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AMERICANIZE AMERICA

THE plan to teach English to foreign born adults is worth while. It is good for the adults. It fits them better for the things they have to do. It makes them more efficient in carrying on their business or pursuing their vocations.

Ability to speak English enables them to be a part of America, to enter into its thought, to better understand its institutions, to take part in its folk songs, and to understand and enjoy its literature.

A citizen of a country who cannot speak the language of that country can be but a half baked citizen. If his reading is all in the language of a foreign country his thoughts are mostly of that country and his inspirations drawn from that country.

It is a good time now for all in America to become real Americans. If any in America do not want to be Americans they should go somewhere else.

That very thing fooled Wilhelmstrasse into a belief that America wouldn't fight. He was assured that pro-Germans in America were so numerous and so powerful that they would not allow America to fight Germany.

One of the most complex and difficult taxation problems ever encountered by any nation now confronts congress. To raise a revenue of eight billion dollars from a field which last year scarcely bore four billion will require a series of readjustments in the lives of individuals and corporations in order to meet the burden.

NEW war industry is the picking of Evergreen blackberries which grow wild in Oregon's foothills. Only one cost in getting them to the canneries is that of picking and transporting. Up in Lane county blackberries are bringing six cents a pound at the cannery.

Old residents of Oregon will recall that it was once the habit of town people and country people to rig up their camping outfits and go to the mountains and river bottoms to pick berries for winter consumption and have a general good time.

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The most consistent conscientious objector yet reported is the Maryland man whose conscience did not permit him to milk cows because the milk went to the naval academy at Annapolis.

THE PORT

TO THOSE who read the signs of the times it is becoming increasingly evident that Portland is about to slip her moorings and swing out into the current of larger commercial affairs.

The government is building a great merchant marine. This merchant marine will seek to make use of all the accessible and properly equipped ports.

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There must have been goodness in Senator Gallinger, or the people of New Hampshire would not have kept him in the United States senate for the long period of 27 years.

RECOVERING U-BOATS TOLL AFTER the war industry will be the salvage of the victims of the submarine. Not only will there be the inducement of recovering a large amount of treasure but that of satisfying the great need of tonnage which will be required.

During the past few years a flood of patents have been issued for feasible as well as impractical schemes for raising sunken ships.

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day our minds are fixed on matters of more pressing import. The explorer has discovered that "Keenanland" is wrongly placed on our maps.

Most people would be thankful if his love of fortifying dangerous spots could be centered in Keenanland. Why not get Keenanland correctly located on the maps and then send Wilhelm there to stay for the rest of his turbulent life?

ANABASIS AND ODYSSEY

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THE PORTLAND POUND Mayor Baker favors renewal of the contract with the Humane society for conducting the city pound.

THE case of the Czech-Slovaks is far from unique. More than one allied army has had to make its retreat to the sea in order to escape the German onslaught.

How emphatically central are the central empires in best shown in these allied retreats. The west coast of the Teuton land barrier stretching from the Baltic to the upper waters of the Tigris and Euphrates.

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Workers in the hospitals and serv-

to "huts" at the front, realizing probably better than anyone else the need of home news to sustain the spirit and the morale of the men in service.

The movement seems to offer to the right-hearted citizens throughout the nation opportunity to worthwhile service. Country publishers may be depended upon to do their share to help the game along.

PERSONAL MENTION

Southwestern Tourists Visit Mrs. U. S. Stewart of El Paso and Miss Agnes and Helen Stewart, touring the country.

Washington, D. C., Girls Here Spending the summer in the Pacific Northwest. Misses Alice Short and Sara R. Long of Portland, D. C.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE It is the allied troops that are now going forward with Gott—or only a short distance behind him.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS Roy M. Johnson, an Oklahoma oil producer, who is at Eugene with his family on a trip west to escape the heat in Oklahoma.

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Protests Substitute Prices Imbler, Or., Aug. 16.—To the Editor of The Journal—I bought 100 pounds of flour and 100 pounds of substitutes the other day at the Riddle store in Imbler.

HOW TO BE HEALTHY

LESSENING SOLDIERS' RISKS—Modern war is fortunately not all tearing down and destruction. There is another aspect to its activities and a wider one.

THE WOMAN SLACKER Rebuked From the Villager Probably the average woman understands her individual responsibility to this war.

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THE WARM SPRINGS INDIANS have begun their annual pilgrimage to the Willamette valley to pick hops, but it is observed that as the hop yards are being gradually grubbed out the number of Indians coming over from the reservation is not so large as in former years.

JOURNAL MAN ABROAD

WRECKED building and peaceful France. The French history and French fiction have lived for me. The characters of Dumas and of Hugo have walked with me and talked with me.

With L. C. Wright, religious work director of the French Red Cross, I have been traveling over northern France, through picturesque Normandy.

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Something Due to Patriotism SECRETARY M'ADOO, in commenting on the sales of War Savings Stamps, took occasion, says the Los Angeles Times, to remark upon the splendid work done by the pretty motion picture actresses.

"It's a funny thing," he remarked, "but I know of hundreds of cases where men had refused to buy stamps from the screen actresses. I heard of one, however, who was an exception."

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