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WHOLESALE TRUTH.

The American people are to learn many unpleasant and startling facts through the Congressional investigation into the conduct of the war. They have already found out that only half as many rifles are being manufactured for American soldiers as were being made in America for foreign armies when the war began.

LANE REVOLTS AGAINST PINCHOT.

Secretary of the Interior Lane is too thoroughly a Western man to have remained indefinitely under the Pinchot spell, and his report on Alaska is a declaration of revolt. He accepted the Pinchot system by endorsing the leasing law for Alaska coal land, but after trying to carry it out for nearly four years, he has found that it will not work.

WAR EFFICIENCY IN INDUSTRY.

The British nation has proved that in less than three and a half years it has become the most efficient power in the world, not excepting Germany. This being a war of mechanics, Britain must excel in that particular, and a British mission has been touring the United States to tell the American people how it has been done.

QUESTIONS ABOUT SELECTIVE SERVICE ANSWERED.

Various Features Relative to Classification Set Forth in Reply to Inquiries. When Physical Examination Occurs. KERRY, Or., Dec. 12.—(To the Editor.)—(1) Is a physical examination required at the time of answering the draft questionnaires...

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ON BEING CALM.

The late Democratic Governor of Oregon and the late Democratic candidate for Governor of Oregon, who spent each a few hours at Camp Mills, through the convenient and sympathetic medium of the Democratic newspaper organ of Portland describe reports of bad conditions as greatly exaggerated, and say that they heard no complaint from the soldiers; and one of the two solemnly warns the fathers and mothers of Oregon against "hysteria."

DR. STILL.

The death of Dr. Andrew Taylor Still, widely known as the "father of osteopathy," at the age of 89, will recall to the public mind a man who labored assiduously and sincerely to found a new school of health, and who in his lifetime overcame a good deal of prejudice and opposition, and lived to see his work widely extended.

WORK OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

This year's report of the Library Association of Portland will be read with especial interest because of the unusual circumstances under which the work, in common with all other public activities, has been carried out. There is much to be learned from the support of the suggestion of President Ayer, that "during the period of the war all effort, both public and private, should be subordinated to the demands of the Nation."

CZECH SUSPICION OF GERMAN.

The statement by Dr. Alois Rastin, a leading Czech politician in Geneva, recently that the success of Pan-Germanism would mean the death of all hopes of a Czecho-Slovak nation, and that the Czecho-Slovaks would see their last drop of blood shed rather than use of it in a German plan of a Mittel-Europa, gives voice to the feeling of Bohemians generally that their interests do not lie with the success of the Austro-Hungarian empire, with which we are now at war.

HOGS AND CORN.

Opening of various corn shows in Oregon co-ordinates nicely with the call by the Department of Agriculture for an increase of 15 per cent in pork production during the coming year. The Department has assigned quotas to the various states and expects them to respond with results. "If the farmer-breeder of the various states," says the Department, "do not reach the quotas set for them, a more acute shortage of pork products will result than now, revealing extremely high prices for hams, bacon and lard will prevail, and only a few will benefit, the consumer suffering from the high prices and a shortage of necessary animal fats."

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