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How it closed
The closing hours of the Victory Loan drive in Oregon attest the 100 per cent citizen spirit of America.

With the speed regulation inviolated by the legislature, fast drivers in Portland will have a brief time in which to enjoy their favorite sport of running down pedestrians.

There is another great informal committee that backs the movement to the limit. That committee is made up of the soldiers and sailors and their relatives, all of whom are strong supporters of the Salvation Army because the Salvation Army was 100 per cent through and through in its service during the war.

There is but one kind of testimony on the subject, and that is in praise. The heroism of Salvationists, men and women, in carrying aid to the fighters in almost impossible places and under the most difficult conditions is among the pleasing annals of the war.

ONE COMFORT
The home broom that recently cost 25 cents costs 90 now. The broom that went for 75 cents is now priced at \$1.75.

still casting up the rolls of their slain. Civilization is totalling up its losses.
The nations are trying to reconstruct the cripples. Peoples are weeping around their firesides. Governments are driven mad over the question of how to meet their appalling debts.

Chicago, having passed a night without a burglary, is placed at the head of the class by its chief of police. Judging from the records of other sections of the country, the Windy City, having driven more than 500 burglars, according to the statement of the chief, has just passed the buck to its neighbors.

THE SALARY VERDICT
THE verdict was for the teachers. It was more or less a vote of confidence in the teachers.

Another thing necessary to such a happy distinction is for the people to function properly. Let them elect none but men and women of the highest character to the school board. Let them make it clear to members of the board that the schools are the most precious public activity in Portland, and that service on a board is not a private service but a public service.

None will deny that the public school has been the chief ally and bulwark of free government since the republic was established. Education of the masses is the influence that, more than anything else, has brought America into her present conspicuous place of acknowledged ascendancy among the nations.

There is a greater work to do in the educational field than we have ever done before. It is upon ignorance and illiteracy that the great illusions now influencing so many people exercise their control. It is among the ignorant of our language that mad propagandists of an incoherent radicalism mainly gain converts.

There is no question of the advancement to come from such organizations. They spread information and diversify farm activities. They interest the communities in farm problems and soon bring to bear upon those problems the best available information.

MAXIMILIAN HARDEN is not surprised at the severity of the peace terms. The Germans themselves, he contends, are responsible for the conditions that have been imposed. He says:
The Germans have not given very convincing mental guarantees during the six months since the revolution that they have changed their system. The government's proclamations are only bad copies of the kaiser's time. It and the press have used the same methods of excitement, the same tricks of bluff, as under the old rule of the petty nobility.

WHAT ELSE?
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A Jackson county orchardist last year spent 30 cents a tree for fertilizer in his orchard, and increased his output \$3.30 a tree. His orchard was pears. He used nitrate of soda. It was bought from the government direct by carload at \$22 a ton, or at a saving of \$30 per ton. The investment paid for itself many times in increased output.

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Here's hoping that Foch doesn't do anything to smear his wonderful record.

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