Letters From the People

The Government's Obligation

Portland, Feb. 5 .- To the Editor of

The Journal - A bill appropriating

\$1,250,000,000 of government funds to

make good the guaranty price of \$2.20

per bushel on wheat for the crop of

1919 is now pending in congress. That

there is an obligation of the government

don other crops and plant wheat is ob-

are not wheat growers. The price of

\$2.20 per bushel on wheat was intended

not only to stimulate production but to

profit even though they were obliged to

pay high wages for sowing, reaping,

harvesting and marketing their wheat

selves a very high living at war prices.

conditions for the farmers materially

improved and the cost of living and

supplies of the farmers began to de-

cline. It would seem, therefore, that

the government would be exceeding its

promises to the wheat growers if a price

of \$2.20 per bushel for wheat was made

It is a most astonishing thing that

uttermost claims against the govern-

ment while we are passing through this

grave crisis in history. A prominent

wheat grower was quoted in vester-

day's dispatches as having stated that

not only should the farmers be paid

\$2.20 a bushel for every bushel of wheat

unrestricted and free market, would be

the ending of the war. Then why should

GEORGE SMITH.

this vast sum of money not be saved to

Asks Why Hold the Soldier

practice of independence. Our fore-

fathers fought for it and won, but now

Orders were sent to the Columbia de-

It seems to us men who were in the

Why can't America have her army of

men who have no homes to go to, and

who themselves wish to go back into

the army or continue in it, and not go

freedom and hold men against their

Suntex, Feb. 1 .- To the Editor of The

Jesus Christ said. "It is finished" the

sinful soul and make a new creature is

"The son of man came not to be min-

What have infidelity and paganism

ferings of mankind? What have they ac-

vention? No nation without the influ-

ence of the Bible was ever known to

could save even a decaying tooth, much

war. Those who make such assertions

rampant throughout the world. They

forget that these blasphemers discarded,

other countries to complete their theo-

logical education went to Germany

ticism and infidelity of such teachers as

Fischte, Hegel, Schelling, Schopenhaur,

The great leaders in the war, who

brotherly love, justice and liberty, are

Thanksgiving day at Chaumont General

Pershing, addressing the soldiers, said: "As soldiers inspired by every spiritual

ent, we have each silently prayed

followers of the lowly Nazarene

alteth himself shall be abased."

istered unto but to minister."

the people?

less a sinful soul.

"The New Religion"

A. E. S.

some excuse or other.

Portland, Feb. 4 .- To the Editor of

Meantime, before much of the fall grain

to the farmers who were urged to aban-

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I do not know how to draw up an in-dictment against a whole people.—Edmund

AND FOR WHAT?

undisguised disgust."

tack upon the President of the

"Agreements made at the peace the economic, political and moral dupes for Lenine and Trotsky. over America. It continues:

peace. To get such a league President Wilson WISELY DECIDED, BY PER-SONAL ATTENDANCE TO THROW LEAGUE OF NATIONS TO SAFE-GUARD IT PERPETUALLY.

ator-elect from Kansas, Lyman AbOf all these favorable things for There is another reason why fact, most of us, have dependents bott, A. Lawrence Lowell, president mob rule in Russia, the strike women besides to the strike w and many other distinguished Americans.

"The chief thing to be done by

If the American people knew how im-Paris at the present time, they would free institutions, a free ballot and wettest states in America, is a has a great work to do there, and they are people who have just lution as to booze to have its coun-

America is represented at Paris by the man who has come to command the United States. confidence of the people of allied counat the peace conference; the American the workers buy provisions for their people must stand united behind him in the worke making peace as in making war. • • families?

SEEN AND HEARD MAKE IT MY DUTY AS AN AMERI-CAN CITIZEN TO LAY IT UPON THE portation, pay the thousand and one that market. Why not? HEARTS OF MY FELLOW CITIZENS things that would have to be paid The Register explains that the

Almost every day now, hours of the senate's time are consumed by reactionary senators. Democratic or Republican, in fighting the league of nations, in traducing the president and assailing him for going to Paris, while Bolshevism is surging in the untutored mind of large groups of

Americans. A great war has just ended and there is before us the gigantic task of reestablishing dislocated industries in the work of peace. Pending in the senate are these bills for reconstruction:

Reorganization of the army for peace Re-establishment of the volunteer sys-

Legalization of informal contracts by the war department. Legislation for purchase of the 1919

heat crop. Legislation as to railroad control. Legislation for a new Liberty bond is-

Control by the government of meat packing plants.

discoveries during the war.

