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HE THAT WALKETH with wise men shall be wise; but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.—Proverbs 13:20.

Though they may not know exactly what it is all about, the Chinese are having whatever pleasure comes from a fight.

Now all Amundsen and members of his party have to do is sign up with a newspaper syndicate or movie producer and they will be well repaid for the trials and hardships of four weeks' peril in the Arctic.

Of course it didn't happen and probably was not within the realm of possibility, but just supposin', we'll say, that LaFollette had been elected to the presidency, what kind of a chief executive would Wheeler have made when Bob had passed on?

The state motor association has issued a warning against solicitors seeking to get easy money from merchants, garages, oil stations, etc., for space in road guides, maps, highway books, and similar publication when the distribution is not official, not wide, and is generally of little value. It is a warning that should be heeded. The state is constantly infested with fly-by-night promoters of such schemes who high-pressure their prospects out of money and give little or nothing in return.

Umatilla county's estimated wheat crop, twenty-five per cent greater than last year, will return as much money, experts say, as the record yield of two years ago. With present indications that will be a tremendous thing for the Pendleton country. Wallowa and Union counties also promise a return that will be a big step toward better agricultural prosperity. And all three counties suffered a heavy loss in winter wheat. In Baker county they have more hay than the country has known in twenty years, according to some of the big ranchers. Eastern Oregon is trying to stake a rapid come-back this season.

### RECKONING MAN LOSS IN WAR.

Revised estimates of the losses in the World war as given by a writer in Current History show that 8,471,595 men were killed in that conflict. The wounded number 21,099,935. Out of 64,683,810 engaged one out of eight was killed and one out of three wounded. On the basis of numbers under arms Rumania sustained the heaviest death losses, nearly half of her forces being killed. The United States suffered the least comparatively, our late entry into the military operations contributing to that result.

The percentage basis of casualties does not state the case quite fairly for the American forces. For the time our soldiers were in combat service and for the number thus engaged we lost quite as heavily as some of the others, though in the aggregate the loss is slight in comparison with nations fighting for more than four years. In number killed Germany ranked first with 1,773,000, France lost 1,357,800, Austria Hungary 1,200,000, and Great Britain 908,371. Our loss is placed at 50,380 killed and 206,690 wounded.

Bare figures do not convey much information. They are too abstract. If two out of every three persons in the United States had been mobilized and placed under arms the number would have equalled the forces engaged in the war. The killed approached the entire population of Pennsylvania. The wounded were as numerous as the people in New York, Pennsylvania and Oklahoma combined.

These are losses of man-power. If the other losses incidental to the war were included the list would be extended greatly. And not all would be of a material character. There were losses sustained that cannot be reckoned in numbers of men nor in dollars and cents, yet are a part of the loss.



OFFICE CAT  
By Junius

No sir, we can't blame the girls a bit for going petticoated in the kind of weather we've been having. But pity the poor fat man when the mercury climbs to 95 or 100!

Hell on Earth  
The editor at the pearly gate,  
His face looked worn and old,  
He used to ask the man of fate  
For admission to the fold.

"What have you done," asked Peter,  
"To seek admission here?"  
"Oh, I used to run a country newspaper  
"On earth for many a year."

The gate swung open sharply  
And Peter touched the bell  
"Come in, my lad, and take your harp  
"You've had enough of hell!"

While it's not exactly frigid weather, can anyone remember back in December when the mercury fell to 15 below zero and everything freezeable froze up. Ah, them were the good old days.

A steady drinker died at the age of 94, proving that liquor will get you eventually.

Cop (to pianist): "Someone called up police headquarters reporting that a guy named Schubert is being murdered in here!"

If it wasn't so confounded hot, Junius would write a few more lines but—the swimming hole is calling.

### Yesterday In Washington

(By the Associated Press)  
Jugoslavia gave promise of negotiating a debt funding plan.

Spain and Belgium declined to give diplomatic status to treasury agents abroad.

The latest note to the Peking diplomatic corps was presented to the state department.

### HEALTH

WHEN DIPHTHERIA KILLS.  
(By Dr. Frederick Stricker)  
Regarding four deaths from diphtheria in New York, "none of the patients received antitoxin earlier than the third day of the disease." Of three more children who died, one was not seen by a physician for six days after the disease started, another for four days and the third for "several days." Reports such as these are very common, and are of great importance in view of the many small outbreaks of diphtheria in Oregon lately.

Diphtheria antitoxin has been in use for almost thirty years, yet in Oregon, in 1924, 1927 deaths from diphtheria were reported, and there were probably more. How many of these deaths were necessary, and how many could have been avoided? It has been shown that when antitoxin is given on the first day of the disease, only 2.2 per cent of the cases die, while by the second day the percentage has risen to 7.8. If the antitoxin is delayed till the third day, seventeen out of each hundred die, and the percentage rises to twenty-four for the fourth and thirty-four each for the fifth and sixth days. This gives some idea of the importance of immediate attention.

The germ of diphtheria lives only on a small area of the body, usually in the throat, mouth or nose. The damage is done by a poison or toxin, which it manufactures and which is carried all over the body by the blood. This poison attacks the tissues of the body notably the nervous system and the heart muscle, accounting for the paralysis given following diphtheria, and the frequent deaths from heart failure following exertion after the disease seems to be over.

Antitoxin is an antidote to the poison, destroying it as it is passing through the body, before it can attack the body tissues. After the toxin has once attacked the body, antitoxin can no longer neutralize it, for the damage is done. Therefore, the antitoxin must be given early enough to forestall damage of the body by the toxin. Antitoxin is a perfectly normal substance, which is formed by all bodies infected with diphtheria. What we do is to supply an extra amount, to supplement that which is naturally being formed, but which is formed too slowly to prevent damage to the system and possible death.

