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Europe isn't able to put her own house in order. She has been trying for four years and, instead of conditions improving, they have been nearer collapse in the last 12 months probably than at any recent time.

Europe is not cooperating. France is asking for credits. Great Britain will not agree to credits. Neither will Italy. Germany is restless and is a bone of contention among the other nations.

It all means political chaos. Political chaos, when a continent is operating under a peace treaty with reparations and other matters of dispute to be settled and enforced, means financial and economic chaos.

But a powerful nation, wielding great moral influence and supporting a just cause, can do much to bring the other nations together. It can do much to secure settlement. It can lead the way to stability, and Europe cannot attain stability without leadership.

As for reduction of land forces, as Mr. Borah suggests, does he or anyone else think there will be a further reduction of forces in Europe so long as the Turk is in the march, so long as Russia maintains her enormous army, and so long as France maintains hers?

It is easy to give Europe advice about cleaning house and reducing fighting forces, but such advice is futile so long as Europe is leaderless and drifting, and so long as there are strong armies threatening the nations that might prefer to die.

Agreement is the basis, and the only basis, on which accomplishment is attained in international affairs.

MISS MacCONNELL was an example of the good a teacher may do. When her death was announced in Portland Wednesday, literally hundreds of this city's business men, mothers and youths paused to pay to her life the tributes of affection and gratitude.

taught by the instructor of their parents. She built into the lives of a fine, ever-growing body of young men and women high standards of accuracy, industry and deportment.

As a matter of spelling, there is only a t's difference between immorality and immortality, which merely goes to prove, all the orthographers to the contrary, that the spelling may be the least important part of a word.

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insisted on gifts about twice as good as a grin would have dared buy. A grin chased away his moodiness. He didn't even mind the crowding people. It suddenly occurred to him that you couldn't find in all the world any other cause than Christmas that could bring so many people together so closely, so happily and with so wide an aftermath of good cheer.

The National Farm Bureau Federation has highly and seriously resolved to stay out of politics. But how can it get into Washington, D. C., and at the same time stay out?

TWO engineers and two firemen were killed in a recent accident on the Great Northern railroad at Gold Bar, Washington.

A report, verified by a deputy coroner, declares that the engineer of one of the locomotives reported that the engine was not fit to be sent out. The hub-liners on the pony truck had worn out, he said, allowing two inches of dangerous work.

The S. P. & S. road is sending 10 locomotives to Dallas, Oregon, to be repaired by contract work. That is a violation of the rules of the labor board.

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COMMENT OF THE STATE PRESS... Summer Smokes the Tourist Traffic's Daily. The terms of the deal are definitely and permanently located.

Send Bulletin: Two years ago, and again last summer, smoke from forest fires in the Northwest that the scenic beauty of our country was entirely obscured.

"FARM AND TOWN" This Writer Advocates Almost the Most Extreme Application of the Cooperative Principle.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF... SMALL CHANGE... Seattle has restored the 5-cent carfare, and the city council has agreed to copy the Sound city.

State tax commission urges a cut in tax. The commission has proposed a cut in tax in a language we all can understand.

When it comes to Christmas buying: The people are now buying in the spirit of the occasion more readily than the male.

Twenty years ago, the paper says, Portland police were having trouble with the city's streets.

Over in Washington they've held that liquor is personal property. That judge apparently never opened a quart in the presence of the gang.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF... SIDELIGHTS... The Junior seed sender from Oregon is still missing from Washington, D. C., and the search for him is being kept up.

The governor's convention at Wheeling will talk prohibition. What the governor of North Carolina once said to the people of South Carolina is still true.

"What America Needs" is for the people to get back to the fundamental principles of government and more than that.

Nearly 1500 prisoners at San Quentin have been restored to youth through the use of goat glands.

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

ORIGON... A recent test of the 700 cows supplied by the Oregon Cattle Raisers' Association showed only four that had any signs of tuberculosis.

A trainload of cattle sold by W. A. Gover to a Los Angeles buyer left Seattle Saturday. Twenty carloads, consisting of 600 head, made up the train.

The Western Fruit Growers' association is planning the enlargement of the Saffron City cannery and the erection of a new concrete and tile warehouse.

Prominent business men of Ashland have organized the Community Hotel corporation, the object of which is to build a \$300,000 tourist hotel in Ashland.

J. S. Flatland of the State bank at Drain has sold his interest in the Mill City State Bank to the Oregon National Bank, which will conduct the bank in future.

Walter Toose Sr., who has been reading the Oregon Journal for many years, will be elected again in January, as there is no opposition to his candidacy.

During the year just closing the Winchester Bay Lumber company at Mendocino, Calif., shipped 1,000,000 feet of lumber daily, with 65 to 70 men employed.

