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REPORTS ARE FAVORABLE.

This "war of attrition," the process of slowly but surely grinding the hosts of imperialism down into the dust, is progressing as favorably as could be expected, if not more so. While the enemy's objectives and other speculative matters are nothing more than conjecture, the British field marshal's reports show that the onslaughts of Hindenburg are, in the main, being held back by the British, and that is the army that the past few days has had to stand the main brunt of the advancing hordes.

Haig's reports are coming to be more and more looked upon as the correct situation, regardless of what the enemy may do or plan to do. Today he says that the enemy is practically at bay and this certainly means a lot. There is not the slightest doubt that the second chapter of the big drive was intended to overcome the British resistance. That apparently has failed.

The drive against Amiens failed and the projected plunge nearer the coast seems also to be about up to the limit.

The losses inflicted against the attacking armies is but further evidence of the processes by which the war is to ultimately end, and that will be when the imperial armies are by degrees wiped off the face of the earth.

BOYS FOR FARM WORK.

The farm is a fine place for boys who are inclined to work and a mighty poor place for all concerned for the other kind.

But there is to be an enrollment week in Oregon for the purpose of ascertaining the boy power between the ages of 16 and 21 in this state. The enrollment week is from April 15 to 21, inclusive. The object is

to ascertain the number of boys of the above specified ages in Oregon, whether he is now working or expects to work this summer.

No boy is to be sent out to a place where he does not want to work nor taken from a place where he is already employed.

The movement is not in the nature of a draft registration, but details are to be arranged where boys may be sent out singly or in groups to help with farm work at this time when the farm man-power is so scarce.

All agencies co-operating for the success of the war should assist in letting the available boys during the boy registration week.

THE PRIME OBJECT.

From the speeches he is making it would be almost a toss-up to tell whether Will H. Hayes, chairman of the Republican National committee, is on the coast tour as a partisan representative or whether he is in the service of the government to help win the war. The latter objective is given the greater prominence in the most of his public utterances, and to that extent the mind and heart of the country is entirely with him. One of his remarks is typical. He says: "Our only real business now is to win the war and everything else is chores."

If that same sentiment could be imparted to the minds and hearts of all the people as strongly as it is evidenced by the Republican national committeeman, the conflict would come to an end a lot sooner.

That should be the business of everyone. We are now in the war up to our necks, and it is not the time for pacifism, pessimism or any other ways and whatevers, but to make the issue conclusive at the earliest possible date. The sooner it is done the less expense, and what is of far greater importance, with much less loss of life.

There is not a patriotic partisan of any denomination who cannot accord to the fullest extent with what Mr. Hayes claims is our "real business," and will continue to be until the war is won.

A CURSE TO THE STATE.

(Corvallis Gazette-Times.) There are no exceptions to the rule that all political fanatics are either suffering from a flat wheel, or else expect some political office or remuneration for their advocacy of nut ideas.

The latest proof of their inability ever to conceive of constructive legislation is evidenced by the Nonpartisan party fiasco in North Dakota.

In their malicious, Socialistic efforts to take a whack of private capital passed an ill-considered, uncensored bill providing for state money to be loaned to farmers to buy seed wheat and made a provision that the mortgage on the land should take precedence over ANY OTHER MORTGAGE.

A schoolboy with average intelligence would have known better than that and perhaps these people did, but it gave them an opportunity to swat blindly at an imaginary money power and they swatted.

As a result, they are in a heckuva fix. In the first place, private capital, which has no desire for confiscatory laws, will not loan money to North Dakota farmers.

In the second place, the United States government, which also has some hesitancy about having its property confiscated even in the cause of experimental reform with the machin-

ery of government, has followed in the footsteps of the wicked private capitalists and are refusing to loan money to North Dakota farmers from the Federal Farm Loan Bank, and up-to-date, no government has found it practicable to take the advice of the cranks who believe that all money is, is a printed piece of paper signed by the government treasurer.

While the farmers of North Dakota are thus frying in their own fat because of following off after Townley and his gang of professional political reformers and were able to borrow small sums of money from the state with which to buy seed they found themselves unable to borrow any of the larger sums needed to buy farms, stock or renew mortgages.

