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PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18, 1918.

THE DELAYED CASUALTY LISTS. While it is realized that a certain amount of waste and delay is inseparable from war, the inefficiency displayed by the War Department in connection with the casualty lists undoubtedly has strained the patience of Americans almost to the breaking oint. More than five weeks since the armistice was signed the list is We do not like far from complete. to contemplate what the situation would have been if the war had continued the additional ten days which it its said Marshal Foch estimated would be required to accomplish the complete military victory, the glory of which he renounced in a spirit of finest manifestations of the century.

the Boston Transcript after a painstaking investigation of the causes of delay, finds that there was serious inefficiency both in the home and foreign offices, and points out that a single change in the system would have greatly simplified it. There was, he says, no separate file of casualty cards, so that when a man was reported to have died the office was compelled to plow through cabinets containing more than 2,000,000 names, instead of a simple file, such as was proposed by the Red Cross, of only about 150,000 cards.

A leading Administration official is reported to have been informed soon after this country entered the war that the British War Office had said ing the families of casualties to a pri-Department refused to do. Suspicion that jealousy was a factor in perpetuating a system which had already of those who have suffered unneces-

The situation was at its worst last the pulpit. Summer and Fall, when, according to this correspondent, reports of wounded the postoffice with "deceased" stamped reports of deaths which it had verified advertisers. with its own work.

in condemning its refusal to accept Next to the conthe work in hand. duct of the war itself, this was perwhich the department was concerned. left a bad impression which it will be almost impossible to eradicate,

BUILD THAT DRYDOCK NOW.

Those persons and organizations which try to influence the Commission of Public Docks to postpone an important and vital part of the programme of improvement with which the Commission went before the peo ple at the election have taken an overcautious and decidedly erroneous view of the urgent needs of the time Delay in construction of an additional drydock would be suicidal to the port It would exactly meet the wishes of hose ports which are doing and will do all in their power to prevent expansion of Portland commerce.

The operating department of the Shipping Board includes a 12,000-ton drydock among the facilities which i considers a necessary condition to allotment of tonnage to Portland commerce during the next year. The board has shown indifference to the interests of Portland by cancelling contracts for wood ships. Sound policy dictates that the port give it no pretext for like indifference in allocating tonit would do by falling to provide all the facilities which the operating department has declared

lowed the Oregon drydock to slip trated on the Greeks, which have b away to another port, the docking faland drydock would not supply what on Greeks in Constantinople. but an additional drydock.

because the Shipping Board no longer nonsense from the Turks. wants them. Before the board en-tered the market there was already the Turks—throw them "bag and bagan active demand among people who gage" out of Europe, as Gladston know much more about ships than proposed in 1876.

ment of the port's needs without being country. The Turks have always acted ness affairs of the larger gort would stitutes" now?

unduly influenced by any other organization. After having been fully informed of its plans, which included the drydock, the people provided the rison, and their conduct condemns that it would not shrink. Few would vote of four to one. That was both a public approval of the programme and a vote of confidence in the commission as the proper body to execute it. The people of the port want programme in the world—in Arabia, Egypt, India, Algeria, Tunis and confidence in the commission as the proper body to execute it. The people of the port want programme in the world—in Arabia, Egypt, India, Algeria, Tunis and confidence in the commission as the proper body to execute it. The people of the port want programme in the world—in Arabia, Egypt, India, Algeria, Tunis and confidence in the commission as the proper body to execute it. The people of the port want programme in the world—in Arabia, Egypt, India, Algeria, Tunis and confidence in the commission as the proper body to execute it. The people of the port want programme in the world—in Arabia, Egypt, India, Algeria, Tunis and confidence in the commission as the proper body to execute it. The people of the port want programme in the world—in Arabia, Egypt, India, Algeria, Tunis and confidence in the commission as the proper body to execute it. The people of the port want programme in the world—in Arabia, Egypt, India, Algeria, Tunis and confidence in the commission as the proper body to execute it. The people of the port want programme in the world—in Arabia, Egypt, India, Algeria, Tunis and confidence in the commission as the proper body to execute it. The people of the port want programme in the world—in Arabia, Egypt, India, Algeria, Tunis and confidence in the commission as the proper body to execute it. The people of the port want programme in the world—in Arabia, Egypt, India, Algeria, Tunis and confidence in the commission as the proper body to execute it. The people of the port want programme in the world—in Arabia, Egypt, India, Algeria, Tunis and confidence in the commission as the proper body to execute it. The people of the port want programme in the world—in Arabia, Egypt, India, Algeria, Tunis and confidence in the commission as the proper body to execute it. commerce. available to build the additions to the Minor where they may misgovern each St. Johns terminal and the new idrydock at the same time, and construc tion of both will accord with the policy advocated by the Government for em-

