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The boys had better stay over there a few months longer. Otherwise they'll get back in time to run into the "flu" which is about as disagreeable as going over the top.

A league of nations is possible if the United States, Great Britain and France, the three great powers, will come to an understanding, insist that all other nations disarm and force the settlement of all international problems and differences between nations to arbitration. With German militarism destroyed and a league of nations a reality, war would forever be abolished and peace on earth would reign supreme until the end of time.

It has been proven without a reasonable doubt that the "crowding" of pupils with longer hours and longer lessons is detrimental to the pupil and brings about just the opposite effect than was intended when put into practice in order to make up for lost time caused by a forced vacation due to the influenza epidemic. Portland and many other schools have gone back to the old schedule after trying out the "crowding" experiment. A pupil's capacity for study is limited; he can do just so much and no more. To force him is an evil that should not for a moment be tolerated.

When the new Congress convenes for its first session next year, two men will appear with certificates of election entitling them to a seat therein. One is Victor Berger, the well known anti-war Socialist, who was elected to the House of Representatives from Wisconsin and the other is Colonel Newberry, elected to the Senate from Michigan. The latter was chosen by a small majority over Henry Ford, a fabulous sum of money being used in his interest which is admitted. Because of his utterances and actions during the war, there is much opposition to Mr. Berger being permitted to take his seat. There is some protest against Colonel Newberry occupying the seat to which he was elected by the expenditure of a large sum of money. Without going into the merits or demerits of the contention that Mr. Berger should not be allowed to become a member of Congress, it would be more contrary to American principles and ideals to seat Colonel Newberry whom it is admitted bought the honor with dollars and cents. As between Berger and Newberry, Newberry is the greatest enemy to Democracy. Berger did wrong to continue his anti-war propaganda after his country had entered the conflict, but Newberry did a greater wrong when he permitted the money interests to buy him a seat in the Senate of the United States.

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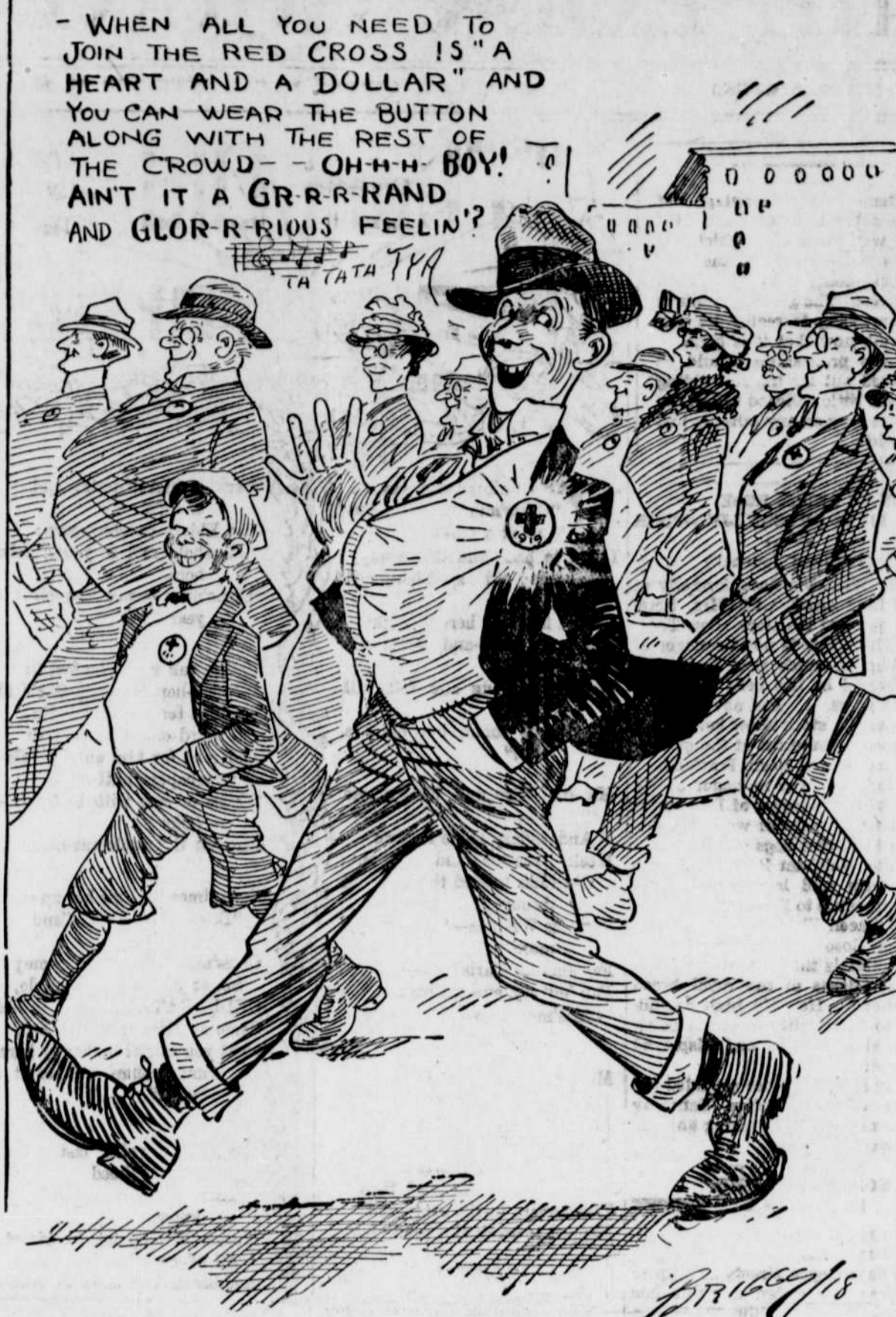
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WILL YOU WEARING YOUR RED CROSS BUTTON WHEN THE BOYS COME HOME?



