

# AN ADDRESS TO THE TEACHERS

## PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IS NEXT DUTY OF STATE.

Back to School Drive Is Headed by the State and County Superintendents of Oregon.

Mrs. Fred G. Sekilke, of La Grande, state chairman of Child Welfare, Council of Defense, has sent out the following address to the teachers of the state:

President Wilson has said: "Next to duty of doing everything possible for the soldiers at the front, there could be, it seem to me, no more patriotic duty than that of protecting the children, who constitute one-third of our population."

The teachers of the nation have responded to every call made upon them for the service to the noble men who so gallantly gave their services, many of them sacrificing their lives, to make the world safe for democracy.

The war is over and we are confronting our "next" duty, which is the protection of the children. As part of the great reconstruction wave sweeping through the country, we are asked to see that every boy and girl between the ages of 9 and 16, who, for various reasons, left school during the period of the war, be returned, and every effort made to adjust them to their proper classes.

Much license has been granted to children in this time, on account of the need of labor, and now the lure of wages will be a strong temptation to many of them. We can ill afford to sacrifice the education and health of our future citizens to satisfy these who might profit by their labor, and unless we meet the situation immediately, some children will be violating School Attendance laws and many will be violating Child Labor laws. The returning soldier will also need many of these positions.

### LOST BATTALION HERO

Mt. Sterling, Ohio, Is Put on the Map by a Soldier Son.

MT. STERLING, O., Feb. 21.—Regardless of its past, Mt. Sterling is now on the map—not the Ohio map necessarily, but the map of the entire world. Corporal Lowell Hollingsworth, the lad who carried the German command of "surrender" to Lieutenant-Colonel Whittlesey of the "Lost Battalion," which brought forth the justly famous reply of "go to hell," resides in Mt. Sterling.

Everybody in Mt. Sterling can and will tell you the story. The story of how Corporal Hollingsworth, with seven companions, volunteered to penetrate the Hun lines and bring relief to the "Lost Battalion," the boys of the 308th; of how four were killed and the remaining three wounded; of how Hollingsworth, though shot through the leg, was sent back by the Huns with the command to surrender; of how he delivered the message to Lieutenant-Colonel Whittlesey and then fainted from loss of blood and exhaustion; and of how Whittlesey told the Huns where to go and then stuck it out until relief arrived.

Meanwhile Mt. Sterling is anxiously awaiting the return of its hero, and what a reception there will be!

Observer ads are widely read.

### BREAK WHEEL OFF CAR

An automobile driven by Mrs. Catherine Calchira of this city skidded on the slippery pavement on Adams avenue this morning and bumped into the curb at the corner where the Bohemian hardware store stands. Mrs. Calchira had been driving her car but a short time and was unable to negotiate the turn at the corner with the streets in the slick condition in which the fresh snow had placed them. A front wheel was smashed off the car and the front axle was badly twisted.

### ESSEX OUT OF CONTEST.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Representative Essex, chairman of the Republican campaign committee, tonight announced his withdrawal from the Republican contest for the speakership of the house in the next congress. His action left the race between Representatives Mann of Illinois and Gillett of Massachusetts.

### TOMMIES TRIM YANKS' OUTFIT

The Yanks were completely snowed under last night by the Tommies to the tune of 38 to 1, and the Devil Dogs put it over the Blue Devils 37 to 19 in the first basketball games of the high school boys' gymnasium tournament, which is being held every Monday and Thursday evening at 7 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. The reason for the Yanks being so completely outclassed was that their best players were absent. Consequently they now trail in the rear. The standing of the teams is as follows: Devil Dogs 44, Blue Devils 19, Tommies 8, Yanks 4.

The Tommies were the greatest point winners last night. Ted Heidner, who of that team won the standing broad jump out of a field of twenty-two others. His jump was 7 feet 8 1/2 inches. Oscar Brandt of the Devil Dogs was second with a leap of 7 feet 2 inches, and Roy Wilson third with a jump of 7 feet 1 1/2 inches. The Tommies were in the cellar until last night.

On Monday night the Blue Devils will play the Tommies and the Devil Dogs will play the Yanks and the Devil Dogs will try their skill at climbing an 18-foot rope hand over hand without the aid of feet or legs.

### FOUND HIS HOME WITH VICE PRESIDENT



Finding love, a home, happiness and health all came into the experience of this little tot two years ago. He was adopted at that time by Vice President and Mrs. Marshall, a very frail boy, half of twins. His name is Morrison Marshall.

