

THE PATRIOT'S DUTY BY WILLIAM J. BRYAN THE constitution—our organic law—vests in congress the right to declare war—our congress has declared a state of war to exist.

The constitution makes the president commander-in-chief of the army and the navy, and the president is directing the war on land and sea.

The constitution gives to congress the right to levy taxes and to borrow money, and congress is doing both.

The president and congress were elected by the people and are responsible to the people; they speak for the people—the people have no other spokesmen.

absent American boys in khaki to come trooping home. Before such momentous alternatives, how can the parties to the dispute answer to their consciences their country and the Most High, if they keep ship construction long staggated?

A suit against the Southern Pacific for an accounting of moneys it received in excess of \$2.50 per acre on the Oregon grant lands is a new development in the program of the United States.

AN EXTRA SESSION? CONCERN and aid, not charity, for soldiers' families is a worthy proposal.

It would be assuring to those who go away to fight. It would be some recompense for the sacrifice of those who are left behind. It would be high example of appreciation of the country's defenders.

There can be no controversy over the contention that the cost of this assistance should be borne by all and not by a few. It will be agreed that some give and others do not, and that many are bled white financially by calls for war contributions.

A special session of the legislature to provide funds is unanimously favored by the members' council of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

But Governor Withycombe, who is said to favor the session, can do much to obviate these objections. In such a case, he can justifiably call upon members, in advance, to forego extraneous legislative tinkering.

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These are reasons for employer and employees to be diligent in efforts to compose their differences. Employers cannot put all the blame on the workers.

On the other hand, the workers must not be carried away and become tyrannical by their suddenly realized importance. They must be reasonable, be just and be sound in their demands to the end that the advantages they have gained in the public mind may not be lost by radicalism and inordinate demands.

PRICE FIXING IT IS difficult to see the point of a recent comment on government price fixing. "If the government fixes the price of wheat, why should it not fix the price of the machinery with which the crop is produced?"

With enormous farm products to be moved this fall and greatly increased output of mills and factories the highways will be called on to carry a great deal more of the nation's commerce than ever before.

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through routes of 100 miles or more. A logical development will also be a linking together of highways and waterways, each supplementing the other, if patriotic and far visioned men in waterway territory make proper use of the rivers, as the department of commerce requests.

OUR MILK THE middlemen who receive milk from the dairymen and distribute it to families in Portland have testified publicly that it costs them 6.32 cents the quart to perform this service.

The delivery of the milk within the city costs 20 per cent more, by these figures, than its production on the farm and transportation to the city market. This appears to be unreasonable.

There has been a wide demand, led by Colonel Roosevelt, for the prohibition during the war of the publication of newspapers in the German language.

TRAVEL STORIES OF NORTHWEST By Fred Lockley Seven Oregon counties border on the ocean. From north to south they are Clatsop, Columbia, Clackamas, Douglas, Coos and Curry.

I have had occasion to become pretty well acquainted with Lincoln county. I spent a vacation some years ago in the Salmon river, Devils lake and Siletts bay district in the extreme northern part of Lincoln county.

And while the leather market is dull, with large supplies of hides and leather in all parts of the country, we are told by the boot barons of the east that because of the inordinate war demand and the unparalleled shortage in leather it will be absolutely necessary for us to pay higher and still higher prices for the shoes we wear.

ONE Chicago dealer even rises to say that the working people will have to wear wooden shoes if the war lasts another year.

It is getting to be that leather costs so much that few can afford to carry a leather purse.

The local hide dealer tells us that it is impossible to interest tanners in hides. It is peculiar, to the lay mind, that the tanneries of the country would not be clamoring for hides when there is claimed to be such a world wide dearth of leather vexing the boot and shoe makers of the nation.

With the shoe factories declared to be glutted with orders, unfillable because of lack of leather, it would seem that they would be howling at the tanneries, that the tanneries would be yelling at the buyers and that the buyers would be grabbing the hides wherever they could find them, on a rising rather than a falling market.

