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THE LAST DRIVE

The coming Victory Liberty Loan will be the last.

One more big job to pay for the victory—or the immediate demands of victory—and Liberty Loans will be history.

There must be no lagging by the American people in the drive that will come in April. It will not be a time for excuses.

The same spirit that characterized the last hour of fighting before the armistice went into effect should be shown by the stay-at-homes for whom the Yanks fought in France.

Here is the official report of operations in those last few hours of the war:

"The third division advanced three kilometers east of Breheville. Despite increased resistance by machine gun and artillery fire the fifth division continued to advance, capturing 18 prisoners, three large calibre guns, six minenwerfers and considerable material. In accordance with the terms of the armistice hostilities on the front of the American armies ceased at 11 a. m."

The Yanks didn't shirk that last job. Many gave their lives with peace a matter of minutes away. Every American at home worth the victory won by those boys in khaki will work as hard in the coming loan as in the first.

NEXT CAR!

Evidently it never occurred to the P. R. L. & P. Co. that in the emergency caused by the influenza epidemic it might be a good policy to put on more cars to handle traffic without crowding. The cars seat 34. The health authorities have limited the loads to 65. Ordinarily during the evening hours from 4 to 7 o'clock these cars carry from 75 to 130—double to four times their seating capacity. Now that a limit has been put on their loads they pick up their full allowance of 65 and close the doors, with the result that the overflow has to wait until the next train arrives, which often is already full. Those having to catch the car on the east side in the evening sometimes have to wait an hour or more before a car comes along loaded light enough to permit their boarding it.

It would create a better impression in the minds of the Mt. Scott people if the company would strain a point at least once in its history to provide adequate service.

NOT WANTED ANYWHERE

A bill has been introduced in the legislature providing for the deporting of the 94 aliens who had their first citizenship papers cancelled rather than take their share of the war burden. A movement was started in congress some time ago with the same purpose in view but Norway entered a vigorous protest against former citizens of that country being sent back. These men have not only earned the contempt of decent citizens of this country but also, in the case of Norway at least, of the land of their birth. If no means can be found for deporting them they should at least be branded with some badge of dishonor so that loyal Americans may not be obliged to associate with them unknowingly.

WELCOME THE BOYS

Reports are appearing daily of cities and towns that are organizing to provide a welcome for the soldiers as they return home. Isn't it about time that Lents took some action along that line? No better soldiers went overseas than those from this community and we should show our appreciation of that fact in some united movement toward a fitting reception for them. Some church bodies have already taken steps to welcome the boys of their congregation but a committee representing the entire district should be organized and arrange for a general welcome for all the boys irrespective of church or other affiliations.

TRADE WITH ADVERTISERS

We have received numerous compliments on the increased amount of local news in The Herald. Quite a few new subscribers have been added to the list and numerous others have renewed their subscriptions. We would like to have friends of the paper co-operate still further by reading the ads and patronizing the advertisers. They are the ones who are making it possible for you to receive the news of the community weekly and are deserving of your patronage.

The optimist lives in the same world as the pessimist. His life is made up of the same annoyances and pleasures. But he has a better perspective. He knows that the measure of success in life is the measure of effort. Let us then cultivate a spirit of optimism—knowing that problems faced squarely shrink into insignificance and a cheerful attitude assures the battle half won.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION IS NEEDED BY CHILDREN

"The city child needs physical exercises to develop strength, the country child to give agility and grace," says Dr. A. D. Browne, head of the physical education department of the Oregon Agricultural College.

"No habit is more essential than exercise to physical and mental power. Yet no habit is being more universally crowded out by modern methods of manufacture, farming and transportation.

"Thousands of soldiers went away stooping and awkward and have come back erect, strong and self-controlled. Nine-tenths of their training was physical."

A bill for prescribing physical training in public schools of Oregon has been introduced into the Oregon legislature. The state school superintendent is directed to supervise the training, which will be formulated by a committee of experts.

EXPERIMENT STATION IS TO HIT TOMATO BLIGHT

Samples of disease resistant tomato strains, four varieties, have been received at the O. A. C. experiment station by H. P. Barss, plant pathologist, to be tested for resistance to the so-called western blight, which has cut down the crop more than half in many districts of the Columbia river basin. Blight has been the chief factor in discouraging tomato production on a large scale on many of the best tomato soils of the state. The tests will be made in cooperation with county agents as far as possible but experiments can be conducted on a limited scale only unless larger funds are made available to the experiment station for investigations of this kind.

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INFLUENZA CONTROL BETTER UNDERSTOOD

Epidemic Waves Found to Run in About Three-week Intervals.

A careful analysis by the state board of health of all data obtainable in regard to the present epidemic shows the following striking features, from which most valuable deductions can be drawn in considering control measures:

Three days after an unusual gathering of people there is an increase in the number of cases reported. Thus, every Tuesday is high because of Saturday and Sunday minglings; the 28th of December was high following Christmas; the 3rd and 4th of January were high following New Year's festivities. Therefore there should be no unnecessary or unusual gatherings. Of gatherings, dances constitute the greatest number of cases. Dances therefore should be prohibited during the epidemic.

The waves of the epidemic run in about three-week intervals. A study of the causes of this and the matter of carriers, indicate that many cases remain carriers for a period of two or three weeks. The greatest number of severe cases during a wave are able to be up and around in about three weeks and are unconsciously spreading the disease causing the next wave. Therefore, in addition to the ten days quarantine, each recovered case should wear a mask for a period of two or three weeks in the presence of unexposed persons, and all persons coming in close contact with the sick should wear the masks. Masks, to be effective, should be sufficiently large to completely cover the nose and mouth.

It has been discovered that the disease is being spread to a greater extent than has been realized by utensils used in eating and drinking. Therefore, all dishes, cups, glasses, knives and forks, etc. used in eating or drinking in all public places, and in all private homes or public institutions wherever there are cases of influenza, should be thoroughly sterilized by boiling 15 minutes.

The modified quarantine, in addition to the mask provision and the sterilization of utensils, consists of a strict isolation of the patient and attendants for a period of ten days following the resumption of normal temperature. The house must be placarded. Release from quarantine is only by direction of the health officer.

A farmer's wife in Connecticut, hurrying from milking the cows to the kitchen, to the churn from the woodshed, and back to the kitchen stove, was asked if she wanted to vote.

She vehemently replied: "No, I certainly do not. I say, now, that if there's one little thing that the men folks can do alone, for heaven's sake let 'em do it." —Yellow Strand.

IN SMART SOCIETY



Mrs. B.—She says her husband is not a good provider.
Mrs. W.—He isn't?
Mrs. B.—He loses so much at poker that she has to curtail her bridge playing.

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