

# The Ontario Argus

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## DON'T FORGET.

Ontario again is lagging. This time the city is going slow on the United War Work drive. Remember that the boys are not yet home. They are still in strange lands under strange conditions and still need the work the soldiers have done for you to give them.

Are you not sufficiently thankful for the work the soldiers have done for you will give to this great work? Have they not earned this from us who have not gone to fight, who have not had to break home ties or change in but the slightest degree the regular course of our lives?

If there exists in the hearts of any of us the slightest spark of appreciation for these things it will respond to the call. Let it not be said that Ontario flunked at the last moment with its offering of Thanksgiving for peace. Remember these things and GIVE.

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## RETRIBUTIVE JUSTICE.

Faith in retributive justice has been justified. The Kaiser has been forced to abdicate, the war that he and his clique started for the purpose of dominating the world, has dominated him. He has fallen from his high estate, and none there are of the world's poorest citizens who do not now stand higher in the esteem of mankind, than the once powerful monarch.

What his ultimate fate will be remains to be seen. It is probable that he will be delivered to the allied powers by Holland with out protest. Whether or not he can be extradited to stand trial for the murders committed with his sanction, if not by his orders is doubtful.

In this connection every man and woman whose outraged sense of justice has roused in them a desire to tear him limb from limb, wants to see him brot to the bar of international tribunal and there compelled to pay the penalty for his crimes. But how to get him from Holland is a delicate question, unless the Dutch authorities voluntarily surrendered him.

If Holland refuses to voluntarily turn over the Kaiser, France, England the United States could not, consistently, violate the neutrality of the windmill kingdom and go in and take him. It was because Germany violated the neutrality of Belgium that England entered the war, and she can not now reverse her position even the justice would be promoted by her so doing.

Even tho the Kaiser be not summarily taken and capital punishment meted out to him, never-the-less he has been given a measure of punishment. He has been dethroned. No longer will he threaten the world with his nailed fist, and like the coward he has been pictured, be fled at the approach of danger to his own measly hide.

To the end of his days William Hohenzollern, if there exists within him an atom of manhood, will view the wreck of his empire, the misery he has brot upon the world, and realize that he has proven a colossal failure. May the spirits of the unnumbered dead rise to plague his spirit like Banquo's ghost, for not all the waters about the earth can wash from his vile hands the blood of the innocent men, women and children over whose bodies he strove to march to fame and world power.

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## THE HUMANE PEACE.

Now that the armistice has been signed on terms which preclude the possibility of a resumption of warfare, the whole world will turn its attention to the peace conference where the terms of peace will be made.

What part of America will have in that conference is a matter that concerns the world, and upon which Americans may well ponder. What have we done to earn the premier position which many Americans seem to assign to us?

Before assigning to the United States the first and commanding position in this grave matter, it is well to remember that we have scarcely felt the war as compared with France, England, Italy, Belgium, Rumania or even little Serbia. Our total casualties for the entire war, including those lost at sea is less than 63,000, while last month alone

England lost 156,000 officers and men. France's total loss of affectives for the four years of the struggle is over two millions, and England's equally as great. Italy has lost nearly a million while Serbia has contributed even more than we have. So, too, Canada and Australia.

When peace is made, the American people want it to be a just peace, and a human peace. But it must be a peace that will recognize the sufferings of the Belgians, of Northern France and of Poland and Serbia. It must be a peace that takes into account the bombing of London, of the raiding of Hartlepool and Scarborough. That recognizes that hospital ships were sunk without warning and that the Lusitania carried to their graves 1000 souls on a peaceful voyage on an unarmed ship.

A just and human peace must take into account the nations who have for years lived under the menace of a German invasion. Provisions must be made that will remove them at danger for all time to come. With such contingencies cared for it will then be time to consider terms which will make possible the continuation of economic life for the German people.

Humanity will demand that the German people be given a chance to live their own lives, and to prosper, as best they can, while paying the penalty for the crimes they have committed. They must return to Belgium every dollar of tribute exacted. They must pay for the enforced labor of civilians. They must return the property they have stolen. They must rehabilitate the factories they have dismantled. They must pay for the land they have wantonly ruined.

Then under the terms of a just peace, they must deliver for trial the individuals guilty of atrocities against the innocent women and children, against prisoners in their charge, that they be dealt with under the laws of humanity.

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## AT THE RIGHT TIME.

These have been momentous days. With the ending of the war, permitting men to turn their attention to the activities of peace, Malheur county is prepared to welcome new settlers in the Malheur valley, by the development of fertile lands, in both the Malheur and Jordan valleys.

This development could not have been more timely. They are being made at a time when the people have begun to look for such opportunities, for gradually all the other irrigation projects have been filled by permanent settlers. At the time, too, when the soldiers will be arriving at home and getting settled into civilian life these lands will be ready for them.

