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STINTING THE NAVY.

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Least a dispute over the terms of the proposed prohibition statute shall become so heated as to occupy the attention of the Legislature to the exclusion of other important business, a few observations as to how such a law is needed to enforce the constitutional amendment may not be amiss.

The Oregonian asserts, without fear of successful contradiction, that the constitutional amendment is enforceable without the enactment of any law prohibiting the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquor in Oregon.

A method to compel delinquent officials to perform their duty in enforcing the prohibition amendment and the existing statutes which have been gained scope by its adoption, is the authority of the Governor to issue warrants by magistrates. Under the same chapter of the code destruction is required of seized property, the manufacture or sale of which is unlawful.

Secretary Daniels still persists in regarding the advice of the General Board, as will be seen from the following comparison of the current annual reports, for appropriations at this session of Congress:

Table with 2 columns: Type of ship, and Daniels, Board. Rows include Dreadnaughts, Submarine cruisers, Coastal defense submarines, etc.

Mr. Daniels endorses the opinion of the General Board that the type of any navy consists of its battleships.

of what is necessary to the National defense in the interest of the present war of the soundness of the General Board's judgment. Germany has a navy stronger in capital ships than our own, but its main battle fleet has remained copped up in port because hopelessly inferior to the British navy.

The value of small countries in the civilized life of the world is exemplified by Denmark. That nation has but an insignificant territory and its population is not numerous compared with Germany or France.

The comparison tells a great deal as to the relative efficiency of the Danish public schools and ours. Their compulsory attendance act is enforced with rigor, but that is not the only reason why the schools are well attended.

Teaching in the Danish schools is quite emancipated from the worship of text books. The instructors draw largely from their own mental resources and present the various branches of original material.

In some ages of the world the restoration of Mrs. Akers to life would have been accounted a miracle. The physicians who did it would have been worshipped as demigods or put to death as sorcerers.

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combined with those of Dr. Carrel, seem to agree us to modify our ordinary notions of life and death. Professor Loeb has demonstrated that life can be perpetuated artificially.

Dr. Carrel and his associates have succeeded in placing tissue from the bodies to which they originally belonged and placed them under conditions suitable for their survival.

What has been the cost of the great war in human lives and what relation do the losses bear to the final decision? Definite figures are lacking on this subject.

Germany has set the pace in the fighting and hence it is not surprising that the German losses have been fully as great as, if not really greater than, those of France.

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Gleams Through the Mist

The Soul of the Mandolin. The strings of my mandolin, tenderly thinking, Bring back the long nights remembered so well;

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