Ernest F. Dick, Bend man, who disappeared last week from a Portland hospital, has been located in Hood River, where he has been suffering from a nervous breakdown.

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J. H. Meeks of Junction City is a guest of the Imperial.

P. O. Rooney of Coos Bay is a recent arrival in the city.

Alex. Sigurdson of Warrenton is making a brief visit to Portland.

L. A. Duncan of The Dalles is among out of town visitors.

Among recent arrivals in the metropolitan area are R. M. Spence of Bend.

WASHINGTON... CHARLES WILLIAMS, under arrest at Seattle, was taken to the robbery of 11 stores and poolrooms. Fire gutted the manufacturing plant of the Washington Wood Products company, located in the city, causing a loss estimated at \$67,000. News is received from Washington that the city of Everett, Wash., is a postmaster for Longview, the new number town in Coville county. C. H. Higgins, 36, was fatally injured at Seattle by a motor car, which he was struck by an automobile driven by W. W. Phillips. The parents of George McIntire, an 11-year-old boy, who was killed by a Seattle hospital Saturday night from injuries received earlier in the day when he fell from the roof of a pier, which he was repairing, are suing the Lewis county superior court. The \$60,000 Henry Ford grade school, just completed at Renton, was thrown open to the public by the Lewis county superior court. W. E. Hudson of the Highlands, north of Astoria, has a site for a community house which will be erected by the Lewis county superior court. City detectives and the coroner are investigating the death of Mrs. Ethel E. Smith, 36, who was found dead in a room at the Seattle Hotel Friday in her room. The parents of George McIntire, an 11-year-old boy, who was killed by a Seattle hospital Saturday night from injuries received earlier in the day when he fell from the roof of a pier, which he was repairing, are suing the Lewis county superior court. Spencer Conroy, assistant manager of the Bank of California, who disappeared last week from a Portland hospital, has been located in Hood River, where he has been suffering from a nervous breakdown. The Union of the Oregon Cattle Raisers is holding its annual convention in the Grand Ronde valley and perhaps in Oregon, Mrs. E. L. C. Constance of Medford was transacting business in Portland Wednesday. Among out of town visitors are John M. Brady of Ashland, who is among arrivals in the city Wednesday. J. H. Meeks of Junction City is a guest of the Imperial. P. O. Rooney of Coos Bay is a recent arrival in the city. Alex. Sigurdson of Warrenton is making a brief visit to Portland. L. A. Duncan of The Dalles is among out of town visitors. Among recent arrivals in the metropolitan area are R. M. Spence of Bend. W. E. Ramsey of Kelso, Wash., is transacting business in Portland. C. A. Hayden of Bend is a recent arrival in the city. W. W. Poland of Sheild is among out of town visitors. W. W. Dickey of Monument is making a short visit in Portland. IDAHO... To prevent the spread of what is thought to be cholera, four hog herds in the vicinity of Nampa have been placed under quarantine by the state veterinarian. Captain L. L. Montgomery of Caldwell is visiting in the city at the electric station at Pittsburg, Cal., of his brother, George W. Montgomery, who is visiting in the city. The Idaho Lumbering company of Payette last week shipped a carload of canned corn to Seattle. The corn was packed in 100 cases, and the demand is greater than the supply. A car containing 50,000 pounds of butter shipped by the Oregon Cattle Raisers' Association from Payette, the price of which was \$1.00 a pound, was blinded by the light of an approaching car, J. W. Handy drove his automobile into the big canal at Jerome, Idaho, and the car was destroyed. Handy and himself were thrown into the water, but all managed to escape. What is going on? According to the report of Senator Frank R. Gooding, who was injured when his automobile collided with a buggy. He suffered a broken collar bone and internal injuries. ONCE OVERS... Are You Drifting Off Your Course? Perhaps you have awakened to the fact that you are drifting in a direction you do not wish to go. You are drifting farther away from the thing for which you know you should stand. Just what is to be your destination, at this rate? There is a point of reckoning for every man who is drifting. It is a long, weary way back from the point where you are now, to say nothing of how far it is back to where you started off the track. You are drifting away from the goal, which are accumulating and are getting you in deeper and deeper. Perhaps it is spending money foolishly, which you wish to save. Perhaps you are engaging in an apparently harmless flirtation. Perhaps you are neglecting your health, or you are neglecting your family, or you are neglecting your business, or you are neglecting your friends, or you are neglecting your own soul. Why isn't it better to want to be right, to want to have a clear conscience each night before you sleep? And the day of reckoning is near. Change your course. (Copyright, 1929, by E. J. Connelley, Seattle, Wash.)