Light is shed on the question by the statistics presented before congress during the recent debate on the war revenue bill. It was then shown that the United States Leather corporation had netted a dividend profit of 1400 per cent during the past year.

The discussion recalls that a special session has been urged for the purpose of giving Portland larger powers in aiding or financing shipping lines. It is explained that through such action a full year of time could be gained in getting ships for Portland.

If there ever was a time for Portland and the Northwest to know what shipping is worth, these days of differentiated wheat prices are that time. They are a mournful story of a loss of millions through lack of Portland shipping, and their mournfulness is accentuated by the fact that there is prospect of another loss like it when the time comes for fixing wheat prices next year.

Herbert Hoover, whose experience in Belgium should enable him to speak with more than usual authority on the subject, declared in a speech at Atlantic City that starvation will win the war, and that the side which best husbands its food resources will get the military decision. It is a statement worth remembering.

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will find ideal camping conditions. If you do not care to rough it there are Newport, Nye Creek, Seal Rock, South Beach and other resorts, where you may enjoy the pleasures of the coast with all the comforts of home.

Letters From the People (Communication sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper, should not exceed 200 words, and should be accompanied by the name and address of the sender. If the writer does not desire to have the name published he should so state.)

The 6-Cent Fare Portland, Sept. 14.—To the Editor of The Journal:—The generous permission given by Franklin T. Griffith to the employees of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company to form a union has brought forth fruit. So long as the social club of the officials of the railway and the men met and fraternized, it was impossible to use the men as a financial asset because the men were held in restraint by not dissatisfied employees or threat of asking better pay or working conditions.

Among the reasons assigned why more income is needed is the sparsely settled condition of the city. Now, if the assessment levied by the city has been U'Renized years ago the land speculators would have had to pay the same taxes as the homebuilders and would have been forced to sell, and other other additions would be fully settled.

Another reason for increase is the long rides given. Thousands of patrons kick on the long rides and have demanded cross lines east of Grants and west of Grants. The city should be of service in various parts of the city, but never as to the Oaks, Council Crest and Columbia Beach, where amusements are owned by the railway.

It is these and other reasons which arouse antagonism to an increased fare, and as the franchise under which they are operated by the people, who already are taxed to the limit of living, it will be wisdom on the part of Mr. Griffith to call off the attempt and pay the men what they ask and re-use figures as to value of holdings so as to obtain the same amount as many believe it to be.

Arraigns Wealth's Slackness Hoquiam, Wash., Sept. 8.—To the Editor of The Journal:—Most of our newspapers, among which I am pleased to say The Journal cannot reasonably be included, are screeching from the top of their lungs against the workingman's neck that dare to demand anything in the form of a decent wage for his labor. Also, they are practically unanimous in condemning the law of the state which places at Bisbee and Butte. But we have yet to hear one of these mob United States senate, the body that is supposed to represent the people, is limb of all between 21 and 31 years of age, but cannot bring itself to conscript even a reasonable portion of dollars with which to pay the bills they were packed up and put on the floor of the country. We are informed that we should not be hard on capital lest we make the war unpopular. If we took every ill-rotten dollar these men have in the pockets of their suits and put it into the trenches, how much do these valuable "patriots" consider their lives are worth? Will they take gold for their money?

President Wilson has advised congress to go back home and see what the people want. That is surely timely advice for those who are sworn to uphold the constitution. When we are called back in our arms, we may throw a struggle hold on them that will ever prevent them from getting so far from home as they are now.

He that is free from the sin of slacking can throw the first stone at the workingman so affected. I was born and reared in this country, and I can testify that the people have long been longer than a lot of dollar patriots. These are my sentiments. If I am wrong, I will thank anyone to point it out.

From the New York Herald Nobody has made clearer the difference between proper and improper "freedom of speech" than has William Jennings Bryan. Very many of the men who are offending against the patriotic sentiment and the law of the land are those who are classified as "Bryanites," but they do not get inspiration for their present works from the leader they once followed.