Great appropriation bills. The water power bills.

mediate expenditure in building roads. in the land for half a century. Bill for big appropriation for reclamation by which to make lands available for returning soldiers and sailors.

tures, peoples committees of relief, wield more political power. The the very basis of agricultural weleral employment agency, mayors men. They may be trusted, in the can be relied on year after year and councils of cities, the Red Cross, long run, to look out for their own infallibly and the farmers themthe united war work organizations welfare. At present they wait upon selves will attend to production. and almost innumerable activities the motion of the politicians for They will study methods of in-

are struggling with the great task relief. In a year or two the tables creasing yield, eradicaling pests, im- be ours. Great cause indeed, have we to of organizing the country for the will be turned, and the politicians proving breeds and varieties. But locations caused by the withdrawal ans.

the whole structure of our agriculgiven us the victory." When the news
ture is insecure. A thorough orthat General Joffre had thrown back the civil life, and their sudden return say that the history of the United ganization of the potato growers to their usual pursuits.

ing Wednesday to three long hours methods of this new society of said to have destroyed our market of vulgar denunciation of the presi- veterans. Their published statement there. dent of the United States, and for of principles speaks for the welfare what?

Scarcely a day passes in which, that of the veterans themselves. with the country trembling, throbbing, surging with anxiety, the precious time of the senate is not French revolution of 1792 time was, still prefer to "go it alone" occupied with long attacks on the found to invent the metric system league of nations, and Mr. Wilson, of weights and measures and give it and for what?

A lower order of political Bol- day combined military valor with DAILY (MORNING OR AFTERNOON) AND shevism was never seen in the love of science. Their children United States senate.

> tor said: "The strongest bond of calendar which divides the year into human sympathy outside the family 13 months of 28 days each, with an relation should be one uniting all extra day for a holiday every winter. working people of all nations and Of course leap year would come in tongues and kindred." Lincoln had as usual, affording two extra days. a fairly clear concept of a league of nations and understood the precise principle that would make it brotherhood.

> > NOT RUSSIA

take over the plants and oper- when she asked for reelection." ate them.'

That kind of proposal is nonsense. in Russia, but Russia is not America, not as a rule take it as a "gross HE president in going abroad this in mind: America is a country a other candidate. revealed the grossest egotism of libraries, free schools, daily news- But Mr. Howe has an explanation and an inability to resist the papers and people who read every all his own for the defeat of the lure of the limelight which day all that is taking place through- two women aspirants to congress. the average man looks upon with out the world. Not a mere few, but He suggests that it was because all the people are readers.

senate Wednesday by Senator Sher- ance. The percentage of illiterates likely. If the people were opposed to practically everybody is pushing their man of Illinois. Three hours of the is enormous. They went through it they would not have granted it senate's time was consumed in a centuries of tyranny. The peasants in so many states. They might most malevolent and insulting at- did not own their own lands. With confer it in two or three as a joke the power of the czar once palsied, but not in a round dozen, including bedlam broke loose.

Russia was ripe for what happened. But it is undeniably true that conference will, for generations to Chaos and anarchy became a natural few women have thus far been come, vitally affect for good or ill order. The illiterate people were fit elected to high office, or to any

nations can alone insure the orderly de- of war, became drunk with the run for office. velopment of the world and preserve power won by the overthrow of autocracy.

HIS GREAT INFLUENCE ON THE and German propaganda helped on plunger them into the turmoil and SIDE OF AN UNSELFISH AND the chaos, because the demoraliza- deals of politics. There was a time tion of Russia was to the then ad- when the mere act of voting was last two months much has been said of vantage of Germany. German influ- supposed to be fatal to woman's what he has done in France. Americans An illustrious body of men signed ence was a chief factor in the deliv- delicacy, but that fear has pretty have always fostered the thought and this widely distributed statement, ery of Russia over to Bolshevism. well evaporated. The time may come Along with that of former President It was one great means that enabled when her womanly delicacy will sur-Taft are the names of Cardinal Gib- the Bolsheviki to seize and operate vir the heat and dust of a political

leader who proposed a similar It is because Oscar Strauss, Cyrus H. McCormick course in Seattle has not thought. their own sex. They feel in their ing us to take care of those who remain. There is no German money, or hearts that other women will vote German intrigue or German prop- against them because they are not shows families were in distress, but condemn a proposition that has nother than the shurch? aganda in Seattle to aid him in his men. How much of a part either application after application for dis-America is to keep President Wil- desperate enterprise. There is no of these reasons plays in causing charges have been turned back with son in Europe," said Rabbi Stephen widespread illiteracy in Seattle to the abstention of women from seek-S. Wise, formerly of Portland, in an make fertile ground for Bolshevism. i office, of course, it is impossible interview in the New York Times There are no people suddenly liber- to say, but they must count for a that holding us for another year, as Tom Paine and Franklin did not belong cabled from Paris after a month re- ated from a tyranny that had long good deal. cently spent in Europe. He added: crushed lives and dwarfed mentality. On the contrary, there is a citiperative is the president's presence in zenship, bred up under free schools, in Harrisburg, capital of one of the God has forgotten there ever was a debeseech him to stay here throughout the a.. the freedom that any govern- significant sign of the times. Is peace conference in France. America ment can vouchsafe. More than that, this precipitate and unexpected revo-President Wilson, above all men, is passed through a new baptism of terpart in other moral and social

