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PORTLAND, TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1918.

The armies of the allies may at times be defeated in battle, but the allies are ot defeated. Not now, nor ever. A soldler of France has just said that there is something between the Kaiser's gray armies and Paris something besides guns, trenches, tanks, fortifications and fighting men. It is the unconquerable soul of France, the unconquerable soul of Great Britain, the unconquerable soul of America A million Prussians may crush half

a million gallant Britons, Frenchmen, and Americans and hew their bloody way to Paris, and then on to the seaready to invade England. Yet the war will not be lost. It will not be lost until Great Britain, France and America are beaten; and they will not be beaten until they are ready to accept German dominion of the world. Has any one in America any such idea? Incredible and inconcelvable.

The Oregonian does not think that nfident that the allies will stem the tide, and strike at the right time. There is no panic, no demoralization, no failure, no misunderstanding, no loss of morale. All is, or will be, well, doubtless. But let us face the grim

More than ever it is clear that the job of defeating Germany grows larger, instead of smaller; and that it is our job, no less than Great Britain's. France's and Italy's. We shall not

The German advance and its sanhelp materially.

Yet there are some Americans who think the work of raising money to support the war is not for them. It is for them. It is for everybody. It canor to his neighbor. When every test, American reaches the point where he regards the war as his war, and not merely the Government's war, nor the people's war, it will be half won. The

obligations are valid.

1915, an enrollment in all its schools. public and private, of 23,854,890, is only beginning to be impressed upon rences in the military cantonments. cretary Lane, of the Interior Department, has summarized the stales of adult illiteracy in a letter to the President in advocacy of a modest ppropriation for the Federal Bureau of Education. The figures will amaze se who have not previously given thought to the subject.

There were in the country, when the census of 1919 was taken, more than 4,699,600 illiterates 20 years old and This was equal to the total alifornia, Oregon, Washington, Mon-

ow the signal corps in time of battle. necessary.

recent speech what had impressed him | ment. but it was hard, uphill work. hese men have a long road to travel efore they will be able to read the higher value of farm land, which which could find elbow room only interp, the Constitution and the laws quickly absorbs any additional tax to the breadth of a continent. In

Nor is the problem, as has been the Southern states. crates of the country were formed money out of his pocket. double line, at intervals of three

onths to pass a given point.

Aside from the destrability of litthe decreased labor value of an illiter-excursions more for the opportunity they have received, and their deeds ture the big gun and bring her home are person. Yet this indicates that the to sit in a real chair in a real house are worthy to be recorded for the for exhibition.

The Oregonian does not think that ing an embargo on exports of arms, the Germans will take Paris, and it is He voted for the McLemore resolution

war against Germany, Lenroot's platform is denounced by the loyal Milwaukee Journal as "cold and bloodless," with "no direct conlemnation of pro-Germanism, no ringing word upholding the righteousness of America's cause in the war." It "avoids being specific, and, therefore, cannot offend even the most radical

pro-German." Though Lenroot's Americanism is thus not by any means 100 per cent. guinary results come at a good time the heavy vote cast in the Republican for the Third Liberty Loan. It will primaries indicates that the disloyal Democrats invaded the other party for the purpose of nominating his rival, Many of these men may ransfer their votes to Berger at the election and increase danger of his not be delegated to one's Government election in a close, three-cornered con-

In these circumstances there is but one plain course for the loyal Republicans to pursue. Davies, the Demolicans to pursue. Davies, the Demo-cratic nominee, has proved himself to rest will be as a matter of course.

The captains of the various subdivisions for the Third Liberty Loan
in Portland and Oregon are asking Davies. The occasion demands somebe 100 per cent American. There is no doubt of his loyalty. Republicans for volunteer aids. It is a call to thing much better than a close vote duty. It cannot be ignored. It is with a small majority for Americanpatriotic service, for America's cause, ism; nothing will suffice but an overnd no excuses of private business or whelming majority which will smother pro-Germanism. By helping to bring about this result, Republicans will ADULT HAITERACY.

