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This is no time either for divided counsel or for divided leadership. Unity of command is as necessary now in civil action as of the house and senate should be taken away from the party now in power, an opposing majority could assume control of legislation and oblige all action to be taken and contest and obstruction.

—Woodrow Wilson.

UNABLE TO FIGHT LONGER

MPEROR KARL, ruler of Austriafled from his capital.

"I am unable to fight longer," he wired Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany, "and am compelled to take a decisive step-I have asked the pope to intervene for an immediate armistice."

New history is being written. reorganization of Europe has begun. The past order of men ruled without their consent is crumbling, and a new dispensation is being ushered in.

A rising sun of resplendent brilliancy is in the east. A new rain-

the despairing cry of a Hapsburg ago. At first a tiny principality, the There will be no unconditional surrender before next Tuesday. realm of the Hapsburgs grew in factorship, spreading always its tentacles of rulership over peoples and unbridled profiteering in the preprovinces subdued by conquest and ventive. force. Within its limits 22,000,000 people, more than half the population of the empire, have, until within a few hours, been governed without 66TYELTMACHT ODER NIEDER- country for his country's good. their consent.

The Hapsburg rule is no more. Its throne is laid low. It will never again be the seat of authority. The people are in revolt. A new French revolution on a smaller scale is before the eyes of mankind.

It is a tremendous event—this fall tion and reorganization of Europe a swindling alias. is well on its way. The war of the Huns has become a war of libera-

Kari's own people had turned on him. their own destiny in his. The mobs were gathering under the Democracy is on the march. Her waiting only for the hour of deliv- it. Shall we not enjoy it? erance. He was unable "to fight longer" because his people had turned

used to uphold thrones.

President Wilson made it clear that broken skulls with the prospect America was to use armed force to ahead of them of a big bill of damcrush autocracy and make subject ages to pay. War is not the noble peoples free. That was in his first sport it once was. The world is fillspeech on the war. It has been in ing up with too many people of every speech and every diplomatic sense. note since. It was as brave a purpose as it was new. It meant the reorganization of European governments. It proclaimed the liberation Ty AISER WILHELM has said many been. of the oppressed.

The idea fell among the dead ashes of buried hopes and destroyed nations in Europe. It lighted into a fatherland. He was willing to die for that they shall not produce wars. flame. It spread as a new hope for liberty among millions.

Emperor Karl is a fugitive. He more willing to live than die in their was "unable to fight longer." He had to flee. The Wilson propaganda turned his people against him and Wilhelm has given all the world to ally desire, if they would be honest the task of the allied armies was understand that he burned to be a about it, to slump back after the war

ing the country that the influenza is up. likely to return in the spring for A shining opportunity has come for another campaign against our lives, him to achieve this lofty ambition. a: I Hungary were the most demoular establishments." If everybody if he does not hasten. cine between now and spring the clear that Wilhelm is the one insu- a republic. The cause of autocracy

AS IT LOOKS TO GERMANY

HE kaiser wants President Wilson beaten in the congressional elections. The Cologne Gazette, a kaiser organ, brings us that information. In a savage attack on the president in its issue of October 29, it calls the president a "dictator" and a "desperate mah." It says that "little

by little the winter of discontent is setting in for Wilson, the dictator." Referring to the president's appeal for support in the elections, it expresses its concern lest "the constitutional rights" of the American people may be thereby curtailed. How reassuring to know that the kaiser's newspapers are so earnestly trying to protect the constitutional rights of the merican people in American elections!

The paper expresses high confidence that those fighting the president in america will be able to beat him. Thus, it says:

The American people will, in the congressional elections, sit in judgment over Wilson and his war policies. It is a trial of strength that Wilson thus provokes. If he succeeds, his dictatorship rests upon a foundation enabling him to proclaim himself czar of America without fear of encountering opposition. But THE PROBABILITY IS THAT HE WILL NOT SUCCEED. THE NOVEM-BER ELECTIONS WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANCE SUCH AS THEY NEVER

The reasons for Germany's desire for a Wilson defeat are obvious: Germany recognizes the American president as the brains of the war leadership. Germany has been filled with amazement and dread at what has been accomplished by the allies in the short 18 months since America entered the war. With a united country and a friendly congress to back the president, Germany has seen her victorious progress toward Paris changed into a retreat toward Berlin. Germany knows from her present plight that the continuance of an undivided leadership by Wilson in America means that she is doomed, and that is why the kaiser and his newspaper organs are hoping and praying for Wilson's defeat. That is why the Cologne Gazette says the American elections "will have a significance such as they never had before."