And there are even graver diffiries as no other living man has. The culties in the way: If this strike faith of the allied people in Wilson is leader should seize and attempt to the American people in Wilson through- operate the plants, where would the THE Eugene Register comments wishes? out the years of the war. Two things money come from to pay the workare needed: The president must remain ers? Without that money how would

Where would be the money for THINGS IN LONDON AND PARIS buying steel for the ships, pay for California at good prices. The preslumber from the mills, pay trans- en: crop is not greatly desired in sale of the output?

mixture of ignorance and idiocy. He is impossible.

Patterson's argument against increase treated fairly in other ways. The of salaries? Each official, he says, seller, says The Register, would knew before he ran for office what knock off spongy ends and throw ever made in the way of science and inthe salary of the position was to what was left of the potato into be. That is true. Nothing was said the sack. This is not what one erect an asylum for the poor, the aged. in the campaign by any candidate could call strict honesty. It is not the orphan, or the insane. They never to the effect that he expected an the kind of conduct that builds up increase in salary. Then why increase it after election?

IT IS COMING

organization has been formed at season. Evansville, Indiana, to include The goose that promised to lay America." It is said to be some- for our farmers has been killed, or Control of radio made necessary by what on the plan of the Grand Army at any rate, pretty soundly chloroof the Republic, which gathered the formed. She may recover by and by. veterans of the Civil war into its Forty million dollar appropriation for fold and made them a political power or miss marketing? Is there any

The new organization will be likely stopped if our farmers are ever to to grow rapidly and in proportion attain to permanent prosperity by as it is more numerous than the means of steady, dependable mar-Throughout the country, legisla- Grand Army of the Republic it will kets. The market question lies at construction committees, the fed- soldiers and sailors are intelligent fare. Once provide markets which

work of peace by adjusting the dis- will be on their knees to the veter- so long as the market is unreliable

States for the next 50 years depends would have prevented the ill-advised But there was the senate listen- largely on the aims, ideals and shipments to California, which are praying." of the great public equally with organization has done for the po- prayer in a ruined cathedral, for victory

In the heat and turmoit of the that so many of our Oregon farmers to the world. The French of that are equally zeafous in both directions. They are planning through Abraham Lincoln, the great libera- the peace conference to give us a

workable, the principle of human N THE current number of his Monthly, E. W. Howe of Kansas factors to be considered unless an inturns his pen to the subject of justice be done the very large majority woman suffrage. He wonders of people of the country who this year why the people defeated Miss Ran-STRIKE leader at Seattle is re- kin and Ann Martin. The former, ported to have said, "We will he says, was. "grossly humiliated insure the farmers a good margin of

Miss Rankin was defeated, but that is a common experience for a crop and were obliged to pay for them-Such a plan was put into practice politician of either sex. They do and none of the spring grain was plant-American Bolshevists must bear humiliation" when the people prefer ed, the armistice was signed. Labor

"the people are actually opposed to good. Russia is a land of dense ignor- woman suffrage." That is hardly New York.

they could deliver but that the governers sufficient wheat for feed and seed at about 90 cents a bushel, which, in an offices. What the reason may be well being of mankind," says a . The industrial plants were seized is a question for debate. Perhaps statement signed by William Howard and operated. Those who stood in there are many reasons. One of country for this year as 1,000,000,000 Taft and others, and sent broadcast the way were murdered. People them seems to be the lingering feelbushels at least \$500,000,000 will be maddened by the long night of op- ing in women's minds and men's, saved the wheat producers in a lower The creation there of a league of free pression, frenzied by the sacrifices too, that it is indelicate for them to cost of harvesting and marketing, due to the depleted treasury of the United

They may vote because it can be done inconspicuously but being States? German money, German Intrigue, a candidate is another matter. It

A new million dollar "dry" hotel the war is not yet known here, or else Paine as much as any man made it time trying to keep up our spirits when loyafty and consecration to the fields looking to better lives for America's millions?

