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HOME SUPPORT NEEDED.

There is not much in detail given out by Secretary of War Baker as to the war conditions with which he has been attempting to become familiar through actual contact with the war zone. In general his main impressions are: Full faith in the efficiency of the American soldiers in France; necessity to keep the war preparations going at top speed, and, finally, the support of the home people to the limit.

We can easily believe that our soldiers are all right and may be safely relied upon. They have the physical capability, and in fact have demonstrated in several instances that they are much nearer "supermen" than are their highly vaunted and over-rated antagonists. On the second proposition there is every evidence that not a minute of delay will be allowed in the further assembling of men for France. The tonnage facilities are soon to be increased and will be ready to keep pace with the demands for transporting soldiers and supplies. President Wilson has given the hint that the airplane program must show substantial hurrying or the management of this department will be shifted.

But the suggestion of the war secretary of greater importance to those who are not directly in the war is the solid support of all the people to help win.

In most localities organizations for this purpose are completed and its members are at work.

It is a more cheerful job now than it has been during the past few weeks. It is now the next thing to an absolute certainty that the big drive is going to fizzle—just as the dinner in Paris, the first big rush of Hindenburg, and

now the second spasm is lapsing into a failure. But with all that is looking so favorable for success not very far away, it is best to take the war secretary at his word. It is no time now to lag. If anything is to be done different from what has already been done it is to keep on in the same old way but keep at it longer and harder. We want to save all the American boys we can and the best way now is to hurry every war effort to the full limit.

They are the ones whose interests are of the greatest importance in this drastic necessity of civilizing the world.

NOT SATISFIED.

Generalissimo and pan-commander Foch is reported to be not entirely satisfied, by his dissatisfaction is not of the kind that hurts. He says it is not enough to meet the waves of Boches—"We'll do something more." There was another outbreak of dissatisfaction reported from some of the American soldier boys a day or two ago, who expressed the fear that they might be brought away before the final collapse of the German army.

The French general also says: "Our important reserve is still intact." It is no doubt a part of the French commander's strategy to wait, with all the patience he can command, for the final and psychological moment when the wild Hun has spent his force. Then the reserves will set out against the invading hosts in a manner that will make the German language, as old fighting Bob Evans would say, the most popular method of speech in the lower regions for some months to come.

The old kaiser, himself, indulged in a soliloquy of dissatisfaction at Arrmentieres, so it is reported, when he said: "What haven't I done to save the world from this horror." One or two things he has not done. He hasn't put himself or any of his six sons in any jeopardy; he didn't give any such expressions of concern over the world's horror when his armies without reason or justice swept over Belgium. The German ruler, on the contrary, has done everything in the initiative way that has brought on this world conflict and he is now needlessly slaughtering German soldiers and making almost every German home a house of mourning. His hypocritical lament is altogether too transparent at this late stage of the game.

FLIGHTY REPORTS.

It appears from later reports that the damage done to fruit by recent cold weather has been over-estimated. It is nothing unusual to have cold weather this time of the year, and it is just as usual for the advancement of the budding period to accommodate itself to the temperate conditions. It is all a relative matter. Fruit that is advanced on account of the earlier season in other localities would be hard hit by the delayed warm season here, but as long as the trees and shrubs are not too far ad-

CHRISTIAN CHURCH RALLY.

On next Sunday, April 21st, the Christian Church people are to have a rally for all active members and all others that have in the past been members of the church and any others who may be interested in the Christian church. One of the best times will be enjoyed that has ever taken place in the church. A fine musical program, dinner and short talks will be given and everyone will be guaranteed a good time.

People out in the valley and all others have been out around the country say the grain crop is in the finest possible condition and it will likely be seen later on that the fruit, also, may be depended upon this year, as in other years. It doesn't pay to become alarmed over flighty reports.

PENDLETON PIONEER DEAD.

Grant Elgin, Retired Farmer, Passes At Age Of 75.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

ILLITERACY AT HOME.

