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moment that a single promise is made good, and we await with a deep interest, even if a doubting one, the further announcement from Washington.

WHAT FREEDOM MEANS.
President Hibben, of Princeton, stated the difference between freedom and tyranny in a single sentence when he told a National Thrift conference the other day that "to be a completely free man one must be free from the limitations of indulgence and self-seeking."

Substitution of one class for another, which seems to be the programme of the extremists in Europe, obviously does not advance the cause of freedom, but only postpones the day of reckoning and invites a coup d'etat.

THE PERILS OF BOREDOM.
Secretary Baker and Chairman Fosdick, of the Commission on Training Camp Activities, do well in calling attention to the exacting situation in which the soldier finds himself.

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FISH PORT IMPROVEMENTS.
Cancellation of contracts for wood sheds at the fish piers is an added reason for proceeding without delay with the port improvements proposed by the Dock and Port Commission.

THE FUTURE OF THE RAILROADS.
Mr. McAdoo's proposal that Congress extend the period of Government operation of railroads to five years from next January is different from any one of the three alternative plans which the president has submitted.

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Those Who Come and Go.
S. R. Thompson, J. V. Tollman and C. K. Cranston, of Pendleton, are at the Imperial. The trio came to Portland as delegates to the Chamber of Commerce convention.

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Mrs. Harry McCormick, of McCormick, Wash., is registered at the Hotel Seward. She has been in a local hospital and was able to leave it for the hotel yesterday.

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F. M. Rothrock, of Spokane, a breeder of blooded Shorthorns, is at the Hotel Portland and is in town to attend the livestock exhibition.

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W. W. Nichol, County Judge of Yamhill County, is in town to attend the livestock exhibition.

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Eric W. Hauser, president of the company which operates the Hotel Multnomah, left for St. Paul last night and will spend the holidays with Mrs. Hauser.

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Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Thompson, ranchers from Carson, Wash., arrived last night at the Hotel Portland and will do their Christmas shopping.

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Two of the Marion County Commissioners, Hunt and Goulet, are here for the sessions of the County Commissioners conference.

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S. E. Crouch, a real estate operator of Roseburg, is at the Hotel Oregon for a few days.

ALL FOREST MATERIAL OF VALUE.
How Timbered Sections Can Be Put to Best Advantage Outlined.

SEASIDE, Or., Dec. 11.—(To the Editor.)—The character of the country on this coast is such that only a portion of the land can be used for farming purposes, owing to the roughness and broken nature.

The land in this valley can be classified as follows: 20 per cent plow land, level enough to cultivate and crop normally; 20 per cent orchard land, somewhat too steep for good plow land but good for fruit-raising purposes; 20 per cent grazing land; 40 per cent rough, rocky, and broken land.

It is not necessary to remove any except what are on the bottom land, and pasture land is usually in better condition than the steeper slopes. They don't take up much room, and will serve as supports for climbing fruit vines.

There should be numerous pulp and paper mills and tanneries conveniently placed so when a tree is felled in the forest its trunk can be utilized.

There is one-fifth of the standing timber of the United States in Oregon. It is a prominent lumberman in Clatsop County.

W. S. Ferguson came from Athens yesterday and registered at the Imperial. He is here to meet Mrs. Ferguson, who has been receiving treatment in a local sanitarium for several days.

Two marines dropped a match in a wastebasket in their room in the Multnomah Hotel. One of them set a fire which was extinguished by the fire department.

Four lawyers were brought to the Hotel Portland from San Francisco yesterday. They are attending the Chamber of Commerce convention.

MEMORIAL THAT WOULD ATTRACT.
Adaptation of Liberty Statue Suggested for Columbia River.

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—(To the Editor.)—Many suggestions have been made for the erection of a Victory monument, but none seem to strike right home.

When Soldier Is Discharged.
YALMENA, Or., Dec. 10.—(To the Editor.)—There are many readers of The Oregonian here in the Yaquina Bay district who are about to be discharged at Vancouver Barracks and who would like to see the Oregonian.

Menace of Crowded Cars.
PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—(To the Editor.)—If the city health officers are interested in learning one of the chief causes of the increase in the influenza cases, let them attempt to ride into town on an 8 o'clock Broadway car.

Married Men in Demobilization.
PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—(To the Editor.)—(1) Can you give me any information about the 31st Division?

Enlistments Since April 1, 1917.
ROD RIVER, Or., Dec. 11.—(To the Editor.)—If a boy of 17 enlisted at the beginning of the war for a period of six years, will he be discharged when the war is over and sent home from France, or will only those who signed for the duration of the war be relieved from service and returned?

Not Designated for Return.
NORTH BEND, Or., Dec. 11.—(To the Editor.)—The Railway Employees designated for an early return to the United States from France? If so, when? SUBSCRIBER.

Number of Peace Delegates.
SALEM, Dec. 11.—(To the Editor.)—I have never yet seen a statement showing the number of delegates which comprise the peace conference, and the number apportioned to each country.

Attention to Lieutenant's Wife.
PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—(To the Editor.)—(1) My husband, a First Lieutenant, made an allotment to me before starting overseas on December 11, 1918. Should I have received the first allotment? How long should I wait before writing the Quartermaster?

In Other Days.
Twenty-five Years Ago.
From The Oregonian, December 13, 1893.
Wheat sells for 90 cents per bushel in the northern part of Grant County.

LET PUNISHMENT BE ATONEMENT.
Blood-curdling Proposals Too Much Like Kaiser's Own Teachings.
CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 12.—(To the Editor.)—The articles dealing with the punishment of the Kaiser, recently of Berlin, are very interesting as showing the trend of opinion among the so-called Americans.

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Status of Transferred Draftee.
CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Dec. 11.—(To the Editor.)—(1) Can a drafted man be held longer than a man who enlisted for the duration of the war?

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