POTATOES

sensibly on the state of the potato market. It compares the situation today with that of two years ago. Two years ago the Oregon potato crop sold readily in

TO STAND BEHIND THE PRESI- for in order to operate the plant? shipments to California two years Where would the market be for ago "failed to make a hit" because the tubers were not properly pre-When a man makes such wild pared for market. For one thing, proposals he is drunk on his own they were not graded as they should dreams. He is crazed through a have been. Scabby specimens were thrown in with the clean ones. Small and large were lumped in-

discriminately in the same bag. Is there any answer to Senator Again, the purchaser was not

and keeps a market. Many little faults of this sort seem to have contributed to produce in combination a somewhat disastrous result. California is looking HE expected is happening. An elsewhere for her potatoes this

all "the world war veterans of an indefinite litter of golden eggs

What is the preventive of this hit way to stop it? Clearly it must be

thank God for trials successfully met and victories won. With thankfulness and victories won. we acknowledge that His strength has Germans at the Marne reached the London office, that stern old warrior, Lord Kitchener, said, "Somebody has been It might be further shown that Marshal Haig, General Byng, General Pershing and General March are levout Christians. The Journal not long It is disheartening in view of what ago printed the story of General Foch at

tato growers, fruit growers, nut The religion of such men as theseproducers, dairymen, in other states religion that professes faith in God and knows no such thing as doubt—is the religion that has stood the test of time and s the religion of the future. It is the religion that has never failed in the past and is the only hope of the future. The war has taught the different sects to better understand each other, to lay aside petty differences and to cooperate more (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. fully for the advancement of the great cause for which all are laboring. G. A. COLLIER.

Contempt for Erzberger Portland, Feb. 5 .- To the Editor o

The Journal-Your Sunday issue contained two fine letters from your European correspondent, Frank Simonds It also contained an interview by anther writer with Matthias Erzberger, which shows that the German sentiment regarding things German has not changed and that no feeling of regret or shame has as yet entered the mind of the German ruling class. Autocrats vious to any patriotic, right thinking have learned that no form of democratic governmental machinery has as yet been devised that cannot be most effectively and cruelly turned to the uses of autocracy. The existing government in Germany, of which Erzberge is secretary of state, is quite patently banking on this fact. With Hindenburg and Ludendorff, former war-lord men, shooting down their own people as cheerfully as they shot the allies; with Matthias Erzberger, former chan cellor for the kaiser, head and front of the ecclesiastical German party then as now, the world may well be wary democratic" Germany. Frank Simonds brings out the fact

that Prussian stealings from France began back in 1814, with the absorption of the Saar mineral deposits. Erzberger, in his hypocritical whine of an interview, laments the greed of France in desiring to take back these fields, which are in reality hers, and which will not compensate for the devastation of all her coal and iron mines by Hun greed. Erzberger was engaged with Bolo Pasha in the vilest kind of spy work in Italy and Switzerland, the kind that buys sentiment and corrupts with bribery. One respects the daring of the soldier-spy who takes his life in his hand to gain essential information for his country. The bribing spy of the Erzberger type is the vilest thing in numan form. Yet this is the present secretary of state in Germany. This latest interview of his shows that he has not changed. Ecclesiasticism and wheat. Counting the wheat crop of the politics are a mixture no less deadly in the twentieth than in the fifteenth century. Erzberger deserves the contempt E. F. B. of all honest men.

Mr. Wood to Mr. Linscott Athena, Or., Feb. 6 .- To the Editor of The Journal-I cannot let Mr. Linscott's tirade against Socialism on religious grounds go unchallenged. I know from personal contact that Socialists as general thing will let church and re-The Journal-In the newspapers of the ligion alone if you will, but a great number of people who oppose Socialism immediately jump from a purely altruistic proposition to a question of refaith, the precepts of which they have imbibed just enough to be bigoted Soapbox orators are the rest of the world. Some of them are 500,000 men for an army, against the all right and some of them are all caused by the wave of influenza which has swept our nation, taking many of best.

If Mr. Linscott has heard certain Socialists express religious sentiments ing to do with his faith or his church? Are there not all creeds and sects the old parties? Did ever a Catholic condemn the Democratic party because war, and for the period of the war only, there were unbelievers in it?-Jefferson, congress asks, is rank injustice and to any church, and yet they were altends to bring hard feeling against this truists. Why not condemn the Declarameasure. It seems as if the closing of tion of Independence because fense of the Columbia. I say frankly condemned because of Ingersoil's elo-Again, my friend is very unhappy

