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upon to vote right, how can they be depended upon to shoot right?
If the Borahs and Poindexters could have been present and seen the omnimindedness and enthusiasm for a League of Nations in the great crowds at the Portland conference, they would have discovered how out of tune they are with the masses of the American people.

who have been fighting our battles across the seas. The soldiers of the Civil war felt the same longing for land. It is a deep-seated American trait. Congress gratified the land hunger of the Civil war veterans by instituting the homestead system, which gave 160 acres to each veteran on easy terms.

conservatives of defeating woman suffrage in the senate. We do not see how the accusation can be confuted. Suffrage drew support from both parties and both contributed opponents.
As long as the United States has no open and pronounced liberal party there will always be danger that conservatives will control both machines and govern the country in spite of popular disapproval.

tion of the league, namely, that the league minimizes the sovereignty of the United States and of every nation which is a member. This is a misconception in the mind of the senator as to sovereignty that needs to be pointed out. No reasonable and patriotic and properly self-reverent citizen could come forward and claim that our sovereignty should be more than a right to freedom of action within the limitations of international law.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE
A moonshine still gets by all right until someone can't keep still about it.
The boy who comes home late enough to keep up with the welcome awaiting them.
Another physician has discovered a cure for the flu. Better late than not at all.

Ragtag and Bobtail

Stie Semper, and A. C. That...
IT WAS the year 1880. A Canadian, a former Prussian soldier now residing in the United States, his acre-enclosed mind brooding over the Great Wrong, addressed a letter to its perpetrator, long since dead, whose name by universal consent had not been uttered since the outbreak of the peace movement. There, in a sort of a due course the letter found its way into one of the aerial mail cars of the Overland Limited. There, in a sort of a mail, a clerk, aged 22, came across it. A puzzled frown was evident on his countenance as he read the superscription: "WILHELM, R. I."

MR. TAFT'S REPLY

IT IS announced from Washington that Poindexter, Borah and other senators will fight the constitution of the League of Nations.
With information and fine logic, former President Taft has answered them in advance. His answer is so complete, so final and so overwhelming that it is reprinted on this page from The Journal's news report of his speech in Portland Monday.

Land is less plentiful now than in 1865. The old homestead policy is impossible of repetition. Even in those days its consequences were not wholly favorable. The homesteads were for the most part remote from markets, so that crops were often valueless. The labor of clearing, breaking and building was frequently ruinous to the veteran's health. His lack of capital exposed him helpless to the wiles of the usurer.

Now, the league does not propose in any way further to restrict that sovereignty which we have inherited by compulsion of all nations to keep a would-be outlaw nation within the proper and existing limitation. The league is not a super-sovereign, with an eye for an eye. Its power is in joint agreement—not in the establishment of a government. The senator's objection is fundamental but the job across. The blue-ackets logically developed, it would be seen to be a reactionary doctrine that belongs to a member of the military class and its needs and its rights. It is not consonant with any hope by international action of settling differences other than the settlement of the world's differences directly to the proposal that "might makes right."

JOURNAL MAN AT HOME

By Fred Lockley.
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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Letters from the people regarding local news and community events.
"Watch Vote on Lake Bill"
"Malheur Lake"
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THE NEWS IN PARAGRAPHS

World Happenings Briefed for Benefit of Journal Readers
GENERAL
G. W. Brown, lieutenant governor of Saskatchewan, was elected Monday.



People seem not to see that their opinion of the world is also a confession of character. What they see of what we are, and of how we behave, we suspect others.

INVADING ENEMIES

ANY foreigner who comes to this country and advocates the overthrow of our form of government by force is an invading enemy who is treated with great leniency when he is simply deported to the land from which he came.

These words ring true. The conclusion is undeniable. The language is from a letter by Secretary of Labor Wilson to Micrometer Lodge of the International Association of Machinists of Brooklyn, which protested to the secretary against the deportation of 58 "alien radicals." Secretary Wilson continued:

When our own citizens desire to change the form of government they can do so peacefully in the manner provided by the constitution. If we cannot make progress by the peaceful process of discussing and voting, we are not likely to make any progress by the riotous process of cussing and shooting. The man who cannot be depended upon to vote right, cannot be depended upon to shoot right.

This assertion is from a real worker. He began life in a coal mine at 10. All his youth and early manhood was spent with mining tools in his calloused hands.

