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MUCH CRY—LITTLE WOOL

"Man's ingenuity to man makes countless thousands weep"

The result of a trivial misunderstanding has snatched the good name of Fritz Bahr, our fellow townsman. In a joking mood some chance remark which he made, or is only said to have made, is taken up by over-zealous patriots and made a peg to hang their grudges on. In the peculiar net of circumstances which envelope this man, they see their opportunity and open fire; it is a case of open season and good hunting. On the one hand, the accused has a characteristic German name; on the other, the whole community is waiting with every nerve stretched taut for news of the big German offense.

But we are Americans still. We still believe in fair play. We are incapable—at least we hope we are—of forming an insane prejudice when all the facts point the other way.

Fritz Bahr was born in Paris, France, of German parents. For thirty years he has lived in this country. For twenty-four years he has lived in Highland Park and made himself conspicuous by his public spirit and the wholesome generosity of his business principles. "That little tree died," we tell him, or "those plants did not grow." "Take the steps of the hill," says Fritz. In municipal affairs, benefits bazaars, who has been more liberal? He has made many a school party for the poor and formed social committees to help themselves to his tulips, and planted public grounds with trees.

Fritz Bahr is an American citizen and Highland Park is proud of him. He is a familiar figure in our town—a man who goes about much with his children; to the movies, to Chicago on patriotic days, to the theater. He has educated these children in our public schools—in our traditions; not in the many accessible German schools, not in the German traditions.

And now, since the crucial test has come to all Americans of German extraction, when they must declare their allegiance on one side or the other, must show their colors, he has subscribed himself an American. With his characteristic generosity he bought Liberty Bonds. He subscribed to the Red Cross, to the Red Triangle. His daughter's young husband is, at this moment, helping to hold back the German hordes on the western front. His greatest subscription to our country is that of his son, Fritz Bahr, Jr., who now wears the khaki at Camp Kearny, California. Let the patriots look to it who have placed the name of this respected citizen before the federal authorities. May they always measure their own loyalty in terms of like subscriptions.

BUDGET SYSTEM FOR HIGHLAND PARK

If Highland Park adopts the budget system for war work which the committee has under consideration at the present time, will the people endorse this decision with their support. The plan should commend itself to our judgment as a time and labor saving expedient for war workers. The appeal, however, will be made to us by the Government, as direct and personal as the draft. A member of that new fraternity whose symbol is the service pin said that if every man in America had a son in France "carrying on" would present few problems.

But we all have more at stake than even a son in France. It is a question of our national identity. This war must be won or nothing matters. What is it we call wealth—property—rights? They are mere abstractions—terms of air—unless our Government endures. Investments in Mexico aggregating millions are to-day worthless. The Russian ruble has diminished forty per cent. Property, security, protection, in Russia; these are mere words to conjure with.

The time for action has come. We have had our flare of trumpets, our roll of drums and, for that matter, our roll of oratory. Our country demands more than lip-service now. We are holding the line against the greatest army the world has ever seen. "Where our treasure is, there will our hearts be also." But our hearts are in France. Shall we keep our treasure at home?

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Mrs. E. Smith and little daughter Margaret returned last Thursday from Chicago where they spent the past month visiting relatives.

Mrs. Fred Mann had as her guest for several days last week her sister Mrs. William Stanton of Lake Geneva.

Thirty years ago the 22 of April, a baby girl, Alice Elizabeth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe. Kartz of Milwaukee, Wis. The baby died 24 days, when she passed away leaving Mr. and Mrs. Kartz childless.

The Handel Choral Club of Rockford, Ill. is to give the cantata, "The Seven Last Words of Christ," by Deane, tomorrow evening and will be the featured soloist, Mr. Alexander Gray, formerly of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Thompson have returned from a ten days stay in the south where they visited in New Orleans and Mississippi.

Mr. Arthur Goelitz who has been an instructor in the Aviation School of Great Lakes has been transferred to the S. P. 14-11 as chief instructor.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Sullivan have returned to their home on Dean Ave. after spending the winter in Chicago.

Mr. George Carr of Wood Dale, has been commissioned as Captain in work of construction for the Government and left Tuesday for Washington D. C.

Mr. Harold Olson and Miss Alma Olson both students at the University of Illinois at Champaign will return home today to spend the spring vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Olson.

Mr. Walter Goelitz who is a senior at the University of Illinois at Champaign will return home today to spend the Easter holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Goelitz.

Mrs. John McGilivray left Monday for Springfield where she represented the Daughters of the American Revolution in their state conference which took place on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. John Booth of N. Second St. had as her guest a part of last week, Mr. E. Anderson of Chicago.

Least Edward Macelike of Camp Grant, Rockford spent the week end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. H. Macelike of N. Second St.

Mrs. Harry Sampson of Rockford is spending a few days this week visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Oscar F. Bell.

Miss Lois Greene has returned from Grinnell College, Grinnell, Ia. where she is a student to spend the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Greene.

Campbell Chapter, O. E. F. will hold its regular meeting this evening in Masonic Hall.

Miss Bernice Tucker who is a student at DeKalb Normal School has returned home to spend the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Henderson are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son born Tuesday, March, sixteenth.

Mr. Ralph Davi spent Sunday and Sunday in Rockford visiting her husband who is encamped at Camp Grant.

Miss Elizabeth Loderbach has returned home from Bryn Mawr to spend the Spring holidays with her parents. Durrall, Loderbach is expected home next week from St. Pauls College.