that we men being held have a hard quent denunciation of Christianity? speak for many other men who have ligious freedom and thought." If there been here since the first national army is one principle above another in the heart of a true Socialist it is the right of free speech and free thought. Religion has nothing to do, in a po against her policy of independence and been injected to do the cause harm. Those who are greatly benefited by the Suchan would be likely to pave the way present social system would stoop to for international complications and any means to give the cause a black would make it infinitely harder for eye, and such splendid Christian gentle. poor Russia to free herself from foreign men as John D. Rockefeller and his ilk can point their fingers of scorn at So the two things to be accomplished Journal—There is no new religion. When Socialism and say "Unclean, unclean." were, first, to show the good intentional Socialism and say "Unclean, unclean." of the soldiers under Colonel Loring, As to the "clique" that runs Socialplan of redemption was complete. Man ism, I do not understand what my good and, second, to conduct a quick march may speculate and originate newisms friend means by that. I thought that into the center of the disturbed district but the only power that can transform a a lot of clodhoppers like myself run, it. and selze the stragetic points before the

F. B. WOOD.

The Woman's Job Portland, Feb. 6 .- To the Editor of social service." that strives to leave God out of its thoughts and aspirations. As The Journal-It appears to the writer well try to make fire without the pres- that there is a lot of talk about ence of oxygen as to attempt social serv- women giving up their jobs to soldiers ice without the spirit of Christ. Such Why should they give up these jebs at service, without Divine inspiration, is \$3 to \$5 a day to go back to work in founded on selfishness, does not reach laundries, to housework, etc., for \$6 the heart, and can not endure. The to \$10 a week? If the employers fruit of Christianity is social service. really wanted to do something for the returned soldiers let them say that four hours will be a day's work, which would make work for ten million more done in all the past to alleviate the sufmen and women. But they will not do that, as it would leave them with complished toward the moral uplift of only two hours at unpaid labor in-What progress have they stead of six to eight hours. F. RICHARDS.

Legislation Worth While

Knappa, Feb. 5 .- To the Editor of The Journal-I have noted, with inhave originated or discovered a plan that terest, for some time, The Journal's editorials and "Letters From the Peo-

But it is said that Christianity is a The syndicalism bill is childs's play. failure because it did not prevent a world "Born in fear and reared in selfishis right. Some more of the ness. do not stop to consider that unbelief and one-sided, money-mad stuff. Ignorance. positive denial of Jehovah's power was Why not a bill once in a while in favor of the multitudes? Get up someoverlook the fact that Germany with her thing for the good of the producers higher criticism and ideas of superman We are living in modern times and denied the decrees of the Almighty and should cut out ancient laws and inclaimed to be wiser than Jehovah. They stall something up to date. limits on the amount of wealth allowed as fables, the parts of the Scriptures that to be accumulated. Limit the greedy. did not suit their fancy, or interfered Answer this: If a limit of \$100,000 their purposes. They fail to connot enough for the head of any famsider that ministers of the gospel from ily, then why does it serve a man to work day in and day out he and his family barely existwhere they imbibed the virus of agnosing? If labor produces and creates the wealth, then it deserves some of the good things of life. "He that exadvocaté and encourage a bill worth JOHN A. RASMUSSEN. while? stood for truth and right, charity and Alleges Sabotage on Ships

Portland, Feb. 4 .- To the Editor of The Journal-I have been working in a shipyard here and have seen how the company turns the steamers over to our government. In one batch there are at least two dozen rivet holes plugged up with putty and there were some woodCOMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Smile awhile. More power to Mayor Hanson. The grip, glory be, is losing its grip.

They are discordant notes now coming in order to accommodate people desir-ing to live there, the East Oregonian They are discordant not rom the Sound country. There's one glorious hope, however

or Seattle's people: They can still ome to Portland.

Hearty welcome to the home coming soldiers who have come over the long, long trail into the land of their dreams The season of grand opera has at least ers with their splendid new auditorium.

Time was when motion pictures were among the features of entertainment in saloons. Now the saloon must get out of Now that it's all over, we are enabled

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

A number of new dwelling houses are soon to be erected at Pendleton, but the town needs them by the dozen

"It's odd how many people who are ardently opposed to alcohol are agains prohibition, and how many who are eager for everlasting peace are down on the idea of a peace league," observes the Salem Capital Journal.

"Fred Kuns," writes the Lexington orrespondent of the Heppner Gazette correspondent of the Heppine.
Times, "has a crew of men cutting down the falm grove opposite the depot on the land which he purchased from E. Nordyke. This grove was the scene of the big celebrations of the early days of

Now that it's all over, we are enabled to come to the conclusion that the United States was mighty well prepared to do a big share of fighting in a long war.

The big celebrations of the early and Morrow county."

From the Democrat's report of the latest meeting of the Albany Chamber of Commerce: "George Taylor was of Commerce: "George Taylor was of Commerce: "George Taylor was of Commerce to the control of the latest meeting of the Albany Chamber of Commerce to the control of the latest meeting of the Albany Chamber of Commerce to the control of the latest meeting of the Albany Chamber of Commerce to the control of the latest meeting of the latest mee war.