> Army and from war industries. SHORT-SIGHTED, AS USUAL. While Chairman Hurley, of the Emergency Fleet, is in Europe, on the quixotic errand of persuading the British government, or the British shipbuilder, or somebody, or anybody, to raise seamen's wages - Chinese, Lascars and the others—so that Amer ica can compete with Great Britain on the sea, affairs with the Shipping Board are in the usual press. That body, created to build ships, has at last decided that it will have no wood ships, which have served all maritime nations since the days of the Phoeni-

cians, and that nothing will do but

ploying men discharged from the

steel vessels. Yet here is the Foundation company, a reputable and responsible concern, striving to get a release from the Shipping Board so that it may build steel ships for the French, in competition with the builders of the world. It cannot get consent of Mr. Hurley's board; nor, so far as has been disclosed, has the United States offered a steel contract to the Founda tion corporation to keep its yards going. In effect, Foundation cannot build for the French nor for any one. Here, again, is a continuation, in the old familiar fashion, of the Shiphumanity that stands out as one of the ping Board policy that drove this same Foundation company to build The Washington correspondent of yards in Canada, where it would be free to construct on foreign account. No difficulties are encountered there about the appropriate development of a sound policy by which any concern may build ships for anybody who can

and will pay for them. Here, however, thousands of men are to be thrown out of employment and a growing industry paralyzed, by failure of the Shipping Board to see that the way to make the United States a great maritime Nation is to encour-Nation.

INVERSE LOGIC.

The letter from Mr. Fenlayson is published today only because it is a conspicuous example of the argument that if it had to go through the war of a class who build up false premises journey of fifty-five miles was made again it would turn the duty of notify- in order to reach a preconceived conclusion. The correspondent, out of vate organization. This our own War some peculiar twist of the mind, is able no less for the fortitude of the convinced that war is created by the patient, perhaps, than for the spirit plunderbund for purposes of profit. If of neighborly co-operation which made is thereupon necessary to discover it possible. been found wanting by our ally will why the people permit themselves to many individuals were concerned, dinot promote good feeling on the part be led into war. It follows that they rectly or indirectly, with its various must be ill-informed. Who is to blame sarily because of red tape and delays, for that? It must be the press and been considerable. We know that it

against war to an extent that would It is the way of frontier communities. were reaching relatives by thousands turn congregations against it, the cor- There is a spirit of freemasonry in far in advance of announcements by respondent does not yet appear to have the back country which we would do War Department. Mothers and determined. But he finds the omisfathers were even receiving letters sion of the press easily accounted for which they had sent their sons, from Newspapers and magazines live on advertising and the advertisers wanted on the envelope. This caused a tardy war in order to enhance their profits. reform; and, finally, Secretary Baker The press did not cry out continually advantages which they enjoy. The authorized the Red Cross to send out against war for fear of offending the labor of clearing the land and of build-for lending their fortunes to the people

without waiting for official authoriza-tion. The department itself, however, method of reasoning—that is, adopt as is well known, is still far behind an opinion and build up to it-to other ith its own work.

agencies of public opinion. What of Critics of the Tepartment are right the schools? Histories tell a great deal about war. Teachers do the experience of others as its guide, deprecate war because they have not and its refusal to co-operate with any the initiative to depart from the text. hardships which they endured. agency which would have facilitated The histories are replete with war because school book publishers know that a world war will make new his haps the most important activity with tories and new geographies necessary, and that they will coin money out of Mismanagement in this respect has them. So Mr. Fenlayson could argue and other modern doodads than we

with equal force. There are the farmers, too. In their organizations they have not preached against war with strength sufficient to make it so abhorrent that their members will not in any circumstances approve it. Why? To use the corre spondent's argument, it is because the grain buyers and the millers and the packers, to whom the farmers sell, want war profits and would not buy the farmer's wheat, or corn, or hoge, or cattle, if the farmers opposed the dollar-clutching desires of the war-

mad interests. It must be an unpleasant frame of mind, that which sees in great events nothing but the sordid outcroppings of avarice. One must live a dour life who can see nothing in defense of honor except the hand of greed. But one who can imagine that among the thousands upon thousands of advertisers of the country there has been an understanding that they would not patronize newspapers or periodicals that preached peace, and that such an understanding existed and no member leaked for forty years—such an one is

THE TURK IS STILL UNSPEAKABLE.

little short of crazy.

