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THE REAL KAISER.

PORTLAND, TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1917.

SPRUCE AS A MEANS OF VICTORY.

The mission of the allied aircraft committee is to enlist the aid of the Pacific Coast in producing so great an air fleet that victory for the allies will be won in the shortest time, with greatest certainty and at the smallest cost in life of allied troops. Unlimited supplies of spruce lumber

are necessary, and these can be obtained on the North Pacific Coast alone. Spruce will form the frames of the planes and the East will supmotors to operate them, while the intrepid, daring youth of America will others or of being obliged to under-man them. That is the winning com-take the job alone. We have wisely what a host of incompetents would be what a host of incompetents would be arily in September as late. bination, and spruce is an essential

Authorities are agreed that the aircraft will be the decisive weapon of his authoritative and convincing ex-It is the last thing in evothe war. lution of the art of war. Heavy artillery, machine gun and rifle fire has driven infantry into trenches and has made cavalry of small value. Long-range artillery has almost stopped open fighting, but it created

necessity for the gunner to locate and atm at a mark which is invisible to him. Trench warfare has made it impossible for scouts on foot or horseback to locate an enemy's guns, sup-ply depots and reserve troops and to return with the information, for they are far in the rear of the enemy's trenches, Alrcraft, equipped with

wireless, alone can do this. Not only alreraft, but supremacy in the air is necessary. Without it, one army is as well able as its opponent to spot its targets and hit them, and the deadlock of trench war is extended to the air. By attaining supremacy an army's air fleet drives the enemy's airmen to earth and by preventing direct observation of its positions prevents the enemy's artillery from locating its marks, thus driving the gunners to rely on random shots. Being able to do everything which its blinded enemy is prevented from doing, an army which commands the air can destroy the enemy's trenches, guns, supply depots, reserves and lines of communication. It can also spring surprise attacks on the enemy's trenches, the first intimation of which does not come to the enemy until intense artillery fire opens, only half of the port to have a referendum as number; most men will find that va-

That is one of the main uses of air-craft—to restore that element of sur-prise which it has so far removed from this war. Many of the decisive surrounded by surrounded from this war. Many of the decisive surrounded by practical difficulties: Lloyd George and Arthur Henderson ing committee to block action with That evening when a wild mob ran battles of history have been won by and it ought to be made perfectly clear in regard to the Stockholm Socialist its hearings and inquiries and to scare To seize and lynch the Weather Man. what is proposed before the Gov-rnor is asked to act. The last Legislature, upon request rom the Portiand Chamber of Com-British Cabinet and to his receipt of surprise, a force suddenly appearing just what is proposed before the Govflank while all his dispositions were made to meet the main army in front or a small army moving rapidly to attack the several divisions of a larger army in detail, a stratagem to which Napoleon resorted for victory over the Aus- shipping enterprise. Now the state at formal peace negotiations between tee should be fathered by men of You grip, O, far from nice man. trians in Italy. Aircraft has made large, through the Legislature, is to certain classes or sections of their own Icas should be interest by men whose this impossible by spying out every be asked to correct, for Portland's and enemy nations. movement in the whole field of hos-tilities and by promptly signaling it derestimating its shipping needs-if holm conference was obviously taken to headquarters they are underestimated. It may fair- by German and pro-German Swedish After the battle of the Alsne both the ly be said by the state that Portland Socialists with the encouragement of law, that they may raise big crops Franco-British and the German cav-alry swung out farther on the wings definitely and finally what it wants. Diece of that German propaganda of their respective armies in an at-

the air and keeping them down to -

THE HOOVEB WAY. numbers as well as superior skill. The The food-control bill became law

