have quit knitting because of this lie.

(Members of the Red Cross society here say that this is the most outrageous lie they have heard. The life of the sweaters, even under the hardest sort of conditions, is two months or more).

LIE No. 17. Women report they are terrorized over the information mysteriously disseminated that government agents are to raid all houses exhibiting food conservation cards, to determine that no meat is eaten on "meatless" days. Many cards have been quietly removed from the windows because of this fear.

(Government agents have no intention now, nor will they have in the future, of raiding private homes where there is no reason to believe agents of the Kaiser are hidden. Men and women are on their honor to observe the "meatless" days, nothing more).

LIE No. 18. Repetitions of the lies that schools in towns at or near training camps are to be closed because girls are about to become mothers come in droves. Towns in the neighborhood of any camp site are picked by Kaiser aids for this canard.

(Investigators declare this is utterly without foundation. The morale of men at the training camps cannot be better. Schools are not being interfered with for any purpose, they declare).

LIE No. 19. That all of the "plums" at the officers' training camps fall to Roman Catholics. "You just watch and you'll see that it is so," Mrs. C. D. Gallentine, of Morrison, Ill., writes that she was told.

(The question of religion does not enter into the giving of commissions. Merit and ability to take the intensive training are the things that count at the officers' training camps. Ask any man who has attended one).

LIE No. 20. Mrs. Gallentine also tells of a neighbor's maid who would not register when the women's census was taken, because "all they were doing it for was to get the girls' names so they could entice them into the cities and make white slaves of them."

(How positively ridiculous is a story of this sort! If you believe it, ask any of the women who registered, or who took an active part in furthering the registration).

LIE No. 21. Harvard, Ill., contributes another religious lie—that when the war is over the Roman Catholics here will be treated just as they were in Mexico after the revolution started there.

(It is needless to say the American government will never interfere in matters of religion).

LIE No. 22. This one is familiar, but has a new dress this time: That a mother sent her son at a training camp a big birthday cake, and then wrote him how he liked it. He replied he had never received the cake, but that he had passed an officers' tent and had seen him eating it.

(Wives, mothers and sweethearts in St. Louis of the thousands of men who have gone to the training camps and cantonment will nail this lie hard and fast if you will take the trouble to ask them about it).

LIE No. 23. Rector of Holy Innocents' Church at Racine, Wis., reports this lie about a family: That the family was put to death for giving out information which led to the destruction of England's greatest general. That a son was executed at Fort Sheridan, Ill., when caught in work of a treacherous nature, and that his religious affiliations had much to do with his disloyalty.

(Government agents say this is only one of a million other lies of like nature which pro-German propagandists are circulating. Of course, there is no foundation for it).

LIE No. 24. Mrs. Henry W. Wagon, 4129 Kossuth avenue, says a husky delivery wagon driver called at her home with a parcel a day or so ago. She asked him why he wasn't in the army, and he replied the government makes no provision for dependent families.

(Government makes this provision for dependents: Men with families or other dependents will not be called in the draft until an emergency, which is not even thought of now, arises. Heads of families are not even urged to enlist voluntarily, although provision is made in the way of insurance and the like for their dependents if they care to join the colors).

LIE No. 25. The sweater with the

\$10 bill sewed into its fabric which the pro-Germans say the Red Cross sold, has appeared this time in Jefferson City. Man told Missouri Council of Defense yesterday of the lie.

(Robert Glenn, publicity manager for the Council, says the tale is too utterly ridiculous to believe, and is circulated merely as a scheme to thwart the efforts of the Red Cross).

LIE No. 26. From Bonne Terre, Mo., that two Chicago nurses were killed in a mutiny, and that 14 men had committed suicide at Jefferson Barracks because of the ill treatment accorded them.

(Commandant at Jefferson Barracks offers post records to disprove the second lie. While it is impossible to learn where the "Chicago nurses" were killed, still, it is safe to say this is but another piece of "bunk").

LIE No. 27. Here's one from St. Francois, Mo., that a St. Louis father was called to the deathbed of his son, an enlisted man in the navy, and that no privacy was accorded him. During this last interview, however, the attention of the armed guard was distracted, and the son exhibited his body, saying his legs had been shot away in a mutiny.

(Secretary of the Navy refutes this lie by the statement that there is not a better behaved body of men in the world than those in the United States Navy, and that the excellent discipline since the outbreak of war only proves that conditions for the enlisted men are ideal in every respect).

(Continued next week).

Palm Sunday.

Palm Sunday, the Sunday preceding Easter, is finding wider observance in church calendars each year. With the crucifixion and resurrection, it is one of the few events in our Lord's life which find their place in the record of all four of the evangelists. It is the day of Jesus' Kingship. It is His coronation, in that the triumphal entry was a proclamation of His Messianicship. The Sunday school most wisely selects this as Decision Day. It is the day of days to join Christ's triumphal procession, and spread not palm branches or our garments, but our hearts at His feet.

Palm Sunday is eloquent in its symbolism. As far back as Moses, the palm tree, so abundant in the well-watered parts of Palestine, was associated with the religious festivals of the Hebrews. Palms were used in Hebrew architectural decoration, and frequently appear in both the Old and New Testaments to symbolize prosperity, victory and grace of figure and character. In Revelations the redeemed are pictured standing before the throne with palm branches in their hands.

Sorrow Over Lost Opportunities.

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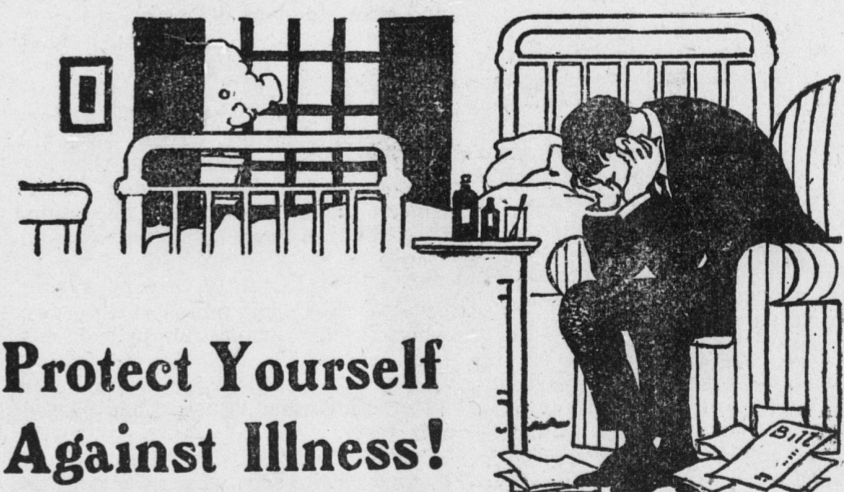
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