By courtesy of Clare Briggs, New York Tribune.

MEN FROM OREGON OFFICIALLY HELD NATION'S CLEANEST

Surgeon-General Blue Wires Fact is Disclosed in First 1,000,000 Camp Reports.

Only Fifty-nine Hundredths of One Per Cent Found to Have Venereal Disease on Arrival at Campments.

Surgeon-General's Official Telegram

Oregon Social Hygiene Society, 729 Selling Bldg., Portland. A tabulation of one million reports first received from camp surgeons throughout the country shows that Oregon leads the country with a rate of fifty-nine hundredths of one per cent found to have a venereal disease on arriving in camp. It is hoped that Oregon can continue vigorous measures in combating venereal diseases during the period of demobilization and thereafter.

RUPERT BLUE.

Oregon men, called to the colors during the greatest of all wars, were physically the cleanest in the entire United States Army.

Such is not the mere boast of any citizen of this state, backed only by a high sense of local pride, but it is the established record of the United States Army, communicated to the Oregon Social Hygiene Society by Rupert Blue, Surgeon-General, thus giving it the greatest possible weight.

As will be seen by perusal of the foregoing telegram from Surgeon-General Blue, a tabulation of 1,000,000 of the first reports received from camp surgeons places Oregon in the lead with a rate of fifty-nine hundredths of one per cent (which means less than six men to the thousand), or, compared with another wire from him, this state's standing is but a fraction lower than 18 times ahead of the state with the highest per cent of infection, which was eight and nine-tenths per cent (eighty-nine men to the thousand).

This constitutes one of the grandest

and proudest records of the whole war period and, great as has been this state's part in all patriotic endeavors, nothing could fill the hearts of its people with a higher degree of pride than the official acknowledgment from the National Capital that Oregon's men stood far and away above all others in clean manhood.

"That the work of the Oregon Social Hygiene Society, carried forward for but seven years, should produce such magnificent results, is a subject of the most gratifying kind to the entire Board," said Executive Secretary Cummins. "Every one of the men who have worked so hard to bring about the result regard this official notification from the Surgeon-General as a complete vindication of the program sought to be carried forward in this state. That the public will respond to sane, clear facts, rightly presented, is also demonstrated beyond doubt. Educators, who have assisted greatly in the work, may well feel that young men under their tutelage will absorb the benefit to be derived from information along physiological lines, rightly administered. Parents must now see plainly that their children should have the truth as to their physical beings and that, having this, untold good will result."

"Future generations, following, are bound to demonstrate the benefits of Oregon's clean manhood, as set forth officially," commented A. F. Fiegel, president of the Society. "This record cannot be overestimated. It is a glorious achievement."

"The full significance of the official announcement from Dr. Blue is difficult to grasp," said Adolph Wolfe, treasurer of the Society. "Dealing as it does with human life and morals, it is, in a larger sense, more important than many other achievements, not to detract one whit from any of them. At the outset, many good people doubted the ability of the Oregon Social Hygiene Society to accomplish worth-while results. I think now, however, no further comment need be had. Surgeon-General Blue's telegram is sufficient."

Lieutenant-Colonel P. C. Field, division surgeon of the 91st Division at Camp Lewis, has officially credited the splendid record made by Oregon men to the educational work that has been and is being done by the Oregon Social Hygiene Society.

Out of empty granaries to draw 141,000,000 bushels for export—the will of a free people accomplished that marvel.

Do you remember when food control by voluntary action was deemed a daring adventure in democracy?

CANTEEN AT FRONT FOR AMERICAN "BIRD MEN"

American flying men in France are to receive special attention from the American Red Cross as the result of a request for such service that has been received from General Patrick, Chief of the Air Service. Because of the necessity of keeping aviators overseas in the very best mental and physical condition for their hazardous work officials of the aviation branch of the service have long felt they should have more comforts and opportunities for relaxation than are provided by the ordinary canteen.