To divide her enemies is always the stealthy cunning to which Germany resorts. Through secret propaganda she nearly succeeded in dividing the American congress on the proposed embargo on shipment of American munitions to the allies and on the proposal to forbid Americans to travel on ships carrying war materials. Division of her enemies is always one of her favorite weapons.

Through a German princess, wife of the czar, and through German propaganda, the kaiser succeeded in dividing the leadership in Russia. The fruits of that division of leadership are terribly apparent to all. Germany, for a time, maintained a divided leadership in Greece, and the

power of that nation was lost to the allies. Germany, at one time, succeeded in dividing the leadership in Italy, and the fearful Mackensen drive to the very gates of Venice, the very near de-

struction of the Italian military power, and the near removal of that nation from the war, was the consequence. The kalser knows why he wants in America a congress hostile to Prest-

dent Wilson. Election of a hostile congress would be instantly accepted in Germany as well as all over Europe as evidence that the president's conduct of the war is disapproved by the American people, that his countrymen have Hungary, is in flight. With all lost confidence in him, and that a different kind of policy should be inhis movable belongings, he has augurated. No other interpretation could be put upon it by Germany or by our own allies. Germany would see in this division in America a weakening of the power

of the very leader who by his successful handling of American affairs has turned German victories into defeats and brought kaiserdom to the brink

Germany would see that, with a hostile congress fighting him at home the president's power against Germany would be weakened and his influence with our allies greatly diminished.

Germany would see in the president's defeat, and with great reason, probability that divided and demoralized action between the president and a hostile congress would open the way for the entente allies to fall into confusion, disagreements and a general weakening of the alliance.

Germany, in case of the election of a congress hostile to President Wilson, would, in the inferences she would draw from it, be encouraged to a state official of Washington where the renewed resistance, to a redoubling of her military efforts, and to superbow like that which arched over human endeavors to restore her waning military fortunes. The German Noah's flood waters is athwart people would be told by the kaiser's newspapers that President Wilson's Europe with new hope and new defeat at the polls meant a repudiation of his part in the war, and that Oregon, does not square with the "uniwould be used as encouragement to them to go on with the war, making "I am unable to fight longer" is more sacrifices, shedding more blood.

Germany is waiting for the American election returns. The kaiser is whose family began a rulership in waiting for the vote to be counted in elections which his newspaper says Central Europe nearly six centuries will "have a significance such as they never had before."

no further occasion for charges of

NIEDERGANG

GANG" was the war ery on the lips of the Junkers when the raped Belgium. Universal empire or uownfail. The God who metes out human destinies has published his decree. It is not Welt- Charles I of England. But the longer macht for the war lords. It is Nieder ang.

Democracy has passed through such of a dynasty that withstood the a trial as the world never saw bestorm of Napoleon and the centuries. fore, and she will emerge victorjous. The currents of history are to flow Goodbye to divine right. Goodbye to in new channels. The democratiza- Privilege, which is divine right under

The crowned kaiser has shot his bolt, and now the avenging thunders of fate will hurl him to perdition. "I am unable to fight longer." The uncrowned kaisers may read

shadows of his palace. The races embattled hosts camp victorious on that had been held in subjection by the bloody fields of Europe. From the sword of autocracy were strik- Vladivostok to Lands End in Corning to free themselves from a ruler- wall, from Spitzbergen to the Cape of ship in which they had no part. The Good Hope, democracy's banners worm had turned. Karl knew that wave in the sunlight of returning his regiments were honeycombed peace without a foe to face them in with men who had been forced the open field. We march forward against their will to fight and were into the new world. We have won

In the Fatherland and its allied countries the most popular word of This passing of the Hapsburg is the day is armistice. They went into the first. Other dynastic autocrats the war like lions. They are coming are to go. Force is no longer to be out of it like lambs. They expected to carry home the loot of the world. The day America entered the war They are, in fact, carrying back

THE TIME IS RIPE

his beloved Junkers. Nay, he was This requires the framing of countgreat and glorious cause.

sacrifice. He clamored for somebody into the wicked old ways which to build an altar upon which he brought on the war. Is that the best Far-sighted health officials are warn- might stretch himself and be offered the human lace is capable of?

To prevent its ravages they advise He can be a sacrifice any moment he cratic countries in Europe. Vienna the people to use the preventive vac- feels ready for it. He may even be- was captured by revolutionists. Gercine which is "on sale at all our reg- come a sacrifice before he gets ready many was for a time under a revolu-

is to be persuaded to invest in vac- From Mr. Wilson's last note it is the Hapsburgs out and was ready for of state business. The Journal believes

betake himself out of the way and of everything else would be easy. The German people are beginning to see this. Some of them have already hinted pretty clearly to Wilhelm that his noblest course is to leave his

If he does so at once he may perhaps gain the credit of making a voluntary sacrifice. Sentimental historians may hereafter write of him as "a royal martyr," as they do of he sticks to his crown and its perquisites the less his chance of ever wearing a martyr's halo.

