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NAVAL DEFENSE OF THE PACIFIC. The naval committee of the housof representatives visits the Pacific coast at a juncture when it has be come imperative that congress give attention to the need of fully equipped naval bases on this coast in order to carry out the policy which the adminlatration has adopted and the people have generally approved. This policy strengthen the navy to an equality with that of Great Britain and to station one-half of it in the Pacific ocean, occasionally concentrating the entire fleet in one occan or the other for joint maneuvers. That policy is a tardy recognition of the fact that a tardy re the United States has interests to de-fend and dangers to meet in the Paeific no less than in the Atlantic. It is a recognition of the fact that the

other facing Asia, and that the latter is no less important than the former, The Heim commission on naval defense of the Pacific coast reported in 1917 just before the declaration of war that the Pacific fleet represented not more than 20 per cent of the total effective strength of the fleet at that time, and that the then existing facilities left only a small margin over the requirements of that force. It said Pacific, depending on those facilities, and 50 per cent of this greatly augmented strength is to be stationed in
the Pacific, based solely on Pacific
navy-yards and stations. The Helm
commission recommended in 1917
that these facilities be trebled without delay and that thereafter their half the greatly augmented fleet of hand, it is frankly given.

He then quotes Jellicoe as saying: The German emperor once remarked to go at Kiel that we had made the mistake to building our ships before we had proper sek accommodation for them, while in Ger-stry they provided the dock accommoda-tion first and designed the ships subs-

Jellicoe goes on to say that development of new types of dreadnought was restricted by lack of suitable docks and by the difficulty of obtaining money to build docks. He then says: The result was that August, 1914, found us with a superiority of ships but worfully lacking in dock accommodations; and for this reason alone the freet action early in the war, resulting in considerable damage to heavy ships, would have produced em-

The present is the time to guard the American fleet which will hereafter be fold. in the Pacific from any such "embar-The Helm commis-Pacific coast defense under the condiffions which prevailed before the Portland newspapers, but against United States went to war. plans are a good starting point to ock from, but they need to be greatly expanded in order to meet the needs

on Puget sound to be greatly improved the roll of the city's wellwishers. and to be a main base for both subnew one to be constructed at Alameda, things be done, yet they are the busi-Cal., at a cost of \$36,307,000. Mare ness of no one particular person. They Island would sink to the position of a are that "everybody's business" which accomplished in expert style, no expert subsidiary base within the limits of its is said to be "nobody's business." That could sort out the pieces. thirty-foot channel. There would be a is just the kind of business which the mayal aviation training base at San Chamber has undertaken to handle. Diego, a submarine training base at Los It keeps certain things moving which, Angeles, both submarine and aviation but for it, would not move at all or operating bases at San Diego, Tongue would move in the wrong direction. Point on the Columbia river and Port Some may say it is too slow, but the Angeles, Wash., and an aviation base thing for them to do is to join the of Western Union men. When the only at Los Angeles. There would also Chamber and push, that it may move be a string of eight temporary sub-faster. Their votes will be as good as marine operating bases and nine tem-porary aviation operating bases dis-but convince the majority. tributed along the coast.

in war, but that would not remove the of internal development and commer-* need of light, swift craft to patrol the cial expansion, in which the whole soast, or of bases for their shelter, re- back country will be filled with people pair and supply. mended by the Helm commission for submarines would be equally service- land, and in which great fleets will

able for surface patrol craft, and this distribute those products all over the lious and generally undemocratic concomment on the Columbia river is world. That stream of trade must be duct could not be tolerated, and Can equally to the point:

At the time of its first visit to Portland and the Columbia river the commission was impressed with the importance of adequately defending this region from hostile arrack and establishing, if practicable, near the mouth of the Columbia river a submarine and aviation base from which operations could be satisfactorily conducted in time of war.

After consideration of all available sites in the vicinity of the mouth of the Columbia river, the Tougue point site appears to the commission to posses greater advantages at a submarine and aviation base than preme

50 the river, the commission to possess greater adva 2.50 ages as a submarine and aviation base to 3.50 any other site in that locality. In time war the necessity for the protection of the 50.00 Columbia river region is imperative, and 75 well-equipped submarine base in the Colu well-equipped submarine base in the Columbia river, from which submarines could operate for a distance of at least 150 miles to the northward and southward, would meet the major requirements of defense at Williams bay, Grays harbor and the coart to the northward and southward of the entrances to the Columbia river.

site and construction of buildings and into the state or come into the posplant, with provision for twelve submarines and possibility of expansion o double that number, also for air-

eraft. end, especially as the coast is represented on the committee by so ener-getic a representative as Mr. Mc-PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 1919. Arthur. Members from other sections may also be expected to realize that this is a matter of national defense, which, therefore, concerns the whole nation and to be guided by that fact.