The Turk is still unspeakable. He has a method of his own for applying Irrespective of the wishes of the the principle of self-determination of Shipping Board, the most superficial peoples, namely, massacre or deportaknowledge of the situation proves the tion of any race which disputes his need of an additional drydock. When supremacy. This is probably the true the experience indispensable to safe the Port of Portland Commission al- explanation of the atrocities perpethrough its fingers and to be towed exceeded only by those committed on the Armenians. It probably also excilities were already inadequate plains the hostilities started by the persons suppose. It is at least as rarpromptly to handle the business which Young Turk party in Smyrna, which as common sense, if not more so came from shipbuilding activity. Ad- had a large Greek population before dition of a section to the Port of Port- the latest massacres, also the attacks is wanted, which is not only a larger, bardment of Smyrna by the allied fleet involved. Conservation of large prop Building of wood ships will not stop allies are determined to stand no more

Their presence the board has yet learned, and that de- there has been a blot on civilization, mand will revive. Building of steel and since the decadence of their emships is firmly established and should pire began it has been continued only thrive when cost of production has by playing the other nations off unprepared to receive them. Babies become normal. The St. Johns teragainst each other. With the utter are "born rich" every day who never minal will attract more vessels here defeat of Turkey and all the other for ocean commerce. All of these pros-pects of the immediate future mean and no obstacle to their expulsion from generations from shirtsleeves to shirtmore work for drydocks. We may ex- Europe remains except an absurd mis- sleeves" is not an idle phrase. A far pect to keep the present dock em-ployed with smaller craft and to need rights of nations. The Turks have broken up by the deaths of their the additional 12,000-ton dock as soon | never justified their presence by amal- | originators than are increased by their gamation with the subject peoples, helrs. The Dock Commission has full au- by giving them good government under thority to go ahead with its pro- just and equal laws or by co-operatgramme according to its own judg- ing with them in development of the hundred without experience in busi-

at the door, and they wish to open side of the allies, and they are many many volunteer advisers, they would wide to it. They have seen other ports times as numerous as the Turks. No prosper by anticipating the wants of reason of principle or policy remains ous and the competent. the future, and they do not wish to for leaving them free to misgovern a practice of rich decedents, of leaving lose by lagging behind the needs of minority race or for any other course their estates in trust for their helrs. Abundant labor will be than to herd them in a part of Asia is a recognition of this principle.

PIONEER TRAILS.

Seldom if ever do those who enjoy has been won from the wilds apprethe hardships of the pioneers who It is almost as tedious to learn how made their comforts possible. It also to enjoy wealth as it is to learn how is a common but mistaken supposition that the work of these ploneers is already ended. But there are still frontiers beyond the old frontiers, all within a relatively few miles of centers of civilization like Portland.

The Hoquiam Washingtonian records an incident of pioneer life that illustrates the point. Mrs. Antone Kestner, a pioneer woman of the Quinault Valley, became seriously ill recently, and it was imperatively necessary to reove her to a hospital for medical atthe Quinault and the Humptulips valeys were flooded. The roads even where they were not under water were almost impassable.

all over high ground and then back The port and the interior have a con and fields to a point on a lake where would not accommodate a passenger, and so the canoe was towed several miles.

At this point a school stage (for the progressive people of this region furnish transportation to their children) was pressed into service. The roads nevertheless were exceedingly rough and the journey difficult. There intervened sundry other obstacles, such as an impassable space on the beach road which compelled the travelers to age it to become a great shipbuilding for Hoquiam. But a section foreman was equal to the emergency, and a and commerce. track speeder with a trailer entered upon the last stage but one of the trip, which was completed by an ambulance sent from the hospital. It is worth noting, we think, that the whole in a little more than ten hours.

The whole occurrence was remark-We do not know how stages, but the number must have the pulpit.

Was limited only by the number required for the duty to be performed. well to cherish and which we cannot afford to lose.

It is doubtful whether many per ons who take up residence in a seting the roads and schools is only a of the cities. One can apply the same flabby part of the price of them. Ordeals nethed of reasoning—that is, adopt such as have just been described, and which were too common in the early days to evoke much comment, ought fairly to be reckoned in the account. Few of the pioneers received mate rial compensation in proportion to the there was some recompense in achieve mept itself. Judging by the outgivings of the average man, we do not seem to be any happler with our paved roads and fitneys and open plumbing

SUDDEN WEALTH.

were in the good old days.