The secretary of the interior recently addressed a letter to the chairman of the Senate and House Committees on Education, from which we take the following: "At the last census there were in the United States over five and a half million persons above ten years of age who were unable to read or write in any language. Seven hundred thousand men of draft age cannot read or write—cannot sign their names; cannot read posted orders or their manual of arms; cannot understand signals in battle; cannot write home or read letters from home. Illiterates in the United States above twenty years of age equal the whole population of twelve great Western States. Of our agricultural population three million seven hundred thousand cannot read a farm paper, an agricultural bulletin, a Liberty Loan poster, a newspaper, a Bible. Of the total number of illiterates in this country over fifty-eight per cent are whites, and more than a million and a half—equal to the population of Philadelphia at the last census—are native-born whites. If the average productive power of an illiterate is less by only fifty cents a day than that of a person able to read and write—probably a conservative estimate—the country loses over eight hundred million dollars a year through illiteracy.

Of the number who can read and write in some foreign tongue, but not English, the secretary does not speak, except to say: "What a commentary upon our educational shortcomings, that in the days of peace we did not teach these men, who have been here long enough to become citizens, the language in which our history and laws are written and in which the commands of defense must now be given!"

He asks the chairman's interest in a bill before Congress making a modest appropriation to enable the Bureau of Education to launch a campaign against adult illiteracy. That bill is commendable—as a small patch on a great hole.—Saturday Evening Post.

NOT A DREAMER.

(Oregon Journal.)
 After fifteen months L. the Red Cross canteen service, mostly in the Vosges Mountains on the French front, Miss Helen G. Stewart, a librarian at Victoria, B.C., was a speaker Sunday night in a Pendleton church.

She served in France without salary, she paid her own expenses. She used her own money in aiding the canteen work. She journeyed 4000 miles over continents and oceans to reach the seats of her service.

At Pendleton she told how soap would be prepared at the canteen for 4000 soldiers, and 8000 would appear, told of French trenchmen, sockless, of French soldiers with frozen feet, of how every French home is open to homeless families and fatherless children of boys French soldiers do as swapper or host, but whose eyes blaze with a white light.

She said if people on this continent only knew how far \$10 would go with the needy in France, every pocketbook would be open and every hand a giver.

The example of Miss Stewart, the Victoria librarian worker, is commended to the mistaken Portland library worker, who resigned rather than buy a Liberty bond, and to the Portland teacher who refuses to take the oath of allegiance to the United States.

The distress and suffering exists over there. Why not render aid?

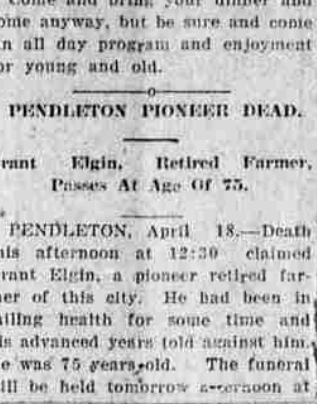
The war is on over there, and wars can only be ended by beating Germany. It must be done by America and the allies or it will not be done at all. Why not help end the war, rather than dream foolish dreams and be lost in abstract illusions?

MAJOR OWEN ADJUSTING MASK.

NOT A KU KLUX CLANSMAN

TRYING THE NEWEST GAS MASK

THE NEW MASK ADJUSTED



SOUVENIRS OF "NO MAN'S LAND" SHOW HOW THE GERMANS SAW HIM



That gas masks hold high place among the war souvenirs of the men back from No Man's Land is well explained by the photographs made when Major A. W. Owen found his own old gas masks in the hands of a friend and tried them on again. The days of Ku Klux clans were recalled by the grim pictures that resulted. Major Owen, officer commanding western division of the British-Canadian Recruiting Mission, was asked by T. J. Wall of the Canadian Pacific Railway, to explain the intricacies of his two souvenir masks "from France." To interest some recruits, Major Owen undertook to do so and discovered two old comrades of trench raids—his own masks. Now he knows how he looked to the Germans.

3 o'clock at the Brown chapel and will be in charge of the I. O. O. F. of which order he was a member. Mr. Elgin had lived in Umatilla county since the early 80s. He was born in Texas and later moved to Missouri. He served in the Civil War. Before coming to Umatilla county he lived for a time in the Willamette valley. About 10 years ago he retired from active farm life and had lived in this city since.

RAY M'KENNON BUYS LAND.

Raymond D. McKennon bought 200 acres of the Clark Braden pasture land near Perry recently.

JOB PRINTING

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