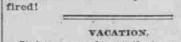
allies are exerting themselves to inare the number of planes, but so are the Germans, and it is almost a director on August 10. Two days later and La Follette to open discussion of neck-and-neck race, though the latter the new official laid before the peo- peace terms. They are devices of the betray signs that their supply of good ple a complete and well thought out enemy to induce the United States to material is giving out. The United plan for control of the wheat crop. stop short of the end for which we An operation is group out. The ounted plan for control of the wheat crop. Is to plan for the end for which we are plan for control of the wheat crop. Is to plan for the end for which we are plan for control of the wheat crop. Is to plan for the end for which we are plan for control of the wheat crop. Is to plan for the end for which we are plan for control of the wheat crop. Is to plan for the end for which we are plan for control of the wheat crop. Is to plan for the end for which we are plan for control of the wheat crop. Is to plan for the end for which we are plan for control of the wheat crop. Is to plan for the end for which we are plan for control of the wheat crop. Is to plan for the end for which we are plan for control of the wheat crop. Is to plan for the end for which we are plan for control of the wheat crop. Is to plan for the end for which we are plan for control of the wheat crop. Is to plan for the end for which we are only begun to gain that end, and they have for to go before it will be gained. This country has only begun to prepare, and cannot strike a telling blow beyoung men have the temperament which will enable them easily to ac-

If Senators Reed, Gore and others fore Spring. quire the skill from their French, Brit-ish and Italian teachers, who have proved themselves masters of the air until they had ceased to talk, and Peace at this time would save them This is the opportunity of the Pa-fic Coast to supply one of the requicific Coast to supply one of the requi-sites for the main factor in that vic-duct highly reprehensible in going to duct highly reprehensible in going to the main factor in that victory which must be so complete that the Kaiser shall be powerless to carry or thirty years hence, perhaps with confidence that their torrent of words the the time torrent of words out allies and against a more powerout the threats he made to Mr. Gerard. would avail nothing to defeat the bill ful Germany. Now is the time to

made into planes and as fast as these can be equipped with motors, is what That is the difference between a the Government asks of Oregon. No business man and a politician. To the the Kaiser, not the United States. other demands, no questions about wages or hours of labor should hin-that counts and words are of use only that counts, and words are of use only der prompt compliance with the call

to expedite action. To the politician words are everything, and his proud-

have to reckon single-handed with the ers his retreat with a flood of ink. Kaiser and junkerism after the Euro-pean war. We have had the option assisted by a Cabinet of Hoovers, how ply the cloth to cover them and the of fighting Germany as an ally of things would hum at Washington, but are not likely to offset loss from early A new thermometer, you know, Great Britain, France, Russia and the what walling and lamentation there picking, while weather records show To which he murmured, soft and low,



It is a poor boast that one has not taken a vacation in twenty-five years. dried, for it is not only sweeter at that time but loses considerably less position of the actual German thought The late Russell Sage, and some other proportionate weight in the process of On up the tube the fluid flew, noteworthy figures in the world, made evaporation. This is important, not Until it stood at eighty-two, What a sorry plight America unpre- it, and seemed to justify themselves only because it increases the total And folks remarked, "It's getting hot! pared would have been in to face with good health and longevity, but the weight of the crop, but because a Still said the Weather Man, I wot; average man is not built that way. higher price per pound is paid for the Vacation, suitably employed, is as nec- larger sizes. Repeated experiments have demon-

essary to the human machine as an occasional tuning up is necessary to stated that, taking one year with an-The Oregonian desires at this time the delicate mechanism of a subma- other, it is better to trust nature as to make but an observation or two as rine.

But rest does not mean idleness. In 1914, for example, the Oregon Exas to the plan for an extra session of But rest does not mean inches, periment Station did not start picking the Legislature to authorize the Port Change of occupation, new surroundthe Legislature to authorize the Port of Portland to bond itself for \$9,000,- ings, a different climate when prac- prunes until September 11, although 100 to build and operate Portland- ticable, furnish the ideal stimulating the majority of growers were well unowned ships. It is not clear whether the proposal is for the Port of Portland Commis-sion, upon authority of the Legisla-ture cells of the brain. Vigorous out-door exercise, to the point of utter to use to build and operate Portland commis-tember 6. It was found that if the experiment station had waited even longer, it would have made a distinct ture, to issue direct \$9,000,000 in bonds, or whether there is to be a referendum to the people residing within the boundaries of the port. If the former to the people residing things to do than getting out in the If the former to the people residing things to do than getting out in the investigation of the people resident to the point of direct the point of direct to the point of the point of the point of direct to the point of direct to the point of the point of the point of direct to the point of th If the former, it will be necessary for the work, but the important consid- than the mature, making an additiongency clause to the bill in order to eration is abiding personal interest in al loss of 6 per cent. This loss of 12 gency clause to the bill in order to avoid a state referendum; and no Legislature will do it. It would in-volve no loss of time, then, to submit that question direct, through the initiative without legislative action. If the better are of the bill in order to avoid a state referendum; and no volve no loss of time, then, to submit initiative without legislative action. If the better are of the bill in order to avoid a state referendum; and no cause they are compulsory. It is rest-ful to be able to follow one's own the better are of the ball of the balls of the balls to follow one's own the ball of the balls of the balls to follow one's own the ball of the balls of the balls of the ball of the balls of the ball of the ball of the ball of the ball of the balls of the ball of the ball of the balls of the balls of the ball of the ball of the balls of the ball of the ball of the balls of the balls of the ball of the ball of the balls of the ball of the time of the prune harvest. Every