It may be a fine deed to abdicate a crown voluntarily, even when the voluntariness of the deed is somewhat forced, but to wait until it is yanked from his head by an infuriated people is base.

That was what "Cousin Nicky" did, and now the poor fellow has neither crown nor life. If he had taken time by the forelock and run away while the roads were open he might be living comfortably on a pension in Los Angeles, in company as like himself as one pin to another. We urge Wilhelm to act upon this hint before it

RECONSTRUCTION

GREAT many schemes are being put forward for the reconstruction of the world after the war. Some of the schemes are, of course, wildly impracticable; some of them are not so bad. But of one thing we may feel certain. Taken in the sum they cannot be any worse than the system upon which the world has been conducted, and they may be better.

The system to which we all trusted before the war brought us into the war. It brought our forefathers into wars innumerable. If it is trusted hereafter, it will bring our children into other wars innumerable, and more destructive than this has

a time and oft that he valued If mankind wish to escape the curse his life only as he could make of war, they must apply their brains it enhance the glory of his dear to remaking human institutions so willing to live for them, perhaps even less schemes for consideration, criticism, rejection or acceptance.

Those who find fault because think-During the four years of the war ers are planning for the future actu-

In the year 1848 Germany, Austria tionary government. Hungary drove authorities should see that there is perable obstacle to peace. Let him was saved by Russia, which sent im

mense armies into Central Europe and put down the rebels. Unhappily for the crowned heads, Russia is not exactly in a situation today to give them any help. Having lost her own tyrants, she does not feel the warm sympathy with neighboring tyrants that might otherwise have been ex-

DELINQUENT TAX **EXPOSURES**

Claim of State Editorial Association Utterly Demolished.

It is a famous and just rule of law, Folks-I have been trying for months fixed by long usage in the courts, that to warn you that the biggest fight and when a witness knowingly gives false the biggest danger during the world's

The Oregon State Editorial associabeen fattening off the profits of delin- barians toward and across the Rhine. quent tax list advertising. They are bitterly hostile to any effort to do away with the graft that has cost the taxpayers of the state more than \$180,000 paid for publication of delinquent tax lists when the work could have been better done for \$12 000 The Editorial association adopted a

resolution, which has been widely published, in which it said: association that the newspapers of the state make plain to their readers the fol-

"First-The uniform practice of the of delinquent property of such delinquency through publication notice."

The fact is to the contrary. It is not the uniform practice of the states to publish delinquent tax lists. The State Editorial association, composed of presumably intelligent and informed editors, must have known that its resolution was

It has been shown heretofore that both lies; with Russia trying to lift herself, Washington and Idaho, to the north and through the efforts of her people, out east of Oregon, have long ago abandoned of the mire; with Turkey on the tobogpublication of delinquent tax lists, in gan and Bulgaria out of the fight; with spite of the opposition of the interested all these tremendous and epoch-making newspaper publishers of those states.

Thomas P. Horn, assistant tax comissioner of the state of Washington, in discussing the law of Washington and

statute requiring the publication of de- in congress seeking to take all the preslinquent tax lists in county newspapers ident's constitutional power out of his is wasteful and far less effective than a hands and turn the same over to the very splendid results were obtained, the rest, conviction and sentence to the upon economic and industrial autoctaxes being paid more promptly, with penitentlary. less confusion and jam in the office on the last taxpaying day."

That is the expert testimony of "fact" of the "uniform practice" of that state belies the testimony of the Editorial association.

The state of Idaho, to the east of form practice" testified to by the Editorial association. James Munro, deputy state examiner in the auditor's department, says:

"A few years ago the revenue laws of this state required the publication of the President Wilson could afford to serenedelinquent list, but the best results even ly disregard the political clamorings of this with mailing notices to the owners him, because they fear democracy. But freedern and fair dealing and property having delinquent against them."

C. J. Bartlett, secretary of state of Texas, says: "The legislature of 1915 passed a law providing that tax collectors shall mail notices to owners of real estate and providing for perfecting the delinquent records of the various counties." Another case in which the testimony of the Editorial association was false.

Carlton W. Sawyer, comptroller general of the state of South Carolina, adds upon President Wilson; and how they his testimony in rebuttal and says: "The statutes of this state do not pro- of the United vide for the publication of delinquent tax with his leadership and are not behind lists throughout the state."

