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afford to risk everything to safeguard  
 on political rights and liberties, we  
 can certainly afford to keep ourselves  
 as a community in clean and health-  
 ful trim.

**MAKING GREAT PROGRESS.**

Under the plan of allowing the  
 enemy to wear himself out, which is  
 the only reasonable "strategy" that  
 can be employed by the limited num-  
 ber of defenders of the battle line a-  
 gainst the German hordes, there is  
 great progress being made. The  
 British have retaken lost positions,  
 and these they would probably be  
 perfectly willing to recede from if it  
 would entail disparity of losses as  
 it has heretofore.

It has all settled down to a process  
 of annihilating as many of the enemy  
 force as possible. The time is ap-  
 proaching when these losses, passed  
 over in the first flush of German suc-  
 cess, will come home to the German  
 people. That time is already ap-  
 proaching and the news, apparently  
 authentic, is that there is an element  
 of the Germans who are getting tired  
 of von Hindenburg. In the end they  
 will find that the army has been hon-  
 ored to a greater extent than the  
 objectives are worth, and along about  
 that period it will be the allies' turn.  
 Still, the battling of the past few  
 days has not been altogether defens-  
 ive. The Australians have shown that  
 they, too, know something of the busi-  
 ness of pushing forward. Their  
 shattered antagonists know something  
 about the Australians as well. The  
 Americans are also doing something  
 more than waiting on the firing line.  
 Their artillery work is deadly effective  
 and is doing a lot to keep the enemy  
 at a respectful distance.

The big offensive is to come, so all  
 the military authorities say, but there  
 is not much to show that the block-  
 herded tenacity of advancing to be  
 torn to riddles has become altogether  
 a fixed habit with the forces of von  
 Hindenburg.

Two big tests of this kind have had  
 something of an educational effect  
 and the big offensives show a declin-  
 in "pop." There's a reason. All  
 other things being equal this expect-  
 ed offensive would have been under-  
 taken a week or more ago. There is  
 not so much glamor after all in be-  
 ing a dead hero. The more that go up  
 against that line of British, French  
 and Americans, the fewer the number  
 that returns. Another attempt is  
 charily delayed for the present.

higher power—that power which  
 has kept the world in alignment  
 up to the present time.

So it is that war, deadly war,  
 brings us back to the early teach-  
 ing at mother's knee; it brings us  
 back to the days of regular at-  
 tendance at Sabbath School, and  
 makes us once more feel the  
 pleasure of attending worship in  
 God's house at least once each  
 week.

Rushing in a mad stampede  
 humanity has been stopped by that  
 same old fellow, Trouble. Stopped  
 while a crazy nation is running  
 amuck throughout the world with  
 gun and bowie knife, and in our  
 just desire to curb this outlaw our  
 Allies as well as ourselves ten-  
 tatively call upon a Higher Power  
 to assist us in putting down this  
 bandit and his tremendous army.  
 Reading the Bible will continue  
 to grow in favor for nothing takes  
 its place. No heart that is torn  
 by the loss of loved ones can find  
 comfort in anything else except in  
 the advice and promises which  
 have been given to the world for  
 hundreds of years.

"Sow the wind and reap the  
 whirlwind." Yes, you have heard  
 it many times and the truth of  
 it becomes more apparent every  
 year you live. Right now we hear  
 complaint from many industries  
 that labor has it in its clutches.  
 Very true in many instances, but  
 trace back history and you do not  
 have to go many years since labor  
 was in the clutches of pretty harsh  
 masters. They sowed the wind  
 and are now reaping the whirlwind.  
 The pendulum never swings evenly.  
 It is always too far on one side  
 or the other.

We believe right now labor  
 should stand to a man for gov-  
 ernment industries to help win the  
 war. And for that reason we hold  
 the belief that the government  
 should take over, or rather set the  
 prices on products produced to a  
 degree that labor will realize it  
 is only doing its part when a  
 normal wage is fixed in proportion  
 to the normal profits of the in-  
 dustry where labor is employed.

Argument that men should not  
 demand high wages when they  
 know their labor is producing a  
 product that is making enormous  
 profits for operators is to argue  
 against human nature. The selfish-  
 ness which is to be found in the  
 breast of every human being cannot  
 be eradicated by soft words.

