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trical discovery, already comes close to that mark. But, he, or those concerned with his work, are not much given to boasting, which makes the announcement doubly significant, particularly since Mr. Edison is known to be searching to find a cure for the U-boat scourge.

A MODERN INSTANCE WE MET a farmer out on the road the other day. We are not going to tell where we met him because he seemed to be a pretty good sort of fellow, in spite of his peculiar views, and we do not wish to fix Mr. Reames' attention upon him.

His views have some current interest from his being a member of the Lutheran church, which is now under severe criticism in Nebraska for its reported disloyalty. This farmer said, quite as a matter of course that all the "higher ups" in the Lutheran church were pro-German.

The farmer himself was quite openly opposed to the war. He said it was a matter in which we had no concern. He did not know what we were fighting for, and, so far as he was concerned, if he could learn of some part of the world where he could settle down and be at peace he would forsake all he had, if he could not sell it, and go there.

Out of curiosity, which he hoped was not impertinent, we asked the farmer what papers he read. His reply was significant. He said he read nothing whatever except one religious paper of the Lutheran persuasion published in South Carolina. To him the Journal, the Oregonian, all our esteemed contemporaries, are anathema.

It will be inferred by the discerning reader from this scrappy report of a roadside conversation that the war is accountable for a good deal more insanity than is commonly supposed. It may also furnish a setting for the reports of Lutheran disloyalty coming from far Nebraska.

Agitators and food speculators will realize some day that a nation at war is a nation in earnest. No one disputes the right of the individual to express his opinion or ask for a profit on his wares. But this right must be limited by considerations of public welfare and national safety.

CLASSICAL STUDIES THE discussions of the National Education association there naturally entered many phases of prevailing war conditions. This is significant of the movement for such courses of study in our educational institutions as will bring home to old and young the profound lessons of the world conflict of which we are a part.

WE HAVE thousands of organizations that occupy themselves with price fixing. They meet in secret and consider no other interests than their own. This remark is made editorially by the New Republic. It depicts a state of affairs which grave senators call "liberty."

THE power to fix prices without appeal is nothing more nor less than the power to levy an income tax on the whole country. At present this income tax is levied in a thousand forms by irresponsible cliques of plunderers among whom the public is not represented.

A little knowledge of the history of the world's thought and its institutions would save us from being led astray. Through a study of the

classics, through legend and tradition, through the experience of preceding generations we are the heirs of the ages and we enter most largely into our inheritance by acquiring knowledge of the thought and achievements of other men.

Dr. Van Hise, personal representative of Herbert Hoover, made the following recommendations to the A. G. club: "A wheatless meal a day; two meals a day without beef, pork or mutton; three ounces of sugar instead of four; the substitution of corn for wheat and of vegetables for meat."

THE "power of the purse" which has played such a part in the history of English liberty is coming to the fore in Germany. The reichstag has begun to bargain with the kaiser just as the parliaments in London used to dicker with the Stuart kings.

Even the most arbitrary sovereigns dislike to impose taxes without the sanction of the legislative body if there is one. People who will bow meekly under every other form of tyranny are apt to rise in rebellion when the monarch empties their pocket books. Our own revolution took its cue from opposition to "taxation without representation."

When subjects can go through the forms of granting taxes to the monarch they will bear almost any degree of extortion. But if the money is extorted arbitrarily there is trouble ahead for the anointed of the Most High. It is quite likely that Wilhelm will make substantial concessions to the reichstag for the sake of the money he needs.

Mexico is about to sign a treaty binding herself to return to the United States authorities all those who fled to that country to escape conscription. It seems that the young gentlemen who emigrated some short time ago jumped out of the frying pan into the fire.

W E HAVE been reading the account in the day's news of a ship laden with gold which was attacked by a submarine. It was a United States ship and the gold was going to France to pay our soldiers.

Gold certificates could be issued against it. The ownership could be transferred from nation to nation as might be required by check or bill of sale. The coins would lose nothing by attrition since scientific men tell us that all is quiet down there. It is foolish to look upon gold in sunken ships as lost. It is really in the best of keeping. A careful account should be kept of it and it should be given its proper place among the assets of the world.

Back in Washington they are putting "dry zones" a quarter of a mile wide around army camps. That is just a step for the fellows who have had to go clear to Horn-brook even in times of peace.

IN PENNSYLVANIA WE CANNOT help admiring the thrift of the Pennsylvania politicians. The son who stole the pennies off his mother's eyelids at her funeral is a prodigal compared with them. It is said by perfectly responsible persons that these shining models of efficiency have got themselves chosen on the draft exemption boards all over the state.