The parent must remember that: 1. Diphtheria is dangerous but most curable at the start. Call a doctor AT ONCE if the child has sore throat or suspicious symptoms. 2. Antitoxin is a natural product and can do no harm. DELAY IN ADMINISTRATION CAN AND DOES.

The doctor must think of this: 1. Out of 75 deaths from diphtheria analyzed in Chicago recently, 36 were probably due to failure to call a doctor early enough, 27 to failure of a doctor to make early diagnosis, 12 to insufficient amount of antitoxin used and only six probably unavoidable. 2. It does not hurt to give antitoxin occasionally in a case which is not diphtheria. It is often deadly to delay until an absolute diagnosis can be made.

When a man can't get a grip on himself someone else can.

## William Darling Shepherd Acquitted



William Darling Shepherd, accused of murdering his foster son, William McClintock, was freed of charges when a jury last night found him not guilty after 5 hours and 40 minutes of deliberation. Shepherd faces another murder charge, however.

## ZIONISTS TO MEET SUNDAY

WASHINGTON (AP).—More than 500 delegates from all parts of the United States will attend the 25th annual convention of the Zionist organization, beginning here tomorrow and continuing through Tuesday, June 30. Immediately after the sessions of the Zionist Organization Hadassah, the women's Zionist organization will open its 15th annual convention, which will also continue for two days.

that the upbuilding of Palestine and the Jewish homeland shall be conducted in cooperation with the Jewish Agency, which shall consist of the World Zionist Organization until otherwise changed. The World Zionist Organization is at present functioning as the Jewish Agency, but as a result of Dr. Weizmann's policy, in which it has been latched by the leaders of the present American Zionist administration, the agency is to be expanded to include 50 per cent Zionists and 50 per cent non-Zionists, despite the strong opposition of some European Zionists.

"American Plan." Another resolution which will be closely watched will be with regard to the British administration of the Palestine mandate, as many Zionists have expressed themselves as being disappointed with Great Britain's policy in the Holy Land.

On Dr. Weizmann's last trip to America, steps were taken to organize the American branch of the agency on this basis, under the direction of a committee headed by Louis Marshall, and with the cooperation of leading Zionists and non-Zionists. With many European Zionists expected to fight this extension of the agency at the Vienna congress, an opposition is probable also among American Zionists, who at the Washington convention, will attempt to defeat Dr. Weizmann's program, known in Europe as the

In addition to being the largest convention in the history of the Zionist movement in America, the 1925 gathering will definitely mark the closing of the breach which has existed among the Zionists of this country since their Cleveland convention in 1921. When Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Justice Louis D. Brandeis and Judge Julian W. Mack led a group which broke away from the organization over the question of the establishment of the Palestine foundation fund, which, under the chairmanship of Samuel Untermyer, has thus far raised over \$3,000,000 for constructive activities in the upbuilding of Palestine. Most of the Zionist members who at that time quit the organization will be present at this year's convention. Mr. Lipsky, chairman of the

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Zionist organization for the past four years, will again preside at this year's sessions, and addresses will be made by representatives of the United States and British governments, and by leading American Zionists.

FUND TRANSFER ASKED.  
ROSEBURG, Ore.—The Douglas county court today adopted a resolution asking the bureau of public roads for the allotment of road funds, previously appropriated for the Scottsburg-Rosedale section of the Impqua highway, to a new section of the work on the Reedspoint end of the road.

GIRL ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.  
SPRINGFIELD, Ore.—Jeanette Myers, 16-year-old adopted daughter of A. E. Myers, shot herself with a small caliber revolver. The bullet entered the left breast, punctured the left lung just above the heart and came out through the girl's back.

The county and government set aside \$50,000 for graving the section between Scottsburg and Reedspoint, but when the bid was received it was much lower than the estimate, so that the government has approximately \$16,000 in the fund allotted for grading and graving, while the county has about \$29,000. It is desired to have the funds designated for the grading of a new section adjoining the city limits of Reedspoint.

She was taken to the Pacific Christian hospital at Eugene, where it was said her condition was serious, but that she might recover. A scolding by her mother was declared the cause of the girl's act.

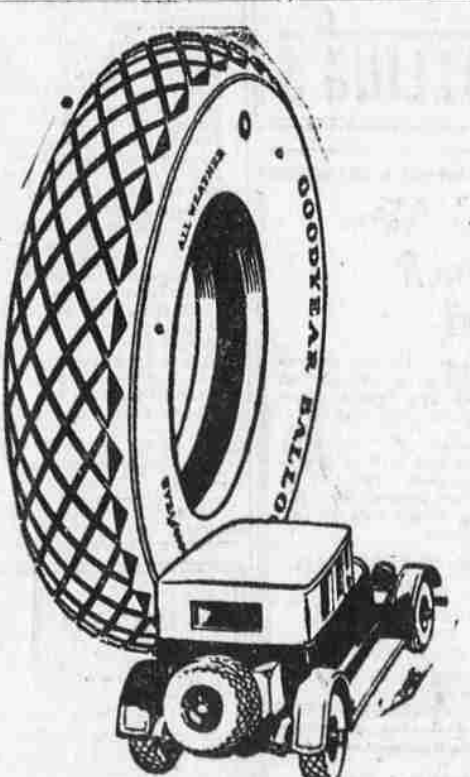
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