about this result, Republicans will deal more particularly with those phases of National life. For this reader a service due their country and their state, and, incidentally, they and their state, and, incidentally, they will render a service to their party by taking the most effective means to last a service to their party by taking the most effective means to last a deal more particularly with those when working two hours and afford a more plantable and afford a more particularly with those when working two hours and afford a more particularly with those when working two hours and afford a more particularly with those when working two hours and afford a more particularly with those when working two hours and afford a more particularly with those when working two hours and afford a more particularly with those when working two hours and afford a more particularly with those when working two hours and afford a more particularly with those when working two hours and afford a more particularly with those when working two hours and afford a more particularly with those when working two hours and afford a more particularly with those when working two hours and afford a more particularly with those when working two hours and afford a more particularly with those when working two hours and afford a more particularly with those when working two hours and afford a more particularly with those when working two hours and afford a more particularly with those when working two hours and afford a more particularly with those when working two hours and afford a more particularly with those when we have a service to their party and their state, and afford a more particularly with those when we have a service to the party and their state, and afford a more particularly with those when we have a service to the party and their state, and afford a more particularly with those when we have a service to the party and their state, and afford a more party and their state, and afford a more party and their state, and purge it of the taint of pro-Ger-

Wisconsin owes this to the country is by certain highly significant occurspirit consist of only forty-seven states midst. To our allies, who are shedding the Nation owes the heartening spec a solid front to the common enemy and defying all his efforts to divide us.

# THE MORAL OF THE BIG BRIDGE.

year's operations of the Interstate tween the two extremes. ulation of the twelve states of bridge present a powerful argument tarists have fallen into the error of for improved means of transportation, confusing the wars which ana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah. When the bridge was planned it was stages in the progress of a democrati-Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico and not expected that the income from nation with the wars which merely There are nearly 700,000 tolls would be sufficient to pay interest marked the territorial greed and dy sen of draft age, and who, presum- on bonds, in addition to operation and nastic quarrels of despotic ably, are registered, who cannot read maintenance expenses, until several The Revolutionary War left an imwrite English or any other lan- years after it had been opened. While press on it was being financed and built traffic deeper than did the wars of Louis passed the United States Army did not veloped a vast increase of traffic which lien the democratic system of But the first draft not only took up the slack between alled to the colors between 20,000 and expected income and outgo, but left continents. illiterates and approximately a profit of \$42,500 after paying interan equal number of near-illiterates, est on bonds. The doubt was so seri-deciding factor in the present death our read the manual of arms or the interest that the state of Oregon was tocracy, and to be the arbiter in the orders posted on the bulletin boards, called upon to guarantee interest, but settlement which will follow. Hence and cannot understand signals or fol-

President Finley, of the University Experience with this bridge is true of the State of New York, told in a of any really useful public improve-Its very presence develops cost in the course of a visit to one of traffic or business for it and thereby in great cantonments of the National provides money to pay interest on its A group of soldiers in one of cost. This is true of paved highways, he evening schools were practicing as California has abundantly proved challenge when on sentry duty. They reduce the cost of transportation ride to Lexington put the match to h pupil shouldered in turn a long- on farm products, adding to the farmuch pupil shouldered in turn a long- on farm products, adding to the farmandled stove shovel which did duty er's profit and creating a margin for fires of democracy consuming tyranny calling out in broken speech, ever production increases. They lower Hall! Who goes there?" The an-wer came from the teacher, "Friend." make him to a degree independent of as the conflict by which the young ere followed a struggle to voice the railroads. They increase travel, thus Nation compelled recognition of its ords, "Advance and give the coun. bringing business to the country towns, full and equal status as a Nation. The esign." Of the desperate earnest, which in turn buy more from the Mexican War figures not as a contest ess of the pupils there was no quesflected in increased production and west, but as the final, forcible spread-profit on the farm, consequently in ing out of a vigorous, growing people

economical roads for everybody are last institution which contradicted estimed by some entirely one of for- good roads, and the only extravagant democratic ideals and to remove the ign immigration. Of the entire num-roads are bad roads. Any man who last doubt that we are a Nation, of illiterates in the country, 1,560,- votes against good roads in the belief rather than a loosely joined bundle of are native-born whites and more that they will cost more money than states. an 40 per cent are negroes, chiefly had roads actually votes against his The new historians incline to treat the Southern states. If the adult own interest, for he votes to take wars as interruptions in the orderly

set, it would take them, marching The spirit of American hospitality over lightly as rather discreditable senty-five miles a day, nearly two has nowhere been better demonstrated episodes. In fact, they are the citthan by the farmers in the vicinity of max to which the events of the pre-cantonments and Army posts, who in acy as a factor in promoting under-increasing numbers are providing for great leaps forward after removal of anding of our National aims, which the entertainment of the men during obstacles from the path. Then the evelops patriotism, the economic side the rest periods afforded to the latter. men of genius, daring and self-si Fifty cents a day is But it has developed a curious fact, fice whom these wars brought to the chably a conservative estimate of which is that the men welcome these front are worthy of all the homas:

pose is to shatter the morale of the the ratio maintained in the past, the enemy and to enable the Germans to encourage their own people with re-

by our guns."

