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THE GREAT GERMAN DRIVE.

Such a terrific assault along such an extended front as the Germans have made is apt to bewilder a person by its success, so that he loses his sense of proportion.

The British have suffered a serious reverse, but it does not reach the dimensions of a disaster, nor is it irremediable.

The wedge which they have driven into the British line is eighteen to twenty miles wide at its narrowest point between Pezonn and Ham.

They have recovered nearly all the ground they abandoned in their retreat a year ago and nearly all of that which they lost south of the Scarpe since their withdrawal.

They did not succeed in either purpose for when the third line was penetrated the British withdrew in good order to prepared positions farther back.

The story of this battle does not read like that of a Donajec, it rather resembles Verdun, for in the latter battle the greater part of the German gains was made in the first few days, after which ground was won slowly by constant pounding and by prize-winning men.

We are doing so many big things nowadays that mere figures do not impress us any more.

truth: "I have placed in the Treasury of the United States, subject to your order, a sum of money equal to all the gold produced by all the mines of the world during the past year."

THE GOD OF HIS ANCESTORS.

The Kaiser's message to the Emperor: "By the grace of God the battle has been won. The Lord has gloriously aided. May he further help—will bring to the minds of many the pious messages which his grandfather, William I, sent to the Emperor Augustus in the year of 1870."

THE WAY OF THE TRANSGRESSOR.

Words of complaint is still heard now and then about food profiteers, but, as a rule, it is either not specific or pertains to something outside the jurisdiction of the Food Administration.

The Johnson-Earl-Myers Company, of Pittsburgh, a wholesale grocery firm doing a business of \$175,000 to \$200,000 a month, has been required to suspend business for sixty days.

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Prohibition in the army. Having proved by the testimony of the British Premier that certain statements of the Mount Scott Herald about the liquor traffic in Great Britain were false, the Oregonian called for evidence in support of further charges of drunkenness in the army.

Neighbors in town and city. There are two sides to the question whether people are more neighborly in large cities or small towns. New Yorkers have recently been accused of a point of pretentiousness, the charge that they are less friendly to outsiders and to one another than those who dwell in less populous communities.

German troops are thrown in mass formation against the machine guns, but what scares the war lord for life other than his own?

It is possible there is no laundry trust in Portland. It may be just a gentleman's agreement to add the 10 per cent.

chances are mathematically in favor of this. But because a small minority employ camouflage, and are not what they seem, and because there is no way of differentiating between the two kinds of citizen, becomes chary of all. The burnt child dreads the fire.

But men are so gregarious that even in the great city they eventually establish a hearing friendship. The line of cleavage is different, that is all.

The circumstance that the numerical majority of fires start in homes, as stated by Fire Facts, is used as a text to emphasize women's opportunity to contribute largely to an important conservation movement.

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A Redskin Slacker Jilted.

By James Barton Adams.

Cooling Dove, the Klamath maiden, listened to the declaration. Of the buck that sought to win her from her dad's ancestral tepel.

You, alone, showed streak of yellow. Up your rubber spined column. Call for men to can the Kaiser.

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FISHERMAN'S SIDE SET FORTH.

Correspondent Declares No Chance for Profitizing Extants.

RAINIER, Or., March 23. (To the Editor)—There was an article in The Oregonian recently that makes one laugh about the fishermen who were asking for a raise, just because asking was good, and says the Fishermen's Union is profiteering.

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In Other Days.

Twenty-Five Years Ago.

From The Oregonian, March 23, 1888. New York—Colonel Elliott F. Shepard, editor of the Mail and Express, died suddenly.

Matthew P. Deady, Judge of the Federal District Court, died yesterday. He was a pioneer and one of the most prominent men on the Coast.

The first union meeting of the Junior Christian Endeavor ever held here will take place tomorrow night at Calvary Presbyterian Church.

City Superintendent Pratt, after many weeks of work, has arranged the school exhibit for the world's fair.

When Congressmanlinger Hermann visits the city in the near future, W. G. Steel will take up with him the proposition of creating a reservation for Crater Lake and Mount Hood.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian, March 23, 1868. Washington—The Senate at 2:30 recessed itself into a court of impeachment to try the President.

London—Dispatches from Rome tell of the continued attentions paid to Admiral Farragut by the Papal government.

It was amusing to stand on the wharf yesterday and see the local merchants and others trying to get their freight onto the Alamo, which was being loaded to get his on first, as space was limited.

There is general complaint against the delapidated appearance of the Plaza.

Married Men in Class I. PORTLAND, March 23. (To the Editor)—The draft regulations, as published in The Oregonian a few months ago, was that a married man, not dependent on his wife for support, was placed in class two on the list subject to draft.

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