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commission plan be adopted and persisted in. The United States will establish its industrial independence without building up any more pampered industries.

END OF A BURLESQUE. The Ford peace pilgrimage was foredoomed to failure. Everybody but Ford must have understood that the effort to bring the war to a close through the personal importunities of a self-advertising millionaire and his scrambled entourage was sheer burlesque.

It seems to be highly desirable to relieve Mr. Ford of the excessive burden of so much ready cash. But a thousand ways may be suggested to him that will serve both him and the organization of an opera-buff peace army.

UNSTEADY DAYS. A conscientious newspaper often has painful duties to perform, for it must have the line, the chips of fact fall where they may.

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Another grand scheme. Secretary of Labor Wilson has good cause to be satisfied with his success in settling labor disputes and in organizing an employment system which aids materially in the distribution of labor by co-operation with states and cities.

THE FIRST UNCLE TOM. "Uncle Tom" will live as long as the American people. His creator, Harriet Beecher Stowe, has her name indelibly stamped upon the scroll of fame.

PROHIBITION'S EFFECT ON REVENUE. Notwithstanding the frequent assertion of opponents of prohibition that it does not prohibit, it appears to have had a marked influence in decreasing the consumption of alcoholic liquor.

TO THE BARD OF AYE: A TRIBUTE. In common ground the Bard of Aye doth lie, Lamented by the willow and the sycamore.

THE BULGARIAN SYMPATHIES OF THE PEOPLE IN TERRITORY WHICH SERBIA ANNEXED IN 1913 reveal one of the difficulties in the way of carrying out Sir Edward Grey's policy of fixing national boundaries on racial lines.

Major-General Wood justly is indignant over the acquittal of Colonel Hirst of the charge of bad conduct. All the Colonel did was to chain a private to a telegraph pole for nine days instead of putting him in the guardhouse.

Transfer of British munition orders to Canada may make American manufacturers willing to accept war bonds in payment. In fact, that may be the intention.

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NEWSPAPERS IN HOLIDAY DRESS. Press of Northwest Meets Christmas With Handsome Special Numbers. Holiday issues of Oregon papers this year exploit their business patrons in "circular" advertising, rather than the resources of their neighborhood.

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LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS. Washington (D. C.) Star. "Do you understand the language of flowers?" said the sentimental youth.

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SIGN OF HER AGE. Boston Transcript. Miss Phoebe—I told Mr. Beach I was 25, and he said I didn't look it.

REVIEW OF THE GREAT WAR. In The Sunday Oregonian. The Sunday Oregonian tomorrow will present a complete review of the European war from its inception in the Summer of 1914 to the present time in chronological order.

IN OTHER DAYS. Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian, December 25, 1890. Washington.—The resolution introduced by Senator Mitchell to secure the opinion of the judiciary committee as to the expiration of the existing Chinese laws, is for the purpose of determining whether the restriction act expires in 1920 or 1924.

SEATTLE, Dec. 24.—Ever since the new steamer Bally Gatzert was put on her regular run to Tacoma, the Greyhound, the flyer from Portland, has been endeavoring to have a "brush" with her handsome and taunting rival.

HALF A CENTURY AGO. From The Oregonian, December 25, 1865. The letter from the regular correspondent of The Oregonian in New York has arrived. It was dated December 20. It says the French-Canadians are holding meetings to form an association which shall extend throughout the United States and hold annual meetings.

MAJOR-GENERAL ROSECRANS WHO HAS BEEN TRAVELING ON THE PACIFIC COAST studying the gold and silver regions, has returned to New York.

GEORGE STEPHENSON, one of the survivors of Dr. Kane's expedition in search of Sir John Franklin, died recently.

SENATOR GEORGE H. WILLIAMS has written to The Oregonian that he thinks a semi-weekly mail service can be obtained for the Hillsboro-Forest Grove-Lafayette route.

JOHN M. EMERY and Caroline M. Emery were married recently in this city. Hon. Richard Post and Miss Emma H. King, eldest daughter of J. N. King, Esq., were married December 4 in Whatcom County, Washington.

ORDINARY FARM LABOR is not included in any of the 43 classifications of employments that come under the Washington compensation law. In other employments defined as hazardous no distinction is made between individual employers and corporations.

PORTLAND, SATURDAY, DEC. 25, 1915. CHRISTMAS. The children have been up since the peep of day. They slept restlessly through the night, their little bodies kept up to the seventh heaven of excitement.

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ONE OF OUR BEST ANTHEMS. Secretary Lane's enthusiasm for utilization of the Nation's assets has found no fitter field of action than the National parks.

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