It will not be a popular doctrine with the multitude, but observation will confirm the statement that sud ien wealth often if not always prove the reverse of a blessing. There is for illustration, the case of Max A Anderson, a laborer, of Two Rivers Minn., described in the New York Anderson a few weeks inherited more than a million dollars He had not lived in expectation of this noble bequest; nothing in his life prepared him, spiritually or otherwise receive it. When it came he could think of nothing to do to express his joy except to have a high old time. Physicians, says the correspondent who reports the incident, said that the change in his mode of living contributed to his death. Now the burder is to be shifted, through the probate courts, to his heirs, if he has any, and we have no means of estimating the amount of misery that will be caused by that ill-starred million before it is finally dissipated.

The case of Max Anderson is not exceptional. The fact is that it requires exceptional, although not neces sarily superior, ability even to take care of wealth after one has acquired it. In the more usual process of pilin one dollar on top of another, the accumulator commonly accumulates also guard it. The money sense which enables him to become rich in the first place stands him in good stead. But money sense is rarer than many Leaving the desire and instinct for acquisition out of the account, there are numerous technical consideration is welcome news, for it shows that the erty interests is no business for a novice, however honest. The fundanental laws of business are increasingly complex, and business acumen and foresight are rare birds.

One need not turn to the Max An dersons and the Coal Oil Johnnies for examples. These are merely the more spectacular manifestations of the ef fect of riches thrust upon individuals develop the sense of responsibility that Title to great properties is

constantly shifting.

Perhaps ninety-nine men out of a

\$5,000,000 for which it asked by a them to expulsion. be content, for example, with the cervote of four to one. That was both No religious question is actually intain but moderate return promised by

Still, it must be bleasant to wake up on a fine morning and find oneself a millionaire. No amount of preaching would induce one to renounce such a prospect. Yet there is something to be said on the side of those who, once the luxury of living in a country that they have experienced the thrill of possession, proceed to relieve themciate their blessings or even apprehend selves of the burden of stewardship.

> to accumulate it. THE OREGON CHAMBER OF COM-

Organization of an Oregon Chamber of Commerce is an event of good augury for the development of the state. It will unite the civic energies of all Oregon in carrying forward the work which was undertaken by the Oregon Development League, but which has lagged during the period of depression and amid the excitetention. A storm was raging and both ment of war. The work of readjustment and progress which is before the state can now go forward.

The Portland Chamber acted wisely in not only agreeing but in stipulating Then began such a fourney as might in advance that control of the Oregon have caused even a well person to Chamber should be in the hands of the hesitate. The first stage was made counties outside of the metropolis, in a lumber wagon, from which the That arrangement emphasizes the truth improvised bed supporting the patient that development of the state and pro-was transferred at the first flooded motion of its industries and commerce spot to a canoe. It became necessary are the task of the entire state, not a little farther on to drag cance and merely or chiefly of the principal city. into the water again. For a mile the frail craft was paddled through brush prosperity, for a great seaport is neces mon interest in all that concerns their sary to market the products of the a launch was obtained, but the launch interior, and increase in production is necessary to the commerce of the port. All natural lines of communication from inland Oregon lead to Portland and would afford the most economical transportation it natural law prevailed. The entire state, Portland included, therefore has a common interest in revision of railroad rates and establishment of water lines so that nat-ural law shall provail. Portland can increase its volume of business by alding settlement and development of turn back to a crossing and also the whole state, and the interior can caused them to faiss the railway train hasten its own development by aiding the expansion of Portland's industries

No better means of bringing to gether all parts of the state to serve these common interests can be found than such an organization as the Oregon Chamber of Commerce. It should bring home to each county and city the fact that the success of one will promote that of the others, and thereby should diminish rivalry and supposed conflicts of interest. It will assist all the people of Oregon to know each and to learn each other's viewother point. This state is destined to share with the whole country-indeed, the whole world-the blessings of an unprecedented era of progress, and the Oregon Chamber should be the means of organizing its forces for that bright

If the farmers should harvest near all the Winter wheat they have sown, and if they should have a good crop tled country appraise at true value the they may grow so rich as to convert

ter than injury.

The alien who has served in the Army has shown his loyalty and deserves the right of citizenship, which will be given him without the usual formalities. He is a good citizen at the start.

