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surroundings. But where do the germs and evil spirits go? Not into the swine as those at Odessa did when they were ejected, but into other human beings.

People sitting near breathe the germs, into their systems and thus disease passes from nose to nose. The regulations against public sneezing are by no means puerile.

In connection with Germany's whimpering plea for an armistice it is interesting to ask a question. Suppose that last March when the Hun was on the road to Paris and fancied he had the world in his grasp the allied nations had asked for an armistice.

At the same moment the kaiser was issuing a proclamation in which, not the people of Germany but Wilhelm himself appeared as the state.

Again he said in his proclamation: "I am resolved to die for the sake of my people and my fatherland."

The peace note is in the voice of democracy, but the proclamation is in the hand of autocracy. It is "I" who has resolved once more to offer peace.

The boy Freddie Prinz who was sent by parcel post from Versailles, Indiana, to Cincinnati, arrived safely at his destination. With the rest of the mail he was carried on a motor truck.

General cleanliness is urged as a preventive measure. Coughs and sneezers are to be strictly avoided. The bulletin concludes with this: "Coughing and sneezing except behind the handkerchief, is a public health offense as is promiscuous spitting, and should be fully condemned."

What is the cause of these troubles in Russia? The czar has been deposed. The country has become democratic. Has democracy wrought the evil? It is easy to say so. People who do not care to look under the surface of things are shouting all about us that democracy is at the bottom of Russia's woe.

store of woe to come. During the long tyranny of the czar evil accumulated as if in a mighty reservoir. With the downfall of Nicholas the retaining walls of the reservoir burst and the evil poured forth in a ghastly flood.

The Russian woes are the inevitable aftermath of tyranny. The remedy for them is not more tyranny but more freedom. The Bolsheviks are murdering a great many human beings. But the czar did the same thing and kept it up for centuries.

The "lady Raffles" who is troubling the police at Berkeley, California, is a phenomenon strictly in accord with the spirit of the times. When women invade every other field of "men's work" it is vain to expect them to keep out of an occupation so exciting and remunerative as burglary.

THE EPIDEMIC THE symptoms of so-called Spanish influenza are a sudden and acute attack, bodily weakness, pains in the head, back, eyes and elsewhere in the body. There may be vomiting, while dizziness is frequent. Chilly sensations are usual, and the temperature is 100 to 104. The pulse remains comparatively low.

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in fixing freight rates and attracting ships. This has been powerfully emphasized by the government in laying down the conditions on which it will assign ships to the various ports of the country.

Portland has found herself during the war. Her capacity to do things has been discovered. The power of her capital and men to build ships has been a revelation. Her community achievement in war drives is proof of her possibilities.

In the vital field of shipping, Portland can repeat her war performance. Shipping is a first essential to industrial payrolls. Shipping makes markets, markets make trade and trade in return, supplies traffic to shipping.

DELINQUENT TAX EXPOSURES Polk County Taxpayers Pay 6348 Per Cent of Mail Notice Cost.

Any contractor who would offer to build a \$248 per cent of the actual cost of construction would not be very liable to get the job. Yet the property owners and taxpayers of Polk county have said 634.8 per cent of the actual cost of giving direct and certain notice of tax delinquency during the period from 1912 to date.

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storm-tossed sea, with disabled engines, a broken rudder and a hull riddled with bullet holes. The ship was a good ship, American, English, French, Italian and others in the allied fleet for a conference, a true, an armistice. But she was a good ship, and she was a good ship, and she was a good ship.

Letters from the People [Communications sent to the Journal for publication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper, should not exceed 300 words in length and must be signed by the writer. Both sorts are found here.]

Hasie in the Case of Olson Portland, Oct. 5.—To the Editor of the Journal.—Justice Moore served the people of Oregon for 38 years. No other justice has done so much for the people in the esteem of the people, and thousands of Oregonians in all walks of life mourn the loss of a friend and an honored public servant.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

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OREGON SIDELIGHTS Klamath Falls night school has opened with an initial enrollment. A class in French is being organized by the Klamath Falls night school.

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JOURNAL MAN ABROAD

By Fred Lockley [Extraordinary episodes of camp trench and fox-hunting are related by the present article. It is a goodly and a readable one, and is as remarkable as the hairbreadth escapes.]

At the front—I hesitate to write of some of the things that happen over here, for they seem impossible, yet having seen them I know them to be true.

How to be healthy. By Dr. Woods-Butchinson, former Portland physician. When the rock was laid down at the bottom of some salt water lagoon.

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PERSONAL MENTION Chinese Girls Page Guests The Multnomah hotel, through stress of work, has had two Chinese girls for page guests, and in native costume they pattered, calling visitors for whom friends are asking.

Germany Likened unto a Pirate Ship From the Chicago Post "We cannot come to terms with a people without honor," says the president—perhaps the most terrific indictment of a nation ever made by the titular head of a state.

THE BANEFUL SNEEZE It was formerly a popular practice when a person sneezed in public to say, "God bless you," to him. The more modern and, upon the whole, the safer practice is to turn the sneezer over to the police.

Ragtag and Bobtail

Stories From Everywhere Battle Line Stories FROM THE Philadelphia Ledger's unique and excellent editorial page column captioned "Current Topics of the Town" the passages that follow are taken from a translation from letters to the Ledger written by Philadelphia soldiers at the front:

"A French girl at the 'Y' the other evening... 'A brilliantly uniformed Boche was captured along with his shiny belt buckle embossed with 'Gott mit uns.'"

"Some time ago my company was billeted with French Musarra. We shared tents and straw piles with them, and we ate together. The French captain and I were often together and had the greatest difficulty in carrying on a conversation till we found that we both could speak German. He had studied for months in a school at home. After the discovery, we understood each other perfectly."

"You seem to recollect matters that occurred 29 years ago," said counsel for the defendant sneeringly to an adverse witness on cross-examination. "Can you remember as distinctly any other trifling circumstances that occurred at the same time?"

"Do you think, sir," was the defense, "he'd be here to tell if I'd hit him?" Metamorphosis Somewhere on the ocean he took the boy who brought out groceries. Before the war began.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says: I see them there and gather folks in their homes, a few a-busy their dead in paper clothes and paper coffins. If that way of doin' business ever strikes in deep in this country our funeral directors will be in for a hard time.

Olden Oregon In 1850 W. P. Abrams and Cyrus A. Reed were the first to locate a sawmill in Portland. It was located near the foot of Jefferson street. The main building was 40 feet wide and 80 feet long.

The Publication Measures Titles of Two Initiative Bills to be Proposed to the Public. The delinquent taxpayer should be notified of his delinquency by mail rather than by publication through a newspaper. It is more effective and less costly.

Oh, Anything! From Carious Magazine. The Married One—Well, you have to admit that when a man marries his troubles are over. James M. E. Maguire.