LOOKING AS TO 1920.

A well-informed Washington corre port and in traffic that justice faces spondent sends to the New York Evening Post this interesting statement about Mr. Taft and the presidency:

The former president is simply interested in the league of nations, and to those who say he is hurting his chances for the nomination by siding with Mr. Wilson and splitting his own party, the answer comes: "Mr. Taft doesn't care one whit about his own political fortunes—he is interested only in the league of nations."

presidential candidate. Mr. Taft is eligible now as a candidate because he is not concerned about 1920 in America but 1919 in the world. Pacific coast is not the back door of the country, but that we have two front doors, one facing Europe, the latter.

Ica but 1919 in the world.

If Mr. Wilson runs again in 1920, with the league of nations as an issue, the latter.

> and deliberate action by the republicans. The nomination of Mr. Taft might, indeed, then be inevitable; again it

him will call for serious

might not be.

ONE SOURCE OF PREJUDICE.

that if \$0 instead of 29 per cent of the News at Roseburg, makes an arraignentire fleet should be stationed on the ment of Portland and Portland interests for various misdemeanors, among the demand upon facilities would be them the organization of the Oregon four times as great. The result would State Chamber of Commerce, the annual be "serious inefficiency and in time celebration" of the Rose Festival, and of war possible grave disaster." Since the made-in-Oregon campaign. It is of war possible grave discharge the fleet has that opinion was given the fleet has been increased at least 50 per cent, it measure of Portland's offenses, exis now to be doubled in a few years, cept that these various enterprises are and 50 per cent of this greatly aug- originated and promoted in Portland

assumed is based merely on prejudice development should "keep pace with and misunderstanding; but the real the development of the fleet." Ob-reason of the Roseburg paper's animus viously, in order to meet the needs of is not at all disguised. On the other the near future, in place of 20 per cent fact that a newspaper of Portland, the of the first of 1917 the facilities Evening Journal, proposed two meas-should be much more than trebled, ures at the recent state election di-They must not only care for half of rectly aimed at the country press of the fleet all of the time, but for all Oregon, and that both were approved of the fleet during that part of the in the state, with the aid of large not long been dead when Czar Albert million Czecho-Slovaks, but they are time when it is concentrated in the majorities in Multnomah county.

A lesson in the necessity of adequate docking facilities for times of war is contained in Admiral Jellico's book. The Grand Fleet, 1914-16," as received by D. Thomas Curtin for "The Bookman." Mr. Curtin says:

After pointing out that throughout the war German captial ships rarely survived maining and terpedoing whereas British ships rarely survived. Admiral Jellicoe pre-tive of the country villages of the state of received to not not possible at the wines and was given authority to take the wires whenever the shortcomings.

A lesson in the necessity of adequate docking facilities for times of war is contained in Admiral Jellico's book. Says the News:

Portland papers go right ahead printing the delinquent tax list and get the same of Texas which conferred on a more or less grateful nation the blessing of Colonel E. M. House. His fingers have long itched to get hold of the wires and, while the nation was at twar with German, that good of the wires and, while the nation was at twar with Germany, that good of German excuse, military necessity, than the protection of the delinquent tax list and get the same of Texas which conferred on a more or less grateful nation the blessing of Colonel E. M. House. His fingers have long itched to get hold of the wires and, while the mation was at twar with Germany, that good of German excuse, military necessity, the was a twar with Germany, that good of German excuse, military necessity, the will be the received admiral Jellicoe pre-tive of the country villages of the state of Oregon.

Mande Powell, who is such a good musician that she can refer to her investigation. The same conferred on a more or less grateful nation the blessing of Colonel E. M. House. His fingers have long itched to get hold of get had to get hold of the wires and, while the nation the blessing of Colonel E. M. House. His fingers have long itched to get hold of get had to get hold of get had the week and the powers.