Thus when shipyards under  
 private ownership are turning a  
 product showing enormous earnings  
 it is not unreasonable to expect  
 that labor employed in that pro-  
 duct will ask for a share of those  
 profits. Had the profit sharing  
 plans now in force by some com-  
 panies been adopted years ago it is  
 doubtful if unrest would be found  
 on every hand. Had the thought-  
 fulness of labor's welfare been  
 practiced for a half century in-  
 stead of attempting to jump into  
 it suddenly like a frog jumping into  
 a pond there might be a different  
 feeling in the hearts of many  
 laborers.

But the fact remains that we are  
 not going to produce what we  
 should to win this war until labor  
 realizes it is the main spring of  
 the big machine. When all labor  
 comes to the conclusion that it is  
 their fight as much as it is the steel  
 trust's fight to win the war in  
 order to have a safe United States  
 to live in, then we will see things  
 hum. In order to do this, it seems  
 to us, that the government must  
 conduct a campaign of education

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**CLEANING-UP TIME.**

The subject may seem to have been  
 explained and commented upon to the  
 limit, but its importance can never  
 be too fully or strongly urged. Such  
 a program is now on in La Grande.

It is at this time more essential  
 than ever that all precautions be taken  
 in the matter of thoroughly clean-  
 ing up around all premises of abode.  
 Science and good sense teaches that  
 this is one of the safeguards against  
 the spread of disease and infections  
 of nearly all kinds. The very highest  
 authority on the subject says that tu-  
 berculosis and other germ diseases are  
 usually brought about by dirt and  
 filth.

Another thing which makes the mat-  
 ter of more importance over the whole  
 country now is the fact that the United  
 States is depleted to a very large  
 extent of its medical and nursing  
 service and there would just now,  
 while the hospital attaches and doc-  
 tors are away with the boys in war,  
 be frightful difficulty in coping with  
 any epidemic of disease.

One of the ways to keep the home  
 fires burning for that joyous day  
 when "the boys come home" is to see  
 that things are kept neat and clean,  
 not for a week or a few days' period  
 but all the time.

As the "apparel doth oft proclaim  
 the man," so does neat and clean sur-  
 roundings establish a civic morale  
 that is helpful to everyone and main-  
 tains a standard of living and of com-  
 fort that many, many times overpays  
 the initial cost.

It would seem that the known bene-  
 fits of this kind of cleanliness are so  
 evident that the enforcement of rules  
 would be unnecessary, but whether it  
 is done voluntarily or through compul-  
 sion it must be done, not only for our  
 own sakes, but for the sake of those  
 who are fighting for us. If they can

to show that when an industrial  
 plant makes big earnings those  
 earnings must revert back to the  
 government. And it must be done  
 by a simple process, not the com-  
 plex process of income taxes with  
 the many phases that even a  
 learned attorney cannot under-  
 stand.

The man producing the product  
 must know that a certain per-  
 centage of the profit goes to the  
 government and that he is sharing  
 in proportion with the operator.  
 This will bring business and labor  
 close together. It will not be a  
 "care-all" for there will always be  
 the "unreasonable and the agitator,  
 but in the main we believe that  
 it will set at rest a condition that  
 is now very perplexing. There  
 must be something done and that  
 very soon or the country will be  
 so thoroughly out of balance that  
 many industries not engaged in  
 war work with incomes arising  
 from such work will be forced to  
 suspend operation.

Statesmen of rare ability are now  
 needed to handle this matter. Em-  
 ployers cannot furnish all who will  
 aid in settling this problem. Labor  
 must furnish a goodly portion of  
 such statesmen from her ranks.

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 tions since the Good Book has  
 been read as it is today. The  
 boys in the trenches read their  
 bibles and the relatives at home  
 do not let the day pass without  
 consulting the Book that has given  
 comfort and serice in all ages to  
 all men when humanity saw its  
 frailty and realized its weakness.

How pert we humans are when  
 our heart beats properly, when our  
 digestive apparatus works reason-  
 ably well and when danger of any  
 description is not to be seen. We  
 walk and talk with an independence  
 that is hard to describe; we  
 seemingly believe that we are cor-  
 rectly "monarch of all we survey."  
 But let Old Trouble come and  
 pile himself up at our doorstep.  
 Let the white horse of death appear  
 even at a distance and man's  
 strength vanishes. He realizes his  
 helplessness and cries out to a

**Do You Enjoy Life?**

A man in good physical condi-  
 tion is almost certain to enjoy life,  
 while the bilious and dyspeptic are  
 respondent, do not enjoy their meals  
 and feel miserable a good share of  
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