IN Lackawanna county, Pennsylvania, there are four "despicable politicians" who are at this moment running for office, named to sit on the exemption board. We can foresee how easy they will make it for their political supporters and how rapidly they will ship off their enemies to France. It would be criminal in a Pennsylvania politician to neglect such a golden opportunity and we may feel perfectly certain that they will make the most of it.

is going some with copper and iron at their present prices.

Letters From the People (Communications sent to the Journal for publication on any one side of the paper, should not exceed 300 words in length and must be accompanied by a return address. If the writer does not desire to have the name published, the initials should be used.)

A Conservation Plea Portland, July 15.—To the Editor of the Journal:—I must say a word about food conservation. There are few, if any, grocery stores where one can buy in bulk. Crackers and many other things are sold in one-pound packages that weigh from one fourth to one half pound. Moreover, one cannot go to a drug store with some small, neat, family medicine chest to have them filled with common drugs, as one can in the east.

A Proffered Slogan Portland, July 15.—To the Editor of the Journal:—Having read of so many attempts to find a good and true slogan for our Sammie in this war, I offer you the use of my name (nom de guerre) for a slogan.

Sending Money to Sailors Portland, July 14.—To the Editor of the Journal:—Please tell me how to send money to a sailor aboard a war-ship. I have to send letters to the captain and to the navy yard. Could I send a money order or registered letter?

"Lumberjacks" in War From the Seattle Post-Intelligencer Yesterday's dispatches announce that 10 units of American "lumberjacks" have reached England, and will soon begin the task of the Portland post-office, elicits the answer that one may send either money order or registered mail to any address in the post. The chaplain aboard ship is the postmaster for the sailor.

Berlin's Blundering From the New York Evening Post (July 10) "What will come out of the political crisis at Berlin is less certain at this time than was the case of the crisis caused by the withdrawal of Russia into being. These are plainly written on the face of events. The submarine campaign, America, Russia—on all the fronts—has been a colossal defeat for the Germans.

The Real Food Problem From the Chicago Herald "The government estimate of crop conditions show what below the rice-planters. Beautiful as are the yield reports, banners, and a great deal more important in some respects just at this season than the biggest scrag-herd in the land, the other half billion bushel increase. Other grain crops show a substantial advance, while the potato crop bids fair to be the biggest on record.

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beyond such superficial anticipations his view did not go. He did not understand the Russian people, he did not understand the essential spirit of the revolution, he did not understand the world complex which made the cause of Russian freedom and the cause of the allies one and indivisible.

Letters From the People (Continued) The name of one of the principal changes in Rio Janeiro has been announced to Avenida Presidente Wilson. It is now to be known as Avenida da Liberdade.

The Advertising Remedy From the Boston Globe "The committee on public safety has called attention to a report in which a threatened serious waste of food-stuff was turned to a public benefit by a little common sense.

How to Be Healthy FOOD REQUIREMENTS.—The food needs of the body can be calculated with equal exactness to its needs in sizes of clothes.

How to Be Healthy (Continued) The appetite normally assists in regulating the intake of calories of the body's needs, but is an inadequate guide upon which to depend. We find appetizing most of the food that is placed in front of us, whether it properly meets the body's requirements or not.

Personal Mention Theatre Man Is Back J. H. von Herberg, theatre owner of Seattle, returned to Portland this morning. He has been in the city frequently during the last few weeks to supervise the construction of the new Liberty theatre, which is to be opened Tuesday evening.

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Pertinent Comment and News in Brief Small Change "The situation at Berlin seems to be in a state of stasis. Is it on again, off again, with whoever who in China today? Those ladies who go picketing at the White House take their latting in an resort to stasis.

Pertinent Comment and News in Brief (Continued) The season's best cherry story, told by Eugene Regier, "The Eugene Regier," tells us that the cherry crop in the Willamette valley was a failure.

The Government Censorship David Lawrence in New York Evening Post "Handling the press still seems to be the most important thing in the government today. It is the one important thing now in the development of war plans which has been carefully managed.

The Government Censorship (Continued) The first mistake was the administration's attempt to force a censorship through congress under the guise of espionage legislation. The protests of the press were crushed itself got suspicious, and the censorship law failed.

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Stories From Everywhere A Chicago Pioneer Story Mrs. Emily Beaubien Le Beau, who lived in Chicago 88 years ago, yesterday observed her 83d birthday anniversary, says the Chicago Herald of July 9.

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Pertinent Comment and News in Brief Oregon Sidelights Tillamook county's court house has been improved by the building of a tall 12,325 feet, in the basement, and a grand move-out of offices has taken place in consequence.

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