Mr. Earl Lahey of Camp Grant, Rockford, spent the week end visiting relatives in this city.

Mr. Walter Smith left Sunday for El Paso Texas, where he will join his husband, who is stationed there.

Mrs. Charles Mansur of New York, has returned after a visit to her parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Bergen.

Mrs. A. S. Loomis of Menominee, Falls, Wis., spent last week with her mother Mrs. J. Vetter and other relatives here.

Among the young folk returning from Illinois University for Easter are Fred Hine Edward Hodgwin, Pittsburgh Doty, Rodney Mansur.

Miss Lydia Hermesteler of Freeport was a guest at the home of Rev. Holke this week.

The Ladies Aid Society of St. Johns Evangelical church will meet at the home of Mrs. C. B. Hansen, 515 Oakwood Ave. on Thursday April 8th.

Miss Elizabeth Buckley will return from Smith College this week to spend the Easter holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Buckley.

Mr. and Mrs. Burridge D. Butler are at French Lick Springs for Easter.

On Tuesday, April second the local banks will be closed on account of the Township election.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hoopes of Maywood spent the week end with Mr. H. F. Clow, Mr. Fred Tucker and Mr. George Tucker.

Highland Park bowlers are urged to enter in the tenth two man and one man events of the Illinois State tournament. Entry fee is \$5.00 a team or \$1.00 a man. Ten teams are wanted. Bowlers, do your "bit" for the game and enter your name at the Majestic alley before next Wednesday of next week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tucker and little daughter of Chicago were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mann.

Mrs. Walter Carr is spending a few weeks in New York.

Mrs. Bowen W. Schumacher and Miss Catherine Schumacher have returned from a trip to Ecuador Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schey of N. Green Bay Road announce the birth of a son, Saturday, March twenty-third.

Miss Alma Keller who has been confined to her home for the past week with a severe cold is very much improved.

Miss Beulah Waterhouse spent the week end in Kankakee, Ill., visiting friends.

Little Harold Bloomfield who received a very serious cut on his knee, when he fell from his bicycle onto the cement sidewalk near the high school last Saturday, is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. L. X. Gross moved Tuesday from their home on Vine Ave., to Edinboro where they will make their home in the future.

Edith Barber who has been seriously ill with pneumonia for the past week is slowly improving.

Mrs. Gliese of Danville, Ill., spent last week visiting her sister Mrs. Arthur Gravel of Homewood Ave.

After spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Debeske of Roger Williams Ave., Danville, Mr. and Mrs. Victor C. Debeske left last Friday for Boston, Mass., where they will make a short visit. Mr. Debeske recently enlisted in the aviation corps and will await his call in the east.

The Tabernacle Society of the Immaculate Conception Church will give a card party at White Hall, on Tuesday evening, April sixteenth. The proceeds will benefit the school library. This is a correction of the article in last week's Press which stated that the party would be given on the sixth of April.

Friends of Mrs. Henry W. Miller will be glad to know that she is to leave Switzerland and return to America. As soon as she can get her passports and other necessary papers she will leave Geneva, where she has spent the past months, and start for Highland Park. In January Mr. Miller died and his body will be brought home for interment in Ohio.

Gus Krueger and family and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Meierhoff spent Saturday and Sunday in Chicago with relatives.

Mrs. Arthur Gravel and children are spending this week in Danville, Ill., visiting relatives.

Mrs. Will Stanton of Lake Geneva spent several days last week with relatives in this city and Winnetka. Mrs. Stanton is probably better known as Maude Moran.

Mrs. C. W. Buckley will return next week from a short stay in New York.

Mr. Robert Buckley is spending a few days in the south visiting in New Orleans.

Mr. C. A. Kuit and Mr. Paul Glener spent Sunday in Dixon, Ill., attending the conference of the Evangelical church held in this city last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kuit are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter born yesterday.

Rev. Howard Kuit who spent a few days this week visiting his father Mr. C. A. Kuit, will return to Union College, LeMars, Ia., today.

Mr. Donald Clavey of the Aero Squadron located at Indianapolis spent the week end with relatives here.

Mr. Harvey Zimmer who has been ill for the past few weeks is home from Camp Grant on a short furlough.

Mr. Nathaniel Kuit left yesterday for Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Mo., where he has enlisted with the medical corps.

Mrs. Frederic Ulman and family have returned from a winter spent in the city to their home, Honcroft, South Green Bay Road.

Paul and John Udell received a card from their brother, Lieutenant R. S. Udell Tuesday, announcing his safe arrival in France.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leiser are the happy parents of a baby boy, born last evening.

The Lincoln School P. T. A. will meet on Wednesday, April third at 2:30 in the afternoon. Mrs. J. L. Ralston of Glencoe, will speak on "Reading for Children." Miss Bernice Harbaugh will preside at the piano.

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- Then "Over the Top" be our battle cry.
- Ere the timely moment's past—Till in foremost lines, Old Glory shines
- Over the top at last.
- Then will rapine and pillaging.
- And ghoulish murderings stop.
- And Peace shall stand on every land.
- With America over the top.

North Shore Musical Festival

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Sundellus and Paul Althouse. The entire Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra will support them.
The days are May 27, 28, 29 and June 1st with concert each evening as usual and a matinee on Saturday. At this performance the children will again demonstrate their splendid choir work, 1,500 young voices singing an Indian cantata having to do with Hiawatha's boyhood and winning. A real Indian Princess, Tsianina, in beaded buckskin and eagle quills will be the soloist for this feature.

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