This contingency was apparently not taken into account by the framers of the measure, and when the situation developed, appeals were made to the Federal land bank and to the Farm Loan Board at Washington for some ruling that would afford relief. While the situation was not of the Farm Loan Board's creation, the board decided safely to do so to solve the problem to do anything that can legally lend and increase the wheat acreage. North Dakota officials have been in conference with the Farm Loan Board in Washington for some days, and Gov. Frazier of that State, wired an appeal to Secretary McAdoo, as chairman of the Farm Loan Board. The Secretary summarized the situation and the board's position in the following telegram to Gov. Frazier:

"Am in receipt of your telegram as well as telegrams from farmers, bankers, and organizations in your State. As you know, the Federal land banks are required by act of Congress to lend money on first mortgages only. The enactment of your seed and feed law with the unusual provision that loans made thereunder should have priority of lien over mortgages previously recorded, raises serious questions, both of law and of the security of loans made by the Federal land bank under the act of Congress. I have referred the question to the Attorney General of the United States for his opinion. If he should hold that your seed and feed law is a prior lien to farm mortgages made to Federal land banks, then it will not be possible for the Federal land bank to lend on mortgages in North Dakota. Your only remedy in that case will be to make the feed and seed law liens subordinate to the liens of farm mortgages to Federal land banks. As soon as the Attorney General of the United States renders his opinion, I will communicate it to you. Will you please let the people of North Dakota know that the officers of the Federal land bank of St. Paul and my colleagues of the Farm Loan Board, and myself deeply sympathize with the people of North Dakota in the predicament in which they find themselves because of the prior lien given under the seed and feed law, and that we are sincerely desirous of doing everything in our power to relieve them. It is impossible, however, for the Farm Loan Board or the Farm loan banks or myself to do anything in this connection if the Attorney General of the United States should hold that the lien of the seed and feed law is paramount to that of farm mortgages to Federal land banks."

W. G. McADOO.

Women Braver Than Men.

Women often do their daily tasks in home, office or factory while suffering pain and misery that would put a man in bed. However, much of women's suffering can be alleviated. Backache, sore muscles, stiff joints, rheumatic pains, dizziness and like symptoms are caused by disordered kidneys and bladder. Mrs. Thos. Davis, Montgomery, Ind., writes: "I doctored several months without relief, when I commenced using Foley Kidney Pills, and got relief. Eight bottles cured me." Safe, harmless; quick results. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Stolen.

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The Bookworm

What would you give for a college education?

College life cannot be enjoyed anywhere but on the campus, but other institutions can bring you the educational advantages of the university. The public libraries of big cities like Portland or Seattle are universities of the people. They are supported by the people and free to all citizens. The La Grande public library will buy or borrow the technical books you need to carry on your studies.

If you are reading for pleasure or to broaden your knowledge of books and life, there are no better reading courses than those published by the federal bureau of education, home education division. The lists are on file at the library, but if you wish to receive credit for the reading, enroll with the Bureau of Education at Washington. The courses are as follows:

1. The great literary classics.
2. Masterpieces of the world's literature.
3. Reading course for parents.
4. Miscellaneous reading for boys.
5. Miscellaneous reading for girls.
6. Thirty books of great fiction.
7. American literature.
8. History.

The librarian has most of the books on the lists, and will obtain the others on request.

Magazine readers will be interested in the Boston Transcript's list of the "Best Short Stories of 1917," selected by Edward J. O'Brien.

Movie fans will find a list of the most notable new picture plays, in "Current Opinion" each month.

"New Fiction During the War." Cornelia Marvin, writing in Public Libraries, says this should be the librarian's slogan. "The opportunity has come to prove to people that the library will help in the serious business of life. The demands on funds for books on technical subjects, which fit young men for public service, are greater than ever before in the history of libraries. The ordinary library cannot meet these demands and continue to supply the latest book of moving-picture fiction. There are already on the shelves of every library, stocks of the world's best fiction. It is not necessary to cease the use of the library for recreational purposes. Let the fiction readers turn to the older books.

"It is, of course, possible that some new work of fiction will be a contribution to literature, and it should be understood that libraries will buy these books of fiction which are inspirational and really great, but with all the sacrifice that is being made throughout the country, it certainly would be unbecoming and unwise for librarians to continue to spend money for light fiction. People are asked to do without sugar, to do without wheat, to make great personal sacrifices in every possible way for our people and for the starving people of Europe. Can it be possible that libraries in this emergency will continue to supply new fiction just the same as before? It was something of a crime to do it before, but we never had the courage to turn away the confirmed fiction reader." Will not the war-time demands give us this courage?"

New and popular war books added to the library this week are: "A Student in Arms," by Donald Hankey.

"My Home in the Field of Honor," by Wilson Huurd.

Rain at North Powder Helps Crop Outlook

BONDS AT NORTH POWDER WENT WITH A RUSH—FARMERS PREPARE FOR LARGE ACREAGE—COW DROWNED IN IRRIGATING DITCH.