Buyer Home From East E. F. Cody of the Island Clothing company has just returned from an extensive buying trip in the eastern cities. After purchasing hundreds of his first new returning home by the southern route, stopping off at Yicksburg, Miss. his old home. St. Louis, New Orleans, Galveston, Los Angeles and San Francisco was also visited. Mr. Cody reports a splendid improvement in southern business conditions.

Tourists Visit City C. St. John Wilson of Washington, D. C., and O. C. Merrill of Chevy Chase, Md., are tourists now visiting in the city. They arrived this morning from the South.

Insular Territories Represented The Pacific Insular territories of the United States were represented at the Portland hotel this morning. B. W. Cadwallader of Manila came in from the South and will remain here a couple of days and A. G. Gaffney and the brand of "Brazilians."

Will Return Sunday Dr. Maki Wikstrom, who has been taking a few days' vacation in the mountains, is attending the Pendleton Round-Up. He will return home Sunday.

Lumbermen Gather Here A number of Willamette valley lumbermen gathered in the city today for the "gateway" hearing before the insular commerce commission examination. Among those at the local hotels were A. C. Dixon, manager

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF SMALL CHANGE The "Liberty motor" will make the Kaiser have the very name of liberty—or would, if he didn't hate it already.

When the silver in a silver dollar is worth more than the copper, then nothing will have anything on anything else any more.

Three weeks' vacation has been offered to the men of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company to form a union has brought forth fruit.

That old-fashioned father who used to tell his son, "You get a licking at school, you get a licking at home," would be a valued aid to our Uncle Samuel in these days of exemption lists.

A post mortem on the body of Charles XII of Sweden—who, according to good old Dr. Johnson, "left a name at which the world grew up to point a moral or adorn a tale"—was held recently for the purpose of determining whether Charles fell in battle in 1718, was killed by the enemy or by an assassin in his own army. It will also be an object lesson to the Kaiser, showing just how much the Kaiser's army will get busy making dead 1919 years.

Washington, Sept. 30.—Herbert C. Hoover and his corps of food experts are strong for fish. While pork is high, mutton more so, and beefsteak unthinkable, consider the fish. There's many a fish in the brook and in the sea, and the fish is the food of the day. It ought to be looked and made to do his bit.

Americans are not heavy fish eaters, when compared with many of the other nations of the world, and there apparently no explanation for the fact that the Canadians eat, man for man, three times as much. In the Hoover figures the comparison shows 18 pounds a year for the average American and 57 pounds for the Canadian.

So Hoover is urging that the people of this country acquire a stronger leaning for the food that comes from the waters of ocean and river and is simply waiting to be caught and eaten. The fish is the food of the day, and they know of only a few kinds of fish. They think in terms of codfish, salmon, halibut and trout, and here and there of oysters and clams, for-

EXERCISE FOR THE SKIN.—(From Dr. Kellogg's "Good Health.")—A daily bath should be taken regularly on rising. The temperature should be about 98° or at least 96°, so that a strong reaction will be produced. The application should be brief—not more than half a minute to the skin, and should be followed by quick drying and vigorous rubbing with a towel. The lower the temperature of the water the shorter should be the duration of the bath.

The purpose of the morning bath is not cleanliness, although it aids in keeping the skin clean, but is skin gymnastics, or training. When very cold water is used, the skin undergoes a sudden contraction of the blood vessels. This is quickly followed, especially when the skin is thoroughly rubbed, by a dilatation of the vessels of the skin which causes reddening of the surface and a feeling of warmth, though the skin may still be cool; and a general sensation of buoyancy, exhilaration and vigor.

This sort of bath is a real exercise or vasomotor gymnastics for the skin. When taken daily, the nerves and muscles of the skin are trained to react in a healthy and vigorous state that they are able quickly to react when exposed to the cold, thus avoiding the injurious effects that follow repeated exposure and in most persons give rise to what is commonly known as a cold, a condition that not infrequently serves as an introduction to pneumonia, consumption, rheumatism, and other diseases of the nose, throat, or chest, rheumatism and various other maladies. Persons who practise daily cold bathing are little subject to colds.