When his mind was mature enough to think, he became an advocate of labor organized and collective bargaining. He was soon put on the employers' blacklist and driven from the mines. He saw his father live and die a worker in the mines, and that fact served his strong Scotch mentality for a heroic struggle in behalf of men who strive with their hands.

No living man knows better the ins and outs of the old labor struggle. No man has done more for the American worker. No man has earned a clearer title to speak as one informed on what is best and worst for those who go out to live by the sweat of their brow.

STATE ENGINEER COPPER

Directly argues that reclamation is a sound plan for reconstruction. A great sum went to the government from Oregon for federal reclamation, but a small percentage of it was returned. There is a just claim which Oregon may well advance for a goodly share of the fund to be provided under Secretary Lane's one hundred million dollar reconstruction bill.

THE WOBBLY OPPOSITION

In the following, from his address at the Auditorium in Portland Monday, Mr. Taft makes a formidable reply to the senators who are fighting the League of Nations. He takes up objections and answers them in detail. No more complete and more thorough of his contentions has been made.

IF RECONSTRUCTING

IT IS man's incompetency if broad wastes lie unused and unproductive with abundant water in plain sight in the wilderness of snows on neighboring mountain ranges. The Eden of plenty with green fields, snug homes and white school houses that suddenly appear in the midst of barren landscapes on the Eastern Oregon plains are living and eternal proof of the importance and utilitarianism of irrigation.

WATCH VOTE ON LAKE BILL

Portland, Feb. 15.—To the Editor of The Journal.—The representatives of the people of Oregon are soon to vote on house bill 376, a measure to protect the Malheur lake. The bill is a money-making proposition for a few. A vote "Yes" means to conserve the assets of the state by preserving the Malheur lake. It is a measure for the benefit of the people of Oregon as a whole.

MALHEUR LAKE

Portland, Feb. 15.—To the Editor of The Journal.—The Malheur lake bird club has been organized. It is a club for migratory birds in the United States. It should be preserved as such and dedicated as a memorial to the late Theodore Roosevelt by which it was created as a reservation. Watch your representative's vote on house bill 376. See whether he votes for conservation of the Malheur lake.

YANKEE GIRLS ARE BEST

Portland, Feb. 14.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I am glad to see we have our own "Yankee girls." As to French girls making better wives than Yankee girls, I will say, no real man would ever marry a French girl. As to French girls making better wives than Yankee girls, I will say, no real man would ever marry a French girl.

A GROWING OPINION

The Oregon supreme court stands by its decision reversing the Multnomah county circuit court and giving to the daughter an equal share with her brother of the estate under the Myers will at Salem. The thought is gaining ground in human opinion that great estates are not wholly at the unrestricted disposal of those who have accumulated them, but that the accumulator is a trustee temporarily in possession of large properties. The common good is believed to be better served when large fortunes are more widely distributed, and more quickly dissipated.

LAND FOR SOLDIERS

The soldier who called at The Journal office the other day to inquire about land for a home, said that many of his comrades were engaged in the same quest. They have to begin life anew and they prefer to build homes on farms. This is a good sign. It demonstrates wholesome tastes in the men

THE SOLDIER'S JOB

Portland, Feb. 14.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Regarding soldiers returning to their jobs, there has been much talk of late. The soldier's job is to fight for those at home as well as himself. He is forced to leave that job whether he enlists or not. And, whether it is held by man or woman, but if a woman or girl has to support herself, she is entitled to the same as any man. The soldier's job is to fight for those at home as well as himself.

APPROVAL FOR CATHOLIC REPORT

Washington, Wash., Feb. 14.—To the Editor of The Journal.—The propositions laid down by the National Catholic labor council to guide legislation for reconstruction (as briefly summarized in Thursday's Journal) could well be incorporated into the program of the National Catholic labor council. It is this really a government by the people.

OLDEN OREGON

Columbia River Has Borne a Surprising Number of Names
The Columbia river has been known by various names. The Spaniards called it "La Roque" or "La Roc." From the cape near the entrance of the river into the ocean it was known as "Thagayo," and later as "Rio de Aguilar." By the Americans it was first called the "River of the West" and early as 1770 the name "Columbia" was given to it as the "Oregon," a name which it is supposed he heard while among the Indians of the Great Lakes. Afterward the name "Columbia" was given to Captain Gray in honor of the first ship that sailed up its bosom.

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