Fine rains have visited this section the past few days which have greatly helped the pastures, fall grain and everything living in the farming line. The farmers are very busy with their spring work and a large acreage of all kinds of cereals are being planned for this season. Wheat is the predominating grain and if the fall grain lives up to its present promise the grain crop from this section will be fine.

Lane Goff had the misfortune to lose a fine milk cow last Sunday. The cow, in trying to get over a fence in same way caught her hind foot and could not get loose and with her head in an irrigation ditch so she could not get it out, and drowned before she was found.

George Carnes was a visitor in La Grande a few days ago. His engine broke down, and he went to get it fixed again. He had the luck to get it

Bargains in Low Shoes

MEN AND WOMEN.

In offering these unusual bargains to the public we are making room in our stock for the newer low shoes. These shoes we offer are all the "left overs" from last season—the styles are good and the quality is excellent compared with shoes you pay \$6.00 and \$7.00 for today.

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fixed so that it was put to work at once.

Joe Bowman has purchased a new auto. No, we mean a Ford and not an auto. He is having all kinds of fun and grief in learning to run it.

Mrs. J. E. Gilkinson, who has been suffering from an attack of rheumatism, is reported to be some better and will soon be out again.

Mumps have been visiting the Wolf Creek school and off for some time ago some of the pupils are at home taking care of them for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Crate Mann were business visitors in town on Wednesday.

Liberty bonds are the one conversational topic which is in common use these days. This place came to the front with a rush as is always the case where funds are needed in any good cause.

Ernest Simonis is building a new house on his ranch on Wolf Creek.

Mrs. Jane Riggs visited in Park with friends last week.

The North Powder News has moved into a new home. Mrs. Ross, the progressive editor of that paper, rented a larger building so as to have more room. She has purchased more machinery in the shape of a press and other material and will give more time to getting out a larger paper.

Mrs. Ross is editing a fine little paper, and her patrons and friends wish her every success in her venture of enlarging her headquarters.

John Gilkinson, Jr. who enlisted in the cavalry a short time ago, has left for Columbus, New Mexico. He reports that he is a member of the 12th Regiment.

George Simpson, who used to be in the mining business is now in the government employ in Fort Rosecrans, Cal. He says that the weather is delightful and that he likes his work very much.

Mrs. Will Mills, who lives on the Powder river on a large ranch, is able to be about again after being thrown from a buggy in which she sustained severe injuries.

Mr. Lange has opened a repair shop for autos in the Lane Goff building. Chas. Hutchinson had the misfortune to let his Cole Eight freeze up in the recent cold spell, and burst some of the cylinders. Several other cars were frozen up but were not damaged as badly as Mr. Hutchinson's car.

Miss Lenore Hughey has taken the place in the Forstrom store, 1-5-17, vacant by Miss Lottie Olson. Miss Lottie is planning on staying in Seattle.

James Hooper who lives on the Snygalore ranch, has purchased a new set of harness as he is putting in a large crop and works several horses. He will plant a large acreage to wheat.

Harry Ross the son of Mrs. Ross the editor of the North Powder News, who has been in Portland taking treatment for his health, returned a few days ago. He is much improved.

HOME TO VISIT MRS. GRANDY

Stanley Mills, of Aviation Corps, Arrived in La Grande Today.

Stanley Mills, of the Aviation Corps at Camp Kelly, who has been ill with pneumonia for several weeks, arrived home in La Grande on a furlough to visit Mrs. B. W. Grandy. He is the oldest son of Jose Grandy-Mills and is well known here. After Mr. Mills enlisted for service at Camp Kelly he was transferred to Vancouver, where illness overtook him and he has been in poor health for some time. He hopes that the Grande Rondé climate will act as a tonic and bring him back to his former self.

Mr. Grain Farmer:

Are you prepared to handle your grain in bulk? Do not wait until Spring and Summer when you are buried with work and worried with labor shortage, but build your granaries now.

You can buy the lumber and roofing paper for a first-class 1000 bushel portable granary for \$54.58 and it will last for years. Sacks for the same amount of grain will cost you \$125.00 and this would be a dead loss against this year's crop.

A granary of this size can be moved anywhere and can be filled directly from the thrasher, being away with high priced labor handling and sewing sacks.

The boys in the trenches need the sacks for sand bags for the protection of their lives and perhaps your boy is among them.

Spend your money in your own valley by buying lumber manufactured at home. When you buy sacks part of the money goes to India.

BUILD YOUR GRANARIES NOW

Be prepared by building them before the farming season opens up. Be sure to get good lumber, well seasoned, as low grade lumber will give you trouble in a few seasons. Don't use green lumber.

Save money—keep what you spend at home—prevent loss and damage from exposure to weather—leave the sacks for our boys in the trenches; help win the war by building granaries now.

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