In compliance with the request the Red Cross is establishing special combination mess and recreation canteens at all points in France where our aviators, either students or officers, are stationed. Extra comforts and attention will be provided for our "bird men" at these canteens. They will be presided over by American women of intelligence and cheerful personality, whose chief duty will be to create as much home atmosphere as possible in the circumstances.

The American Red Cross is to have sole charge of these aviation canteens.

ASK THE SOLDIERS.

That the soldiers, sailors and marines are deeply appreciative of the canteen service of the American Red Cross is given ample evidence many times every day. The keynote of their appreciation is perhaps best expressed on the post cards which they send to the "folks back home" when en route to points of embarkation. From a dozen picked up at random the following sentiments were taken and "speak for themselves."

"Red Cross are sure treating us great on route."

"Red Cross are sure-making it happy for us."

"Support Red Cross in everything."

"For God's sake never say 'No' to the Red Cross. They're wonderful."

"Long live the Red Cross."

"The Red Cross are angels to us the way they treat us."

"Canteen service 100 per cent. in Toledo; fifteen carloads of us well taken care of."

"Red Cross serving coffee. Oh, they do so much for us!"

"Do all you can for Red Cross—they do so much for us."

"I think if the people of America could only see and realize what the boys are doing out here," said a Captain after Chateau-Thierry, "they would gladly back them up with their last dollars and their lives if necessary."

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Pacific college at Newberg has inaugurated a campaign for a war-time deficiency fund of \$10,000.

Alexander M. Holmes, a pioneer widely known throughout Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties, died at Sublimity, aged 78.

The Southern Oregon Poultry association will hold its annual show in Medford on the 18th, 19th and 20th of December.

I. H. Van Winkle, assistant attorney general of Oregon, is confined in a hospital at Colorado Springs, Colo., with an infected hand.

Despite adverse recommendations of the citizens' advisory budget committee, the rose festival probably will be resumed in Portland next June.

County officials from throughout Oregon are meeting in Portland this week for the annual convention of the Association of County Judges and Commissioners.

An emergency hospital has been opened at Adams with the co-operation of the Adams branch of the Umatilla county Red Cross to care for Spanish influenza cases.

W. B. Ayer, for 18 months federal food administrator for Oregon, has resigned his office and named W. K. Newell, assistant food administrator, to act in his stead.

Frank V. Pedro, wealthy sheepman of the Butter creek country, near Echo, killed himself at his home in Pendleton by swallowing a large quantity of strychnine.

Up to the beginning of the week the death toll in Portland from influenza totaled 602 since the epidemic started in October. The total number of cases reported was 8809.

A large barn on the Jess Traver farm, northwest of Forest Grove, was burned, the fire consuming 1000 tons of hay, all the farm machinery and other valuable property.

To bring attention to Pendleton as an ideal place to spend the winter and to make an all-year home is the purpose of a campaign just launched by the Pendleton Commercial association.

The general strike threatened for Monday, on behalf of Thomas Mooney, was abandoned so far as Portland was concerned, when the Central Labor council adopted a resolution to this effect.

Commercial power rates of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company and the Northwestern Electric company, of Portland, are increased in orders issued by the public service commission.

After a search extending throughout the entire United States since last August, Mrs. Ethel M. Scott, wanted in Eugene for forgery of checks and postal money orders, was arrested in San Bernardino, Cal.

The emergency board met Monday at the request of Governor Withycombe, to consider an application for a deficiency appropriation of \$3000 for the public service commission to investigate telephone rates.

With only 8000 motor vehicle license applications received to date out of the 63,317 registered last year, Secretary O'cott warns car owners to get their applications in at once to avoid trouble after the first of the year.

A convention of the State Federation of Labor will be held in Salem on January 6. The convention was scheduled to be held at Bend in October, but the prevalence of influenza there made it necessary to postpone the session.

Cyrus Hamlin Walker, of Albany, oldest living white man born west of the Rocky mountains, reached the 80th year of his life Saturday. Mr. Walker was born December 7, 1838, at the old Whitman mission, near Walla Walla, Wash.

Formal protest against class freight rates proposed under the Chambers-Prouty scale for railroads of the country, has been made to Interstate Commerce Commissioner Aitchison by Chairman Miller of the public service commission.

Warden Stevens, of the state penitentiary, has appointed John C. Talley deputy warden, supplementing Charles Burns, who will become turnkey to succeed L. C. Brotherton, temporarily relieved. Mr. Talley has been deputy warden at McNeill's island federal prison.

The University of Oregon at Eugene will conduct examinations on January 17 for young men who have the necessary qualifications for recommendation to the United States naval academy at Annapolis, following a request received from Congressman W. C. Hawley.

One of the biggest hauls of bootleg whiskey ever captured in Clackamas county was seized by Sheriff Wilson and Deputy Sheriff Joiner, when two Seattle men driving a large auto carrying a Washington license attempted to get through the county with about 500 quarts of liquor.