If the latter, much the same ques- inclinations, by way of change. Life seems to be a more serious business this year than ever. It be-is an addition to the price of the crop To ninety-eight at length it go and to a hundred then it shot, Could the Legislature be persuaded to hooves the citizen to keep himself fit of growing is a fixed charge that alpass a measure, with an emergency clause, merely permitting the people Sages and the Edisons are few in ready has been met.

an hour before the infantry attack— too late for adequate preparation to repel the attack. That is one of the main uses of air-That is one of the main uses of airan hour before the infantry attack- to the \$9,000,000 bonds? We doubt cations pay real dividends, in better

The controversy between Premier

doubtedly superior, and they profited France; that of Serbia at Saloniki, the faction which was under German by the fact greatly in the battles of the last year, but they have not suc-ceeded in driving the Germans out of a glad home-coming some day. Influence and which was responsible for the demoralization and retreat of the Russian army and after he had the Russian army and after he had seen how all other parties in Russia

rallied to the support of Kerensky. In the same class with the Stock-

holm conference are the moves of My colyum's here. And I intrust to you to run it; Although the trout stream murmure "I seen my duty, and I done it." Although in my vacation time I'd truly rather roam than rhyme. P. S .- While in the woods I play And merrily my time employ.

and cannot strike a telling blow be-The rulers of Germany see defeat before them, and with i loss of their power over their country more weary but precious weeks would and would give them time for a new And I said to myself, 'If I did right, well-known Fall of '16 that I wrote those lines to begin a hot weather hippopotamus appeared to be contused, would avail nothing to defeat the bill full Germany. Now is the tank to pome, and it was only recently that an' that the equinoctial epigram, it American who proposes peace under Andrew Ellison, of Walla Walla, flat- seemed to him, was bellicosed sufficient such conditions as now exist is serving tered me by writing and wanting it fur to throw it out o' trim. In the reprinted.

UNPROFITABLE IMPATIENCE.

Prane growers of the Northwest will do well to heed the warning given est moment is when he views a great by the Oregon Agricultural College pile of Congressional Records and re- Experiment Station against the waste-The Emperor showed great bitterness gainst the United States and repeatedly aid: "America had better look out after his war," and "I shall stand no nonsense terrs of Ambassador Gerard. End of Congressional Records and re-flects that they are full of words, has the trees too bis war," and "I shall stand no nonsense atters of Ambassador Gerard. End of Congressional Records and re-flects that they are full of words, has war," and "I shall stand no nonsense action lest it should cause loss of votes, and covers his cowardice with His chief anxiety vigorously in the effort to hasten the being to hold his job, he shrinks from harvest. The warning is especially votes, and covers his cowardice with parative lataness of fruit crops, which America is in the war and will not a cloud of words, as the devilfish cov- has increased the impatience of grow-

ers and their fears of loss through

a guide in making the prune harvest.

Nature puts the finishing touch on. The mercury at his behest, the prune in the last few days of its Out of its bulb instanter pressed. growth. Full maturity is especially And when it climbed to sixty-four

"Excelsior!"