From the state of Massachusetts comes further adverse evidence. William D. T. Freffry, state tax commissioner, says: "There is no provision in the statutes of Massachusetts for the publication of lists of delinquent taxpayers. I should consider a statute requiring the publication of names of delinquent taxpayers objectionable. It would be humiliating to those delinquent through mistortune, and would have very little effect

Similar denial of the "uniform pracassociation comes from the state of Concommissioner, says:

"The statutes of this state definitely provide for the procedure for the colection of taxes from delinquent taxpayers. The same may be recovered either by suit or foreclosure of property. I know of no newspaper or general publication of delinquent taxpayers in Connecticut."

Arizona adds her testimony against the "uniform practice" of the Editorial should come to us and ask us, regard-

"The statutes of Arizona," writes C. M. "do not provide for the publimission. that the notice mailed direct is more ef-

In the state of Wisconsin there is no

delinquent list is published prior to tax dictate, if they could eliminate Wilson sale, just as the law now requires in Oregon, and would require should the delinquent tax notice bill, repealing the delinquent list publication, be enacted. statutes provide for the publica tion of delinquent taxes of real estate as a condition of tax sale," writes Thomas E. Lyon of the Wisconsin state "I do not consider a statute requiring the publication of delinquent tax lists in county newspapers as effective a notice to delinquents as would be a direct notice mailed by letter to the property owner by the tax collector. I have no doubt that sending the taxpayer a

linguent taxes in a newspaper.' This is the testimony of a few of the expert witnesses on tax collection, from various states of the Union, where the niform practice" of delinquent tax list publication is not a "fact" as was formally and officially stated by the Oregon State Editorial association. More similar testimony could be given if space and necessity warranted.

personal notice by mail is much more ef-

fective than publication of a list of de-

In view of all the facts that have been from time to time presented, taken from the cost records of the countles of Oregon and touching the pocketbooks of the taxpayers, in view of the undisputed waste, extravagance and inefficiency of the tax publication law; in view of the testimony of other states which have al-ready abandoned tax list publication. and because of the belief that the taxpayers and voters of Oregon want efficient and businesslike administration that the voters on Tuesday next will vote "308 X Yes" and enact the Delin-quent Tax Notice bill into law.

Letters From the People

Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department chould be written on rally one side of the paper, should not exceed \$600 words in length and must be signed by the writer, whose mail address in full must accompany the contribution.]

Open Letter to the Common Folks [Mrs. C. C. Van Orsdall, who in the subjoined letter appeals to the people to support
the president in the coming election, is grand
guardian of the Order of Neighbors of Woodcraft, which position ahe has occupied since
the foundation of the order, more than a score
of years ago. Her title signifies that she is that
order's supreme head. As an executive and as
one who handles large and comprehensive affairs
she has made a remarkable record. erence between an unconditional and a

Portland, Nov. 1 .- Dear Commo

testimony in one particular his testi- struggle for democracy and the destruction of military autocracy from the face of the earth would come behind the tion, with full knowledge of the truth, lines; at home, here in the United States has been giving the people of Oregon of America; that the big fight would false testimony. Its members, many of come at about the time our lads were come at about the time our lads were them, during the past seven years have galiantly driving the demoralised bar-I have been trying to warn you that all the big special interests of the invisible government, including the insurance trust, the National Council of Industrial Defense, the National Association of men are becoming more and more was in immaculate condition. Corporal Manufacturers, the United States Cham- scattered. I think there are but 57 H. G. Brock said, "Kaiser and I enber of Commerce, the so-called "Loyalty Oregon men left in our company," said listed together. I enlisted from Leb-Leagues," and other thinly cambuflaged one of a group of Oregon soldiers anon. My folks have a place near shed, in which it said:

organizations, had a secret and well dewhom I met at this camp. "One of Waterlee." Sergeant G. W. Graves,
"Be it resolved by the State Editorial fined program, backed by unlimited our bunch, Sergeant Paul C. Stevens, who has charge of the lines, is a "campaign" funds, collected from the superintendent of the Bridal Vell Lum- Mount Tabor boy. He said: "I am big business corporations, ready to ber company, is at the officers' train- getting ready for the mile run. We spring at the psychological moment, to ing school. Sergeant Ward A. Hol- are going to have an athletic meet prevent the logical outcome of the four comb of Portland is also there. They states of the union is to notify owners years of bitter fighting-a peace based upon a foundation of real democratic freedom for all the nations of the earth Well, my warnings have been verified. geantcy." At the most critical period of the war, with autocratic Germany almost on her knees, with autocratic Austria seeking a separate peace, upon the terms laid down by President Wilson, the spontaneously accepted spokesman of the al-

events moving swiftly, we are treated to the remarkable spectacle of the politicians of congress making a concerted attack upon President Wilson and his the publication of delinquent tax lists policies; we have a member of congress demanding President Wilson's impeach-"It is the opinion of the writer that a ment; we have resolutions introduced

