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The surprise of Monday's election was the large majority given the road bonds. Even the enthusiastic friends of the measure did not expect such a "large" victory. It was the newspapers of the state that pulled "Oregon out of the mud" as many put it. Without price or hope of reward they boosted and used many columns to put the bonds over. On the other hand it was newspapers opposing the measure that lined up thirteen counties in opposition. In each of these thirteen counties, one or more papers either opposed or refused to endorse the measure. Another remarkable feature was that the measure received a majority outside of Multnomah. The eight Valley Counties, not counting Multnomah, gave a majority against of over five thousand. Lane, the home of Commissioner Adams, gave a majority of 3355 against, the largest in the state. The home precinct of Grange Master Spence in Clackamas county did not give a single vote for the bonds.

It certainly was a remarkable victory, despite Adams, Benson and Portland. A majority of the people want better roads and this majority does not care particularly how it gets them. If it proves true that permanent highways can be built over the state without expense to the taxpayers, Monday was a glorious day in Oregon history.

If the churches would stand firmly against war, the world would forever be at peace. If all church members were other than Christians in name only, the church would take such a stand, so the fault is not of the church but of the members. In warring against war, as well as other worldly sins, the church is handicapped because the many units of which it is composed, are not united. The church attempts to instruct wisely but the greater part of its own body heeds it not.

Germany played its last card when its submarines were sent out to sink every vessel sighted. For a time this mode of warfare threatened to seriously menace England, but the submarines are being gradually overcome. When the divers become ineffective, Germany has lost the fight and the end is in sight unless the Allies insist upon such a humiliating peace that no body of people would accept it.

The Oregonian put its man over for mayor in Portland. At the eleventh hour, the big paper made the startling discovery that Kaiser Bill was interfering in Portland's municipal affairs, and sounded the alarm. Ordinarily this bit of yellow journalism would have been scoffed at or rebuked, but it got by in Portland.

Ten million young men signed up Tuesday for possible service in defense of their country, but we have yet to hear of one hundred millionaires turning over their fortunes to the government to be used in defense of their country.

There is no particular disgrace at this time in being drafted. The only stigma placed upon it has been put there by recruiting officers who have attempted to scare young men into the regular army.

The two Dallas papers boosted the road bill to the limit, but when the secretary of the "good roads association" desired some placards printed, a job shop was given the work.

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Ambassador Fletcher Satisfy President
Stable Government Exists.

Washington.—Claims against the Mexican government from American citizens for loss of lives and property amount to \$475,000,000, and those of foreign governments filed with the state department bring the total against the southern republic to more than \$1,000,000,000.

These claims have been piling up for the last two years, and it is believed those now presented to the state department represent about all of the valid ones. As a more stable government is established in Mexico American citizens and foreign governments are pressing their demands for payment.

The situation is one of the utmost concern, not only to the United States, responsible to our citizens for the settlement of their claims against Mexico for loss of oil property, mines and lives, but also those of foreigners. As to claims of foreign governments, the



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United States has no legal concern, but inasmuch as it assumed control over the situation under the Monroe doctrine it will exert its diplomatic influence to see that those claims are paid. American and English capital to the amount of \$1,500,000,000 is invested in Mexico, and in the last three years the revolutions have damaged the mines and oil wells, in addition to piling up claims for the loss of lives of foreigners.

Mexico needs money badly not only to begin payment on these claims, but to re-establish her domestic affairs. The new ambassador from Mexico to this country, Ignacio Boutillas, fully explained the financial needs of his country to President Wilson, when he was received here recently.

Since then this government has been considering advancing a loan to Mexi-

co. A member of the administration expresses the opinion that Mexico will readily obtain a loan through the influence of this government as soon as investigations by Ambassador Fletcher satisfy President Wilson that a stable government exists. No other country will consider a loan to Mexico, and this government will not aid Mexico financially until a stronger government is set up.

HE FEARED CONSCRIPTION.

Worried Bridegroom Tries to Kill Wife and Himself.

Middletown, N. Y.—Fearing he would be conscripted for war and that he would have to leave his seventeen-year-old bride, whom he married on Christmas day, Harry York, twenty-four years old, shot his wife, Anna May, in the head and then fired two bullets into his own brain.

Ever since it had been announced that men between twenty-one and thirty might have to go to France York has worried about leaving his bride. She was reading the questions to be answered by those registering for the conscription aloud to him when he suddenly pulled a revolver and without a word shot his wife and himself.



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