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We be to the man or group of men that seeks to stand in our way in this day of high resolution, when every principle we hold dear is to be vindicated and made secure for the salvation of the nations... Woodrow Wilson.

COULD BERLIN ASK MORE?

ASSAILING the government's conduct of the war Senator Lodge stated Monday on the floor of the senate that but two government ships have been launched.

Two days before he made that statement, two government built steel ships of 8000 tons left Portland harbor, laden with flour, railroad ties and other supplies for Europe.

A steel ship of 8000 tons, built in Portland and requisitioned by the government, sailed from the North-west with war provisions, and was sunk by a Hun diver in the barred zone months ago.

Months ago, in Portland yards, 8000 ton steel ships building on private account, principally Norwegian, were commandeered by the government, brought to a state of completion, launched and sent away laden with provisions for Europe.

Thousands here are asking themselves why, in this time of agony and travail, a senator of the United States, whose position gives his utterance prominent display in all newspapers, has attempted to deceive his countrymen and belittle the efforts of his government.

These thousands, who have with their own eyes, seen many government ships launched in Portland, are saying to themselves that, since they personally know Senator Lodge's statement is false, how many accusing statements by other distinguished men are equally false?

The government has made mistakes, in making mistakes, will make mistakes. It is enough, if men in high office think they must fight the government in this time of war, to bear no false witness and speak truth only. That is what honest men do and patriots do.

soldier from Bingen was a hero and "not afraid to die." That was in the old days when Germans loved liberty and had not renounced their humanity for gore and loot.

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Another dispatch told of the indictment of two men at San Francisco accused of supplying inferior steel in building government ships.

The grand jury's indictment is based on the case of a ship building for the Emergency Corporation at St. Johns, near Portland, and not only is the substitution alleged, but it is charged that it was done with willful intent to injure and endanger the safety of the vessel in violation of the espionage act.

Overman exhibited a piece of steel which he said had been sawed through and plugged with lead by a spy, who had then painted it so the presence of lead would not be detected.

After the defect was discovered, all the battleships turned out by the factory had to be examined for removal of the weak parts. Not long ago, an operative in the naval intelligence discovered that a secret Hun agent, disguised as a workman, was cutting similar defects in the machinery of American made torpedoes.

Two disclosures of masked Hun activities in the very heart of industrial enterprises with which we must carry on the war are not only disturbing, but ominous.

Stripped of their hangings-on by Mr. McAdoo's ruthless orders, the railroad will feel like that famous Roman exquisite who, in a fit of absent-mindedness, went out on the street without his rings and cane.

THE Portland Jurymen in the Jeffries case are no vain theorists. They are experimental philosphers. You may argue all day and all night about the question whether a given bottle of golden hued liquor is whiskey or not and that is what honest men do and patriots do.

Neither Plato nor Bacon ever said a cogent thing. What are the enormous piles of "reports" and legal treatises but, as Mr. Maguire would say, "lies?"

only "tetched their lips" to the mouth of the bottle. Juror Cochran naturally felt some qualms of doubt as to whether the witnesses "had told the truth," or not.

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of the recent issue of the Metropolitan magazine as seditious, he was more than critical—he was aroused to wrath.

George Creel, whom Dr. Hall so vituperatively attacked, had no more to do with the Metropolitan magazine episode than did Mayor Baker of Portland.

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just where it was to fit into the world-scheme of Kaiser Bill and the Prussian military party. Immediately after the outbreak of the war, the National German-American alliance made the cause of Germany its own, and, further, sought to identify with it the entire German element.

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Superintendent John G. Imel of the Grants Pass schools has been signed by the Oregon State Board of Education. He was for nine years superintendent of the Astoria schools.

Patrons of the public schools at the Dalles have voted "no dancing," so far as the use of the high school building for that purpose is concerned. Under the rules, 10 per cent must vote "aye," and the vote stood, ayes 130, nays 73, which, as will be seen, was just 1.98 votes shy.

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Daylight Saving No New Thing WHEN VEIL something new under the sun is heralded, it is well to look back about a century and a half to see what was thought of it by a mind considered by many to have been the greatest nature too grand a thing for him to care to soil.

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THE FOREIGN LEGION SERGEANT OSCAR MOUVET of New York was a member of the French Foreign Legion. He has left it to join the army of the United States. He still fights for liberty on the soil of France but it is under the stars and stripes instead of the tricolor.

It was a soldier of the Foreign Legion who "lay dying in Algiers" long, long ago, when you were a school boy. But he was a German. He was born in Bingen, at Bingen on the Rhine. "A comrade stood beside him while his life ebbed away and bent with pitying glances to hear what he might say."

Some of the jurors were as astounded as Sairy Gamp herself. They

He was in very critical mood that day. He was critical of the conduct of the war. He was critical of President Wilson. More in contemptuous manner than in words, he was critical of Secretary Baker.

When, in his spirit of fault finding, he remembered the suppression

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF SMALL CHANGE OREGON SIDELIGHTS

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Ragtag and Bobtail Stories From Everywhere

Uncle Jeff Snow Says: This settin' of days in which to have dinner in Paris must be kinder discouragin' to the Hun chief devil. He's been pestered by the same old contract for the year ago, and Easter is the last date set. Uncle Sam ain't settin' no date for a dinner in Berlin, but Fourth of July will be satisfactory if it's all the same to the Kaiser.

Nothing the Matter With Portland By H. S. Harcourt

The Nelson Ladder works, George V. Nelson, proprietor, was established at 267 Second street eight years ago. Four years ago the industry was sold to E. S. Svenson, and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson moved to Lewiston. The date set was not pleasing and they went to Iowa, their former home, where Mr. Nelson had for some years been a traveling salesman for a hardware house.

Education on health—the most vital of all subjects—is the lofty and humanitarian purpose of "How to Live"—the newest and most popular of books on personal hygiene.

HOW TO BE HEALTHY Copyright, 1917, by J. Keeley. EATING TO KEEP WARM—You will burn your own body for fuel if you do not supply it with sufficient heating material. Cold weather increases the fuel requirements, which must be met by increasing the amount of food.

Personal Mention Business Good, Says Chicagoan J. B. Brooking, representative of the Bailey company of Chicago, manufacturers of automobile parts, arrived at the Portland today from Spokane to confer with the automobile dealer here. He found conditions very good throughout the Pacific Northwest and look for a good trade this year.