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Whomsoever, therefore, shall confess me before men, I will confess him also before my Father which is in heaven.—Matthew 10:32.

PROTESTING THE TAX REPEAL

A GROUP of farmers from the Northwest, recently gathered in Portland, adopted resolutions protesting against the repeal of the excess profits tax.

For an undisclosed reason, the gentlemen from Northwest soil can not quite understand why the flourishing and colossal enterprises of the country should not pay their share of the expenses of the Federal government.

Under the bill passed by the senate and now before the house of representatives a 15 per cent tax has been substituted for the excess profits tax on corporations.

There was never any doubt that the city of Portland would vote heavily for the 1925 exposition, as it should have done.

THE VOTE FROM THE GRAVE

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OUR MADE-IN-EUROPE CRAZE

WHY the American admiration for things stamped with foreign trademarks? In our country, with all its progress and achievements and leadership, unable to turn out products, human or inanimate, worthy of the favor of the American people?

Are Americans incapable and incompetent? Our women run to French fashions. The rich import Paris gowns. Before the war there was an American scramble for things "made in Germany."

Shortly before there was another concert in the same theatre. An artist who touched her instrument into thrilling, throbbing life and made it speak out the lamentations of sorrow, the thunders of rage, the exuberant notes of gladness, was the performer.

But the audience was scarcely half that at the concert made-in-Europe. She was only an American, just an Oregon girl, come home with her triumph to lay at the feet of her own people.

Now are we to bring out our own talent and capitalize our own assets and build up our own people and our own country if we go on in the grand illusion that nothing made-in-America is good enough for us?

A lot of congressmen voted down the soldiers' bonus and then voted to cut down the surtax on incomes of \$1,000,000 more or less.

Now it is Germany alone that clung to the old theory that nations must have big navies and big armies and occasional wars in order to be great and powerful.

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More than 4000 canneries are operating in the United States, and Professor Wiegand believes that less than 1 per cent of the operators have had training comparable to that received in the O. A. C. laboratory.

PLAYING FOR ANOTHER STRIKE

A NEW drive for lower wages is planned by the railroad heads. Something like a dozen big Eastern banks own the controlling interest in most of the roads.

THE PRICE FIVE HUNDRED MILLION gold marks is Germany's next payment on reparations, and she says she can't pay it.

Such is the legacy left upon a people by the illusions of Frederick the Great, Bismarck and the Hohenzollerns. They thought the way to build up a nation was to arm it and make conquests by force and subjugate peoples and annex territory.

Still clinging to that formula, the Hohenzollerns surrounded their thrones with big armies and huge warships. They overlooked the fact that the steam engine, swift means of transportation, greater facilities of communication and great systems of public education had brought change.

The workers are at an extreme disadvantage. The great financial institutions have the money with which to buy propaganda and propagandists. We had in the late struggle the spectacle of editorials in American newspapers written almost bodily from printed railroad propaganda.

It is an unequal struggle. The workers have no money with which to meet this propaganda and have no means by which to hire skilled propagandists. The public never got, for example, in the late struggle, a realization of what the revision of rules meant to the employes, yet that revision cut as much, or more, from their earnings than did the actual reduction of wages.

Nor did the public, while giving so much of its sympathy to the great institutions that manipulate the roads, remember that there is better business for all and more prosperity for them when the lion's share of railroad earnings goes not to a small group of financiers with meagerly paid, but when a reasonable share goes to millions of well paid men.

LESS occasion for pride than apprehension is found in the statement which appears in the current issue of "Survey," New York, as to the control of tuberculosis in Portland.

was reflected in the fact that all confessed favor for the exposition. But there was one item even more significant. Twelve of the 19 had married Oregon girls; five were married when they came, and two are still bachelors.

AN income tax cannot be shifted. Except through an income tax, there is no way to reach such of the wealthy as have big investments in tax-free securities.

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The struggle, that recently took place over the threatened strike of the men was a struggle between these gigantic banking houses and the men who operate the trains, keep a watchful care over the lives of millions of passengers, keep up the tracks, repair the rolling stock and do the other work in the transportation system.

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WILSON IN TEARS

20,000 ACCLAIM Around the Great War President a Great Throng Surged and Cheers at His Home on Armistice Day.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE If a cigarette is a "coffin nail," an ordinary old pipe is the grave-yard thief.

Now that the big football game is safely sailed away for another year, little matters of international politics and diplomacy may go forward uninterrupted.

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL

Random Observations About Town Colonel Furlong of Pendleton, author of the book, "Let 'Er Buck," is registered at the Benson.

One might call him a Good Book farmer, the Mr. Lockey here interviewed, since it was from the pulpit to a farm that he escaped a death in just a few months.

What have I learned about potato growing? Well, I have learned that the ordinary methods followed for hundreds of years by farmers are not the best.

After three years I had a nervous breakdown. My doctor called me for consultation three other physicians, who after a thorough examination told me to arrange my affairs, as I could not live over six months.

I sized up the situation and found that east of the river the farmers were raising their potatoes on the same old way were going broke.

I decided to prove to my neighbors that I was a book farmer, and prove my success by my bank book.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says Anybody that thinks them European statesmen at the disarmament in Washington, to say nothing of most of our own American kind, is bound to do anything he can.

The Oregon Country

Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader. The monthly payroll of the Southern Pacific company in Lakeview is \$28,000, which goes to 277 men in Eugene.

According to the latest school census there are 450 children in the community of Astoria, an increase of 52 over the number reported last year.

Several inches of snowfall on the Cascades was reported to the forest service at Eugene Thursday. The snow is coming down as low as Reserve in the Oakridge district.

It is reported in Tillamook that the Hill interests, which have an option on Cascade, are planning to build a road, will start work on the road before the option expires next June.

Richard Keller, 44, is dead in a Seattle hospital as the result of injuries received while working in a lumber camp at Cedar Falls.

The office of the Sunset Motor company in Walla Walla, right across the street from the police station, was entered Monday night and robbed of \$68 in money and checks.

Handicapped by total blindness, Claude Jilg, 25-year-old son of C. E. Jilg, is making good in the Aberdeen high school in English, physics, history, Spanish and French.

The body of an unidentified man, discovered on the beach at West Seattle, Wednesday, is believed to be that of M. C. Johnson, 40, of a few weeks ago, who was on a Tacoma-Seattle steamer saying that he intended jumping into Puget sound.

What I Like Best In The Journal MRS. C. G. GIBSON, 3505 East Thirteenth street—The editorials. I like The Journal because it is fair and not a knocker.