To ninety climbed the strange device, And people clamored loud for ice; But still the Weather Man, poor boob, Said to the bright juice in the tube:

"Excelsior!" "Oh, stop!" the simmering Fat Man

cried The author of this popular song as When two-and-ninety he espied. tonishes us by writing: "We've stood as much as mortal can!" But still proclaimed the Weather Man, "Excelsior!

By making comparison with "Beware the sunstrokel" men would roar

When up it shot to ninety-four,

"Excelsior!"

To ninety-eight at length it got,

And while it sizzled upward still

The Weather Man cried with a will:

And folks spread butter with a hose,

She reared, she pawed like a frighted steed, She leaped a cable's length. Now, we must believe that Mr. Long

tounding statement. Among the many foolish sea songs none ranks higher than the following:

Would-Be Soldier's Ills.

I can't help lick the Kalser, fur they

wouldn't let me go, rejected at the

medical inspection, don't you know, an'

from the things they told me I've a sort o' idee I had better git my earthly

things in proper shape to die. When

first I stood afore 'em they just skeered

me half to death by sayin' I'd a case o

rheumatism of the breath, an' all be-

One of 'em stroked his whiskers

out o' whack, interferin' with

Employ Lingo Strange to Them.

landsmen who attempt to write

songs. In either case the impossibility

Set sail, farewell to the land. The wind follows far abaft.

By James Barton Adams

A wet sheet and a flowing sea, A wind that follows fast, That fills a white and rustling sail And bonds a gallant mast.

ing is:

And sure it was writ by a bloke, hubber who thought that a sheet was While 'tis naught but a bit of a

In Other Days.

Half a Century Ago.

From The Oregonian of August 14, 1867. What would the good folk of Oregon England? In Maine they actually im-prison a man if he sells a glass of cider, to say nothing of wine or lager beer.

Mr. C. W. Burrage, late city surveyor, has been making some calculations re-cently on the height of Mount Hood. His conclusion is that the altitude of the mountain is less than 12,000 feet.

cause I'd emptied quite a hefty whisky glass to brace me fur the flerce ordeel I knowed I'd have to pass. They made New Orleans-Vera Cruz advices state that the Mexicans refuse to deliver the body of Maximilian to the Austrian steamer Elizabeth.

me peel my duds as a perliminary mate an' I felt sort o' proudish, fur I reckoned fur a fact they'd find in me a model of a man without a peer-what you might term a true apollinaris belyydere, but just in half a minute all In Great Britain and Ireland there is an excess of \$77,000 females. my hopes begun to fall; they found I was afflicted with enlargement o' the

An interesting race is to take place Wednesday over Charley Bird's track, near Vancouver, between Shea's mare and an Oregon horse, name not learned. gall, an' said the meningitis was a trifle out o' line, the same a-bein somethin' supplemental to the spine The stakes are \$500 a side. manner quite confused an' said the

London-Advices from Berlin state that the utmost energy is being mani-fested in preparations for war, which are being hurried forward. hypogastric region there was somethin'

Twenty-Five Years Ago.

From The Oregonian of August 14, 1892. London-The new Cabinet and the other new appointments yet to be made are the sole tople of discussion. Contrary to the view expressed by some newspapers. Mr. Gladstone will be Premier in all that the name implies. He will control the policy of the Cab-inet at home and abroad, and every member of the Cabinet will be in thor-ough accord with his solid. ough accord with his chief.

I coincided with 'em, fur instead o seekin' war, any guy that's so afflicted ort to spend his time in pra'r, fur I Washington-Business is being rushed at each of the Congressional campaign headquarters in this city. The Repubknow I'm near the border of the happy huntin' ground from them physicky Heans have laid in 5,000,000 of large franked envelopes and \$,000,000 wrapconditions that the Army doctors pers. They are sending out literature on the tariff. The Democrats are also sending out tariff liter; ture. pers.

Salem-During the night at the state prison four convicts sawed their way out and their escape was not discov-ered until morning. In the two adjoin-ing cells dummies were found.

the Editor.)—Something has been writ-ten regarding the folly of the unsophis-ticated in attempting to compose poems and songs which might appeal to sol-diers in active service. Much might also be written regarding the imbedility of The sixth annual convention of the North Pacific Turn-Bezirk, as the general association of turnivereins in this section is called, met in Portland yesterday.