> At a time when his prestige abroad is no country, no patriotism, no honor essential, when all Europe is looking to no humanity; nothing, absolutely, but him to lead the way to a peace which profits, even if coined out of the blood shall eliminate the causes of war, our and the bodies of men. We know that leader, whose sanity, whose clear ideals back of the attack on our leader and and transcendent statesmanship are ac- the desire to pull him down from his corded the heartfelt confidence and ad- commanding international prestige, are miration of war-torn Europe, must face the same forces which turned the Hun and I would not have to mislead the vicious, dangerous and despicable at- into a beast and started the kaiser tack from politicians in our national on his ruthless campaign to dominate the world-the ambition for commercial lawmaking body. supremacy and the exploitation of the Under ordinary cfrcumstances, and

with only the home folks to consider, for the profit and power of the privilobtained were by supplementing those who are determined to destroy over in France, and England, and all the European countries, their political procedure is different from ours. Over there such a bitter and widespread attack by the "opposition" is so grave a matter that a government-which in Europe means the ministry in charge of affairs-so attacked must seek a "vote of confidence," and if it fails to get such a vote it is discredited and must resign.. So, you can readily see how the nations of Europe will regard the attack will naturally presume that the people States are not satisfied him in his policies, if the attack results, as it is intended to result, in the election of an antagonistic majority in congress and antagonistic state govern-

ments in the various state elections. The politicians themselves have set They need the discipline. And so do we the issue by their partisan mendacity: And because of this international phase of the present political situation brought son peace, founded upon justice, liberty about to further the program of the re- and freedom from the menace of fuactionaries and patrioteers and profi- ture wars-may the Lord have mercy teers, through the cheap politicians in upon the political necks of any faiterand out of congress, President Wilson has done the one thing he had left for tice" stated as a "fact" by the Editorial him to do. He comes to you and me and all the mothers and fathers of our necticut, when William H. Corbin, tax gallant fighting lads in France, and he asks us to give him what will be understood over in France, England, Italy, Germany and Austria as a "vote of confidence" against the vicious political attacks of his enemies at home, by elect- of all Republicans, no matter how dising next Tuesday the Democratic candidates for senators, -representatives and governors.

Politicians are protesting in vehement and shocked surprise that our leader ess of our normal political affiliations, to fall in behind him, with our ballots Zander, chairman of the state tax com- as bayonets, and charge the reactionaries who are determined to capitalize cation of delinquent tax lists. I believe the blood our sons have shed, the sacrifices these lads have made to fight the fective than a notice published in the battle of humanity, the heartaches and anxiety and grief of the mothers and wives of our soldiers, for the commerpublication of delinquent tax lists for cial profits to be garnered out of the the purpose of collection, though the "kind of peace" the big interests would and substitute Roosevelt, as the spokes man of the United States and its allies. But Wilson is our leader. We have chosen him to lead. We have followed with pride and confidence the results of his leadership. We have seen his crystal-clear ideals of justice, liberty and the right of every people, of every hig or little nation of the earth, to make its own laws, choose its own government and make it in fact a government of the people, for the people, by slowly but surely pull the foundation out from under every autocratic dynasty in Europe-a task that would have required many millions more men, many nillions more of treasure and blood and sacrifice and years of bitter warfare, to have accomplis hed by force of arms. Yet Wilson, the prophet of democracy and liberty and justice, has done these things, with his diplomacy and statesmanship, in cooperation with Pershing's crusaders. And the vested interests, the

invisible government, and the politicians now want to destroy all ? is good work, all the tremendous influence of his statesmanship upon the destinies of the world! Will we let these vested interests and the politicians so capitalize the death We do not care very much about party labels, we common folks, behind the lines. It has never, even in normal times, made very much difference to us

which party was in power. The self-

the party," whatever the tag. arties; and these have always

During these months of blood ave arrived at some rather defi

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Do your Christmas shepping now.

Don't complain about the sugar restrictions. Thank your Uncle Sam you're not a German, who doesn't get even a

Just consider, too, that the money you lend Uncle Sam when you buy War Say-ings Stamps will help purchase barbings Stamps will help purchase barb-wire to keep Boche prisoners from getting away. The highly esteemed Newark News ints out that there is still "a big dif-

unconditional peace " An "h" of difference, as one might say.

For various reasons of progress and enlightenment, some of them having to do with public health and sanitation, Halloween is not celebrated by the boys of today exactly as it was by those now of mature are

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

George Ashworth, one of the best boy gardeners in the neighborhood of Wes-ton, the Leader says, took 200 fine squashes, weighing from 25 to 56 pounds each, from 32 hills.