Even Chicago, the sixth German city, is a better place than New York to get convictions unde

statement as to the Portland papers for Albert has done many favors for is not accurate. Nor does it seem to the big chief and is in a position to do The Oregonian that it takes sufficient more favors-or disfavors, either. or appreciative notice of the fact that The Oregonian opposed these measpointing out to the people the which owns most of the injustice to the country press which more than, willing to let Czar Albert was proposed to impose upon them have them, and that the only objector and the probable consequences to was the Postal Telegraph company. Portland.

is responsible for the measures. One panies were placed in positions of of them had sufficient votes outside power and good salary under the czar Multnomah to carry, and the other had and were encouraged to conduct within a few hundred of enough votes. pogrom against the property of the

the complaint of the News is two-fold. It would have the people of Portland understand the source and against the ruler by divine right nature of the grievance of the state sion recommended a general plan of papers against Portland; and it would naval bases to meet the needs of suggest to the News that its indictment does not properly lie against all Those single paper.

TO DO EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS. The Portland Chamber of Commerce as early as possible of half the present should have no difficulty in enrolling fleet, and thereafter to meet the needs the one thousand new members for of half the fleet as it will be a few whom it is making a drive. It is the years hence, when the American navy organized public spirit of the business ownership and operation as a permanent have reached equality with that men of the city and, as such, it has of Great Britain. The full plan should been the most potent instrument in adopted now, and its execution advancing the industrial and commershould be continuous, for by the time cial development of the city. Through it is completed the fleet will be large the Chamber or with its aid new enough to use all the facilities which manufactures are established, steamit provides. If war should come, we ship lines started, public improve-should not lose damaged ships through ments inaugurated, the products and lack of docks where they can be re-resources of Oregon advertised telegraph business in the true sense paired. throughout the continent, visitors of the word" it "has not existed for The Helm plan provides for two from other countries and states are main naval bases, that at Bremerton entertained, informed and added to

It is necessary to the growth and fastly declined all invitations. marine and aircraft, and an entirely prosperity of the city that all of these

Portland needs a strong Chamber of It is possible that the league of na- Commerce, for it has entered on a rates, saying it was doing very well. tions will forbid use of the submarine new epoch in its history-an epoch It resisted the authority of a The sites recom-im commission for the Columbia river gateway into Port-

brains that it may do that business.

UPLIFT OF THE OTHER PELLOW. It is not surprising that the supreme court divided upon the case involving possession of intoxicating liquor, which it decided yesterday. There is on the one hand in Oregon a in intoxicants. There is on the other apa bay, Grays harbor and the coast to the same article. There are countto the Columbia river.

An appropriation of \$1,200,000 was commended for acquisition of the commenting of the commenting of the comments of the comm

being discovered by the officers of the law.
It is not meant that part of the When the naval committee of the court is swayed one way by public house has seen for itself the inadequacy of present facilities and the swayed by public approval. The situa-urgent need of large expansion, the long neglect of its defense from which which way the court may hold. If it the Pacific coast has suffered should must be proved that a person in possession of intoxicants knows what the package contains there is opportunity for the bootlegger who is arrested to insist that he was carrying a package for another person and knew not its contents. If knowledge of what was in his possession is not necessary to be proved and one is found with contraband in his possession, innocent persons will be punished for the crimes

of others. So much liquor is in trans-

an actual dilemma. The law itself

Efforts to enforce a prohibition law upon which so large a proportion of the people look lightly, yet insist shall remain in force, produce inevitable conflicts with justice and constitutional rights. Several months ago The Oregonian received a letter of protest from a minister of the gospel. He was an ardent prohibitionist yet he objected vehemently because his trunk had been opened and searched while he was en route home from California. Not long since officers of the law stopped a negro who was suspected of having intoxicants in his possession. He objected to search. Yet he was searched—and nothing to incriminate him was found. Yet he was thrown into fall on a charge of re-

sisting an officer.

The constitution of Oregon assures the people of the state that no law shall violate their right to be secure ONE SOURCE OF PREJUDICE. in their persons, houses, papers and The Oregonian observes that its excellent contemporary, the Evening and that no warrant shall issue except upon probable cause. Yet the only way effectively to enforce the law is to search promiscuously. may, indeed, stand upon his constitutional rights, but unless he is financially able to make a legal fight he invites the disaster that overtook the negro.

The problem of prohibition enforce other fellow. There is no intent herein to complain that prohibition is a failure but to point out that persist ence in an inconsistent attitude toward it is bound to lead to difficulties. Perhaps some day intoxicants will be unobtainable. Then there will be no cause to search and one may carry air. All will then be proud of the uplift of the other fellow and of the reformation of themselves as well.