Rev. Alfred Kummer's term as pastor

songs. In either case the impossibility is absolute. In proof of this I would refer to some sea songs: First, "A Life on the Ocean Wave." Now, when sung in the fo'castle this song goes thus: of the Taylor-street Methodist Episcopal Church expires September 4, and he will deliver his farewell sermon on that A life on the ocean wave: Faith, the had who composed it was green For he never had been to sea Nor a sea-going vessel had seen. date.

The independent pilots are working quietly to gain a foothold in the river will soon be able to force the Union to recognize their rights to pilot ships up and down the river.

TEACHING GERMAN IN SCHOOLS

Writer Protests Against Exclusion of Language of Research and Criticism.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 10 .- (To the Ed-tor.) - The Oregonian states that the schools of Astoria are going to exclude the teaching of the German language. This is because of the present war. How sonseless! There is, in logic and jus-

tice, no relation between the two. To exclude the teaching of that langauge is an insult to several millions of those who are of our best citizenof those who are of our best citizen-ship. That language is their mother-

tongue. Such an exclusion is an outrage upon knowledge. German is the kingly language of research and of criticism. No other language compares with it in those fundamental branches of knowledge.

German is the language of Luther, Gutenberg, Goeths, Schiller, Beethoven Froebel, and a host of other glorious names.

It is difficult to imagine what the names. author of this song was trying to "pipe off." It would seem that his ship was becalmed and that he hoped by wetting the sails to render them im-Night." It would be equally consistent Night." It would be equally consistent of principle to exclude German musle; to sing no more "Holy Night, Silent Night." It would be equally consistent

This ship could "show her heels to he wind," "run away from the wind," outsail the wind." Surely some ship! Even our own much-admired poet sually very clever in expression, rat the wind." "Egg-zelziori"

At ninety-six the woods caught fire, fellow had no sense of "cable length," or he never would have made such as

Now, the taffrail parody on this fool-

A wet sheet and a flowing sea, n sail

"Excelsior!" It is difficult to imagine what the

"Excelsior!"

and write a whole new pome than to back-track and dig up the old one. I agreed to make a new one for Andrew. and here it is and write the plutocratic data o' the hyperdermis howed paralytic evolutions not ac-cordin' to the code, an' they found some and here it is-and we hope he will cornucopias adherent to the toes, an' said my veins o' humor seemed inclined find it satisfactory: to varicose, an' the epiliptic gases which THE HOT SPELL. functionary avocations with a cuss. So

found.

The saffron morn shone o'er the grass When from his office I saw pass they broke it to me gently in a sympathetic way that I wasn't fit fur service an' they guessed I'd have to stay an' The Weather Man, all grave and glum, Unpacking a glass dingus from Excelsior

Gleams Through the Mist.

By Dean Collins,

SOMEWHERE NEAR WHITE SALMON.

beg you don't forget each day

To feed the Courteous Office Boy.

THAT HOT WEATHER POME.

stood on the bridge at midnight,

I'd go home and scribble a pomel'"

It was back in the hot spell in the

Since it is really easier to go ahead

Observing the gloaming gloam;

Dear Editor:

near-

And when unpacking it was done, I saw him hang it in the sun-"Excelsior!"

ERRORS OF SEA-SONG WRITERS Forecastle Pokes Fun at Lubbers Who desirable where the fruit is to be The Weather Man remarked once more VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 9 .--- (To the Editor.)-Something has been writ-"Excelsior!

tempt to outflank, but both failed. for aircraft gave warning. Both wings finally extended to the sea, and the armies became locked in a struggle to How deadly is such a struggle, how