### TAKES LONG TIME

Famous Conference of Past Indicative of Long Session at Paris.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The fact that President Wilson is coming home does not signify that the peace conference is near the end of its deliberations and conclusions. If the end of the conference now in session in Paris were to be reached within a few weeks it would be contrary to all precedent, for similar conferences in the past, none of which approached the present conference in size or importance, almost invariably occupied a longer period than has the present great gathering of the diplomatic representatives of nearly all the world.

The great congress of Vienna, which undertook the task of rearranging the map so as to look as it did before Napoleon obliterated boundaries and set up new kingdoms, held its first session in September, 1814. Six months later, on March 11, 1815, Talleyrand, the French representative, announced that the emperor had escaped from Elba. With one accord, the members broke into a roar of laughter—their work of months was rendered useless. Disregarding this interruption, which ended at Waterloo, when Napoleon was finally defeated, the total length of the congress of Vienna was from September, 1814, to June, 1815—about nine months.

Peace of Utrecht. The peace of Utrecht, which brought to a close the long war of the Spanish succession, was signed after a conference lasting from January 29, 1712, to April 11, 1713, nearly fifteen months in all. As a result of the long deliberations, the belligerents gained nothing more than could have been peacefully effected by a conference in 1702, the year in which the war was started.

Another notable peace conference in which nearly all of the principal European powers participated, was the congress of Aix-la-Chapelle which brought to a conclusion the wars of the Austrian succession. The conference was begun on May 18, 1748, and peace was signed in October, 1749. This conference lasted about seven months.

Coming down to a later date, the peace of Campo Formo, between France and Austria, was signed in October, 1797, the conference having begun on April 18, 1797, thus lasting six months.

Electricity Speeds Parleys. History shows that few peace conferences in the past have concluded their work short of six months, while many of them have been strung out over a much longer period. It is gratifying to note, however, that the peace negotiations of later years, including those ending the Spanish-American war, and the war between Russia and Japan, have occupied

considerably less time than did the regular conferences held in the eighteenth and earlier part of the nineteenth centuries.

It is probably to be accounted for by the fact that travel and communication are much more rapid than in the earlier days, before the fast railroads and steamships, the telegraph, the telephone and the wireless, and even the airplanes, have been employed in the diplomatic service.

So there is reason to expect that the present peace conference will be shorter than its many predecessors to which may be added the hope that it will have more lasting effect.

### MUNICIPAL COAL STORES

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 20.—Eight municipal coal selling stations have been opened here. They are in charge of employees of the park department. Coal is being sold on a cash and carry basis of twenty cents for a bushel of eighty pounds. This is the second year the city has sold coal to the poor at the minimum rate possible. Last year's price was sixteen cents a bushel, and the city lost \$4000 on the sale of 97,939 bushels.

### I. W. W. AGITATOR ARRESTED

BUTTE, Feb. 20.—Joseph Kennedy, branch secretary of the Metal Mine Workers' Industrial union No. 800, I. W. W., one of the organizations that declared a strike of miners in Butte on February 7, was taken into custody Wednesday by United States immigration authorities.

Kennedy was taken into custody by C. K. Andrews, immigration inspector in charge of the district comprising Montana and Idaho, and by Immigration Inspector Phil Baldwin. He is a British subject and has been in the United States 14 years. He has never applied for citizens papers, according to the immigration officials.

### UNDERWORLD GIRL BECOMES PRESENT-DAY JOAN OF ARC

Frisella Dean, as Collette, Leads the Apaches to Victory Over Germans.

Jean Rovel, a young artist, left his studio in the Latin quarter to go into the depths of the Paris underworld for a model. It was surely a strange place to seek Madonna-like beauty, yet he found it in Collette, an apache girl.

She flayed him with scornful laughter when he begged her to pose for him but, womanlike, she agreed when she saw that "The Toad," her man, was furiously jealous of the stranger. Then came the insolent German

bulletins that France had displaced the German king from Berlin. Paris was in a state of jubilation. The French king had been selected to take Paris. The Paris authorities called upon the French apaches: "You have fought us for years, was the word sent to the underworld: 'now go and fight the Germans—for France.'"

When the apaches hurried themselves on German bayonets at the gates of the city and sent the Kaiser's crack division yelping home to Potsdam they were led by Collette. If you would see how she saved France as a second Joan of Arc and if her great sacrifice for the man she loved will touch the chords of pity in your heart, go to see "The Wildcat of Paris," at the Star theatre on Saturday and Sunday.

MONEY ON CITY PROPERTY Jack Oliver has money he will loan on city property on very easy terms. 1-11-301

They are just right—those hot drinks and chili con carne, eschaldas, hot tamales, at Silverthorn's fountain. 2-20-31

Silverthorn's FAMILY DRUG STORE LA GRANDE, OREGON.

