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THE ALLIES' DUTY TO RUSSIA.

Discussion of the affairs of Russia by the peace conference and the forecast of its action arouse apprehension lest the allies should fall short of their duty, both to Russia and to the cause of freedom which they represent.

The allies have incurred moral obligations to Russia which they cannot ignore without lasting shame. During the first two years of the war the Russian army suffered enormous losses.

The revolution was as much the result of the superhuman efforts put forth by the Russian army and people as the result of the autocracy of the Czar and the intrigues of the German and Austrian governments.

Here the public has the title of a hero introduced at Salem by Senator Haddock. It tells briefly, but convincingly, its own story. It is a humane, intelligent, workable and necessary plan to look after neglected children and the derelicts of society.

The children have been kicked about from one court to another, in Multnomah County, quite long enough. Their care, and their right to be cared for, is a matter of public concern.

NEW SCHOOLHOUSES NEEDED. The Department of Labor makes a strong case for immediate completion of contracts for schoolhouses.

allies leave each Russian to decide separately whether he will fight in defense of his native land, and will not force anybody to fight against his will.

Those words raise the expectation that the allies will stand by the Russians in resisting a government which is not "recognized by the whole nation and which does not offer opposition to our army and any aid short of enough to accomplish its end would be futile.

One wonders. The Oregonian has a letter from an excited anarchist in denunciation of the "capitalist press"—the familiar socialist jargon now doing service for the agitators in the new movement of overthrow and revolution.

Will our gentle correspondent pretend to affirm his right to advocate a "policy" of tolerance, or other unlawful methods of terrorism for any purpose whatsoever? If so, he deserves to be dealt with by law; if not, he has nothing to fear.

Representative Gordon has a message to the Russian people. He warns them that the Bolsheviks think it an invasion of their rights for a state or a government to protect itself against its avowed enemies.

THE CALL OF HUMANITY. An act entitled, "An act to establish a court of appeals, to be known as the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and to amend the act in that behalf amended."

LONGEVITY OF OUR PRESIDENTS. The average age at time of death of the 22 presidents of the United States who have died from natural causes is 69 years, 10 months and 15 days.

When a "preacher" is sent to prison it looks "awful" in print, but should not. "Preachers" are human. Inspector Tackaberry has proved once more that the man who is quick on the draw wins the fight.

capita per annum over the per capita cost, even if construction were delayed several years.

SET THE SHIP INDUSTRY FREE. Figures published by the London Times show that the aggregate loss of ships by the world exclusive of the enemy countries during the war was 15,958,736 gross tons; new construction, 10,449,527 tons; enemy ships captured, 2,392,675 tons; net loss, 1,811,584 tons.

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client data. Polk was the most abstemious of men and Arthur, on the other hand, was extremely fond of good living.

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Stars and Starmakers.

IF THERE ever was any lingering doubt in anybody's head as to whether any clemency should be shown the ex-Kaiser, he has solved for himself. He has started sideburns and a beard.

Julian Elling's business manager, Walt S. Kinback, is in Portland hobnobbing with officials at the Heilig Theater, where Mr. Elling is booked to appear the last of this month.

"So Long Letty" opens tonight with Charlotte Greenwood as Letty, the cabaret-loving, non-domestic wife, and Eunice Burnham as the nice little home-loving essentially domestic wife.

Shelley Hull, widely known young actor who has appeared often in Portland, succumbed to influenza-pneumonia on January 15 at his home, 256 West Fifty-seventh street, New York.

Louis F. Borromeo, who is appearing on Pantages' current bill, is now a full-fledged American citizen.

An unique gift in the form of several letters written by Leo Tolstoy has just been received by Maud Hannaford, who plays the part of Lisa in Arthur Hopkins' production of the famous Russian "Redemption."

Maud Hannaford was a Baker Player for about two weeks one season.

Vaudeville, musical comedy and burlesque circles will be interested to learn that the old "Red" has been re-animated.

Those Who Come and Go.

Some distinguished Oregonian who has the ear of the French High Commission at Washington, D. C., has evidently thought it necessary to find an alibi for the climate in Oregon.

At Alta and Main streets, Portland, it is "Dan" and "Bill." Dan is, perhaps, the largest sheepman in Umatilla County, while Bill, in business circles, is a banker.

There was no mistaking Walter McDevitt, of San Francisco, as he straddled about the Oregon yesterday.

Old Romance is coming into her own in the stern life of the Avery-Whitney family.

When George A. Gue, of Yakima, and the Imperial, the stockmen and sheepmen judge each other.

Walter Wassner lives at the Multnomah. This fact seems to be noted by every automobile salesman in Portland.

Captain J. A. McDonald, of the Canadian Royal Flying Corps, must have heard of the London bus driver who spent his vacation in Portland.

W. S. Knuckack, who declares that he spends most of his spare time explaining whether Julian Elling is a man or a woman, has been seen in the streets of Portland.

In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of January 23, 1904. Washington, D. C.—Bill was introduced into the Senate today by Morgan asking for an amendment to the charter of the Nicaragua Canal Company.

Chairman M. C. George opened a public meeting of the School Board last night, at which the annual report was read.

Victoria, B. C.—Mr. Long, one of the late proprietors of the Colonist, has sold out his business to the newspaper to Mr. Higgins, who hereafter will resume control of the business.

London.—Advice from New Zealand ported a freightmaster of whites by the natives of Poverty Bay.

WANTS GEN. WOOD FOR PRESIDENT. Admirer Says He Has Never Been Found Wanting in Any Situation.

Wilson and Roosevelt in Rome. HALSBRO, Or., Jan. 23.—(To the Editor.)—There was quite a contrast in Rome as to the reception of Theodore Roosevelt and President Wilson.

Hop Crop of Dry Nation. HILLSBORO, Or., Jan. 23.—(To the Editor.)—Now that the prohibition amendment, which prospects are there for the hop-grower? Will there be any market for hops with the dealers?

Pay of Ambassadors and Consuls. ESTACADA, Or., Jan. 23.—(To the Editor.)—What is the salary of an American Ambassador, Consul, envoy, diplomat and Minister? STUDENT.

Various small notices and advertisements including "Hop Crop of Dry Nation", "Pay of Ambassadors and Consuls", and "Oregon Bone Dry by People's Vote".