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end of 1915, formed a junction with the Russians, and after conquering Asia Minor to have besieged Constantinople. It met disaster at Kut and a new army has taken Bagdad and advanced fifty miles beyond, to be stopped by lack of Russian aid.

A British-Egyptian army was to have conquered Syria and joined the Mesopotamian army in its march through Asia Minor. It has entered Palestine and is halted.

Naval Blockade war long ago to have starved the central empires into submission, but Mr. Gerard tells us they cannot be starved, and their morale is still so good that every effort is being followed by repeated and furious counter attacks.

Russian revolution was hailed as the dawn of a new era for democracy the world over, and as the prelude to offensive on the east which would hurl back on Germany the blows that she had dealt the world in 1917.

Submarine war was scoffed at and was considered to have failed when destruction of ships fell off after the first period of preparation for more ruthless war without any restraint. In hope that Germany would not add the United States to her many enemies, President Wilson exercised patience and deferred preparation for two years, all to the advantage of Germany.

Capture of the Vimy ridge and of the heights north of the Aisne was expected to crumple the Hindenburg line, but it did not.

The imperial government greets with special deference the appeal which clearly expresses the conviction that in future the material power of right will be also convinced by the sick body of human society, only be healed by fortifying the moral power of rightness from the Kaiser's reply to the Pope.

When the devil was sick, he pretended to think that might was wrong and right was right, and he longed for the millennium.

When the devil was well, he thought that might was right, and he destroyed Belgium, ravaged France, bombarded England, corrupted Russia, sank the Lusitania, lied to all three such peaks to take before they can have a level road to Trieste. They were to have overrun Trentino, but they are only on its edge.

When the Russians invaded East Prussia there were hosts of a resistance march to Berlin, but they were driven out with tremendous loss.

some sort of order or pass by either the Mayor or Chief of Police upon application. The primary purpose of this article is to announce once more that the Oregonian will not be made the medium through which one correspondent may address unpleasant personalities to another correspondent on any subject.

WHAT IS A CANTALOUPE? "Will the Oregonian stop talking war and strike long enough to decide for me and a beloved antagonist—my wife—the question as to whether a cantaloupe is a fruit or a vegetable?" writes an agitated reader.

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Generally speaking, it is a fruit when it may be eaten raw, while a vegetable is cooked. It is eaten as a salad or relish. Continuing our learned dissertation, it is a fruit, because it is that product of a perennial or woody plant which surrounds the seeds; while the stem, leaves and root are left usually to be discarded as vegetables.

Fixing of the amount to be raised by the new revenue bill at about \$700,000,000 places the proportion of war expenditure to be paid by taxation at about one-fourth. That is the ratio at which Britain arrived in the third year of war, and this country cannot greatly exceed. Amount of war taxes will be about \$1,000,000,000 a year, but so will expenditures, so that the same ratio may be maintained.

FURY INSPIRED BY FEAR. The fury with which the House of Representatives resented the statement of Representative Heflin that the loyalty of thirteen or fourteen members was open to question, followed by the report of the rules committee against investigation of the charge, is not calculated to inspire confidence that all members are loyal.

More can be accomplished toward getting at the truth by the Department of Justice than by any committee of the House. Its efficiency has been proved by the uncovering of the secret negotiations of the Kaiser's agents and the simultaneous raids on I. W. W. headquarters in many cities which yielded proof of collusion with German agents in instigating strikes and outrages.

Exploiting Russia's troubles. Every evidence of military weakness on the part of Russia has been hailed in some quarters with declarations that Russia has broken down, that Russia has ceased to be an important factor in the war and is practically out of the war. These interpretations of every outward event in Russia are of a kind with the reports sent from this country to Russia that American labor is opposed to the war and regards it as an enterprise of the ill-fated Kaiser.

There is one complaint in the letter that is worthy of mention. It has to do with the treatment of striking men by police on duty at the plants. This writer asserts that he attempted to go to the plant to obtain his tools which he had left there, and was not permitted to approach the place or even to state to the policeman on duty the purpose of his presence, but was compelled to move on. It was not an experience that would promote good feeling, yet we do not doubt that many men want to get tools he has left at any plant he will be given

say that not less than 95 per cent of the entire Russian army is still sound fighting material, and as soon as the 5 per cent affected by Maximalist agitation will either recover or be amputated, the splendid fighting spirit of the remainder will send Russia, in full accord with her allies, will do her bit to make the world safe for democracy.

In support of this opinion, the bulletin says that in the first two months following the revolution 108,955 deserters returned to the front, no data being available as to the forces in the rear and in remote provinces. It quotes the resolutions of the All Russian Cossack Congress pledging support to the provisional government in "pursuing a domestic policy based on the consent of all the organized democratic forces and a foreign policy in complete harmony with the allies."

The cultivable lands of Livonia are larger than the whole of the United States. The size of the average estate being nearly 10,000 acres. On these estates the most scientific farming implements and cultivation is being used, according to the most modern methods.

