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Democracy has proved here to be a safe and sound order—safe for the property of individuals, safe for the finer arts of living, safe for diffused public happiness and well-being.—Charles W. Eliot.

HEROIC KLAMATH FALLS

THERE is a splendid example of public spirit in the work of Klamath Falls in connection with the Strahorn railroad.

That little city invested \$500,000 in the road. It is a prodigious support of the enterprise.

The effort put forth by a comparatively small number of people there to accomplish such a wonderful result has been heroic in the highest degree.

A most pleasing feature is that this tremendous effort by the people of Klamath Falls has been made to themselves up more closely to Portland.

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The beginning of construction on the Strahorn line is to be celebrated at Klamath Falls July 3 and 4. There is to be an excursion from Portland, and Portlanders ought to go and study the spirit of Klamath Falls.

William Butler, an Austrian, and Heinrich Eggs, a Swiss, have just been made citizens by the San Francisco court.

THE DISSATISFIED

ONE can not read current periodical literature a great deal without learning that many anxious people forbode disaster to democracy from the war.

Behold the progress of autocracy even among ourselves," they cry. "We are obliged to register for the draft whether we like it or not. By and by thousands will be conscripted without any regard to their wishes and made to fight.

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THE long existing car shortage, the fear of a breakdown in transportation and the necessity of sending railroad equipment to Europe, have stirred the federal government to appeal for increased use of waterways.

In the Congressional Record is a communication by Secretary Redfield urging increased development of the waterways and their increased utilization.

The communication points out that the railroads are overwhelmed by the present traffic. There is now a shortage of 150,000 cars.

At one mill in Louisiana, 95,000,000 feet of lumber is piled up awaiting cars to carry it to market.

With the vast increase of acreage that has been planted, the harvest of perishable food will soon begin all over this country, and this foodstuff must be moved quickly to be available.

The communication continues: There is more than sufficient business for both railroads and waterways for many months to come.

The highest expert a thory is quoted by Secretary Redfield in his communication. That authority is the chief of engineers of the United States army, who not only urges the repair of old steamboats and the building of new, but advises the construction of barges.

Fortunately these boats are of comparatively simple construction and can be rapidly built if all boat yards are fully utilized for this purpose.

Every ton of freight carried by water is a ton of freight that the overburdened railroads will be saved from carrying.

Cities and towns on waterways ought in their own interests to take steps to encourage water transit and to extemporize, if needs be, means for bringing it quickly into service.

This is a war appeal. It is a call to the country to bring every resource into action for moving fuel, breadstuffs and products for the creation of which every section of population is straining every nerve.

Secretary Redfield adds: The president of one of our leading railroads recently said: "The railroads of the United States operated as one system carrying more freight than ever before in the history of the country, but when they had to handle traffic up to 100 per cent of their capacity, there still remains 15, 25, perhaps 30 per cent of traffic which it is impossible for them to carry at all."

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But they do not intend that the president or any other public servant shall be a permanent dictator.

The Red Cross drive in Portland has ended. The results are marvelous. Not only in Portland but throughout Oregon, the giving has been unrestricted and wholehearted.

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stand a good deal of imposition but it is possible that there are limits to their patience.

The person who started the stampe in a street car by calling out that the draw of the steel bridge was open, will know better next time.

Letters from the People

A Mother's Appeal to Her Son

Farms Are Developing

The Franco-Russian War

Rome at the Liberty Bell

German Estimate of the U. S.

No Time to Lose

A FOOD GEM

Uncle Sam's Marksmen

Timber Owner Visits City

Very Regrettable

Would Rather Trust Wilson

PERSONAL MENTION

Downing of Brandon, B. C., are visiting together at the Multnomah.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bentley and daughter, Katherine, are registered at the Multnomah.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Groves of Everett, Wash., are at the Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Camp of Monroe, Wash., are at the Multnomah.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Woodburn are at the Washington.

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

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WE JOIN THE BLOCKADE AGAINST GERMANY

HOW TO BE HEALTHY

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