HISTORY AS IT SHOULD BE WRITTEN, Discussion of the American histories now used in the schools has grown of the reaction from the oldstyle history, which dealt with kings, dynasties, and their wars and decrees, paying slight attention to the cial, economic and industrial progress. This reaction produced books which "Green's Short History of the English People" is the most striking example, in which kings and wars are subordinated and in which the people are the chief consideration. War has developed.

fessor at the University of Illinois Unlike Muzzey's work, it does not purport to be a general history, for and to show their influence on the are not such bad fellows after all. peaceful phases of our history. The ogress of occupation of the ent is admirably shown, and each opic, such as migration to the West, immigration, land, irrigation, slavery, finance, tariff and so on, is treated without bias, each side of a contro versy being fairly explained. For the purpose with which it is written, the book has great value, and presents a welcome contrast to Muzzey's travesty

on history.
But the times call for a history The financial returns on the first which will strike the happy mean be ernment, which has since spread to all The Nation which brought into being promises to be greater character in world history than Marshal Turenne, and the slight incidents by which the tide of battle was turned in America have a direct bearing on the course of that history. Viewed in this light, Paul Revere is much more than a daring, adventur ous young man; he is the man whose

the world over. The war of 1812 then appears, no the United States with understand-build and maintain good roads.

The conclusion is plain that the only War as the decision to cut out the

> course of political, industrial and social progress, which should be passed

ports that "Paris is being bombarded deal of money, but it is only two cents, from the larger drive. Both the count in the winning of the war.

The linotypes have much to answer blame in errors that make for humor. caused another reaction, a demand The latest issue of The Dalles Optimist general belief, it can be killed in now being made that prominence be given to past wars, to the story of battles and to the great Generals and deeds of personal heroism which they be no opposition to him." Of course oil can will do it. eveloped.

One of the best examples of the fill the term of Judge W. L. Bradnon-military type of history is that shaw, deceased, and—read right along of the attractiveness of the bloom there of Charles Manfred Thompson, a pro-

The Rolshevik workmen its sub-title, "Political, Industrial, So- the rest of their time making speeches conveys that it is designed to will not have so much time to talk izing them in order to link them up clusion that their bourgeois employers

Attention of those persons who are circulating wild stories of intemperance among American soldiers in France is respectfully called to the early Spring, preceding fruit bloom, it statement of Mrs. J. Borden Harriman is a most valuable plant for bees. Alon her return—"I did not see a single American soldier or officer who was intoxicated in my travels." The only people who can be pleased by such for income are the Germans. At night and in damp weather the fictions are the Germans,

That long-range gun seems overowering until we recall that the same
upression prevailed about the fortywo-centimeter howitzer until the Gertwo-centimeter howitzer until the Germans were beaten at the Marne, the Aisne, Verdun, the Somme, Chemin des Dames, Vimy ridge, Messines ridge, Ypres and Cambrai. The allies back again.

In treating with the Chinese bandits for the American engineers, this Government must go past the Chinese officials and get the men. China afterward can and will save its face by well. The main thing now is to get the men at any cost.

science in Oregon, only equaled by among us. spending the money.

son, have the same birthday. A date politics. of that kind properly is observed by a large family gathering. The first unit of 200,000 acres of

filing. to be expected. Collapse of the Calaveras dam may

be due to a Hun gopher—the two-legged animal. As an accident, it eems unlikely. The line that bends and does no break shows a tensile strength that can be depended on to hold and win.

Hindenburg is pleased over the initial success," with never a thought of the butchery.

Doesn't it make you proud to feel the pump of the Anglo-Saxon blood in your veins?