Every traveling salesman coming

Crane, the American avers, has this on his lips: "You can't buy it for less'n." Also, "That's a bargain; the price is going still higher in a month.

The British army will get dried prunes from Eugene and the Register thinks that "with grub like that the Tommies ought to have their end of the line across the Rhine by Christmas."

against cattle roaming at large and de-stroying the improvements therein.

soon. I am a Washington high school

boy. Corporal Roy E. Anderson of

Sellwood said: "I worked for the Pa-

cific Telephone company before I en-

listed. Before that I was at Lincoln

JOURNAL MAN ABROAD

high."

By Fred Lockley

[This installment is altogether about Oregon C. A. secretary in the United States, boys at Winnail Downs camp, and a very inter- was away in London. I wrote my Winnall Down Camp, England,-"Our that the mess hall he has charge of will receive commissions. As the sergeants receive commissions the others step up. Jerry Woodson of Albany has just been promoted to a ser-

Corporal Earl W. Burton of 448 Belcompany, and he certainly keeps his mont street, a Washington high school boy, told me of several Mount Tabor 164 East Forty-seventh street. boys in the company, among them Tom blocks from the Glencoe school. I am Perry. Corporal Willard Soden, or "Sody," as the boys call him, said: "I one of the lucky chaps about getting letters. I received two-from Portland live at 629 East Tenth street north, in friends a few days ago, one from Irvington. I was graduated from Jef-Edith Darling, a teacher in the Glenferson high. My folks have been in coe school, and a mighty bright one. Oregon quite a while. My mother, too, and the other from A. H. Devers, name was Cora May whose maiden for whom I worked for a while. Wells, is a Willamette university gradused to carry The Journal on uate." Corporal H. J. Kiser is a Wash-Glencoe route. Later I went into the ougal boy. He enlisted at Vancouver. He is an Oregonian by birth, however. He was born at Condon.

Paul Stone, son of Harry W. Stone, who is known by almost every Y. M. over to France.".

peoples and resources of God's world

leaves the world an armed camp; which

racy, a standing military establishment

stronger, bigger and more dangerous

than the military establishment which

made a beast out of Germany, a menace

And yet that is one of the things

we will get, if the reactionaries, instead

voice in the approaching peace crisis.

Wilson has called us. Not-only the

fate of the nation, but the fate of the

millions of all the nations of the earth

Let us go to the polls next Tuesday

if they know we are watching them.

the straight and narrow road to a Wil-

Their "Percentage" for the War

Portland, Nov. 1 .- To the Editor of

The Journal-It is amusing to observe

how the Oregonian, the Evening Tele-

gram and the other standpat papers of

creditable they are or have been. These

same papers are scouring the highways

to find people who will criticise the

president in asking the country to give

him a congress that will trust him and

cooperate with him in prosecuting the

tiating a peace that will endure for all

congress from the First district. Yet on

March 7, 1916, Jeff McLemore, a Demo-

erat, of Texas, introduced in the house

of representatives a resolution to the

effect that American citizens should

forego their natural, legal and constitu-

and submit to such rules as the im-

perial German government formulated. Mr. Hawley, Republican congressman

Oregon, voted for this McLemore reso-

lution of shameful memory. Yet, the

Again, on March 1, 1917, Representa-

their legal right to carry arms or am

munition in their cargo. Both Repre-

cond district voted for this Cooper

amendment; and yet the standpat Re-

that both of these congressmen be re-

ley and Sinnott voted against this Kahn

not have been raised. If the Republ

can party in Oregon is mere than 621/2

allow Mr. Hawley to receive the Re-

publican nomination when he voted wrong three times out of eight on war

nation when he voted wrong two times

witted to receive the Republican nor

out of eight on war meas

The Democrats who

sures? Why was Mr. Sinnoit per-

nendment, without which the neces-

rided for the raising by conser

Amercan ships from exercising

from the First congressional distr

war to a successful finish and in nego-

The Oregonian and Telegram

the state are demanding the resjection

C. C. VAN ORSDALL.

to the world and to civilization

hang upon our response.

ing "statesmen."

circulation department of The Journal worked for The Journal four years. get The Journal right along. Your articles have made me want to get move the causes of war. We do not Slayden, Hardwick and Borland, were notice to delinquents by mail. In fact, politicians in congress; we have the re- want another war in a million years. We defeated at the primaries by the Demothe county treasurers of one or two markable spectacle of an ex-president have seen what cooperative effort will cratic party with the assistance which counties in this state have made it a denouncing the president and uttering do, in war times. We have seen who it received from President Wilson. How practice to notify all parties, both be- charges of pro-Germanism and other does the fighting and who pays the can the Republican party in Oregon fore the taxes become delinquent and disloyalties, which, if uttered by a poor, bills of war. We have discovered that claim to be 100 per cent for the war, mally put the Chamber of Commerce on afterwards, by mail, and they report little, ragged I. W. W., would cause ar- political and military autocracy is based when it nominates candidates who are record as advising against measures only 62% per cent and 75 per cent, reracy, and that commercial greed knows spectively, for the war? C. M. MULLEN.