The quickest way to satisfy the world will be to place on trial every German, Austrian, Turk and Bulgar above a certain rank, making it low enough to catch the worst

Do not fail to consult a doctor on finding the first symptom. Doctors are cheaper than undertakers, not to mention the comfort of staying alive. The strength of opposition to Bol-

shevism in Germany proves that the Germans are averse to a dose of the medicine they gave to Russia, If the President should settle the quarrel between the Pope and the King of Italy, he will be the greatest

of all conciliators. Why will a youth enjoying advantages go wrong? There is excuse but not justification for the others, but neither for him.

These are the days when the favored fellows indulge in delightful dreams of the Christmas bonus. "Them as has,

One week to Christmas and do your shopping early and late if you must. This is not a hard times hollday season.

ties of the late war are unpunished. Archduke Maximilian may take the rown of Austria, but that is about

There can be little peace on earth

and good will to man while the atroci-

Suppose Mr. Wilson did drink something else than grapejuice. Consider where he was.

The 100 per cent endeavor, with dollar the unit, is not burdensome this The airplane trip across the Atlantic

It took a woman to put one over the flatfoots of the Const

An American Provost-Marshal can straighten out Berlin. It's Senator McNary again, and for

a long time to come. Young Davis realizes what a fool he was to rob a bank

By the way, is anybody eating "sub

Those Who Come and Go.

Walter F. Foster is down from Seat le and is at the Multnemah. He i the senior member of the firm of Foster & Kleiser, who handle the bill-board business of the Northwest.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sanborn and F. H. Sanborn, salmon packers of Astoria, are at the Benson.

L W. Martin, accompanied by Mrs. Martin, are registered from New York as now constituted. It is their purpose in the filling of Couch Lake and the at the Imperial. Mr. Martin is a former to destroy the right of personally acat the Imperial. Mr. Martin is a former portland resident, but for several years has been living in the East and is man's own labor. They claim that representing a manufacturing concern which makes oil from vegetables.

Chaplein and Mrs. Frank Language as a low constituted, it is their purpose in the filling of Couch Lake and the small portlon yet covered with water will soon be filled. In the third story of the Union passenger station a lot of the Union passenger station and the water will soon be filled. In the third story of the Union passenger station a lot of the Union passenger station a lot of the Union passenger station a lot of the Union passenger station.

Chaplein and Wrs. Frank Language and the sound that it does create capital which they

Chaplain and Mrs. Frank James are claim exploits labor. among the arrivals at the Seward from

tlement of waste lands.

Mrs. John C. Shillock and her son, John C. Shillock, Jr., are seriously ill with influensa at their home, 568 East Forty-second street North, Mr. Shillock and their other children have so far escaped the disease.

The Class Club of Surveyors of the Oregon Agricultural College was at the Imperial yesterday, holding a gettogether meeting,

Peter Figbed, of Portland, Me., a shipping man, is staying at the Ben-son. He is here on a business trip. John Fox, formerly collector of cus-

oms at Astoria, but now in business in Seattle, is at the Imperial. Mr. Fox is engaged in the manufacture of machinery for salmon cannaries

L M. Wagner, a Moro County stocknan, is in town from Ione with his family. They are at the New Perkins.

Colonel George A. Zinn, who lives at the Multnomah and who has charge of the river and harbor improvements on the Celumbia River for the United States Government, went to Tillamook yesterday to inspect personally some of the things the port and his assistants have been doing.

E. L. Mersereau, of Doty, Wash., is at the Benson. Mr. Mersereau is in at the Benson. Mr. the lumber industry.

Mrs. W, L. Thompson and Mrs. E. H. McComas, well-known matrons of Pen-dicton, are in the city on a visit, and are at the Hotel Portland.

Harvey Hutson, a Hood River apple-

The hours following the close of the Heads in Chile," in a Portland paper day, in the transition from light to December 11, my friends in letters and darkness, are the danger time for personally have asked me the real in-pedestrians, and it is well to take no terpretation of the rumors circulated hances. Safety through delay is bet- in Santiago, Chile, concerning the refusal of American mediation in the old

Tacna and Arica affair. It is not my business, and, anyway, I do not want to defend the acts of the Chilean government during the past horrible world conflict. I understand horrible world conflict. I understand that there are too many reasons for doubting the sincerity of its neutral politics. This, I realize, only results in giving us the name of "The black-hearted people," and if I write this to my dear friends it is only to tell them that the actions of the Chilean government are not the actions of the majority of the Chilean population.

