

### BRITAIN'S WOMEN WORK BEHIND LINES

Strength of Nation Not Alone  
in Men, for Mates Toil in  
Field and Factory.

### LABOR SCORNS PACIFISTS

Girls Fill Shells with Deadly T. N.  
T.—Air Raids on London and  
Deadly U-Boats Fail to  
Break British Morale.

**WOMEN TAKE ACTIVE PART  
IN WORLD WAR.**  
Mrs. Rheta Childs Dorr, whose  
entertaining and instructive let-  
ters on Russia, depicting condi-  
tions in Petrograd after the over-  
throw of the Czar, were so great-  
ly enjoyed by readers of The Ore-  
gonian, is now in England. Mrs.  
Dorr's powers of observation and  
description are seldom surpassed.  
The truth about England is what  
everybody in America is waiting  
to learn, and Mrs. Dorr in a  
series of articles, of which this is  
the first, will give it to the  
readers of The Oregonian.

**BY RHETA CHILDE DORR.**  
LONDON (by Mail).—Just before the  
opening of the mighty and terrible  
drama waiting for us in France, before  
our men take their places in the fight-  
ing line, I wanted to know more than  
has been told us of actual conditions of  
life in the allied countries. It seemed  
to me vital that we should know the  
truth about England.

Had the U-boat campaign, mercilessly  
carried on for a year, brought her to  
the verge of starvation? Had the  
marauding air raiders terrorized the  
English people and broken their mor-  
ale? Was labor unrest in the islands  
slowly forcing a revolution? Was it  
possible that the American Army might  
ultimately have to shoulder the burden,  
not only of Russian defection but of  
British collapse?

**Light on Behind Lines.**  
I wanted to see for myself, and I  
went to England. I have traveled as far  
north as Birmingham and Coventry. I  
have crossed the Scottish border and have  
seen something of the making of  
the Clyde. I have visited munitions  
works where 15,000 women work in  
day and night shifts making and filling  
shells with deadly T. N. I have  
spent several weeks in London.

I have been in an air raid, and have  
seen German bombs buried out of a  
cloudy night sky. I have seen the  
roar the last word of the argument as  
the baffled planes fled across the  
channel—those that were left to flee.  
After these weeks in England I feel  
easier about our men in France. They  
won't have to do any fighting except  
their own.

What I have been witnessing is in  
fact a great battle, the last battle be-  
hind the trenches, the last desperate  
struggle of the German foe to break  
England's strength in the field. The Amer-  
ican reinforcements can come up.

**Labor Scorns Pacifists.**  
Wars may once have been fought ex-  
clusively in the battlefield. Today they  
are fought in harvest fields and fac-  
tories, and in city streets as well. They  
are fought by women and girls as much  
as by men in arms. The passing of a  
woman suffrage measure by the English  
House of Lords and the American House  
of Representatives, on the same day,  
what was that but an acknowledgment  
of these facts?

The Brits, as a whole are fighting  
this battle behind the lines as bravely,  
as cheerfully, and as untiringly as the  
English armies in the field. They have  
enemies in their ranks.

They have an Independent Labor  
party of only 35,000 members, but it is a  
very influential Socialist-pacifist  
group, and it is doing everything it can  
to imbue the entire labor movement  
with a pacifist spirit. So far it has not  
succeeded.

**Calm Under Air Raid.**  
The London underground during an  
air raid looks like Rivington street on  
a hot night in August.

This, for the most part, is a foreign-  
born population. The native English take  
their air raids differently. My first ex-  
perience with the bombers occurred on  
a rarely clear night in December. There  
was a thin little streak of a moon lying  
on its back half way up the sky, and  
even a few faint stars. It was a little  
before 7 in the evening and the streets  
were full of people hurrying home from  
work.

When the guns began to roar I put  
on my coat and hat and made at once  
for the street. The elevator was packed  
with hotel guests seeing the ground  
floor, but all faces were calm and un-  
perturbed. I walked first through the  
lounge and drawing-rooms to observe  
the effect of the heavy and increasing  
anti-aircraft gunfire. No effect at all.  
The people were reading, writing or  
talking quietly as if no such thing as  
an enemy airplane existed. I never

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### EXPERTS ON LABOR TO BE MOBILIZED

Best Talent in Country Will  
Grapple With Urgent Eco-  
nomic Problems.

