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KEEPING US IN TURMOIL
Why doesn't congress end the uncertainty?

Why keep the country in turmoil with further futile debate on the treaty? Not a senate vote is being changed by the discussion. The debate is merely obstructing passage of reconstruction legislation already long overdue.

Every indication is that Lodge and his crowd are beaten. They never were in full agreement. A small group of about 15 are against any league. Others are for textual changes. Others are mild reservationists.

HERE are comparisons, taken at random, between the cost of what the city bought in 1914 and in 1919:
Wood in 1914, \$5, now \$9.
Brass goods, formerly 31 cents a pound, now 60.

THE CITY TAX LIMIT
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A PLANNED PORTLAND
RECOMMENDATIONS which will arrest public attention are in the first annual report of the city planning commission.

of the Morrison and Burnside bridges with high level spans better calculated to carry rapidly increasing travel.

Zeining, in the definition of the commission, divides the city into areas which are to be subdivided into groupings of industries, residences and business structures.

Zeining also relates to the height and size of buildings with reference to the admission of air and light so that healthfulness as well as efficiency may be conserved.

There is much to recommend the proposal for directing of heavy traffic along streets that will reduce congestion.

As a street should be planned to carry its travel efficiently so the narrowing of residential streets offers an economy that in no wise interferes with utility.

New bridges at the Morrison and Burnside street crossings of the Willamette are already recognized as a necessity and they should represent an advanced type.

In Austria, the cost of living has risen 800 per cent, there is but a six-day food supply and several million people are facing starvation.

Accidents can be checked. By effort to do so, the steel industry has greatly reduced the number of accidents in its plants.

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The Oregon Country
Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader.

It is reported that there are 16 cases of typhoid in Weston.

Concrete work on the new 750 barrel Corns flouring mill at Pendleton is nearly completed.

After burning over 800 acres of yellow pine timber, fires which have been raging in the Pringle Butte section of Coos county.

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ANNIVERSARY OF A TRAGEDY
Past Drawn Upon by Satirist to Illuminate Today

From the New York Evening Post, October 13
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