THE GASOLINE SCARE. Doubtless the old familiar law of

drive each other out of fixed positions, gasoline question without the drastic the rebellion in South Africa, the conremedy, whatever it is, suggested by spiracles in India, the Casement expesmall the results of success compared the Federal authorities. They intiwith their cost, when neither has un- mate that something or other must be league, Labor's Peace Council,

questioned control of the air, was done to stop excessive joyriding. What is joyriding? If it is an orgy of Peace and various pacifist moveshown by the battles of Verdun, the somme, Arras, Messines Ridge, Cra-onne and Flanders. Those victories of the allies were largely due to the su-free women, of course it ought to be class consciousness and the solidarity periority in the air, combined with stopped. If it is a trip to the country of labor in all European and Amerigreater weight of artillery, for this with a lunch in the fresh woods or can countries. It aims to enlist in the enabled them to wreck the enemy by a murmuring stream, or a tour cause of an immediate, German peace lines, smash whole batteries with di- from town to town or state to state, an element in each of the countries at rect hits, destroy the morale of troops, or one of many pleasurable uses the war with Germany. That element cut off supplies and raid lines of com- American citizen finds for the motor would be an ally of Germany, an munications. But their success was car, it cannot be suspended, without auxiliary of the German army, limited by the Germans' ability to con-test and at times to gain air suprem- American life. If a social revolution ening the fighting arm of the country acy. A far more rapid advance must be made if the war is not to drag on for years and if the present slaugh-why precipitate it? Come: but if it may be won without, why precipitate it? Come: but if it may be won without, Come: but if it may be

ter is not to continue. The allies must be given such undisputable superiority in numbers and eration in gasoline. The output for presence of any element which, in quality of alreraft and in skill and a year in the United States is roughly concert with like forces in a hostile daring of airmen that a German will stated to be 2,500,000,000 gallons, and country, strives to influence the policy no sooner attempt to take the air than it is said that the Government for of the Government in making war he will be beaten to earth again, that war and other necessary purposes will negotiating peace, should not be tolgreat fleets of allied airmen may be call for 350,000,000 gallons. It is crated. It is legitimate in a demo-able to soar at will over the German about one-seventh of the total. The cratic country to influence the govlines hombing depots and scattering rein- dent, or his representative, take what when acting in concert with any of hombing depots and scattering rein- dent, or his representative, take what when acting it is not permissible, forcements with machine gun fire at is wanted, leaving the great balance low slittude. Then the allies would for commercial and private use. low altitude. Then the allies would for commercial and private use. when a nation has engaged in with attain certain avowed ends with supplies at will and in security, un-known to the Germans, while they gasoline used will thus automatically majority of the people, to attempt could spy out every German position decrease. If it does not, or if the persuasion to draw back before those to furnish clews. and movement. They could then mass great corporations engaged in the oil ends are attained or before their atgreat forces at selected points and business seek to monopolize the mar- tainment has become manifestly imresistless drive which would ket and withhold the product except possible. break through the enemy's line, out-flank his forces to right and left and compel a general withdrawal. They could send great flocks of airmen to consumption. distance of fifty or sixty miles be-

munition and food destroyed and their streets and state roads. morals ruined by the conviction of irretrievable defeat.

These things are planned by the a few months ago was falling steadily. Federation of Labor, also saw it and American Government, but they can- suddenly turned and has gone up with denounced the conference. The Brit- the eight-hour day. not be done without the patriotic co- no variation.

operation of the American people. For three years Britain, France and Italy

have been striving for dominion in the number of refugee governments by have been induced to favor the con-air. They have won a certain degree moving its King into Russia. The ference is a mystery after he had seen of superiority, for their men are un- government of Belgium is at Havre, that it was favored in Russia only by Prussians.

The last Legislature, upon request from the Portland Chamber of Com-British Cabinet and to his receipt of easily result in more loss than would merce, passed an enabling act for the a sharp letter from the Premier ac- be involved in all the abuses which Port of Portland to vote about \$1,-000,000 in bonds for a Portland-owned agreement among the allies as to in-the war. But the checking commit-While heated spell prolon

which aims to promote division among manufacturers pay the war profits And while you weigh the dwindling gob Germany's enemies by appeals to the

tax. passions, prejudices and theories of sections among their people. It is in supply and demand will settle the the same class as that which caused

dition to Ireland, the fake neutrality superfluous. the Conference for Democracy and Terms amined.