Too bad the Americans cannot cap-

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the country of filterery part of the country and study the boulder of printing and study the boulder of printing about all the country and study the study of the country and study the country and st

been organized against the dandellon based on the complaint that it is a pestiferous weed in lawns. This is, of course, a matter of individual opinion, and especially so when it has already but many persons hold that its masses been fulfilled in agreement with the based on the complaint that it is a the absurdity of trying to force this stamp movement should gain impetus from the larger drive. Both the nickels and the dollars are going to but many persons hold that its masses been fulfilled in agreement with the count in the winning of the war.

based on the complaint that it is a the absurdity of trying to force this stamp movement should gain impetus pestiferous weed in lawns. This is, of prophecy to fit the prosent situation, and especially so when it has already but many persons hold that its masses been fulfilled in agreement with the of golden bloom in early Spring, when there is a scarcity of other flowers, more than compensate for any detri-ment it may cause in mid-Summer. A for, and sometimes the corrector is to dense turf or a rich soil will do much to eradicate or exclude it. Contrary to

> oil can will do it.
>
> The dandelion has both beauty and utility and to exterminate it, were this can be no question. Attentively con-sidered it will be seen that it is a

who model of symmetry. worked six, hours a day and spent the rest of their time making speeches will not have so much time to talk

The roots serve as a tolerable substitute for coffee and are reputed to be of medicinal value in cases of disor-dered liver. The seeds are eaten by poultry and even the flowers are oc-casionally utilized.

Coming as the bloom does in the

At night and in damp weather the head closes so that there is but little

firmly do they hold together that bees can carry large packets of them.
This plant has been called only
pest, but it is a most precious gift
making poor, almost barren soil ick then, and they can come "land flowing with milk and honey and both at the same time. OBSERVER.

# American Poets in France.

New York Times' Review of Books, his "Young France and New Amer-Pierre de Lanux traces and insists killing the bandits, or others just as upon the profound influence which Wal well. The main thing now is to get Whitman has had upon the mental tendencies and inspirations of the young Mr. Gerard's executation of the proGermans naturally prompts us to sugHe adds that he is impatient for the gest that they return to the Kaiser day when he can try to give "to a few they love so well, until we recall that in Paris an idea of the movement and no steamers are running to Germany and it is too far to swim.

The chairman of the state board of the state board of the normal state to springfield, III., and knows no longs to Springfield, III., and knows no long to springfield, III., and knows no long to springfield, III., and knows no long to springfield. The chairman of the state board of affairs of Louisiana, up this way Saturday to study taxation methods, came to the right place. Levying taxes is cles, and her surprise to find herself

## Mr. Hoover's Politics. It is not given to many men as it is to the Metschans, who, father and Editor.)—Please tell us Mr. Hoover's WILLIE O'BRIEN.

We have seen the statement that he is a Republican. Mr. Hoover has not been identified with politics for the grant lands soon will be open for reason that his profession and business Under the requirements much connections, until he became Food Adstampede for these lands is not ministrator, required his presence abroad most of the time.

# Soldier Wins Bet.

Pathfinder. Two American soldiers were discussing the Lord's Prayer. One of them bet the other that he could not say it through properly without stopping. The challenged one began: "Now I lay me down to sleep," and finished the stanza successfully. "By George," said the other, "here is your 'V.' I didn't believe you could do it."

# War-Pie Bothersome.

Washington, D. C., Star. "Does the idea of war bread slarm

Not at all. But I come from a s tion of the country where pe on having pie. And I must the idea of war ple is a little discon-

money has been pouring into the treasury at the rate of \$2,000,000 a day. This sum, large as it is, is not the mentioned else this contribution grows wearisome. It is to be hoped that the total yield for the year would be \$2,000,000,000. And in an other month, if receipts increase in the ratio maintained in the past, the two-billion pace will have been set. Two million dollars a day is a good deal of money, but it is only two cents and Blossoms Serve Use fall Purposes, Says Writer.

DANDELION HAS MANY VIRTUES
States. The total of two billions asked for in the entire year is only twenty dollars per capita. It is significant that the average rate of small savings has mounted steadily while preparations for the liberty loan drive have been going on. This means that the leason of thrift is taking hold. The tamp movement should gain impetus

bright streams meet In the country of Great Desire; Where the flowers are white and the flowers are red— As red as a flame of fire; And every tree is a lingered thing

That plays on a masic lyre. I have found a place in the dim blue

Where the trails run clean and true Where the lips of love and life have kissed With lips that are clean as dew, And the skies are clear as a woman's

And the Dream Lakes all are blue. And O! there are castles as white as Where the beings I fashion dwell

But what we may say or what No lip that is flesh can tell. For the sun and the moon of a mighty pain Blend over that land of tears.

Where the cosmic griefs of the long ago, That lurk in the flying years, Have written a baffling rigadoon On the cold gray sand of fears,

For the things that were and the things that are, And the things that ought to be. The full round sum of the soul's soul.