Comes now the season of the year when you don't know just what sort of weather to prepare for, and when you probably wish that you had prepared for whatever sort you did not.

Identify the Albany Chamber of Commerce: "George Taylor was named a committee of one to have charge of the work of locating a landing place for airplanes in Albany and the members of the board urged that every step should be taken to secure an aero station for Albany."

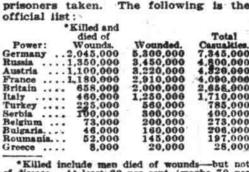
JOURNAL MAN AT HOME By Fred Lockley

[Casualty figures of the great war are presented by Mr. Lockley today, particularly a table showing the toll taken of the European bellig-erents. Personal impressions of troops observed overseas and an appreciation of the "wop" are features of the article.]

from red flannel, on their sleeves, to indicate that they belonged to the "Wild-cat" division. These farmer boys from the South fought well. They suffered 1772 casualties. I also worked with the

There were 56,592 fatalities in the American forces during the war for world freedom. Of this number 27,762 were killed in action, 11,396 died of wounds and 14,649 are reported as "missing in action." Germany has released over 4800 American prisoners and reported that 118 Americans died while prisoners of Germany.

Lieutenant George S. Trevor of the history section of the United States army has recently prepared a table showing under trying conditions, and they made the casualty record of the various belligerents. This record is up to November 1 and does not include the last 11 days of the war, nor does it record the prisoners taken. The following is the



"Killed include men died of wounds—but not of disease. At least 60 per cent (maybe 70 per cent) of the wounded returned to duty in some capacity. The wounded column includes many men hit more than once. Very slight wounds are not catalogued. No prisoners are included in these totals. Russia lost tremendously in prisoners, and of course this would increase her total of fighting men put out of action. Most British lists of dead are larger by reason of including deaths from disease.

In our army the regular army divisions suffered more heavily because they were put into the fighting line sooner than other troops. The following list shows the losses of the divisions composed of troops of the regular army:

First division, 5248; Second, 2965, number to live the laboring man, all of the immigrant crop;

Where is the job was could carry on Save for the Wop? ber including regiments of marines; Third, 3617; Fourth, 2986; Fifth, 2504; Sixth, 122; Seventh, 326.

The 91st division, trained at Camp Lewis, and composed of men from Ore-Washington, California, Idaho,

Thirty-second division-men from Michigan and Wisconsin. I made many warm friends with these boys. Many of the men were college men or high school boys. They were punished heavily, having 3213 men killed or wounded.

At the Picardy front, in northern France, near Amiens, I was with the Thirty-third division, consisting of the 129th, 130th, 131st and 132d infantry and other organizations, from Illinois. They lost 1171 killed or wounded. I saw them good. You can hardly imagine a more cosmopolitan body of men than the men from Chicago. There was Mayflower stock, and there were Jews, Greeks Italians and all other racial elements to be found in so cosmopolitan a city as Chicago. But. Greek letter man of Chicago university and Greek bootblack, millionaire's son or "wop," they too pride in the work and did it well and heerfully. The scion of wealth and the college man will come back with increased respect for his comrades in the squad. The college man's "buddy" was a "wop," and they shared smokes and grub together. They learned mutual trust, teamwork and respect, and they will all come back better Americans.

Speaking of "wops," I ran across a bit of verse by Berton Brajey that I like It is a tribute to the "wop." When the line is surveyed through the scenery
For tunnel and culvert and cut.
When the contractor has his machinery.
The "big job" is ready—all but—
"All but" means the shovel and pick of it,
The hunkies who work till they drop;
And so, in the dust and the thick of it,
Look out for the Wop!

The big bosses bear all the fret of it-

Subject for scorn and bedeviling, Victim of fraud and chicane, Still, with his spade he is leveling Routes over mountain and plain.
Progress? His soul is the breath of it;
Lacking his hand, it would stop; Facing the danger and death of it, Here is the Wop!

Montana. Nevada and Wyoming, had 1702 casualties.

While I was in France I saw considerable of the Thirtieth division—the men of Tennessee and of North and South Carolina. The men were a wildcat, cut

He knows the best and the worst of it. He knows the hard-driven toil, The ache and the beat and the thirst of it—Never the dream—or the spoil. Caves and explosions make mud of him—Who cares a damn? Let him flop!

Progress is stained with the blood of him—Only w Wop!

HOW ALLIES WON SUCHAN MINERS

By Paul R. Wright

Special Correspondence to The Journal and the they were holding the mines. They have the Chicago Daily News.

