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A DRAW.

The Oregonian acknowledges a special degree of interest in the varying fortunes of President Wilson in his plan to exclude from Congress sundry members who were not "supporters of the Administration."

Down to date, with returns from Michigan not reported, the President seems to have scored a draw. He put the White House veto on Vardaman and Vardaman's goose was cooked.

Perhaps it will be said that President Wilson did not endorse Mr. Chilton. Some say he did, and others say he didn't. Far be it from us to decide a question of such delicacy.

It is a remarkable exposition of the Presidential mind, which is perfectly aware that it is directing the Presidential feet into dangerous paths; but it authorizes an equivocal private instrument.

Emphasis is laid on the fact that the President has sought only to control certain nominations by the Democratic party, and that he will go no farther.

A DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICS. Inquiry by the Senate sub-committee into the delay in aircraft production has confirmed the worst that has been said about it.

Failure was the inevitable penalty attempted to gratify this ambition at other times laudable ambition. That failure has been most mortifying to the American people.

The committee's recommendation that construction and operation of aircraft be entrusted to an entirely new department of aeronautics, of equal rank with the Navy and Army.

To say that this is impracticable is to say that it is not. It is a successful attempt made to transform a General into an Admiral.

sons for a distinct department and command. That is true of Army and Navy, but does not prevent the closest co-operation.

ment, but which do not, and they have adjusted their perspectives, but only by having had the experience. Their successors to these "luxuries" will need to learn the same way.

THE COMING DRY SPELL. One-half, or more, of the states of the Union have prohibition, and like it.

Quite clearly the people, from the White House down to Broadway, regard prohibition as inevitable.

So we shall have national prohibition after July 1, 1919, for the period of ten years. Perhaps the war will be over then, or soon thereafter.

WORK FOR ALL. Regardless of what may be accomplished by the man-power clause of the military conscription act.

Nothing associated with our war preparations is more encouraging from the viewpoint of the future than the continued effort to promote education of the men in the training camps.

EDUCATION IN KHAKI. With ten to twenty men a day going to sea, the American merchant marine goes on space.

Those shipyarders at Columbia City who strike because a member of the company is on the job with them are more than half right.

Men whose sole claim to prominence is their parentage occasionally get into the line of duty.

By the time fruit now put up without sugar is ready to be eaten there may be enough sugar to serve with it to suit even the sweetest tooth.

That man-eating shark caught on the Tillamook shore was too late in arriving to affect the season.

How can Kaiser Wilhelm II escape indictment for lese majeste when he shoots the status of Kaiser Wilhelm I to hell at the impious allies?

An Indian at The Dalles is in jail for beating his wife while drunk, a conviction and diversion denied the white brother.

economic independence. Increased learning power is often necessary if "American standards" are to be adopted. Teaching the recruit the way we live in America becomes something more than a phrase when the means are furnished him to live in that way.

THE NEUTRALITY OF HOLLAND. A vallant effort is made by Hendrix Willem van Loon in the Yale Review to establish that Holland has successfully maintained her stand on international law when belligerents on both sides were treating it as dead.

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Our Aircraft Fiasco. The most dangerous failure of our war preparations has been in construction of aircraft, as exposed in the report of the Senate committee.

On June 8, 1917, public announcement was made of a great fleet of 25,000 airplanes to be produced in the United States.

The board did adopt some of these European types, but rejected one after another until only the Liberty motor was left.

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SOCIALIST PERSONNEL EXPUNDED. Mr. Wicks Reports That Mr. McCose Is Only One Who Has Violated Law. PORTLAND, Aug. 27.—(To the Editor.)—In the Oregonian on Saturday Victor J. McCose accused the Socialist Party of the county ticket of being nearly half German origin.

An examination of the nationality of the candidates will reveal the falsity of McCose's accusations.

McCose claims to know these candidates from former personal contact. The truth is that most of them did not take active interest in the party.

McCose was expelled from the party because of his cowardly attitude when he was arrested and his reputation of the Socialist party in order to save his neck.

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In Other Days. Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian, August 28, 1893. Although four weeks must pass before the Portland Industrial Exposition is opened a force of workmen are at work putting the building in shape for the big show.

Some idea may be formed of the preparations being made for the sturgeon fishery in the Columbia this season from the fact that nine cases of big sturgeon hooks from Scotland passed through the custom-house a day or two ago.

At an adjourned meeting of the Central Labor Council yesterday a permanent organization was effected by the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The Bull Run pipeline will be completed to Grant's butte, the end of the line this fall.

The fifth annual fair of the First Eastern Oregon District Agricultural Society will be held near Prairie commencing October 2.

Fifty Years Ago. From The Oregonian, August 28, 1868. The third annual target excursion and picnic of the Fenian Guard took place yesterday.

Day before yesterday a petition was presented to the Judge of the Fourth Judicial District for a writ of mandamus on Marshal Lappens to compel him to remove the smallpox patients from the streets of the city.

Andrew Smith, of Dayton, Or., has just received a patent for a new horse-power for a reaper and thresher, according to the Washington letter.

The Willamette River at this point has almost reached low-water mark. Above the falls at Oregon City it is said to be as low almost as it ever gets.

Ex-Governor G. A. Miller, of Georgia, an original Union man, who when the war broke out left his fine plantation in Georgia, came north, entered the Army and was killed at Gettysburg.

Belgian Sarcophagi Over Heads of Turgid Prussians in Occupied Territory. Thomas T. Topping, in his story, "The Long Vigil," in the September Red Cross Magazine, gives the following:

"Two days before the English had hit the German lines at Loos and the French had struck in Champagne. All night long trains had stood in the railroad yards at Scherbeck, Eiterbeck, and in the Luxembourg station to replenish their stores of water and coal before proceeding to Germany.

"I said I was loyal, and loyal I am. Every hour in the day. I've given my boy to the dear Uncle Sam for every hour of the day.

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QUEER INDEMNEMENT WHICH DID THE SENATOR NO GOOD. From a letter signed by "A West Virginian" in New York Times.

DOMESTIC SERVICE ONLY. I'm one of the limping D. S. O's. With something wrong with our legs or toes.

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