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manding attention in voices not to be stifled.
 It ought to be comparatively easy for the United States to turn from narrow nationalism to the broad welfare of mankind because, the president reminds us, our oldest and most deep-seated tradition pertains to the human race as a whole. The fathers of the republic felt in their hearts that the nation they were founding had a mission in the world. It was destined to preach the gospel of freedom, to tear down tyrannies, to break chains.

Our national literature of revolutionary and later times is full of this feeling. It destroyed an old political party and founded a new one in the days of the French revolution. It welcomed Kossuth to our shores with rapture. It made the United States an asylum for the oppressed. And now if we take the lead in binding up the broken hearted nations, proclaiming liberty to them that are captives and opening the prison to them that are bound, we shall not be setting out upon any new policy but only returning to the policy of Washington, Franklin and Jefferson.

The president stands for the old and genuine Americanism when he makes the United States the apostle and guardian of freedom. It is his opponents who in their story selfishness forsake the faith of the fathers. It is they who betray the hopes of Washington and the doctrines of Jefferson. It is they who make mockery of Lincoln's martyrdom, and they who would poison the fruits of his war for freedom as they would blight the buds of the fruit of the war we have just fought.

The president speaks for all who have just fought. He speaks for the whole human race. He speaks for the endless ages yet to come. His opponents speak for the transient moment, for a petty clique and for utter selfishness.

Vancouver is joining in the fight for just rates for the Columbia gateway. The whole region round about is siding in with the farmers in their fight for justice. There are Portlanders who have been standing in the way of this thing. You never know what human nature will do—there were those among us who were with Germany when she was fighting us.

THE NEW YORK SPEECH
 THE president made a witty point at the close of his New York speech. He was upon the subject of those entangling alliances which Washington admonished the country to shun. The league of nations, said Mr. Wilson, is not an entangling alliance. On the contrary, it will disentangle the insidious alliances which have filled the earth with heartburnings and drenched it in blood.

This was his return to the senators who argue that the League of Nations contradicts the policy of Washington. He might have argued that Washington's policy of a century and more ago, before the invention of the railroad, the submarine, the flying machine, the telegraph, could hardly be expected to work today.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Bolshevism and War Savings Stamps will not mix.
 The only people who don't like children are those who could not afford to have them.
 Even the elements for tomorrow look fair in the welcome to the Sixty-ninth, Hall, hall.

Henry Ford announces that he will sell his new building to sell at from \$250 to \$350 each. Why worry?
 Anyway, the rain will increase the angle of the Oregon crop for the benefit of the chickens when Victory garden spading begins.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

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JOURNAL MAN AT HOME

By Fred Lockley.

While I was in London one of my fellow workers was William T. Whittaker, more a writer on the Argus of Albany, N. Y. Our office was at No. 1 Montague street, just off Russell square, and about a minute's walk from the British Museum. "Whit" and I took many a jaunt together. I was scheduled to make a trip through Scotland, but "Whit" was anxious to visit the home of his father that I withdrew in his favor, and he went to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverness and other points in the land where the weather is being made to maintain a high standard in the athletics of the base and send capable representative to compete in the various base section Rhenland against A. E. F. teams there. The athletic department of the base section together with the athletic departments of the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. are the only organizations that have been completely reorganized.

There is splendid team work between all the agencies operating to develop the army of athletic athletes in the United Kingdom and it is hoped that by dint of this team work the handicap of the slight supply of material will be overcome and A. E. F. athletes will be able to compete in base section No. 3.

THE DUTIFUL RUSSIAN PEASANT

By Paul H. Wright.

When certain eminent American railroads were in the West that is, somewhere near the Great Mountain, the time when the Czechs were waging bitter war against the Bolsheviks, their attention was called to an incident that served further to emphasize the Russian's capacity for obedience. It chanced that between the forces of the Czechs and the Bolsheviks there was a line of railway with a crossing. The Russian flagman was set to guard the crossing. There was no traffic to protect, but the flagman stuck. Eventually shells began to drop in the vicinity of the crossing. When they came too close he would crawl into the hole beneath the floor. Before long a shell struck his shack, and another and another. The place was pretty well demolished, but the flagman did not leave.

This aroused the curiosity of one of the Americans. He managed one day to get close enough to the fellow to ask him why he stayed. The question astounded the Russian.

"Why," he managed to say when he found the word, "is the answer to the question. That was all there was to it. It was his business to stay put. This man had the sense of obedience that characterizes his race, and also the lack of initiative that is proving such a hindrance at this time." (Copyright, 1919, by Chicago Daily News Co.)

OLDEN OREGON

"Tyler's Lost Minister," a Near Romance of the Early Days.
 Delazon Smith was one of Oregon's early representatives in the United States senate. Before coming to Oregon in 1842, he was a member of the legislature of the South American republic. After he left for the scene of his duties nothing was heard of him for a long time. He was eventually located in the mountains of the Andes. It finally developed that when Smith had arrived at his destination he took it upon himself regarding an unexpected discovery of the Andes. For this purpose he traveled on horseback across the South American continent for a long time for purposes, out of the world. In consequence of the vigilant search made for him he was afterward known as "Tyler's Lost Minister."

BUY STAMPS TO HELP BRING BOYS HOME

Buy Stamps to Help Bring Boys Home.
 [Stories of the restoration of the armistice of War Savings Stamps sent to the United States for publication, will be awarded a Thrift Stamp.]
 Were you at the train Wednesday morning to meet the 9th?
 Did you cheer them from the curb, as they went marching by?
 Were you at the station of the welcoming committee, or were you merely a glad-hander?
 Did you help to bring the boys home from over there?
 Your stamp certificate in the answer.
 Thrift Stamps and 1919 War Savings Stamps now on sale at usual agencies.

Ragtag and Bottaal

Stories From Everywhere.

TOPEKA public health nurse, called to a case on the east side, was shocked to find one of the houses gravely waiked into the room smoking a pipe with all the composure of an old citizen, with even watching the "scandalized nurse with even composure. The parents, who looked on with complacent amusement, explained the child had learned to smoke while taking treatment for asthma. Being indulgent parents, that was their sufficient excuse for declining to interfere with the habit.

Borah to Wilson

I don't want to play in your rat-rat—I don't like you any more.
 You'll be sorry when you hear me.
 You can have your League of Nations; I can't have it.
 I must see the Monroe doctrine.
 I'm the friend of Liberty.
 —W. H. in Spokane Spokesman Review.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says:

Down to the Corners the war board is debating on whether a standin' army of a