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OUR COMBINED ARMIES FROM NOW ON WILL REPRESENT A LEAGUE TO ENFORCE PEACE WITH JUSTICE—Secretary of War Baker

AMERICANIZING AMERICA

SCHUEBEL's bill in the house at Salem forbids ownership of land for more than seven years by an alien. The bill applies similarly to ownership of controlling stock in corporations by aliens or alien corporations.

It is a step toward Americanizing America. Even seven years is a long time for a foreign born immigrant to make up his mind to become a naturalized citizen.

Refusal or neglect to take out naturalization papers is a bad sign. An alien doesn't think enough of his country and its institutions to become a citizen, it means that he thinks more of some other country.

LOOKING FOR EVA

THE detectives who searched Chicago for five years to find Eva Marsh and only succeeded when she was dead, were far short of the record set by the Portland sleuths who apprehended Murders Liard. It is amazing sometimes how near a detective can come to his goal and still miss it.

Eva was living all the while in cheap Chicago hotels. The task of identifying her should have involved superhuman difficulties. And yet the detectives could not find her—or at least they said they could not.

It would be exciting to be told how much money was paid out to the sleuths during those five years and what efforts they made to earn it. The disreputable suspicion intrudes itself that they probably knew where Eva was all along but kept it to themselves for the sake of drawing regular pay.

ECLARE THAT THE PROBLEM OF RETURNING SOLDIERS AND SAILORS IS BEING USED BY "PROMOTERS AND ARMALISTS FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES." Judge Lowell of Pendleton says on this page:

What is needed is nothing but common sense, and a persistent recollection that the boys now returning are the same men who left a few months or a year or more ago. They will not be so changed that their tastes, habits or manner of life will be materially different from what they were before.

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Generally speaking, they have proven to be very efficient. Many of them will not desire to give up the work that they thus entered in time of stress, and thousands upon thousands of returning soldiers and sailors will resent the idea of supplanting them. The thought of displacing a woman who volunteered to help man the home trenches, will be so repugnant to many a returned service man that he will indignantly refuse to supplant her.

THE GRABBED LANDS

ON THIS page "W. J. C." asks for a full and more connected story of the frauds by which school and other Oregon lands have been unlawfully acquired.

A book of 1000 pages could scarcely detail the whole story. Puter's book on the Oregon land frauds has 488 pages, and it leaves the story but partly told.

The report of the Marion county grand jury, for instance, declared that more than 300,000 acres of school land alone in a single list of applications were involved in fraud. A Journal correspondent assigned to investigation of the report and the lists of lands involved in that report, put in more than a week of time in assembling facts from which to give the public some idea of the extent of the land grabbing operations.

Fac-similes of the blank applications for purchase and blank assignments, which, after being signed by a dummy entryman, were later filled out and used in getting school lands in the Blue mountain reserve, were printed in The Journal. They are indisputable evidence as to the fraudulent methods employed. They are proof so indisputable that reams of further articles could not add to their clearness or to their convincing character.

As to "W. J. C.'s" proposal to inordinately use the taxing power as a means of requiring restitution, that would be impossible. It is only lands taken by fraud of which restitution should be required. Only by lawful procedure in a court of justice could it be determined that lands to be restored were acquired by fraud. Owners of lands lawfully acquired must not be disturbed.

SHADOW AND SUBSTANCE

R. TAFT seldom writes about the league of nations without saying something worth bearing in mind. He has published a pamphlet answering the question "Why a League is Necessary." It is full of pertinent considerations.

Mr. Taft points out, among other things, that the war has brought into existence "a number of warring nations." The Czechoslovaks are one example. The Poles are one more. They are belligerent, ambitious, eager to devour one another.

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THE WILSONIAN APPEAL

Charge That He Is Looking For The Millennium Admitted
From the Christian Science Monitor

Why do people of all classes and of all ranks listen with attention, and why does the multitude applaud, whenever and wherever Woodrow Wilson speaks? He is not, in the commonly accepted sense, eloquent; he is not a "polished" orator who has paid an adequate education or aroused the passions of men; he is not a Calhoun, a Webster, or a Blaine, any more than he is a Sheridan, a Burleigh, or a Lincoln.

Others were not able to hold him down to established conventions at Princeton. New Jersey politicians were unable to discipline him to partisan regulations. As governor of New Jersey, and president of the United States, he could not be held by precedent.

It was not the interest of Princeton which the country has in this publicist at the head of that institution, so much as the interest of education; Princeton was a small matter compared with the movement to which it was dedicated. When politicians speak in strength as a champion of advanced thought and as a vote getter, undertook to tell him that he should consider the interest of the Democratic party, he has no answer.

Some there are in Washington, and some there are elsewhere, who complain that he is looking for the millennium. Well, to be frank, so he is, and what is more, he is looking for it, and it is because he is both looking and working for the realization of a world in which all, not merely some, nations, and in which the weak, the poor, the oppressed, shall be wholly free, that he has the sympathy and support of the masses everywhere.

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Most business men would have deposited their cash in the bank the night before and not taken in a great deal so early in the day. We dare say that was the case with Mr. Garfinkle, so the bold bandits would not have got such if their holdup had gone through to the end.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF
Ragtag and Bobtail
Stories From Everywhere
The Conservative Venetian
DURING an address to a body of law and order men at the University of Oregon, says the Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph, that too much care cannot be taken in the selection of the jury.

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