THE CZAR OF ALL THE WIRES.

The Roseburg paper's sweeping passed before the word was spoken

The surprising fact is that the American Bell Telephone company, The reward was that the officers of Nor is it true that Portland alone the Bell and Western Union com-The purpose of The Oregonian in Postal. The Postal was absorbed in making public through its columns a unified system, from which it might be able to disentangle itself hereafter, of and was treated generally as a rebel

The heartfelt sympathy of the Bel system with the czar's desire to unify the Postal with it is made evident in Chairman Moon of the house committee on postoffices, giving his opin ion of what to do with the wires. ourden of Mr. Vail's argument that a unified system of both telegraph and telephone lines was perfection and that duplication was waste. that would have angered the czar and, after all, it might not be a bad stroke of business to unload a few million miles of wireseon the government just when communication was becoming decidedly wireless. Competition is pet aversion, and he says that "in the years," thus disposing of the Postal. For years efforts had been made to unify" the Postal but it had stead opportunity to obtain the aid of the government in forcing the process was too good to lose. When this was once

The Postal has been most determined in its efforts to preserve its independence. It went to court in a vain hope to escape that all-embracing military necessity. It refused to hand over its business to the management ezar raised rates to relieve the Bell companies and to avoid having to dir to make good the government guaranty, the Postal refused to raise composed entirely of its competitor's officials and acted generally as though it were free and independent and as though old military necessity did not exist.

Such cantankerous, seditious, rebel-

kept moving, obstructions must be Albert with a stroke of the pen re-cleared away and the channel must be moved Clarence H. Mackay and other broadened and deepened to carry a high officers of the Postal. No matter larger volume. There will be much if they did own their telegraph sysmore of everybody's business to do tem and operate it in a highly efficient than ever before, and the Chamber and offensively profitable manner, must be strong in numbers, money and They had defied the Czar of All the Wires, and their official heads came off as other heads used to come off

SLEEPING SICKNESS.

Of the "sleeping sickness" which has made its appearance in eastern strong antipathy to legalized traffic cities only enough is known to make it plain that scientists have another task cut out for them. They hardly come to grips with the new influenza when "lethargic encephalitis" threat-ens to divert their attention. The latter may be one of the sequellae of influenza, although this is not certain In New York in one week recently four fatal cases were reported, two of which were denominated "post influenza coma" in the death certificates, there being no history of influenza in the other two.

The malady from its nature is bound to furnish much material for humorists and to tempt malingerers. The victim falls asleep under most untoward circumstances, even while eating or talking, and remains in coma for varying periods. Several cases is which undoubtedly are genuine are kn a germ which might be responsible for procedure to the men who wrote the the conditions noted.

There is an interesting parallel be tween the sleeping sickness which now baffles medical scientists in this country and a somewhat similar malady which has long been epidemic among the inhabitants of tropical West Africa. The course of this disease is from four months to as many years

Gresham, where expensive hogs grunt is a limitation of the sovereignty of all, but as each makes a surrender in the same proportion, all will be in the chief of police of Portland and warden same relative position in the end. The declares possession to be prima facie the inhabitants of tropical West evidence of unlawful intent.

Africa. The course of this disease is from four months to as many year and its termination is always fatal. One of its inexplicable phenomena is that it sometimes develops in indi-One of its inexplicable phenomena is that it sometimes develops in individuals several years after they have like to call thempelas to held a well-made in 1912, when it proposed to Gertatt it sometimes develops in individuals several years after they have like to call thempelas to develop the call thempel left Africa for a permanent residence

in the temperate zone. The present generation is better prepared to attack problems like that here presented than previous ones have been. Study of epidemics is pecoliarly a community problem, and success in stamping them out is most likely to be attained by large numbers of scientists working as individuals but in harmony of purpose with one another. The task of finding the relationship between the sleeping sickness of the tropics and lethargica ncephalitis or post-influenza coma, if it exists, is one that will appeal to both the instinct of investigation and tunity to materialize. the humanitarian spirit of laborator

The estate of the late Henry Roberts who died a month ago, is appraised at more than \$600,000. Thirty years ago, when he arrived in Portland, his ing from the journey. sole capital was his talents and his integrity. Taking out the last five ment in Oregon exists in the fact that so many are for the uplift only of the young men today, but they must be the Henry Roberts kind of fellows.