A snowstorm which started last Monday has left about 14 inches of snow in the White Salmon district. Vladivostok.-When we arrived Colonel O. D. Robinson, as envoy November in the Suchan mine district, extraordinary, addressed the people and where American and allied troops were issued proclamations and, in a masterly required to bring about order and enway, convinced the miners that the forable the mines to resume production, it eign soldiery were not there to injure was a peaceful valley. But it had been them, but to assist and benefit them. something else when the troops entered I have managed to get a copy of one there in September. The Bolsheviki at of his proclamations: that time had been ready and were heav-"To the citizens of the Suchan Mine ily armed with modern military rifles District-(1) The ailled nations have and with machine guns. They had been come to Russia to help the Russian informed that the foreign soldiers were people and help win the war against the enemies of their class and nation. Germany. In the prosecution of this As the warriors under Colonel Loring mission they have found it necessary were armed to the teeth and were achtemporarily to see to the operation of ing for a fight, the bloodshed prospects the mines in order to increase the prowere very bright. But this was preduction of coal which shall make poscisely what had to be avoided. In adsible the distribution of supplies from litical way, with Socialism, and vice dition to the undesirability of mixing one section of the country to another, versa. The question of religion has up in an internal class-fight in Russia. This will prevent the people from starvit was well known that a battle in ers when the proper time should come. supervision of the allies. Mr. Egeroff's orders for the operation of the mines Bolsheviki really knew what was hap-

> The facts are briefly these: On September 10, 1918, the troops-about 250 Americans, 300 Japanese, 50 or 60 Thinese and a squad or two of Cossacks entrained at Vladivostok, filling \$6 box cars. That evening they were at Ugolnaya, and the next morning, very early, they were at Kangause, where the broad gauge line comes to an end. A handful of American soldiers were left at Kangause, and have been there ever since. The men who were to constitute the mine guard marched over the mountain pass and arrived at Fanza at 4:15 in the afternoon. At Fanza a considerable number of soldiers were left-namely, three squads of American troops, the whole Chinese detach-ment and 20 Japanese—to protect the station. The remainder of the command 7:30 that evening. The allied guard when the sun rose the next morning turn.

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will keep the Russian bables ing and and the Russian women warm this winter. "To increase the production of the mines the allies thought it necessary to get the men who are best acquainted with the mines, and they have prevailed upon Mr. Egeroff to assume the manage ment of the mines during the temporary

will therefore be obeyed. "2. In view of the fact that the troops are now here to protect the people against the Hunghutzes there is no need for the citizens to have public rifles in their possession, and all such will be turned in to the nearest allied commander. In order to prevent misunderstanding, any person who has need for a rifle will be given written authority to carry the same. This pass will be written in Japanese and English and signed by both the American and Japanese commanders.

"3. Peaceable citizens do not keep machine guns in their homes, as these weapons are used only in war. Therefore, all machine guns in the vicinity will be turned in, and any one having information as to the location of such guns should immediately report that fact to the nearest allied commander."

The miners went back to work and entrained for Suchan, arriving there at have been at work ever since. From ambush a few desultory shots have spent the night in the Narodny Dom, been fired at the soldiers, but so far as or community house, at Mine No. 2, and I know no shots have been fired in re-

en rivets, painted over. If a workman robbers in Belgium to go to h- with hould do so he is a pro-German; this what people should say. Now will his compliments, and they promptly returned to Germany. you please let me know through your paper if I should tell this to the Emergency Fleet corporation as a patriotic duty, as I can prove this by SUBSCRIBER.

[The inquirer or anyone else knowing of such acts should report them at once to the United States district atterney.] No Such Contract

Astoria, Feb. 4.-To the Editor of The Journal-Could you please notify me to his effect: Has the United States government let a contract to the Japanese Why not government for shipbuilding to the amount of \$100,000,000?

> Knew Their Geography From the Washington Pos Herb Hoover told two German fe

The United States government needed ships and Japan needed steel. The United States government allowed steel shipments for Japan's needs in exchange for the use of Japanese ships

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Olden Oregon

Restrictions Imposed Upon Land

Claimants in Early Days One of the most important subjects

dealt with by the provisional government of Oregon was that relating to title to the soil. No individual could hold more than a square mile, in square or oblong form, nor more than one claim at a time. Furthermore, all per-sons were forbidden to hold claims upon city or town sites, or extensive water privileges, or in places necessary for the transaction of mercantile or manufacturing operations. Dr. McLoughlin considered this was direct evidence of the animosity of the Methodists, who disputed with him a claim at the falls of the Willamette, where both had made the beginning of development of

Ragtag and Bobtail

Stories From Everywhere

It Might Be Worse WO Irishmen met at a country fair says Everybody's, and held the fol lowing conversation: "Ah, Pat, sure, is it you?"