### STRIKES TO BE AVERTED

Early Conferences Planned for Pur-  
pose of Bringing Employers  
and Employees Together for  
Period of the War.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Experts on  
labor questions from all parts of the  
country, business men, labor leaders  
and economists, have been drawn upon  
by the Department of Labor to head  
the new division created by the re-  
organization of the department for ef-  
fective war service.  
Otto Eidlitz, New York architect, who  
heads the section on housing and trans-  
portation of workers, is the only ap-  
pointee whose name has been made  
public.  
The other six probably will be an-  
nounced tomorrow. They will admin-  
ister the adjustment service, the con-  
ditions of labor service, the section on  
information and education, the section  
dealing with women in industry, the

training service and the employment  
division.  
Conferences between the members of  
the board of representatives of capital  
and labor, which was appointed sev-  
eral days ago, will begin Monday at  
the department in an effort to outline  
a basis to govern relations between em-  
ployers and workers during the war.  
The conference and the adminis-  
tration of their decisions by the reor-  
ganized department will be in effect  
the first attempt to carry out a National  
and definite labor policy in this coun-  
try.  
The department plans a country-wide  
system of adjustment boards to safe-  
guard the Nation from industrial dis-  
putes.  
With the new labor administration in  
operation, the labor advisory board,  
headed by John Lind and in which Dr.  
L. C. Marshall has been the most active  
figure, probably will pass out of ex-  
istence.

**Shipyards Settlement Pends.**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The situa-  
tion today in the shipyard controversy  
is one of waiting on the part of the  
carpenters.  
Government officials have acted  
upon the proposal of William L.  
Hutcheson, president of the Brother-  
hood of Carpenters and Joiners, that  
a representative of the carpenters be  
given a place on the shipbuilding ad-  
justment board, if the board is to have  
the union's sanction to settle the dis-  
putes.

**Strike Situation in Hand.**  
SALEM, Or., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Con-  
ditions in connection with the paper  
mill strike at Oregon City are excel-  
lent, according to oral report made to  
Governor Withycombe today by Special  
Officer Meads, in charge of the  
special agents there. He states that  
any picketing that is going on is quiet  
and unobtrusive, that the mills are  
running full-handed and the out-  
put is but a slight percentage below  
normal.



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### SCOUTS PARADE TODAY

CAMPAIGN FOR \$30,000 FUND TO  
START NEXT WEEK.

Several Hundred Boys, Headed by Five  
and Drum Corps, to March on  
Downtown Streets.

"Every Scout to Feed a Soldier,"  
"Help the Scouts to Help Uncle Sam,"  
"Every Scout to Save a Soldier"—these  
are some of the slogans on the banners  
which will be carried by the Portland  
Boy Scouts, who will turn out between  
the hours of 12 and 1 today and parade  
on the principal business streets, start-  
ing at Salmon and Park streets. They  
will be headed by a five and drum  
corps.

The purpose is to call attention to the  
Scouts and their work on account of  
the campaign for a \$30,000 maintenance  
fund for three years, which is to be  
raised by Portland men Monday, Tues-  
day, Wednesday and Thursday of next  
week. C. C. Colt is general for the  
campaign. The campaign managers  
are Horace Mecklen and Charles F.  
Berg.

The \$10,000 for 1918 will be expended  
as follows: Salaries for scout execu-  
tive, assistant and office clerk, \$5200;  
rent, \$720; office supplies, literature,  
books and printing of magazine, \$1000;  
postage, \$200; telephone and telegraph,  
\$115; car fare and traveling expenses  
for field work, \$200; charter fee of Na-  
tional Council; assessment for National  
Council for extension work, \$1000;  
camps and outings, \$1000; scout mas-  
ters' training classes, \$250; total, \$10,-  
000.

Portland has 12,500 Scouts, but there  
are in the city 15,000 boys of Scout age,  
between 12 and 18, whom it is desired  
to enlist under the Scout banner.

### WOODLAWN GRANGE MEETS

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gramme and Elect Delegates.

A varied and interesting programme  
was enjoyed by members of the Wood-  
lawn Grange at their last meeting,  
held in connection with a 6 o'clock din-  
ner. As delegates to the State Grange,  
which convenes in May, Mr. and Mrs.  
Eugene Palmer were named.  
District Judge W. N. Gatens opened  
the speaking programme with a dis-  
cussion of problems of the day. Mr.  
Barnes discussed the Russian situation  
in its various phases. H. C. Lewis gave  
a practical demonstration and explana-  
tion of methods of trimming and car-  
ing for fruit trees. Pleasant readings  
were given by Miss Mildred Hays,  
Deputy State Master T. J. Kreuder, of  
the Lents Grange, and others talked  
briefly of the grange and its work.

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