To say the least, Los Angeles is unfortunate in the choice of mayor or of district attorney, for neither ever suits the other. If Mrs. Woolwine should be elected mayor, there might suitcase without a sneaking or timid air. All will then be proud of the ter war, extending into the Woolwine household.

Why should the allies worry about Hungary? They can leave it to the Czecho-Slovaks, as they left bolshevik Czar Nicholas of All the Russias had Russia. There are only about ten

the growing use of the word "tril-A few years ago a trillion was lions." almost beyond comprehension. The war introduced "billions." The readjustment calls for additions to our vocabulary.

In buying fuel, measure the wood and count the sacks. Dealers aim to be honest, but there are contingencie against which they cannot guard. Sometimes it's a question to whom belongs the last sack in the load.

Under the terms of a bill befor the New York legislature, it would be unlawful to sell eggs on Sunday, but lawful to sell automobile supplies Our ideas of essentials change with the passing of the years.

Penalizing a Chinaman for gambling will not stop the practice or break the a letter written by Theodore N. Vall, habit. The thing needed is to penalize president of the Bell company, to the white man caught in the Celestial's game so heavily he will not dare repeat the offense.

Mount Elbruz, in the Caucasus, supsedly extinct, is smoking, which confirms the belief that a volcano cannot be extinct. It may be quiescent for a He expressed opposition to government thousand years and then beich its

> A nation-wide strike of electrical people will be deplorable, but it might put Mr. Burleson where he belongs, which is anywhere but his present locality.

> If Secretary Daniels sees all there is to see and learns all there is to learn at Brest, he will wade in the mud of that embarkation camp, though it is outside his department. John Barrett (there's only one "John

> Barrett") wants a league of American nations, and he is hitting close to .300 If the bolsheviki call the manner in which they killed the czar and his

killings be like? A man died in New Mexico the other day supposed to be 115. Being Mex.

family humane, what must their other

more evidence is required. Perhaps those fasting I. W. W. at Topeka are training for life in Russia.

The younger Mackay has the fighting blood of old John W. This weather is just the Oregon

kind-best in the land. Hungary is not hungry enough to

welcome peace,

Those Who Come and Go.

They had defied the Czar of All the Wires, and their official heads came off as other heads used to come off at the order of the other czar, last of his line.

SLEEPING SICKNESS.

It is a requirement of a new leaders in the proposed constitution which was in the without proposed constitution which was in the proposed constitution which was in the without proposed constitution which was in the without proposed constitution which was in the without proposed constitution which was in the proposed constitution which was in

Dr. T. W. Harris, of Eugene, is in Dr. T. W. Harris, of Eugene, is in an official memorandum declining the city and is at the Imperial. The doctor is the father of Justice Harris, the youngest member of the Oregon supreme court. There was a rumor last fall that Justice Harris intended direction of Admiral Benson and read direction of Admiral Benson and read last fall that Justice Harris intended resigning and taking a commission as major in the judge advocate's department, but the armistice was signed mitted to lay before the readers of Th too goon.

Fire alarm gongs will be installed in the halls of the big hotels. This was decided yesterday at a meeting of the hotelmen's association. Smaller hotels have the gongs, but the big hotels had held off. At yesterday's meeting the hotel off. At yesterday's meeting the held off. held off. At yesterday's meeting the association members considered incorporating and they also agreed to get behind the campaign to raise funds for the International Livestock association.

W. F. Drager, the veteran chief clerk of the house in the Oregon legislature, is at the Imperial. Mr. Drager, between sessions, is in the fruit business. There for varying periods. Several cases which undoubtedly are genuine are being studied, but no measure of success has attended efforts to isolate be can give points on parliamentary books on the subject.

Evidently there is only one farm in Oregon. John W. Minto registered at the Imperial yesterday from "The Farm." Said farm is a piggery near of the penitentiary at Salem.

like to call themselves, are devising ways and means of entertaining the national convention which will come to Portland in a few months.

Leslie Butler, of Hood River, registered at the Benson yesterday. Mr. Butler always arrives one day ahead of a meeting of the state highway commission, for that's the kind of a road booster he is. Accompanying him this trip are Mr. and Mr. Tremps Butler trip are Mr. and Mrs. Truman Butler.