Among the chief industries of the province are woolen, cotton, flour, flax, paper, glass, distilleries, breweries, soap, tobacco and furniture works. More than 100,000 persons eke out a livelihood in the fisheries of Lake Peipus and the Gulf of Riga.

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There is not much room for speculation as to the fate of Colonel Roosevelt would have done, had he been President when the Lusitania was sunk, but there is much room for speculation as to whether Germany would have sunk her. The Kaiser would have remembered that Venezuela incident.

The Endeavorers can best satisfy their scruples by sending Bibles to the soldiers, while others send tobacco and cigarettes. Then the boys can take their choice or take both. Smoking is a habit which is not absolutely incompatible.

There is no truce on the battle-line. There should be one in the shipbuilding strike, if all concerned are loyal Americans. Idleness puts all on the side of the Germans, whether that be their intention or not.

The men implicated in German and Austrian intrigues are now busy denying and explaining, but the fact remains that they got the money and that it was German money.

The cow will do her bit at two quarts for five bits.

European War Primer.

Livonia, one of the three Baltic provinces of Russia, now being overrun by the Germans, following their capture of the provincial capital, has the Gulf of Riga and its western boundary, which is bordered on the east by the governments (states) of Petrograd, Pskov and Vitebsk. It has an area about equal to that of the combined areas of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, but with a population of only about a million and a half, comparable to the state of South Carolina.

The present military situation on the Russian front supports these statements. Disasters as was the loss of Riga, it was due to the defection of a few regiments at a critical point. The bulk of the Russian army has fought so stubbornly in its retreat that the Germans express no hope of a much farther advance toward Petrograd before Winter, and the Russians are in a hurry to get reinforcements.

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NUMBER OF MEN IN U. S. FORCES

Portland, Sept. 28.—(To the Editor.)—(1) Did France borrow from the United States the 5,000,000,000 francs she had to pay Germany in 1871? (2) What nation was considered the world's banker before the war? (3) Has the United States only recently begun to make loans to foreign governments? (4) What is the present strength of the U. S. forces, both here and abroad, without taking into account the 687,000 men now being assembled at the different cantonments? (5) How many men, approximately, have volunteered or enlisted since April 1, 1917. H. LYSTROP.

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In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian, September 29, 1892. The Democratic clubs of this city are active as well as the Republican organizations. The Second, Fifth, Sixth and Eighth Ward clubs held enthusiastic meetings last night and the Fourth Ward Democratic Club will hold a meeting Friday night. The Democratic city campaign headquarters will be opened in Tammany Hall this morning and the rooms will be kept open until after the election.

Henry E. Reed, who up to the time of his election to the position as clerk of the State Circuit Court was a newspaper reporter, evidently cannot get his old associations and has started in to surround himself with members of a journalistic fraternity. Yesterday he caused to be sworn in as deputies Max M. Shillock and J. D. McArdie.

BREAD PRICE HAS QUER BASIS. Consumer Quotes Contradictory Statements Made by Master Bakers. TROUTDALE, Or., Sept. 28.—(To the Editor.)—What kind of a game are the bakers of Portland trying to play on the consumers in fixing the size and price of the loaf? H. H. Haynes, president of the Master Bakers' Association, is quoted as saying that the price of bread will not be affected.

Very well, now flour has descended below \$11. The bakers add, before they will be enabled to return to the standard of other days.

Berries and Rhubarb. SILVER LAKE, Wash., Sept. 27.—(To the Editor.)—(1) Please inform me how to prepare soil for berries, and when is the best time to set out loganberry and raspberry plants. (2) My rhubarb did not grow well. Please tell me how to care for it. Will it be best to dig the roots up and transplant them in a new place? M. W.

WAR EAGLES OF AMERICA—"The war must be won in the air," says the man on the street. What is America doing to contribute to victory for democracy in those tournaments that must be fought above the clouds of France? Read Charles W. Duke's article in the Sunday issue on the great warplanes that the United States is fashioning for the lists of the sky.

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LIFE AND DEATH WITH A SUBMARINE—"The Diary of a U-boat Captain," the second installment of which appears in the Sunday issue, is a narrative that none should neglect to read.

"THOU SHALT NOT MURDER"—Have the translators of the Old Testament, who unraveled the original Hebrew, mistaken the inward meaning of the admonition, "Thou shalt not kill"? Dr. Clifton Harby Levy, a distinguished New York rabbi, treats of this and other Biblical translations from the viewpoint of the Hebrew scholar, and discusses the need for an English version of the Old Testament, translated by Jewish scribes.

KEEPING RUBBER AWAY FROM GERMANS—On the trail of the rubber industry, from the forests of the Amazon to the factories of Akron, Ohio, rode Frank G. Carpenter, special contributor to The Sunday Oregonian. When you have laid down this story you will understand the vital importance of this single industry in the world war.

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