The idea that the daily bath is debilitating and injurious, and especially so when cold water is used, is a dangerous and lead to consumption, etc., is entirely an error. It is only the abuse of the bath that is to be condemned. A short cool bath

of the Boothigelly Lumber company of Eugene, and J. R. Shaw, manager of the Hammond mill at Mill City.

Newlyweds Arrive Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Perillat of Seattle are "newlyweds" who registered Wednesday at the Multnomah hotel.

Here to Attend Convention Miss Corinne Pennington of Clarksville, Ark., reached Portland Wednesday to attend the sessions of the legislative committee of the Neighbors of Woodcraft.

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Ratag and Bobtail Stories From Everywhere (To this column all readers of The Journal are invited to contribute original matter—in story, in verse or in philosophical observation or striking quotations, from any source. Contributions should be sent to the editor's office, and will be paid for at the editor's appraisal.)

Heard at the Army DURING the Philippine "insurrection," as it is officially designated, a company of the Tennessee regiment near Manila was dismissed, and its non-commissioned officers' reduced to roll of rank while divers and sundry penalties were to be visited upon the rank and file in due process of military regulations.

That night the company rushed the guards and disappeared in the jungle. For three days the men wandered about the tropical forest, at last they heard a rattling of rifle fire and the popping of native guns, and over the intervening hills they rushed, picking up rocks and cutting clumps of brush.

A bunch of Minnesota scouts were making a stand against overwhelming numbers of little brown men. Never stopping to size up the situation, that Tennessee company charged with blood curdling yells upon the Filipinos who thought the entire American army was upon them. In a panic the little brown men disappeared, and the two forces made their way back to the camp.

Boy, Page Mr. Hoover The News family has been regaling in the luxury of home-grown roasting ears and cold slaw from 15-pound cabbages raised in Burns and vicinity, says the editor of the Burns News. The well kept gardens of Mrs. Alonzo Dunn and Dr. W. C. Brown furnished the corn, while Surveyor M. V. Dodge raised the exceptionally large early cabbage.

Bill Wannebo brought three of the finest potatoes he has seen of this year's crop the other day and told us to bake them and see how we liked them, says the editor of the Oswego Times. He didn't know the name of them, but concluded to call them the Gold Dollar potato, because he expected them to bring in a lot of that commodity for him at digging time.

When It Rains Again The rain is here, And with good cheer We welcome back such weather; For when the sun is out, And the wind's dry gust, Have disappeared together.

Our smiling faces All show traces, As the sun comes out, As on the street With nimble feet, We venture forth again.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says One of the things the folks in Portland would like to see is about 10,000 tons of Governor West's coal mine piled up on the waterfront, having cost. It would beat anything short of havin' more coal piled up this winter.

Stage and Screen By Edna Irvine Natalie Alt is to be married next month to a prominent New York business man.

It is reported that Pantages will build a theatre at American Lake for the boys in khaki.

George Allison, once idol of Portland Stock audiences, will be at the Helix shortly in "Folly."

Billie Taylor, husband of Stella Mayhew of the New York Frolics, is making a name for himself in the theatre.

Dorothy Dalton carries a bottle of wine instead of the conventional bridal bouquet in "Ten of Diamonds."

It is again rumored that J. P. Morgan & Co. is going into the film business to the tune of some \$100,000,000.

Dorothy Shoemaker is now with the Brandeis Players in Omaha, having lately opened there in Edward Sheldon's "Romance."

"Diamond Jim" Brady's far-famed jewels were sold recently to Stern Brothers, New York, at a figure estimated at \$500,000.

John Philip Sousa, bandmaster, will soon be in Portland, having been attached to the Great Lakes navy station.

Eleanor Gordon has transferred her talents from "The Lassoo" to "The Country Cousin," the Booth Tarkenton play once captioned "The Ohio Lady."

Lucile Collette, talented Portland violinist, is making a name for herself among Long Island society people, where she has played at several smart parties.