"Yis; an' it's been a long time since What's the news?" "It's married I am, and I have a little boy who looks just like me! The other surveyed him critically for a moment and then replied consolingly, "Well, I shouldn't mind so long as he' healthy. An Enterprising Lad

Howard Miller, a Port Orford boy, who lives with his parents on an acreage tract near town, says the Tribune, hi a team that harks back to the times of 50 years ago. He has two good strong yearling calves that he has broken to work. He has a sled and harness fixed up for them and drives each one either single or double. Not long ago he told his father that he had discovered some good bark for the heating stove and in a short time, the farmer says, there were 10 or 12 cords of the bark stacked up in the woodshed. The young lad broke his team and made their equipment without the help of any older person.

Not Even Grape Juice Hush, little wine cask, Why this stir up? Soon you'll be carrying Just grape syrup.
—San Francisco Call.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says: On the Membres river in New Mexico, when Hayes was president, a bunch of Injuns stole Doc Hembree's darter, and when we pressed 'em hard they killed her and flung her body in the road

with the notion we'd stop to bury her, She wasn't buried till after the whole bunch of Injuns was, and we give Doc their hosses as indemnity fer her life. Doc 'lowed there wasn't hosses enough in all New Mexico to pay him fer that little gal, and their wasn't. When I think of what them Huns done to the women and children of Belgium and France I ain't a bit afeared of allies collectin' too much indemnity from em. Their farms is all serene, and their homes is all safe. They can pay, fer all I care, until all their landlords and aristocrats has to work fer a livin' the rest of their natchurl lives.

The News in Paragraphs World Happenings Briefed for Benefit of Journal Readers

GENERAL An amendment to the appropriation bill provides that all government em-ployes who quit their positions to go to war shall be given back their jobs. Return of the railroads to private control, with government regulation, is advocated by Paul M. Warburg, former governor of the federal reserve board. General Pershing cables the war de-

partment denying reports that mail to and from the American expeditionary forces has become congested at American rights in Mexico will be amply safeguarded by the Mexican government, according to Ambassador Fletcher, who is in Washington from

Mexico City.

The Western Fruit Jebbers' association, meeting in Chicago, adopted resolutions condemning the service of the American Railway Express company, operating under federal control. Mexico City.

NORTHWEST NOTES Freezing weather has put a stop to plowing in the Inland Empire. The position of fire chief at La Grands s going begging at \$100 a month. Sixteen new influenza cases are re-ported in the Brooks-Scanlon logging camp near Bend.

The tobacco habit is considered a dis qualification for a position in the Yak public schools. A few farmers of the Milton sectireport portions of their fall sown wheat damaged by freezing.

J. S. Dooley, an Alaska miner, was probably fatally shet during an argument with five men in Seattle Thursday night.

The Yakima school board hopes to institute the system of free text books in the grammar schools of that district this

Indorsement is being given by ranches in southern Wasco county to the proposed construction of the Mount Hood loop road. More than \$200,000 worth of livestock was saved to the state of Idaho be government predatory animal hunter

during 1918. The Southern Pacific company announces that a special Saturday night train will be put on between Eugene and Wendling.

Claude Baker, Pendleton boy, reported dead as the result of wounds received in action, is with the army of occupation in Germany. A. A. Elmore of Spokane was elected president of the Washington and Idaho Farmers' union at its annual convention in Spokane Thursday.

Announcement is made of the purchase by the Washington Water Power com-pany of the Spokane Heat, Light & Power company for a consideration Jesse Long, son of Mrs. J. C. Long of Marshfield, reported missing in action, writes his mother that, although wounded

and gassed, he is now recuperating in a camp in Virginia. Friends of John O. Petty, a single man of about 65 years, who disappeared from Marshfield three years ago, now believe he either became insane or was

murdered for his money. The Wasco county court has gone on record as strongly opposed to the move being made in the legislature to take rom the county boards of equalisation

rom the county boards of the power to regulate assess FOREIGN An armistice between the Polish and Czecho-Slovak forces, which have been fighting on the Silesian front, was signed

Rudyard Kipling has published a poem in London, entitled "Greatheart," which pays noble tribute to the memory of Colonel Roosevelt.

There was a brilliant and enthusiastic scene at the reception of Ambassador Davis by the benchers at the Middle Temple hall in London.

W. D. Childs of New York, chief representative of the Western Union Telegraph company in Russia, is dead of starvation in Petrograd. Count Karolyi, president of Hungary, has informed his cabinet that the di-vision of lands shall commence as soon as the land reform act is published.

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