The heart of the heart of me, Iffite and write with a burning pen The creeds of my destiny. The dreams of the dreamer gone to

The songs by the singer sung: The secrets found in the chaptered atars
And told by a flaming tongue, Take form and live where the bright

streams meet

have found me a bride in the clean to me. white spray
That leaps on the mountain flood;
And we dwell in a palace of ideal things Set far in a magic wood,

In a youth that is ever young,

And clean is the wisdom we two enjoy, As clean as the face of God. For the real and the true and the is things Are plain as palmist's line, And the things of the spirit are clear

as day.
And fully and all divine;
And they fall like mist which has kissed Cool over this heart of mine.

There the weavers weave and the spin ners spin The mantles which poets wear; d Beauty fastens a magic lace Light over her wondrous hair, And she walks with Truth by the shores

Unspeakably bright and fair. So I gather the slack of my heart-

strings up
To a dancing and rhythmic rune,
And I speed—I fly to the castles high
In the land of the sun and moon,
For the emerald earth like a Memnon At the touch of my sandal shoon.

Ah! I have found a place in the dim blue mist Where the trails run clean and true Where the lips of love and life have kissed With lips that are clean as dew; And the skies are clear as a woman And the Dream Lakes all are blue.

-GUY FITCH PHELPS.

Pronunciation of Name. PORTLAND, March 25.—(To the Edi-tor.)—Kindly give me the correct pro-junctation of "Marseillaise." Mar-se-laz. Final "a" as in cave ac-

cent on last syllable.

33,200 acres, and exceeding that of 1915 by 76,700 acres.

The present time is indeed mo-EN RAPPORT.

mentous and the crop productions to which the energy of the country is applied for the next two or three years is a vital matter. If food will win the war, as we believe it will, then steps should be taken looking to the reduction of the area planted to crops not absolute necessities. not an essential product so far winning the war is concerned, and its cultivation should be discouraged for

the present at least.
M. V. LIVINGSTON,
506 Beck Building.

COUNTRY HOTELS WASTING FOOD Desire to Please Causes Service of More

Than Patron Can Ecat. MEDFORD, Or., March 24 .- (To the Editor.)-It is not often that a hotelman arouses the displeasure of his

And I meet with them on the opal cliffs eat, but this very thing is happening Of a wild heart's burning spell. There are several country hotels in serve meals and charge a regular fixed price. As a rule they are very anxious to please their patrons and serve excellent, abundant meals. In fact, they are so abundant that the guests eat only from one-half to two-thirds of what is served and that is too much for their own health. Here is a sample

manu which is brought on for break-Mush, meat and eggs, potatoes, hot The quantities of each they serve would be a big meal for a man doing hard menial labor, but for the majority

f their patrons they are entirely out of reason. If these hotelmen would serve just half the quantity of above named dishes they would not only help this dear country of ours in its struggle

with the enemy, but they would please their patrons as well.
Incidentally they might thereby be able to improve the quality if necessary. That these hotels waste such enormous quantities of good food, while our allies and friends "over there" are starving, seems criminal to me.

T. WIGMAN, Sr.

KING SPRUCE. King Spruce, we've watched your gallant ruling.
In regions where the winds were strong: We've seen your form, so stately, swaying, O'ertow'ring all the forest throng.

ou've scenied ocean breezes, And shaded fern-cisd trails; rom Freedom's mountain ranges, You've sent your calls—beseeching

Thou monarch of the timbered sec-We've heard your trunk and branches

Come, freely take my choicest kingdom. America is now in need." King Spruce, we've heard you calling— Accepted was your gift; Ten thousand axes wielding.

Against your sovereignty we lift, And when above the clouds you're

floating. Arrayed in aviation style. We'll send with you our greatest blessing. To guard and bless you all the while. ing Spruce, you'll be the monarch, Who'll speed the Prussians' fall; For you our flag is waiting,

## Go place it where our soldiers call. —Alyce Rosalyee Rustung. Has Potatoes, Must Buy Flour Substi-

CROW, Or., March 23.—(To the Editor.)—We have been using one-half (in bulk) potatoes with wheat flour (in bulk) pointoes with wheat flour right along now for some time. I have five or six tons potatoes rotting here on the farm. Do I have to go and buy potatoes or other substitutes and let our own potatoes spoil? I mean to be patriotic, but is it not better for the Government, as well as myself, to use what we have in place of letting it go to be the buy other substitutes?

R. N. HENDRICKS.