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STOP THROWING AROUND MILLIONS. On the day when an armistice with Germany was signed there was discussion in the Senate which indicates the probable course of legislation which will be at least attempted, if not in this Congress, certainly in the next.

Senator Smoot endorsed these remarks and added that some bureaus employed over 10,000 persons. The head of one division of a bureau told him that "if we were allowed to select 40 per cent of the employees and had the absolute right of directing their work, he would not wish more than 100 per cent."

Senator Smoot quoted the phrase "a million or two dollars" from Mr. Lane's report on land improvement as "a case of throwing around millions" calling forth the remark from Senator Thomas that "in these days a million is no chicken feed."

Senator Thomas said "I have got to using the word 'billion' so flippantly and so often that nothing short of a billion has been thought worthy of consideration."

The time has come for the Government to put the brakes on National expenditures and on creation of new offices. The order to lend money to the Government for war; it is time for the Government to save money by reducing expenses.

A SHIPBUILDING RACE. Demobilization may be followed by a race in shipbuilding between the United States and Great Britain. Though the capacity of the yards devoted to naval vessels and to repair of merchant ships damaged by submarines, and though many skilled men have been absent in the fighting forces, the latter country has shown an average output of about 150,000 gross tons in this year.

American yards which have been working for the Navy will also turn to merchant ships, but they are not as large a proportion of the total capacity as are the British yards, which have been employed by the Navy while material hitherto used for war will be available for ships.

In the next year or two the fate of the shipbuilding industry will be decided. Hitherto, the demand for ships at any price was so urgent that anything went at any price.

opportunity to gain skill and experience. Uncle Sam's expense should be there should be plenty to do for several years to come, for little impression has been made that world shortage of 15,000,000 deadweight tons which was announced a few months ago.

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WHAT OF QUARANTINE? The intimation that it may be necessary to close school, churches, theaters and other gathering places because of the Spanish influenza reminds one that this or other communities have tried with only partial success every method of preventing spread of the disease except quarantine.

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have happened in those fifteen months? We might have lost command of the sea by defeat in a naval battle, and then, as the General Staff estimated, an Army of 450,000 men might have landed within two or three months. We can now judge, from our recent experience in preparation, how much progress we should have made in that period with preparedness to repel such an invasion.

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Those Who Come and Go.

All employees of the Hotel Multnomah will be guests of a special meal served Friday night. Earl Clark has arranged to serve a dinner with all the foods composed of products of the Wittenberg-King Company, at the Dalles.

PHIL METSCHNIG, JR., and J. P. JAEGER left last night for Tacoma, where they will attend the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Tourist Association.

W. A. REID, a shipper of fresh salmon, is in town from Coos Bay. He is registered at the Imperial.

H. H. HUNT and A. W. HENNING, contract manager for Grant-Smith & Company, registered yesterday at the Multnomah. They came from Oakland, where the big contractors were engaged on Government work which ended with the conclusion of the war.

Mrs. W. J. HOOD, of Toledo, Or., is among the arrivals at the New Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. MORRIS, of Indianapolis, returned to the Multnomah yesterday after an absence of several months. They made their home at the hotel for a long period, and have a wide circle of friends in Portland.

DAVID ROBINSON, formerly Public Defender in Portland, is now law enforcement director of the United States National Guard, Service with headquarters at Washington, D. C. Mr. Robinson is now in the city on official business and will leave the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. KARL L. KOSTER, representing a contracting concern in California, are at the Hotel Portland for a few days.

Our Own Revolution Helped Make Britain Great Empire. PORTLAND, Dec. 3.—(To the Editor.)—"Britain Day" will awaken the love Americans hold toward the mother country, and we all know that this love depends upon things other than mere sentiment.

Some of the half-farmed lands of this large area would be and should be cut up into small tracts, made into small prospective homes in the heart of the valley. There are many such farms in every county in the valley.

THE SINGIN' PINES. They're a million quakers scattered round the hills and valleys. And they whangin' in pianos scattered up and down the lines.

EVERETT MAY ONLY SLIGHTLY WOUNDED. GRASS VALLEY, Or., Dec. 3.—(To the Editor.)—In The Oregonian recently we noticed in item 5 a football game, would probably be blind as a result of wounds received in the service.

