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END THE STRIKE

SHIPBUILDERS in Portland are refusing to treat with the men collectively in the effort to settle the strike.

The shipbuilders are not treating with the unions regarding the open or closed shop systems because they cannot see anything to be gained in a discussion of an impossible situation.

The builders have no authority to treat with unions regarding wages, as the contracts with the government specify no change in wages without the government's sanction.

In San Francisco, the employers held conferences with the men, and the strike and the strike is near settlement.

Mr. Bailin says no change in wages can be made without sanction of the government.

It is time for Portland owners to realize that in these disputes they cannot persistently refuse to deal with unions as such.

They are constrained to ask if it ever would be wise to oblige American school children to fill their heads with material such as that book contains.

Since when have Americans subscribed to the sentiment that the Kaiser is a worshipful idol, that his promising son, the crown prince, is a lovable character, that Germany must keep up a big army because it is surrounded by enemies, and that Prussia and Prussians are superior to everybody and everything else on earth?

That is the sort of mental stimulant which has carried away the German people into their war of conquest for indemnities and loot.

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Meanwhile, the unions are wrong in their demands for a closed shop, if, as they insist, practically all the men in the yards are unionized, they have a closed shop as it is.

Why cling to an issue that angers the employers and that, through the passion thus aroused, stands in the way of the conciliation and compromise that are necessary and that must be applied on both sides if an agreement of any kind is to be reached?

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Portland may not be losing a ten-million-dollar plant by the present strike, but it is losing heavily, and every day of strike adds to the total loss in prestige for future shipbuilding business.

The government will not negotiate for ships in localities where it cannot be assured of delivery according to the contract.

America must build ships to win the war. For that purpose congress has appropriated hundreds of millions of dollars and the American people are cheerfully supplying the money by purchase of Liberty bonds and the payment of extraordinary war taxes.

The government is letting contracts for the ships and the work of building was going forward night and day with profitable employment for thousands of workers until on the Pacific coast disputes arose and strikes were declared in all of the yards.

The American people, in the midst of the sacrifices of men and money for the war are not looking complacently upon the present situation.

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strengthened William. It is a blow at Americanism and assistance to Prussianism.

If we are against America in this crisis, we are for Prussia and military despotism, and if we are for Prussia and military despotism, our place is in Prussia, under William's flag and wearing William's tag.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. The chiropractors will do what they can to assist in the observance of a "small change" day.

President Wilson "bites on granite." He will let it go at that until the Prussian general who is in the city.

The shade of the renowned Jerry Seelye may give the waddy of the house, must look down and grin at the spectacle now being produced by Congressman Healy of Alabama.

A favorite character in romantic fiction is the aged, lonely and mystic old man who, it turns out, in his prime used his great powers in some cause of deadly evil and who now expiates in whatever is the current equivalent of sackcloth and ashes.

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Ragtag and Bobtail

Stories From Everywhere

To this column all readers of The Journal are invited to contribute original letters, stories, in verse or in philosophical observation, striking quotations, from any source. Contributions accepted merit will be paid for at the editor's appraisal.

Oh, Well! Let It Go at That. Young William was evincing much interest in the evening paper, but finally says: "I'll accept of your Magazine, a puzzle book came over his counter."

"Mother," said he finally, "what does d— stand for?" "Doctor of divinity, my son. Don't they teach you the common abbreviations in school?" "Suppose that don't seem to sound right here."

"Read it out aloud." "Wellness—I heard the defendant say, 'I'll make you suffer for this. I'll be doctor of divinity if I don't!'"

Socks Straight From Home. Harold Becker, a nephew of G. H. Becker of Portland, is in France with the Canadian army, a non-commissioned officer, having seen three years of service in the great war before his twenty-second birthday.

Of the Well Known Booth Family. When Ballington Booth, head of the Volunteers of America, was in Portland the other day he told this story at his own expense.

An examination was being held of candidates for police officer in a certain city. One of the questions was: "Who was George Washington?" The answer was: "George Washington was a British general sent over at the time of the Revolution and he licked the colonists so well that he became very popular with them." Then came this question: "Who killed Abraham Lincoln?" The answer, "Ballington Booth."

To His Country. Hold me, tonight, I am weary; Hold me, when the darkness and cold, Hold me when my spirit, though bold, Holds me in its quietude, Hold me when my spirit, though bold, Holds me in its quietude.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says: Cleve Hedholler has been mighty glad ever time the governor has called off deer huntin'. Cleve used to raise goats on that upper ranch of his, and sold the jerked meat for venison to the hunters, but the deer lit out just as soon as the huntin' season started over year, and them city fellers who had some of his cows, and one year one of his hired men, by mistake for deer, moved down into the valley this year. He has gone back now to dig his spuds and pasture his stock in peace.

DUNAJEC—THE WATERLOO OF THE ROMANOFFS. Mackensen's great victory that saved Austria takes on new importance as primary cause of Russia's collapse. So declares Frank H. Simonds in his Sunday war article descriptive of this epochal struggle, which he classes with Verdun and The Marne as the three big battles of the war to date.

OREGON BOYS AT CAMP GREENE. News letters relate the experiences of units of the Oregon National Guard now undergoing training at Charlotte, N. C. Just the kind of reading that interests the friends at home.

FICTION AND FUN. The lighter side is not overlooked in the selection of feature material for The Sunday Journal. The Fiction Magazine is a short story section of rare merit, while the comic section is the best there is to be had.

HOW TO BE HEALTHY. Copyright, 1917, by J. Wesley. KILLED BY A PIN.—A man who lived in a suburban home had been 6 years old. He loved that boy better than he loved his own life. One night the father returned from work and called out to the mother: "John, John!" The little feet were heard coming, but this time the boy was silent. He held up a finger to show his father. A little sore had come on it, evidently from something that had occurred in his playing about. The sore finger gave the mother considerable pain and he was fretful but the mother and father did not think it necessary to call a doctor for so trivial a matter. By the next morning the father thought he would open it. Taking a pin from the cushion, he inserted it just below the sore, and in a few spots and squeezed out the pus. The next night the finger was badly swollen and the boy was in the mother's arms, crying as much as we ask them to sacrifice upon the battlefield. We must let them know that though we cannot shed our blood as they should, we are willing to sacrifice comfort, convenience and property for the sake of Liberty. That is the American way. That is the spirit that must pervade this country if we are to win this war and win it quickly. We cannot ask these men to go and die in a foreign land, but we can home are unwilling to make these sacrifices, insignificant in comparison.

AMERICANS IN LONDON. From the Omaha Bee. Shooting craps on Piccadilly Circus glimpses the evolution wrought by the American invasion of London. It is only a starter. As time wags on and the pep of live ones animates the old town from Rameat alley to Bishopsgate one may vision baseball on Parliament Square, rolling tenspins on Pall Mall and bootlegging in the dusty byways of the Tower. Strangest things have happened.

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