Mixed with the most elegant and correspond to the contract of the chilean population.

Mixed with the most elegant and cor-ect society of Chile there is a plague of poisonous parasites who only suck the red blood of the entire country and in their insatiable greed for gold im-pede in every imaginable way the novements of social reaction that are promoted by the real liberal and demo-tratic Chilean younger generation. This younger generation have only ideas. but their enemies have fabulous riches

to use in putting obstacles in the way of obligatory instruction.

Light for the Chilean population means ruin for the autocratic despots of the Chilean church, who today and always have controlled the destincts of the Chilean country. the Chilean country,

Chile is "Germanophile?" Never! If the Chilean government did not declare war on German Prussianism, the Chil-eans did, and the proof of this is that, like myself, thousands of Chilean boys Joined the allies' army and abandoned forever country, fortune and home and gave their lives if necessary, Because some doubted the sincerity of our aclons, the undersigned and many other Chilean boys did not hesitate a moment ip taking naturalization papers in the only real democratic country in the world, the United States of America. It is true that in Chile we use the German military tactics, but not one German is in the Chilean army. On the other hand we have the English tactics in the navy, and still more important, most of the superior instructors in the

navy are Englishmen.

My uncle and my father have been officers in the Chilean navy for more-than 25 years and both are Scotchmen. I make this sincere explanation to clear up the many misunderstandings with my American friends which have arisen because of the hot-headedness of ome irresponsible Chilean politicians.

JAMES J. PHILEMON,

Private, U. S. Army,

Fort Stevens, 91st In Action.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 16.—(To the Editor.)—Tell me if the 348th Field Ar-Editor.)—Left me it the sasth ried Ar-illisry of the first Division was in ac-tion between October 21 and November 11? Have they been in action and have they been used for replacement? Will they be ordered to Germany or the United States? READER.

The 51st was in action in Flanders between October 21 and November 5, It may be taken for granted that its artillery was busy at the same time and was not in action prior to that time, as the Sist was not. The division will doubtless be held until peace treaties are signed or at least assured. As it is not in the second line, it seems improbable that it will be sent into Germany, but may be needed there.

FOREFATHERS WISDOM IGNORED Writer Sees Drift Toward Socialism in

Present-Day Extravagances. ALBANY, Or., Dec. 16 .- (To the Editor.)-Treves, a city of Germany, lately occupied by the allied army, was the birthplace of Karl Marx, one of the is the overthrow of the Constitution now in course of construction, is 20 and laws of the United States, as well feet above the roadway. as the destruction of all governments Good progress was made last

dalm exploits labor.

They say that the workingmen have

St. Helens.

John Tait, who used to take an active part in the actual work of the Portland Chamber of Commerce when he was at the head of a big laundry all those who fight for the constitution, consequently the strength of the property of all rebels (they mean by rebels, I presume, all those who fight for the constitution, consequently the strength of the property of the constitution, consequently in this circumstant. concern in this city, is registered at laws and individual property rights), the Multnomah, giving Astoria as his home. Mr. Tait is in business in Astoria, and is working on schemes to lax, centralization of credit in the hands have an Oriental steamer line operate of the Nation or state, the Nation or state to have the sole monopoly of all of the plan new being worked out state to have the sole monopoly of all enterprises and industries, factories and of the plan now being worked out enterprises and industries, factories an in Oregon for the reclamation and set tion of the means of communication and transportation, in the Nation or state that all arid or waste lands be brough ntoscultivation at the expense of the Nation or state, and that such lands, and all other lands be parceled out to those who are too lazy to acquire by inlvidual labor and economy a home, and to take from the industrious man that which by his labor and economy he has accumulated; that all be brought flown on a common level, so that all persons shall labor equally (of course the leaders will expect to take the jobs the leaders will expect to take the jobs county, whose district lies partly in this of office-holding, banking, teaching and city, informed us last evening that occupations where manual labor is not necessary); in fact, their system proposes to turn the existing order of He proposes to very soon commence things upside down. In this programme they will doubtlessly have the support ally in case of judgment where no of every I. W. W. and every person property can be found is the same as usiness. Many of our so-called statesmen by

their extravagance in appropriations both National and state, are working to has very end sought by Socialists, hough doubtlessly they do not realize t. The creation of a huge public bonded lebt, bearing interest, and no endeavor n the part of our statesmen to curtail nany needless appropriations; the huge of Springville. hemes of public works, of various kinds, being constantly hatched in both state as well as National bodies look to one who compares the public utterances of Washington, Jefferson and others of our early statesmen, with socialism, as if already our statesmen had abandoned the sound wisdom of had abandoned the sound wisdom of ur forefathers and had recklessly barked on a mission which has as its ultimate goal such burdens of taxation as will bring about just what the So-cialists desire.