Jay Upton, president of the Oregon Irrigation congress, arrived yesterday and is at the Imperial. If the reconstruction programme is favored by the people in June, the irrigation plans of eastern Oregon will have an oppor-W. S. Woodhouse, of Silverton,

formerly owner of a hotel there, is at the Perkins. Mr. Woodhouse disposed of his hotel some time ago and, ac-companied by his wife, took a trip east for his health. They are now return-

W. W. Wyneken and H. S. Bentley, of integrity. Taking out the last five years, when he was incapacitated by illness, his savings and accumulations figure about \$25,000 a year or around supplying "juice" for automobiles. Looking for a chance to obtain state

aid for roads in his county, County Judge R. W. Marsters, of Roseburg, came to town yesterday and will wait over to meet the state highway commission today. Sol Herzog, associate state director

Oregon's relief commission. Mr. Her- qualities of a superstate such as has zog is at the Benson Returning to their home in Flint, Mich., from a winter in California, C. C. Spicer and family registered at the Multnomah yesterday. They are taking

in the scenery around Portland. P. L. Campbell, "prexy" of the Uni versity of Oregon, is registered at the Hotel Portland. The examinations ended at the "U" last week and the new term starts next week. Hotel

Mrs. J. W. Casey arrived at the Hotel Oregon from Seattle yesterday and took her husband, who was at the hotel, to

T. W. Robinson, who has a big coop erage at Olney, down in the Clatso country, is at the Perkins. He is als

heavily interested in the timber busi-H. G. Newport, president of the Hermiston Land & Improvement com-pany, is in town for a few days and is

at the Perkins. Max Roberts, a stockman of Joseph Or., is at the Perkins. Joseph has experienced an abundance of snow and

wind recently. H. M. Sheerer, connected with the United States Shipping board, arrived from Seattle yesterday and is at the

Multnemah. To attend the funeral of the late

Everett Ames, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Ames have arrived from Berkeley, Cal. They are at the Benson. A pioneer merchant of Kellogg, Ida io, Don A. Smith, is registered at the Perkins while ordering goods in Port-

land. R. L. Berg, mayor of Neverstill, Or is at the Perkins. Neverstill has grown up since the last gazeteer was pub-lished.

Bringing a consignment of stock to the Portland market, William Rickard, a stockman of Condon, is at the Perkins

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Connaher, of Yacolt, is at the Multnomah. Mr. Connaher is in the lumber business. Mary E. Wawcett, dean at the Oregon Agricultural college, is at the Seward from Corvallis.

Mary E. Fawcett, dean at the Oregon Mr. . Burgoyne the Benson. s a candy manufacturer.

work now on the market? SUBSCRIBER.

The most imposing history thus far

indertaken is "The Great War," the

editor-in-chief of which is George Henry Allen. The introduction has been written by William Howard Taft

LEAGUE A SUPREME GOVERNMENT Disarmament Plans Held to Prove Point in Argument.

When a person registers at a hotel now, the clerk looks at his wrist watch and jots down the hour and minute opposite the name and the room number. This is a requirement of a new federal tor.)—In an editorial of March 10 The Oregonian took issue with my letter of same date and stated: "There is nothing

> he gives an authoritative mention an official memorandum defining mitted to lay before the readers of The Oregonian the arguments in the matter in virtually the form that they have been laid before the supreme council.

Swope: "The league of nations must be strong enough to restrain, if neces-sary, its strongest member. The United States has satisfied its aim and may be relied upon to support loyally the league of nations. Nations of the world know this and have faith in us Should we ever fall in our international obligations there would exist the forces of the league, with the fleet of Great Britain to apply the remedy."
RALPH R. DUNIWAY.

The proposal simply is that the na-

tions shall agree together to limit their armaments and to authorize the league thus formed to enforce observance of the agreement. Of course this is a limitation of the sovereignty of proposition is much the same as Bri many that they agree on a "naval to their navies. Britain offered to yield part of its sovereignty, but German; kept sovereignty unimpaired. The outcome was that Germany had to surrender its fleet. All will agree that Germany would better have surrendered a fraction of its sovereignty and have kept the rest. If Britain was willing to make such an agreement with its st powerful rival, the United States should not hesitate to make a similar agreement with all nations, when the combined power of the world would enforce it against each other nation is well as ourselves.