The Willamet's Fish Question Oregon City, Oct. 31 .- To the Editor of The Journal-I could go to-work and against them, were: tear Mr. Finley's argument to pieces and argue till I was blue in the public to present our side of the question. In fact, we could argue (Mr. Finley and myself) and never get anywhere. But there are a few points that I would like to explain to the public: The Willamette river commercial fishermen have been fishing for the past 25 years or more, and each year that comes brings more fish to the Willamette river for the people of Portland and ricinity to eat. So, if Mr. Finley's state- Works. ment, "The commercial fishermen, if allowed to fish, would catch all the fish and leave none for spawning purposes; the Chinook salmon will be a thing of the past," is true, then there would be no Chinook salmon now, because, up to 1915, netmen were allowed to fish within of President Wilson, have the deciding 600 feet of the ladder, and before that to the very ladder, and still there was an abundance of fish each year. (There is a new ladder now and the river is closed to commercial fishermen

world and the struggling and enslaved above the suspension bridge, more than quarter of a mile from the ladder.) Then, where in the name of commor sense has the spawn been coming from and vote straight down the line as Wilwhich each year brings more fish, if son has asked us to do. And then let enough fish had not gone over the ladus keep a close watch on those wa der in previous years? It is plain to elect. All of them will walk straighter see that when the netmen were allowed Co to fish up to the very ladder we had and the river closed to the suspension And at the first hint of side-stepping bridge the Willamette spawning grounds are surely getting more eggs than are really needed. Why change the law, when the present one is more than doing its duty?

> It will be well to mention that more than a week after the 1918 season opened, the deputy game warden, who was guarding the ladder, counted 200 salmon that went over the ladder in about an hour. Mr. Finley cannot deny this statement, because this report was made to Frank M. Warren (Mr. Finley's ooss) in the presence of members of the Clackamas County Fishermen's union, at the fish ladder. The people should leave the las

s now, by voting "307 X No." ANDREW J. NATERLIN Secretary Clackamas County Fisher ermen's Union.

> The Delinquent Tax Bill From the Spectator

Newspaper publication of the delin course want Mr. Hawley reelected to quent tax list is an unnecessary expense on the taxpayer. No citizen who has the money to pay his assessment permits it to become delinquent and thereby subject himself to a penalty of 12 per cent interest, with the additional cost of paying for the newspaper advertising. Some tional rights to travel on the high seas of those who are opposed to notice by mail to the taxpayer say that this notification is unnecessary, as the delinquent taxpayer always knows when his sment is unpaid. If this is trueand there is no reason to doubt it-why Oregonian and Telegram ask for his spend the scious taxpayer's money in reciection. Mr. McLemore himself was advising him of his delinquency through defeated through the intervention of the newspapers?

President Wilson in the Democratic pri-The argument on the delinquent taxpayers' bill has taken an unusual and interesting turn. It is no longer devoted to the production of proof that tive Cooper of Wisconsin submitted an the bill is not a good one, but is wholly amendment which was designed to prodedicated to the task of showing that our fellow townsman Colonel C. S. Jackson is a bad man. Many of us quite fail to see how Colonel Jackson's turpitude sentatives Hawley of the First conor rectitude can possibly affect the wisgressional district and Sinnott of the lom or ineptitude of this measure With unaccustomed reticence, Colonel Jackson has properly declined to be bepublican press of the state is asking guiled into discussing his character as an accessory to the bill, on whose be lowever, he produces arguments that Again, on April 23, 1917, the Kahn are much more convincing than would mendment to the conscription act probe Journal pages of agate type written and printed in refutation of what is alof the necessary army to give effect to leged against him. Colonel Jackson is the declaration of war. Yet both Hawpresenting facts to show that newspapublication of the delinquent tax ist is expensive, unnecessary and exsary army to prosecute the war could travagant. The Spectator has failed to see any clear, unblased disproof of what he says on the subject. per cent loyal to the war, why did it If Colonel Jackson's character were on

trial, the evidence that has been offered by the prosecution might well be allowed in record under the head of important and interesting; but as it is the delinquent tax bill that is under discu ng us their arguments against it, it have any, instead of wasting their

VOTED TO KEEP BURDEN ON

The Portland Chamber of Commerce has a "legislative committee" to which from time to time initiative and referendum measures are submitted. The recommendations of this committee, in practically all cases, mean the recommendations of the board of direc The recommendations of the board of directors, officially, bind the Chamber of

The members of this committee are well known to the public of Portland and of Oregon. They are men who, because of environment, training, personal interest, or inclination, believe in granting subsidies for the benefit of the few at the expense of the many.

