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My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty

It Should Be Able to Stand Argument.

In a statement issued since the adjournment of congress, Senator Lodge, leader of the senatorial opposition to the League of Nations constitution, says: "My desire is simply to have the constitution for a league proposed by the commission of the peace conference thoroughly and carefully discussed and considered. If it will not bear discussion, it is not fit for adoption. If it is what it ought to be, discussion will only strengthen it."

No reasonable person of any party can very well disagree with this position. And it looks like a starting point for the getting together of all who in their hearts sincerely want to see an effective League of Nations, and are simply at odds over the rules and specifications for it.

In stalling from this position, however, it is not likely that anybody will get very far unless he adopts the present draft of a constitution, with whatever imperfections it contains, as the basic working plan. For it represents what the peace conference so far has been able to agree on; and if it is thrown away badly, as some extremists would like to have it, there is little possibility of the conference being able to frame any substitute. It would leave the conference in chaos.

The thing to do, obviously, is to go about, not to kill the present constitution, but to do whatever is necessary to make it satisfactory and workable. The critics must work in a constructive spirit, desiring not to make this plan a failure, but to make it a success. And if everybody tackles the job in this way, the necessary amendments will be made, and it will be a success.

Special Inducement on Insurance.

Fifty per cent of the discharged soldiers are not keeping up their monthly insurance payments, according to the reports given out. Many of them intend to keep them up, no doubt, and fail to do so simply because they do not know how to handle the premium payments. But whatever the reason, the result is unfortunate. Continued neglect of this matter will result in the forfeiting of the policies, leaving the ex-soldiers without their insurance protection, and making it necessary for them to pay much higher rates if they undertake later to buy policies

from private companies. The government intends to continue its insurance department, changing the system of payments so as to make it simpler for the men concerned. The rate will be based on those charged by the private life insurance companies, but inasmuch as the government will pay all the costs of administration, the ex-soldier will have to pay only 80 per cent as much as he would pay a private company. The new plan will offer six different kinds of policies, from which each man insured can take his choice—endowment policies, straight life, limited pay life, etc.

For the present, every man holding one of the army policies should see that his payments are kept up. The money due should be sent to the war risk bureau, premium section, Washington, D. C. Policy holders may pay for several months at a time if they prefer.

Gardening as Part of School Work.

Evidence of the rapid development of school garden work in Chicago is found in the fact that two years ago there were 33,000 such gardens. Last year there were 87,000. This year the garden extension department expects the number to reach 100,000.

In Main it is proposed to make gardening an integral part of the school work of every child, so important is it considered.

School gardens have proved a source of profit and enjoyment to the youthful gardeners in every section where the work has been seriously undertaken. The children love working with the earth, planting seeds and cultivating flowers and vegetables. The school garden makes it possible for many a youngster with no back yard to have just as much fun and pride in a garden all his very own as the happier child who cultivates his little patch in a corner of dad's larger garden. Because the gardens have been so generally successful in actually producing good, though small crops, they have served to introduce fresh vegetables in homes where they had been almost unknown.

Here's wishing long life and success to the school garden idea and to the children who have learned little lessons of patience and perseverance, of the results of honest effort, of the pride of achievement, and who have found health and happiness in their garden work!

Talented Young People in Senior Class Play.

It is a pleasure for The Observer to speak a word in praise of the work of the members of the senior class of the high school, who gave the production of "Mr. Bob" last night in their auditorium, and while congratulating them and Miss Naomi Williamson of the high school faculty, who directed the performance, to recommend to all La Grande people who did not see the play last night that they do not fail to attend when it is given again this evening.

Kodaks

ONE DAY SERVICE IN DEVELOPING AND PRINTING

Bring or send us your negatives before 9 in the morning and we will have your pictures ready before 6 that evening.

Silverthorn's FAMILY DRUG STORE LA GRANDE, OREGON.

evening. Last night's production of "Mr. Bob" showed that there are some highly talented young people among the sons and daughters of this city, and if the enjoyment which they afforded the large number of their friends who attended their play has been used today as the leaven of advertising, they will play to another full house tonight. Encouragement is one of the most important influences in the development of the talent of youth, and especially in a case where it is as richly deserved as here it should be given without stint.

WHOSE WAR WAS IT?

Look Out for the One Who is Trying to Shift the Burden to "You Fellows."

The following is supplied to the Observer from the publicity committee of the Twelfth reserve district:

We've licked the Hun. Now let's everybody get his coat off and pitch into the new enemy. Who is he? Why, the professional pessimist, the arch enemy of progress. Not the pessimist who says, "It looks hard to do, but it ought to be done and we'll do our best." Not that fellow. But the real Blue Monday pessimist who says, "You fellows are going to have a hard time putting over the next loan." That's the enemy we're after.

"You fellows—" Where does he get that "You fellows" stuff? Whose war was this, anyway? Whose country was vindicated when we punished the blackguard gang that snatched the Lusitania? Whose children and whose children's children in America will be saved the disgrace of paying homage and tribute to a cut-throat monarch and his blood-thirsty bunch because American heroes gave up their lives?

Who is this government, anyway? "You fellows—" Whose Victory Loan is this going to be? Whose life and lands have been saved by the sacrifice of young men called upon to fight for America and humanity? Was this war fought for any particular American? Was it for any one man's liberty or that of any one set of men? Wasn't this war for all of humanity? Didn't everybody believe America was justified in fighting? If any American didn't believe we were justified in winning the war why didn't he voice

his sentiments while we were fighting? If anyone in America is disappointed because we won the war; if anyone is dissatisfied with the results, let him hold up his hand in plain light. This was his war and it was his neighbor's. There is no place in America for the term "You fellows" when it comes to talking of the war or its benefits. It was a vindication of all America. The victory benefited the slacker just as much as it did the most loyal man or woman in the land. Look for that "You fellow" advice.

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Opportunity will be given to unite with the church either through confession of faith or by certificate.

The Rev. James A. Smith will leave for his home in Concordia, Kan., Monday morning.

DIAMOND Our Diamond Shoe Shine Parlors, next door to Paris Cafe. There are diamonds that don't shine. 3-27-19

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Cleanse the blood, the bowels and the liver with Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets, the successful substitute for calomel; there's never any sickness or pain after taking them.

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Maybe you like it crisp and crunchy. Or maybe not quite so well done. But Bacon, of all foods, must have that "just right" flavor.  
Try some of this Columbia Bacon just in. Broil it, bake it or fry it, whichever way you like best. Serve it with some of our fresh eggs. Your own test will then tell the story. And we think you'll agree with us Columbia Bacon has the flavor.  
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