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on the upper left-hand corner of the envelope. With these civilian precautions, and better organization of the military postoffice system, such as has been promised, there ought to be a marked speeding up of our mail service. There is not, the postoffice is sure to hear about it.

LET IT BE "OREGON FIRST" AGAIN. To say nothing of broad considerations of patriotism, there is local pride to be maintained in the fourth Liberty Loan drive. It has been "Oregon first" in so many things that it is up to us to live up to our reputation. We have set a pace; now it is up to us to maintain it if that is humanly possible.

A Line o' Type or Two. How to the Line, Let the Quips Fall Where They May. (By E. L. T. by arrangement with Chicago Tribune.) "Customers," advertises a Jap merchant, "are treated as politely as by France would not accept charity, nor should we wound the pride of a high-spirited nation by offering it. The occasion calls for justice, and the American people should assume that share of the burden which justice dictates."

Germany planned, in sinking the Mount Vernon, to prevent Senator Lewis from returning to America. Lewis has been elected to the United States to terms. We have had a very narrow escape, mes enfants. (From an announcement by the Webster and Wilson Oratory-Speech College.)

WITHDRAWAL AT CONSTANTINOPLE. Correspondent Quotes English Writer (The Daily News, London, Sept. 16.) (To the Editor.)—I am taking the liberty of calling your attention to an editorial printed in The Sunday Oregonian. The editorial is entitled "Easterners and Westerners," and in it the following statement is made: "We now know that the allied navies have continued their bombardment of the Dardanelles for one more day they would almost certainly have captured Constantinople."

In Other Days. Fifty Years Ago. From The Oregonian September 18, 1868. Fort Wallace, Kan.—A report has come in that a band of 25 Indians have committed depredations in the vicinity of Fort Chaffee. They stampeded a herd of 1200 head of cattle, owned by 35 Texans, who were accompanied by their families and were driving the cattle through the California Colored troops were sent in pursuit.

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THINKING IN BUSHELS. The wheat farmer who does not think in bushels, rather than in dollars, does not comprehend the true spirit of the appeal made to him by the United States Food Administration.

THE STORY OF "ABIE." A touching story comes out of Springfield, Mass. "Abie" Fisher, warrior, returned the other day from France. He had lost an eye and an arm at Apremont Wood. He was no longer fit to be a soldier, and the civil occupation he once pursued was closed to him by his physical disabilities.

NO STRIKES OR WAR WORK. There never was a more deserved rebuke than that which President Wilson gave within a few days to the Smith & Wesson Company and to the striking Bridgport machinists.

THE SOLDIER'S MAIL. The Postoffice Department, in cooperation with the military forces, seems to be gradually overcoming early confusion as to the delivery of soldiers' mail.

Germany is talking of "dark days," and it is up to us to make those fellows think that there is a perpetual eclipse of the sun. It's a compliment to a man above the age to be asked for his card, though it may be embarrassing later.

There will be less beer and more porridge after October 1. Portland is going to do more than build 2000 houses—it will build 2000 homes.

But it was only a flare in comparison with what might have been. The registration law and regulations were specific and not capable of misinterpretation. They called for registration of men from 18 to 45 both inclusive.

SHOW THEM IT IS HOPELESS. The length of the war will depend in large measure upon the length of time it takes to show the Germans their cause is hopeless.

It would require a large sum, but even so it would seem that a revolving fund could be created from which loans could be made by a commission having wide powers.

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Germany now finds Belgium a liability instead of an asset in the war, therefore offers a separate peace with a string to it. If Belgium would go out of the war and call upon the allies for help, the war would be over.

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