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THE EASTERN CAMPAIGNS.

In the Eastern campaigns along the frontiers of Germany and Austria the battle rages may be said to have come to something like the standstill that is noted on the Alsace.

In this region the Germans continue to fight a defensive campaign. Their object is to hold in check the great Russian army which would crush down all barriers and advance on Berlin.

It is the purpose of the Russian fight to sweep the Germans back from the frontier to their economic line of defense on the Vistula River.

At the same time the Russian center was forced back to a position in front of Warsaw, while the Russian pressure on Austria was relieved and the immediate danger to Cracow and Przemyel removed.

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The modern history of the country begins in the year 1573 with the union of Utrecht formed by William the Silent, Prince of Orange, to resist the Spanish yoke.

Belgian soldiers in large numbers have reached The Hague. It might be well now to garrison them in the peace park.

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day, only to be mobbed by the outraged populace. The Italians do not love the Austrians and we fear it will be many years before affection grows warm between these two nations.

As for German music, Walter Damrosch, the New York conductor, does not speak hopefully of it. He says the Fatherland with all its soldiers, ships and guns has produced no great musician since the days of the Franco-Prussian war.

Perhaps Mr. Damrosch goes a trifle far in this sentence upon the Kalevala domain, but he is a man of facts and probably weighs his words. His remarks give little comfort to the philosophers who assure us that a war now and then is necessary to bring out the fine spiritual gifts and virtues which are latent in every man.

FOR THE RECALL OCTOBER 27. The Supreme Court interposes no legal obstacle to the recall, and the proposed election will be held in Portland on October 27.

The charges against the three officials do not, it is true, constitute a sufficient reason for the solemn remedy of the recall. They are not true, they are frivolous.

The plan for a separate recall election, costing \$25,000, just a few days prior to the election, is unworkable on the ground of expense and trouble.

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THE SHAME OF OREGON. In line with his attempt to ruin everyone he cannot rule, Governor West in the current campaign, as in the past, has committed peculiarly vicious wrongs.

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compel any person or company desiring to reclaim lands to submit to its dictation as to the manner of disposing of the lands.

That a man honored with the position of Governor is traveling up and down the state using mere pretext to deprive worthy and patriotic citizens of their good name and thereby vent his spite, is the shame of Oregon.

WHO IS THE PRIMARY'S FRIEND? The public continues to hear of the "secret and sinister programme for doing violence to the direct primary of Oregon."

But let us see how the primary has been or is being violated. The spirit of the direct primary has been most grossly violated by the action of the Legislature.

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according to Professor Graham Lusk, of Cornell. Various corn products are important components of numerous soups, breads, cakes, puddings and candies, recipes for which are given in cookbooks.

If war were to cut off this country from communication with the rest of the world, we could still live well, for corn would yield all the food necessary to sustain life and health.

THE FIRST TO BRING WEALTH. The American to profit by the war, and the one to profit most, is the American farmer. Though estimates of the wheat crop have been cut down somewhat, that of October 1, which may be considered final, shows it still to be the banner crop.

When the unusual surplus of these crops are marketed in Europe at war prices it will go far to satisfy our foreign debts and it will pour so much wealth into the farmers' pockets that they will be able to buy liberally at home, not only of those commodities they have been used to buy at home, but many which hitherto have come from abroad.

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begins in 1641, with the accession to power of Frederick Henry, third son of William the Silent. It was now that the island empire was founded in the Malay archipelago, Brazil, Canada and the great naval wars waged with England.

The end of Dutch naval power came in the days of the French revolution. The revolutionists made a Winter campaign when the rivers could be crossed on the ice and the dikes were unavailable for defence.

Perhaps William the Hohenzollern has William the Norman in mind as he forges toward the North Sea and almost sees the white cliffs of Albion. The Norman won England in one battle, at Hastings, and the ground where he did it still there. When will the Hohenzollern tread it?