# Lest We Forget

that the job for liberty is not yet completed—

that our boys—the ones who have returned and those still overseas—will be watching our response—

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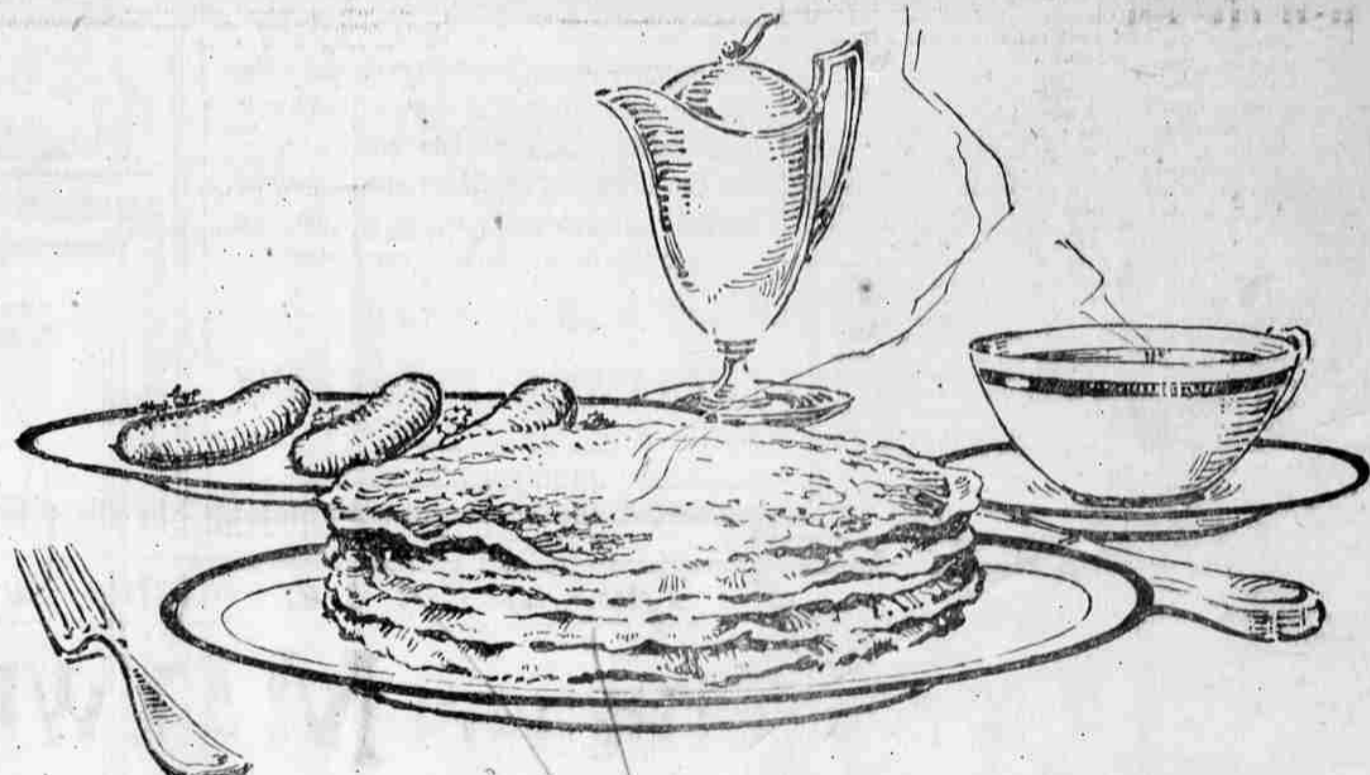
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# STAR THEATRE Saturday and Sunday



'She purr, she scratch, she claw; but, Mon Dieu, she loves.' She is truly 'The Wildcat of Paris.' See this amazing play. It's different from anything you've seen in years with SOME Wildcat.

ALSO LLOYD COMEDY.



# Buckwheat cakes—with sausage! Um-m!

Make this wonderful old-time breakfast the easy Aunt Jemima way!

Buckwheat cakes—with sausage! Oh, how that combination does tempt the appetite on a wintry February morning!

Perhaps you've been forgetting how "powerful good" buckwheat cakes really are! Give yourself a treat tomorrow—see what pleasant memories the first taste brings back! Memories of all sorts of healthy outdoor things—hickory smoke curling upward in thin blue wisps—skating on the old pond, cogging down the big hills into drifts of snow— It's the simplest thing in the world

to make buckwheat cakes—if you make them the easy Aunt Jemima way!

All you need is a package of Aunt Jemima Buckwheat Flour—you add nothing but water. Everything necessary to make the best buckwheat cakes you've ever tasted is already mixed in the flour.

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- Full line of Karo Syrups—Red and blue labels.
- Oranges according to size, dozen ..... 60c 75c
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