The American people cannot be aroused to opposition to the league of nations by calling it "a new suprem government over all nations." fact would be that its authority would be strictly limited to disputes between nations, that it would resort to judicial means of adjustment first, then to co ciliation and only in extreme cases of flagrant bad faith and aggression would it resort to force. Any action of a nation which is forced upon it by mother nation implies a loss of free will, which is sovereignty. The United States sacrificed over 70,000 lives at the will of the kaiser. The alternative is to use our force in support of a law which we approve, made by the law-abiding nations, or to use it in resisting a law which is imposed by one or two lawless nations. The league of the Washington state veterans' wel- is to be preferred, even if it be called fare commission, is here to confer with a superstate, though it has none of the he federal government of the United

GERMAN ISLE IN SEA OF SLAVS Teuton Colony Would Now Like to Be Annexed to United States.

"That little Gottschee island of Ger mans, completely surrounded by Jugo-Slavs, seems not too remote to take a lesson from its big brother, Berlin, in 'asking America for it' when it wants something," says a bulletin from the National Geographic society

"When they heard of President Wilon's declaration in bel termination of peoples of the same race or tongue, the few thousands of Ger-man-speaking people in this alien colony, 30 miles northeast of Fiume, urged that they be constituted a miniature republic, like San Marino or An-

"Now, dispatches state, the Gott-scheans have changed their minds. All they ask is to be annexed to the United States:

"No better illustration than Gott-sches is afforded of the hodge-podge conglomeration of races and languages o be found in Continental Europe. sometime seems as if a racial earth-quake had brought about this latter-day Babel wherein some peoples are hopelessly intermingled and blended while other fragments were tossed olitude among stranger nations.
"This tautly drawn circles of Ger-

mans has dwelt undisturbed within a solid rim of Slovenes. Now Slovenes are hard-working, studious and less self-assertive than their next of kin, the Croats and Slavonians, That is why Austria was lepient with the Slovener nd why the Slovenes tolerated the "Gottschee is picturesquely situated

the Karst or Carso, region, where arthquakes are not figures of speech only 35 miles to the northeast is Lai-ach, devastated by one in 1895. "Of earthquake origin, in fact, the

Karst region resembles nothing so much as a magnified cross section of the shell-serrated and trench-bored battle-fields of France. The 'pock narked' surface of the porous limetone, with rivers mysteriously disappearing and coming to the surface again, like trick streams, slopes off nto the northern Adriatic where the

elevations form the gridiron of parallel slands along the Dalmatian coast. "The subterranean rivers have bored out vast cavities, such as the Friedrichstein ice cavern six miles from Got-tschee, and the famous grottoes of Adelsberg, farther to the west, with their 12 miles of stalactite-embroidered corridors sometimes expanding to form a natural ball room or cathedral, or disclosing grotesque representations of pipe organs, crosses and towers. "Gottschee's principal point of his-

torical interest is the chateau of the Austrian Auerspergs. Prince Adolph Auersperg, soldier and statesman, as head of the Austrian ministry from 1871 to 1879, forced passage of measures History of Great War.

PORTLAND, March 25.—(To the Editor.)—Who is the great historian of the war whose work will be complete, brother, Prince Carlos Auersperg, as president of the upper chamber, found sliable, unprejudiced and standard? ample opportunity to support his Are there any volumes of such a brother's opposition to the feudal reactionaries and Austrian Junkers."

Rest and Appetite Spolled.

been written by William Howard Taft and a number of historians, chosen for peculiar expertness in various fields, will contribute to the work as it unfolds. The first three volumes thus far issued carry the work only into the beginning of the invasion of Beigium. Others are in process of preparation. The publishers are G. Barrie's Sons, Philadelphia.

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Our first call at present is 5 A. M. It will soon be 4 A. M. My husband is not rested and does not care to eat at that hour. Having children going to school, my rest is broken, but mothers must not fail to be on duty. As we have no garden spot my husband in reading The Oregonian.

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RAILROAD MAN'S WIPE.

In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago.

Morning Oregonian, March 26, 1804 Francisco. — The barkentine San Francisco. - The barkentine Tropic Bird, just returned from Tabiti, made a remarkable run from this city to her destination in January. The dis-ance is 4200 nautical miles and the journey occupied 17 days 12 hours, said to be the fastest time ever made by a sailing vessel on the Pacific

Workmen have been sent to their camp at Grant's butte to recon work on the pipe from that point to the Mount Tabor reservoir.

Mail service from The Dalles to Goldendale has been made daily, except Sunday. The hopeful young town of Grant has a newspaper, the Gazette, and is promised a plow factory.

Fifty Years Age.

From Morning Oregonian, March 56, 1868 Chicago.—The Union Pacific railroad will commence running passenger and mail trains to Ogden Thursday, says a Tribune special from Omaha.