LANGUAGE HONORED BY ITS NAME

Writer Hopes It Will Be Called "English" Till Crack of Doom. MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 2.—(To the Editor.)—The Editor appears to be greatly worried about the English language. In the first letter he wrote to the Oregonian on the subject he says that the English language as spoken in England has been stationary for 100 years.

Let me tell you we should call our language the English language. In the first place, 92 per cent of our population in 1776 were English and they fought for the rights of the English in America, as well as for Englishmen in England. We get our laws, our literature, our ethical philosophy and our political principles from the people who sired our fathers before we came here.

Mr. Cline reflects upon Englishmen when he says that we should not be sneered the unique tongue of our country with that of Anglo-Saxon, low Dutch or even English. English owes a debt of gratitude to the British Empire. The British people more than we have been the savior of the world.

REAL HOMES READY FOR YANKS If Room for Many in Willamette Valley If Rightly Planned. McMINNVILLE, Or., Dec. 1.—(To the Editor.)—When Johnny comes marching home again from the present war, the discharged soldiers and laborers of the Civil War gathered in the frontier towns of Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Arizona and other places in the Winter and Spring of 1866, with their faces to the West.

General Sheridan has issued field orders for the evacuation of the present Indian reservation in the Columbia Valley. An immense quantity of dried meat, blankets, weapons, etc., were taken to the post and children recaptured. One white boy and woman were brutally murdered when the attack began.

SALVATION IN OUR OWN HANDS. Drives Proposed to Raise Money for Lines of Steamships. PORTLAND, Dec. 3.—(To the Editor.)—Winter is coming on, food, clothing and fuel are in short supply, and the city is dependent upon an uninterrupted pay roll.

Before election the question was continually asked: "What is the best thing to do in Portland?" and the answer was ships and shipping. We voted the money to improve the Port of Portland. We have had a large part of that money used for ship building, and still in the midst of it, we find that Portland is threatened with an industrial crisis.

What's to be done? It's up to us to decide, act and put it over. Few realize the fact that the Columbia Valley has commodities which the rest of the world requires. The problem is to get these commodities to market.

Drive No. 3.—To secure the money to build and maintain a line of ships for trade with Alaska.

Drive No. 4.—To secure the money to build and maintain a line of ships for trade between Portland and the Hawaiian Islands.

Drive No. 5.—To secure the money to build and maintain a line of ships for trade between Portland and Australia.

Drive No. 6.—To secure the money to build a line of ships to operate through the Panama Canal.

In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian, December 4, 1893. The Southern Pacific passenger train due here yesterday morning was delayed at Oregon City by the high water. The passengers were placed upon the electric cars at once and brought to Portland, arriving about 11:30. The evening train left on time.

As soon as the bill was passed allowing the Chinese six months' extension of time to register under the Geary act, Internal Revenue Collector Welder applied for a fund to provide an office and deputies necessary for the registration. He has been informed that as soon as things are in readiness for beginning work his application will be considered.

The new proposals of Sanford Fleming for trans-Pacific cable which he intends to submit to the Canadian-Australian governments contain four alternative routes, all of which have Vancouver for the Canadian terminus. The new rate of two shillings per word would reduce the cost of calling to England three shillings a day, and the rate of four shillings in pence, as at present.

The low stage of waters in the rivers of the Northern Coast has had no precedent since the settlement of the country. On the 1st day of December the Willamette and its tributaries were at the dead low-water mark and lower than it has ever been in Summer. It has been several days since the water on Monday it is thought that an attempt will be made by the river boats to make Eugene or Corvallis.

The Alert brought over 150 Chinamen down last night from wages in the Sidle Railroad yard to 100 are expected down tomorrow from Salm.

The new postage stamps will be smaller than those now in use and will be of a superior design and finish. The 3-cent stamp will show a young boy on a horse at full speed. The 3-cent one has a locomotive under a full head of steam. The 5-cent stamp carries the figure of a man in a military uniform, the finest in design and execution, is a miniature engraving of the Declaration of Independence, while the 10-cent stamp has an ocean steamer.

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