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A likely entrant into the arena of American patriotic life will be the Order of 258.

Congress has passed some sort of a food control bill. If it catches the speculator well and good, otherwise no relief is in sight.

The popularity of "canning the kaiser" continues to spread. Siam, called a heathen nation, is the latest to throw its hat into the ring.

We feel quite safe in prophesying that despite a dry spell of unusual length the Willamette Valley will make a splendid showing when the crops are harvested this fall.

After reading the newspapers, we can if we wish, believe that Germany is paying all the members of the I. W. W. sixty dollars a month and expenses to raise hell.

It is our hope, and we believe the hope of every American citizen who has not gone war mad, that not a single man drawn for service last week will ever get a chance to fire a gun.

The Russians are up to their old trick. Last week they went forward and drove the enemy back fifty miles. This week they retreated in disorder and gave up all they had gained.

The Portland News would "hang on the tree of Haman every thieving traitor who would fatten by the extremity of his country." We suppose that if it was inconvenient to get to the "tree of Haman", a telephone pole would do just as well.

A New York chemist, who has been experimenting with hay in an effort to ascertain if it is fit for human consumption, reports that it will do. Among the possibilities of the near future will be to sit down at the table and ask somebody to pass the hay.

A few days ago, Thomas Edison remarked that "all rebellious elements are now under control", and he hasn't said anything since, but when Thomas locks himself up in a room with an electric battery and a few wires, another wonder of the world is being developed—perhaps an antidote for the submarine.

We presume that Germany could hold out for a number of years against the world if its people are determined to fight to the last man, but it is hard to think that a nation would do this when by turning against its blood craving rulers, a peace could be secured that would be as honorable as could be expected under the circumstances.

Several months ago, a Chicago paper sought to discomfort the poets by offering a prize for the shortest poem on "The Antiquity of Microbes." It held most of them, but Strickland Gillilan, author of "Off Ag'in, On Ag'in, Gone Ag'in, Finnigin", won the prize by condensing all the authentic information regarding the antiquity of microbes into two lines, as follows:

"Adam
Had 'em."

FELL TWO MILES

Three Rescued From Flaming Zeppelin, One Uninjured.

SURVIVORS NOW PRISONERS.

One Saved Himself by Making Parachute of Overcoat—Burning Ship Slipped Diagonally, Retaining Sufficient Buoyancy to Consume Full Five Minutes in Downward Flight.

London. — It is just disclosed that when Zeppelin L-48 was brought down in one of the eastern countries on June 17 one of its officers and two of its crew were found alive.

The officer was uninjured. One of the men had both legs broken, besides internal injuries, and both were taken to a hospital apparently in a dying condition, but have since recovered.

One of the survivors, it is reported, saved himself by making a parachute of his overcoat.

Part of the wreckage caught in a tree. This was at first thought to have broken the fall and saved the men's lives, but a subsequent explanation is that the burning ship slipped diagonally through the air in falling, retaining sufficient buoyancy to consume a full five minutes in its downward flight.

This is the first occasion any survivors have been found of the crew of a Zeppelin brought down in flames. The ship was destroyed at a height estimated at 13,000 feet.

A naval petty officer, who was one of the first to reach the burning wreckage, says:

"Just as I jumped a hedge and started toward the Zeppelin I saw one of her crew walking toward me. He was a tall, clean shaven man, wearing a fur collared overcoat and thick boots and leggings. He was very pale and seemed terribly shaken. I called to him, and he came on. I pulled a piece of paper out of my pocket and made signs to him that I wanted any papers he might have, but he simply threw up his hands and shook his head.

"I asked him how many men were on board the Zeppelin, and he held out his hands with thumbs and fingers outstretched twice, which I took to mean twenty."

WEALTHY WOMAN MINISTER.

Countess Sophie Will Help Charitable and Social Institutions.

Petrograd.—In a workman's blouse and a leather skirt Countess Sophie Paulin has already taken up the office of assistant minister of social tutelage, a department of state with the function of administering the charitable and social institutions and also the care of children. The countess is the world's first woman minister. She is forty-five years old and wealthy. She resides in a palace, which she transformed into a people's house, a combination of recreation place and popular university.

As an active worker of the Constitutional Democratic party the countess recently was elected a member of one of the newly created subdistricts. She declared that her staff of officials will consist for the most part of women. She hopes that her appointment will be the signal for the transfer of social institutions in other countries into the hands of women.

RAVEN CATCHES COINS.

London Miserly Bird Seizes Money and Afterward Hides It.

London.—Even a raven has his likes and dislikes. At the Cardiff barracks there is one sergeant for whom the bird isent home by the Second Welsh regiment some years ago bears a positive dislike.

When the gentleman in khaki with three stripes comes along the raven retreats with a hop, a skip and a jump to a safe distance of twenty yards. When the sergeant moves off the raven returns to the spot he retreated from, but if his pet aversion should turn he gets ready to move off again. The dislike was evidently created by teasing, for the sergeant often gives the sable bird his dinner.

The raven is very fond of playing with a coin. If a person drops, say, a shilling it is caught in the bird's beak before the coin can reach the ground. Then, having secured his money, the black old miser seeks an early opportunity to hide it.

ENLISTED AS PRIVATE.

Former Congressman Quickly Earned Promotion to Rank of Corporal.

Detroit.—Edwin Denby, aged forty-seven, probably the most distinguished American to enlist in the ranks at the first call to arms, was promoted to the rank of corporal in the United States marine corps. Mr. Denby was a member of congress from 1904 to 1911, former president of the local board of commerce and a prominent attorney of this city.

Corporal Denby, who is undergoing military training at Fort Royal, S. C., headed the list in a competitive examination open to all members of his company. His enlistment as a private in the marine corps caused considerable comment when he expressed the belief that he could serve his country best as an enlisted man.

Monahan Dies at 110 Years. Waterbury, Mass.—James Monahan, who came to this country from Ireland in 1848, is dead at his home here at the age of 110 years. He was forty-one years old when he came here.

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INDIANS CLAIM HUGE SUM FROM GOVERNMENT

Three Pacific Coast Tribes, Reviving Old Treaty, Ask \$12,000,000.

Marshfield, Ore.—On the spot where the treaty of Empire was signed Aug. 30, 1855, between the United States government and the coast Indians, including the Coos, Umpqua and Siuslaw tribes, the remnants of those aborigines met at Empire and sat in council to consider the settlement of their claims against the United States government.

The council was called to provide a chief for the Indians of the tribes mentioned, the last recognized chief, Bob Burns, who was a Coos, having died five or six years ago. Until the attempt by George Wasson, a Coos descendant and a graduate of Carlisle, to secure for the coast tribes a settlement of their claims, there has been no apparent reason for a chief, for the remnants of the tribes were scattered and without concentration.

When the treaty of Empire was dug from the dusty tomes of the Congressional library and department of the Interior, congressmen who were far minded toward Indian claims ordered an investigation, which, to be presented in legal form, demanded the election of a chief and credentials for the three tribes who were signatories to the treaty.

The government after twenty years sent a special agent to their last government "corral" at Yachats to sign another treaty, but the Indians are insisting upon their rights under the original treaty. The claims set up by the three tribes represent something over \$12,000,000. They believe that they can effect a settlement within the next two years.

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