War, by its very nature, demands The needs of the Army and Navy must of course be given first consid-those against which it is arrayed. The spotting artillery positions, way ought to be easy. Let the Presi- ernment as to terms of peace, but not

Its success in that particular could

Gasoline is a sensitive article. It only have ended in terribly weakening hind the front to work such havoc appears to respond readily to the law the alliance against Germany, in mak-with bombs and machine guns that of free barter and sale. We suppose ing the task of the allies which rethe entire organization of the Ger-mans would be broken, their commu-year or more it has nearly doubled in more arduous, in prolonging the war nications cut, their reliefs prevented price. If it shall double again, there and in increasing whatever doubt from coming up, their stores of am- will be far fewer automobiles on the ists as to its outcome. President Wilson saw this, and therefore wisely re-We have never seen a satisfactory fused passports to American delegates. explanation as to why the price, which President Gompers, of the American

ish Seamen's and Firemen's Union saw it, and refused to join in sending Roumania prepares to add to the delegates. How Mr. Henderson could

names instantly suggest a question.

It is well enough to have a commit-

some abuses will occur, but we would

better suffer a few than have a smell-

The farmers are stampeding to borrow money under the rural credit The shekels from our purse you Drag out by harsh device, next year. They are having their in-And yet we dare not curse you nings, and can smile while munition Lest you deny us ice;

We must fawn on you, though you rob. If that English-French handbook Lord of the frozen splinter, There is no hope, not much, prepared for the Army has diagrams That soon the chilly Winter

showing how to ask and answer by Will free us from your clutchhunching the shoulders, the text is For, O, harsh man, without a soul, You'll turn and stick us then for coal. The idea of a button for the man O, Ellison (Andrew), the best a man

exempt seems absurd, with the ratio can do of two passing for service and ten When thus importuned for a poem claiming exemptions in the dozen exby one;

The first big forest fire will close the deer season until rains come, and it is up to the individual hunter to be the man who is careful

The air raids on the English coast remind one of the Apache raids of long ago, and the victims are similar women and children.

It is had enough to be run down by an autoist, but when the run downer is a Celestial it is worse than badness-it's madness.

Strassburg is offering unlimited food for two weeks to people who marry, but where do they get the men?

If all the exemptions claimed are allowed, there will be nobody left for a third call, if it is made.

If animals are being sold to butchers by cattle thieves, the hides ought ter.

There is a rising market on ham. which hits the sandwich betwixt and between.

The police force may date everything from today-until the next time.

Anybody can smile into the camera who inherits a \$500,000 fortune.

The war will be won by Oregon; that is, Oregon spruce.

It needed the war to standardize

Rain, did somebody say? What is rain like, anyway?

Men who dynamite fish are regular licity.

ANATHEMA. "fast"? While no seaman knows what

a "fast" wind is, the fact that it "bends Our bank roll with your tongs;

a gallant mast" proves that it was blowing "great guns." To the seaman "fast" is at all times an abbreviation of steadfast, (Hence "stand fast," "hold fast," "make fast" "lay fast," etc.). While we do not know which is the "grallant mast" we do And with each added day's degrees Your cold heart colder seems to freeze of "wet sheet" (meaning sail, of course) and "rustling sail" in the same breath. Now, the veriest landlubber knows that wet sails cannot rustle. Sails rusthe only when absolutely dry. crowns this with the following: But he

Away the good ship files . And leaves old England on her lee.

He has told us that the wind is fol-lowing the ship. He has told us the ship is leaving England. Now he tells that England is on the ship's lee. It

Is just to get busy and write till he's is plain that if the ship is followed by a wind blowing "off" England tha England must be dead a-win'ard and that the ship's course is "dead" a-lee

Which same, as you lately requested, I've done. ward.

So, Andrew, peruse it. I hope you can CAN KNIT, BUT HAS NO YARN use it,

For though I don't want to get in, Chance for Co-operation in Making of with you, Dutch;

Socks for Our Soldiers at the Front. O, truly, "I druther" not write still another-

Because it busts up my vacation too much.

HOME-OWNED FLEET BEST HOPE

interest of Portland and tributary ter-

dice of shipping interests toward Port-land. Privately owned steamer lines will not be gotten to operate out of here for many years to come. This Portland is learning the use of the penny and will know it better ere long. The police force may date every.

must be prepared to pay some taxes, to be applied to shipping. That will not only keep their values intact, but will increase them enough to cover the additional expenditure. MRS. ANNIE PENNEBAKER.