This committee recommended to the directors, and the directors accepted their recommendation, that the Delinquent Tax Notice bill and the Bill Fixing Compensation for Publication of Legal Notices, should not be enacted into law by the voters. It contended in its report, in effect, that the newspapers the state should be subsidized, that the delinquent taxpayer, already unable to was away in London. I wrote my name on his bulletin board and noticed meet his taxes in many cases, should be made to bear the expense of the subsidy through unnecessary and unjust publication cost, and that the general taxpayer should be shouldered with an abnormal and undue expense in the publication of legal notices required by law to be published.

> Following are the names and occupations of the members of the legislative committee who believe in and recommend the continuation of special privilege legislation:

> Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland Railway. Light & Power company.

Corporal W. G. Potter is in charge of the officers' mess for E James B. Kerr, counsel for the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad com mess hall clean. He said: "I live at nany. John F. Daly, president of the Title &

Trust company, dealers in abstracts of title, mortgages and mortgage loans. C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter, fellow lobbyist who helped the lobby maintained at the legislature by the up-state press to defeat the repeal of the publication statute in 1917, and next friend for those who have.

The board of directors, without consideration of the merits of the two meas ures, adopted the recommendations of the legislative committee and put the Chamber of Commerce on record as opposing them. After they had done so some of the directors said they intended to vote for the measures, some that they did not vote upon the adoption of the recommendations of the committee, some that they did not know anything of the merits of the measure. which some of them favored, and con-cerning which some of them knew noth-

The directors who were present and without discussing the merits of the measures, advised the voters to vote John B. Yeon, capitalist.

Wilbur E. Coman, vice president and general manager of the Northwestern Electric company. Guy W. Talbot, president Portland Gas & Coke company, and Pacific Power &

Light company. D. W. L. MacGregor, with Balfour, a Guthrie & Co. +

E. B. MacNaughton, architect. O. E. Heintz, manager Pacific Iron

A. J. Bale, manager Pacific Coast Biscuit company. L. J. Wentworth, vice president and manager Portland Lumber company. E. L. Thompson, banker and real estate man.

Frank E. Smith, surety bonds and in surance W. J. Hofmann, advertising manager the Oregonian, chief beneficiary of tax

publication in Oregon. J. C. Ainsworth, banker. J. P. Jaeger, jeweler.

Charles F. Berg, merchant. William F. Woodward, secretarytreasurer Woodard, Clarke & Co. and Clarke, Woodward Drug company, Nathan Strauss, Fleischner, Mayer

W. D. B. Dodson, executive secretary ough spawn, that with the new ladder employed by the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

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Provisional Government.

Congress Never Paid Expenses

rovernor of Oregon, arrived in March 1849. One of his first acts was to order This showed a total population of 8785 Americans and 290 foreigners. On account of the exodus of people to the California gold fields this was not a complete census. At the first session the territorial legislature a memorial to congress was adopted asking for an appropriation to pay the expenses of the previous provisional government. Congress ignored the claim and it was never paid. This action was probably based on the theory that the provisional government was wholly an independent government for the protection of all the people, Americans and British alike.

The Publication Measures Titles of Two Initiative Bills Remove a Public Burden.

Perhaps for the last time in this space The Journal calls the attention of the voters of Oregon to the two initiative bills on next week's ballot. The Journal has no ax to grind, but it has assisted in placing these measures before the people solely in the interest of serefficiency, economy and reform They are of vital interest to every taxpayer, and, whether or not they meet with favor at the polls, The Journal will feel that it has done its duty. INITIATIVE BILL PROPOSED BY INITIA-

Initiated by C. S. Jackson and R. W. Hagood — Delifiquent Tax Notice Bill—Purpose: To repeal present laws requiring newspaper advertisement of delinquent taxes and in lieu thereof providing that tax collectors shall, after taxes become delinquent each year, mall by letter to each owner of real property, at address furnished by him and noted on roll, a written notice containing description, amount of taxes, rate of interest, penalties and date on and afer which certificate of delinquency shall issue; providing for posting delinquent lists and proof by certificate of maining and posting, making such certificate conclusive evidence thereof, and subjecting collector to damages suntained for failure to comply with act.

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