Then there will be many soldiers who having broken their former ties will seek new homes. They will naturally turn toward the West seeking opening in new fields. Here they will have the opportunity to start at the beginning, and undoubtedly hundreds of these sturdy young men will be found residing in Malheur county in the not distant future.

The bringing of the Warm Springs project to its present state, with work about to start is an achievement which must bring a glow of pride to the men who have fought so long for it. They have manifested their faith in a most emphatic manner. They have given of their time and their effort for its realization, from Jim Harvey, R. E. Weant, George Russell, Rex Marquis, C. W. Mallett, and all the other Warm Springs boosters. Malheur county has received that for which it can never pay, save by a due sense of the obligation.

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## TIME FOR ACTION.

This is the time for action on the part of the communities in Malheur county within areas susceptible to irrigation. There is no time to lose if this section of the state is to participate in the irrigation development talked of for the period following the war.

Already the Idaho representatives in Washington are outlining plans for the gigantic development of their state. They are considering means for adding a million acres to the projects already constructed there. The Commercial organizations of Idaho are awake to the possibilities, and with their Washington representatives on the job they are bound to get results.

In the past few weeks our Representative, N. J. Simot, and Senator Charles McNary have given evidence of willingness to present our claims at Washington. Why not get in touch with them so that an adequate presentation of Oregon's claims will be made?

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Regardless of the fact that tons of fruit pits have been saved for the gas defense division of the United States army, another appeal came to Oregonians through Governor Withycombe from that division for continued saving of materials needed for gas mask production, and the governor asks the people of the state to respond.

Loaded with evaporated pitted cherries, blackcaps and loganberries worth \$19,500, a car has just been sent out by the Salem Fruit union for Canada. Of the 4,000,000 pounds of prunes sold by the Salem Fruit union shipping orders have been received for 800,000 pounds. From one to two carloads of prunes are being sent out daily.

The Oregon public service commission received a telegram from O. G. Calderhead, at Washington, D. C., saying that the convention of the National Association of Utility Commissioners will not be postponed on account of the influenza epidemic, but will meet as scheduled, on November 12. A representative of the Oregon commission probably will attend the session.

The picking of Hood River apples is practically completed, and forces of growers will be concentrated the coming week on packing the fruit and getting it to storage plants and shipping warehouses. The fruit continues to roll to eastern distribution points at the rate of an average of 15 carloads daily. While shippers are temporarily delayed at times, no shortage of refrigerator cars has been noted.

Stealing seems to be one of the great weaknesses of wayward boys. Nineteen of the youths committed to the state training school during the last biennium were sent there for that offense. 13 of them for stealing automobiles, according to the biennial report of Superintendent Gilbert. Fifty-nine are in for delinquency, 23 for truancy and 18 for burglary. Thirty-one of the boys are in for larceny, 24 for incorrigibility and 15 for immorality. Two violated the game laws; the rest are for scattering offenses.

Spanish influenza has taken a new hold at the state penitentiary, where 10 prisoners are ill with the disease.

A 25 per cent increase in freight rates was granted by the public service commission to the Sumpster Valley railroad, the commission declaring that an emergency existed. This increase corresponds to the one granted while the road was under federal control. Threats of a strike and the necessity for added revenue by the road caused quick action on the part of the commission.

Exemption boards of Clatsop and Klamath counties have lagged in the work of classifying new registrants and are charged with holding the state selective service department back in the nation-wide competition. Fourteen boards of Oregon have completed all work outlined for them in the competitive race and are credited with having checked into "column seven." The divisions which have made this record are: Baker, Cass, Deschutes, Gilliam, Grant, Malheur, Lake, Lane, Linn, Morrow, Yamhill and Portland No. 5, No. 7 and No. 9.

The dam of the Ochoco irrigation project is now about one-fourth completed. The main unit, now under construction, is daily rising toward its maximum height. During the past six weeks 128,000 cubic yards of materials have been placed in the fill of the main dam. The work on the main canal and laterals has been brought to a close. The tunnel, which is drilled through solid rock, and which forms an important link in the main canal, has recently been completed. The Jugger Cave lateral is now completed.

All public service commissions on the coast will be asked to join with the Oregon commission in a protest against the 25 per cent rise granted the American Railway Express company, according to a letter sent to the Nevada commission by the Oregon commission. The Oregon commission protested against the increase before it was granted on the ground that relief could be obtained for the express company by making a split of 45 per cent of the gross receipts to the railroads and 55 to the express company, instead of the 18-50 basis now used.

The removal of the differential from the transcontinental freight rate on Willamette valley lumber by the interstate commerce commission affects the marketing of 45,000,000,000 feet of timber from national forests alone. As the differential varied from 6 to 12 cents a thousand feet and was in addition to the coast rate, it made competing with Portland, Columbia river and Puget sound lumber interests impossible. All lumber south of Portland to Lowell, just south of Eugene, is now accessible to the market, at the same rate of freight into territory east of the Rocky mountains as lumber originating at or north of Portland.



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By order of Common Council.  
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City Recorder