San Francisco.-Ten tons of delayed nail matter arrived at the end of the Central Pacific railroad track at noon today and left for Sacramento at 3

Virginia, Nev.—Wells, Fargo & Co. shipped last evening 993 pounds of bullion, valued at \$2,534,813. The Union Pacific company shipped egihi bars, value \$910,160. Tonight Wells, Pargo & Co. pony arrived from Reno. distance 1236 miles, in 44 minutes, leading the Union Pacific pony about five

Washington -- Ex-President Johnson ies dangerously ill at Greenville, Tenn Dr. Basil Morris left this morning for that place

Wasters. By Grace E. Hall.

To build a house of straws, criss-cross and high. Expecting it sweep by, to stand when gales Were not more foolish waste of time and skill, Than following mere pleasure's whim

To run a race which ends where it began, With neither aim nor object, is a plan Of idle folk who sap their vital power Pursuing follies lasting but an hour.

To feed alone on things of sight and sound, To add to mental debris floating round On pools of shallow thought-To waste so much as one brief, fleeting

GRACE E. HALL SYSTEM MAY RUIN SMALL MILLS

Government Method of Buying Italirond Lumber Protested Even in South. PORTLAND, March 25 .- (To the Edl. tor.)—Possibly you are not altogether unfamiliar with the injustice that all of the coast mills are suffering at this

Practically the entire output of the maller mills outside of Portland is sold to the railroad companies. Under present centralized purchasing by present centralized purchasing by the government the purchasing agent of each individual railroad purchases all the material manufactured on their line. Under this arrangement approxi-mately 150 milis in the Williamette valley have to sell to F. W. Taylor, the purchasing agent of the Southern Pa-cific, who is the exclusive buyer and sets the price and has autocratic power. Consequently the mills are deprived of

all competition. all competition.

Also the government has a specification and inspection that is not practical and is so strict that it is impossible for these mills to run at a profit. onsequently a large per cent of the nills are idle, and unless they receive

relief it is a question of a short time before they all will be idle or go into bankruptcy. In the Gulf Coast Record dated March 8, 1919, appeared the following interesting article on this situation:

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The crossie situation upon the railreads is described as desperate, last year's production having been scarcely over one-half that of normal years. Sheriage of labor would in any case have reduced the output of hewn ties for 1918, but the stump is chiefly attributed to the measures put in effect by the forcat products section of the United States railread administration, which blocked the channels through which supplies had been furnished in the past without providing others to replace them, while other "reforms" instituted had further discouraging inflinence upon production.

Many large rail systems entered the year with their usually large stocks of ties on hand and have since used them, in large part without replacement, for reads now having any substantial quantity with while! to face the season when largest renevals should be made. Roads using treated fees in the past are new laying them untreated because of the lumbility to hold them out of track long enough for treatment, and greatly increased prices are noted here and there, an instance being quoted where the purchasing agent of an eastern line accepted an offer of shipment of Douglas fir the from the Pacific coast at \$1.80 cach, delivered in New York. Ties are needed at once and no further time can be wasted in development of theories.

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solid south, which got the cream of the
business, there must be something
wrong with a system which isn't applicable even to COUNTRY MILL MAN.

LEAGUE IS FOUNDATION FOR WAR Correspondent Asserts That Pact Will Provoke Heatilities.

CORBETT, Or., March 24.—(To the Editor.)—In the controversy between you and Ralph Duniway about the proposed league for peace, I am siding in with Duniway emphatically a well-known rule, established by iong experience, that meddling with other people's affairs always causes dislike and natred. Every one knows just as and natred. Every one knows just as well that force never causes love of it, but only dislike and hatred. Now, the whole proposed peace league is founded on both. Can you ever suppose that a league built on such a foundation and bound to cause dislike and hatred will insure the peace on earth? Only the most short-sighted men, who are close to perfect blindness, can believe in such a result. And for all these reasons I to perfect blindness, can believe in such a result. And for all these reasons I have the sure conviction that Mr. Wilson and Mr. Taft are now busily engaged laying the cornerstone for the next great war, against which the last one would be mere child's play, instead of the cornerstone to lasting peace.

Suppose some members of that peace league do not like the forcible meddling of other peace league members in their of other peace league members in their own affairs, and oppose them, form a league within the league, against the other part of it, for the purpose of opposing their tyrannical meddling, who can stop that? Only war can set-

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