If we had more Gardners in Congress our military helplessness would not long be so pitiful. Congress has been the obstacle to a potent military policy commensurate with the power, wealth and actual needs of the United States.

The American Sheriff at Naco suggests raising 500 American cowboys to deal with the Mexicans who are firing into American territory. Such a force would give full assurance that the outrages which President Wilson merely smiles at would be ended.

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TIME HAS COME TO FACE FORWARD

Problems Created by Fact That 60 Per Cent of Oregon Is in Government Control and Unsettled Condition—Development by Official Inefficiency, While Newly Proposed Policies and Political Indifference Threaten Further Setbacks.

BY AND LARGE Oregon is a great state. It is 375 miles long and 290 miles wide. It is nearly one-half the size of the area of the Empire in Europe and nearly one-half as big as France. It is a state of boundless resources and magnificent distances.

Approximately 60 per cent of the land area of Oregon is either governed from Washington City, 4000 miles away, or is in litigation.

The other day 5000 men congregated in Alder street and watched an electric score board. On the same day another 1000 crowded into the Hellig Theater and followed the course of a mechanical ball around a diamond-shaped field.

Do the cold figures impress you? If you glance at the map on page 12, section 1, you will see a diagram or proportionate showing of the unsettled area of Oregon. It is scientifically accurate. It was prepared by a competent engineer and draughtsman from Government documents and other official data.

This map does not disclose the exact location in each county of the land that pays no taxes, but it accurately presents in understandable form the burdens of government that are imposed upon a state by the expense of public domain, National forests, Government reserves and forfeited land grants within its borders.

It has been stated that the area of Oregon that actually belongs to Oregon is not much larger than the State of Indiana. That which does not belong to Oregon, but is a source of constant annoyance in various ways, is as large as the combined areas of Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Vermont, Connecticut, Delaware and Rhode Island—and then some.

The immense acreage of unappropriated and unreserved public lands, forest reserves and other Government-controlled areas in Oregon is a burden to the present generation, though it may be an asset to the future. Its existence is of timely consideration because of the influences at work to commit the state to certain policies without regard to the conditions that confront the people.

In the 60 per cent of the land area of Oregon not now under state control are more than 16,000,000 acres of unappropriated and unreserved lands. This land is subject to settlement. Time was when the major portion of the net proceeds from the sale of public lands was by law required to be expended within the boundaries of Oregon for reclamation projects. The irrigable land is available. The water resources are abundant and the people are hungry for farms. Yet a law was enacted without a protest from Senator Chamberlain. Already six to eight million dollars that would otherwise have been expended in Oregon has been used for reclamation purposes in other states. Nor has Senator Chamberlain proposed any relief to offset this sale upon Oregon's assets.

One-fourth of the land area of Oregon is open public land. Oregon's interest in military affairs is increasing. Called upon to decide between service to his state and the homage of Washington city society, Senator Chamberlain chose social pleasures.

Another one-fourth of the land area of Oregon is in the Federal forest reserves. Oregon derives a small income from these forests for the benefit of schools and roads. In two years the revenue has amounted to about \$25,000. In the meantime Oregon has appropriated \$75,000 for forest preservation.

A few days ago a statement was issued with gusto from the Forestry Service showing the activities in Oregon in the past year. It was declared with pride that matured trees subject to sale had in one year been spotted on 150,000 acres and that the same diligence would be continued until the National forests of Oregon had all been covered.

There are in round numbers 16,000,000 acres in the forest reserves of Oregon. At the rate of 150,000 acres a year it would require more than one hundred years to spot the matured trees in these forests. Before the rector, is any definite time of residence required by the state of Oregon before a petition for divorce can be legally made? MRS. M. G. E.

There are two other measures, one purporting to provide for proportional representation, the other for abolishment of the Senate, which combined would deny counties like Elamath, Lake, Crook, Josephine, Malheur and others whose area is untaxed in major portion all voice in legislative councils and permit other counties to decide upon the volume of biennial appropriations.