I am not a pessimist, but, being in close touch with the shipping busi-ness, I believe that Portland has been going backward for some time, and it looks as though this idea was about

matter had sufficient support and pub-

A. RUPERT.

Nothing gained by this. But why well ity modern barbarians. the sails? This ship cannot be in a "calm." Does not the wind follow RICHARD BROOKE.

TITAN.

FOREIGN LABORERS JOIN L W. W.

Nearly Every Bulgarian and Austrian Has Card, Is Charge.

PORTLAND, Aug. 13 .- (To the Edior.)-Can you tell me why it is that the cheapest class of laborers, such as Bulgarians and Austrians, are refusing which is the "gallant mast," we do know that nothing short of a living gale will bend any of the masts. Now, if the wind is bending masts, why in This class of laborers never God's name is he wetting his sails? She should be under close reef, with only storm sails "a-wind" Again, he speaks sition until they finished the job or got

I have lived in Portland seven years. and most of my time has been spent with the laboring class. I never saw one of the above-mentioned men take any part in the L W. W. Now, I clieve there are a half dozen in town without the green L W. W. card, and they are the biggest trouble makers in Lown.

> M. R. M. A Laborer.

WHY GIVE EXEMPTION REASONS!

Mr. Cline Says Every Man Drawn Should Be Held to His Duty.

PORTLAND, Aug. 13 .- (To the Edior.)-Nothing is now plainer than the blunder of listing reasons for exempting men drafted for service under the

ong men draitea for service under the conscription act. Not one word should have been said about exemption. War is a gruesome business. It can-not be made a convenience, and every man drawn should be held, leaving it TANGENT, Or., Aug. 9.—(To the Edi-tor.)—On the editorial page of The Oregonian there is an article entitled, "Socks." I greatly desire to work for both Army and Navy. I cannot sew, but I can knit. You may realize that I can knit well, and socks at that, when I tell you that I learned it thoroughly. of it the sheerest perfidy, delaying with as only Germans can teach it, when at

Chevaller Kutsch Ready

TANGENT, Or., Aug. 11.-(Dear Mr. Redacteur.)-I've seen in your paper the call for interpreders. I would be ready to accept a shop. We have to learn French and German in our school in Alsace, read and write both of these

I will not call me a professor of the U. S. language but U. S. language, but as you see, I can make me understand and translate this in both ways. Beside I know the country where they are fighting, and was years graduated soldier, French alier" and interpreder before I ame a citizen from 1888. I would not apply if I would not be prepared for JEAN KUTSCH.

Remarriage After Divorce. VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 12 .-- (To the Editor.)-Can one, a resident of Washington, legally marry within six

months after securing a divorce? If so, can he or she be married in any state, or only in Washington, the state where the divorce was secured? ELLEN HANSEN.

The only one a divorced person may be a Spanish-American war veteran. marry within six months in Washing-Apply at Armory, Tenth and Couch ton is the one from whom such person was divorced.

Home Guard Qualifications PORTLAND, Aug. 13.—(To the Edi-tor.)—Please state the age limit for home guard entry and where to apply. D. W. GARDNER.

There is no age limit, but one must

her only hope. A special session of the Legislature could probably be called, and could un-doubtedly pass this legislation if the

streets, on Monday or Friday night.

writer that it people owning property in Portland on a fixed basis of value wish to keep their values intact, they must be prepared to pay some taxes. They can finance it and have the glory.

PORTLAND, Aug. 13.—(To the Edi-tor.)—We notice considerable agitation of late regarding a bond issue to con-struct ships to operate out of, and be owned by, the Port of Portland, in the interest of Portland and tributary ter-

dizzy.

Issued to Build Ships. PORTLAND, Aug. 13 .- (To the Edi-

Taxpayers Would Profit From Bonds

Interest of Portland and tributary ter-ritory, with the idea of again putting Portland on the map as a shipping cen-ter.

It is my opinion that this end can be accomplished in no other way, owing to the scarcity of ships and the preju-When U tail you that I knit apple