Lee Wise passed through Portland yesterday on his way home to Astoria.

He has been attending the Oregon Agricultural College. Mr. Wise is the son of Herman Wise, postmaster at Astoria.

Astoria. All the hotels are doing a big business. The demobilization of the Army in the concentration camps is giving among the people. Unterest of paternalism and unceasing flow of patrons. The ex-privates pay for a room in advance, and generally demand a bath.

Mrs. Thee Hasse, of California, is a visitor at the Multnomah, and is money from the pockets of the people. It portends no good to our republic construct tools and implements to deconstruct tools and implements and property. And the call it civilization, progress and Christianity, fighting for democracy.

But, due to public sentiment, it is ignorance shooting some intelligence into the masses. Primarily, those responses to the masses, of the masses and the condition of the masses are to be made to republic to see the spirit of paternalism to deconstruct tools and implements to deconstruct tools and property. And the condition construct tools and property. are Theo Hasse, of California, is was declared to be "to exact no more for the ignorance of the masses and thoping for a white Christmas, as she never saw it snow in her life.

Was declared to be "to exact no more for the ignorance of the masses and the conditions that produced war. The conomically administered." Times may have changed, but conditions may have changed but conditions and making the present potent factors that have changed, but conditions do not mold public sentiment. Therefore, prigrower, is here for a few days and The money exacted from the people is a is at the New Perkins. sagred fund and all loans to our allies should be returned to the Treasury But any hopes of a return seem to be doubtful, as some of our legislators are inclined, like the Socialists, to describe the strategy of the three "P"a."

For 40 years the priests and the present the strategy of the three "P"a."

LAFAYETTE.

Of the deed that ye wrought When ye came to us, Lafayette, When ye brought us your wealth And your own true self, But we never shall forget!

And ye planted a seed, In our hour of need God sent the sun and it woke Twas an acorn then, Now, our millions of men

26th Division Still Over There. PORTLAND, Dec. 17 .- (To the Ed-or.)-(1) Please tell me if the 26th Engineers, will return home It was sent from Fort Meyer Virginia. (2) Is Alaska a state? Has it any

hance to be one? Have the Hawaiian Islands any hopes of becoming a state Can it be done? SUBSCRIBER. (1) Whether you mean the engineers of the 26th Division or the 25th Regi-

either as a state, but admission is not in early prospect

107th in National Guard Division.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 16.—(To the Ed-or.)—(1) Has Company C of the 162d Regiment been ordered back to the States7 (2) Would like to know if the 107th Infantry is National Army or regular and what division it is in. Would like to know if the 107th (3) Has it or its machine gun com-

A READER. (2) Neither. It is a National Guard organization of the 27th, a National Suard division.

pany been listed to be returned?

(1) No. Homecoming of 46th Artillery.

CANYONVILLE, Or., Dec. 15.—(To the Editor.)—Has the 46th Coast Artillery ever seen active service? Also, could you give any idea when this paricular division may be expected home?

INTERESTED. We have no record of the regiment's service. The War Department is vague in forecasting how quickly units design nated for return will be gotten back, and Noyers. The 46th should be on American soil in six to ten weeks.

selongs and whether any data have been given as to their return.

MRS. C. R. ZENER.

signed to divisions. It is not yet booked for return. 17th Aero Squadron Still in France,

The Railway Engineers were not as-

PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—(To the Editor.)—Please tell me if the 17th Aero Squadron has left France. If not, when do they expect to leave A MOTHER

It has not, and no announcement as

to when it will be sent home has been

made.

In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago.

From The Orecontan December 18, 1893. The Burnside bridge, so far as it is under construction, is about completed. founders of Socialism. Driven from Germany, he found a home in tolerant end ing painted red. The 18x30-foot house England. The ultimate aim of Socialists

The committee appointed to solicit funds for the improvement of the threatened damage to the Eugene water power has succeeded in raising water power has succeeded in raising a little over \$100 and is still at work.

St. Petersburg .- At the annual banquet Monday last of the soldiers decorated with the cross of St. Andrew and St. George 40 guests are said to have partaken of meat pie in a putrid state. The result is 15 have since died cholers and others were very sick for

Fifty Years Ago.

From The Oregonian, December 18, 1868. The mileage of the messenger who carries the electoral vote of this state to Washington is about \$1500 in currency, which will barely pay expenses. The Sentinel thinks the Democratic messenger who offers the forlorn vote of Oregon at the crumbling shrine of Democratic messenger was the complete with the complete was a complete with the complete was a complete was Democracy won't have so much to say about Republican extravagance by the time he returns.

One of the road supervisors of this many persons positively refuse to pay their road tax, either in labor or money who has made a failure in his own in criminal convictions where a fine cannot be collected-imprisons

The road up the canyon is said to have become almost totally impracticaols. The north road is good, but the rossing of Tanner Creek is dangerous. ome teams are coming in that way ut more perhaps now come down the but more perhaps now come down the Robinson Hill road or come in by way

L. W. Felton, who has just returned from a trip through Southern Oregon, showed us yesterday a specimen of almost pure copper obtained from a creek in the Bohemia district. He repesents that a company has a large lode near where this specimen was found, which is believed to be almost pure copper.

NOW IT IS ALL FIGURED OUT Public retrenchment should be the War Due to Failure of Press and Pulpit Properly to Guide People.

PORTLAND, Dec. 17 .- (To the Editor.)—For four years the greatest genius, the greatest brains and the greatest ability the world possesses have been used to invent, build and the press are responsible for this war.

all the Winter wheat they have sown, and if they should have a good crop of Spring wheat into the bargain, all at a guaranteed price of \$2.20 a bushel, they may grow so rich as to convert they may grow so rich as to convert the rural credit system into a scheme Native in U. S. Army Declares Government of the people of the people of Sympathy With Public, the price of liberty is eternal vigilance.

All Washington Hotel.

CHILEAN PEOPLE ARE PRO-ALLY
Native in U. S. Army Declares Government of the people of the people

During all these 46 years the world's probable and these so years the world's probable has remained silent on the horrors of war, or advocated preparation so as to be able to do the other fellow before he could do you. But today the world's press is bowling for a league of nations forever to prevent war. Why? Why this instantaneous change of heart to forever forever the glories of the forever forego the glories of the battlefield?

The world's sentiment has changed because the "lords of war" that coined tuman misery into gold and securities anye learned that this and future wars vill pauperize instead of enriching hem. The long silence of the press is due to the fords that pay the adver-tising bills. The price paid for most papers and magazines would not buy the raw material in them, much less pay for the labor of printing. Hence paid ads are the only source of revenue editors and owners, and they must lve, like all other human beings. There-fore, editors and owners of the press annot advocate that which interferes with the business of the "lords" that pay the advertising bills without facing bankruptcy. Hence public sentiment is largely molded by those who pay the

ment of Engineers is not clear, but neither is yet listed for return.

(2) Both have territorial form of government. It is possible to admit divided into two classos: Class 1 for divided into two classes: Class 1 for news and stories; class 2, for advertis-ing and catalogues. Public sentiment would then find honest expression, unfettored by those who pay the adver-tising bills. Priests and preachers ising bills. Priests and preachers hould be excommunicated or officially decapitated that preach the glories of the battlefield. Sherman said. "War is hell." If true, where is the glory in nations starting hell?

O. C. FENLASON. 209 Alma street. This letter is discussed on this page under the title "Inverse Logic."

Location of 41st Division. PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—(To the Editor.)—Will you kindly give me the present location of the 41st Division? Early in the Spring of 1917 a squadron of cavalry was formed in this city. In the Fall of the same year this squad-ron became a part of the tlat Division.

The Separate Cavalry Squadron beame a part of the 148th Field Artillery. attached to the 41st Division, and so remains. Headquarters of the 41st on November 7 was located at St. Aignon

Predictions Cannot Be Made. 18th Rallway Enginers.

WHITE SALMON, Wash. Dec. 16.—
(To the Editor.)—Please tell us to what division the 18th Engineers (Railway) belongs and whether any data have to get the location of a goldier over

to get the location of a soldler seas? SUBSCRIE SUBSCRIBER (1) Not yet so listed, nor can we prelict when it will be, (2) You might write the Adjutant-General, United States Army, Washington, D. C. Whether he would take the

do not know. Information Not Available. LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 15 .- (To the Editor.) -- Could you inform me in what division the 311th Field Artillery is?

trouble to give the man's location we

A MOTHER. We de not have this information.