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## KEEP THIS THING OUT OF OREGON.

The "Oregon Committee for Civil Service Legislation" writes this paper from its Portland office that it "has drawn and introduced Senate Bill 146 which provides for a classified and regulated civil service."

This means, of course, for State positions in Oregon. The secretary, Miss Eldred Johnstone, asks for editorial comment. The writer is opposed to the bill.

He hopes Oregon may not have any civil service commission. He hopes Oregon may be spared the civil service system, as exemplified by a large part of the system as it works in the federal departments.

It builds up a class. It tends to foster a spirit of "the public be damned." It would create in Oregon a caste of what are known as "institutional tramps." It is un-American, un-Oregonian. It is Prussian.

So, the writer hopes Senate Bill 146 may die in committee, or be killed on the floor, or meet a lethal fate at some other point. It, and along with it about eighty-five per cent of the other bills in the Oregon Legislature, introduced for special purposes of selfish interest, or to satisfy some political grudge.

We hear constant demands for a commission form of government, and for the civil service, and for other fads of the faddists. All with the inference that the State government of Oregon is all wrong. Yet, Oregon has the best and least expensive of all the State governments in this Union: Not that there are not some leaks, perhaps, that ought to be stopped, and some abuses that ought to be corrected. No human organization is perfect. But the faddists would lead us into more abuses and higher costs and less efficiency. Let us not smugly wrap the mantle of provincialism and self-satisfaction about us. But let us take short cuts to efficiency, in the American way, and the Oregon way, and not be led off after false gods.

The returning American soldier boys are and will be the strongest force in the United States against Bolshevism and all its hideous works. This The Statesman has said and reiterated over and over again. And yet a catfist and infernal prevaricator attempts to intimate the opposite, because The Statesman presumes to point out some of the faults of the Democratic administration at Washington, now, thanks to the level-headed American voter, about to go into everlasting eclipse. Also, the returning soldiers will boost along the progress of this eclipse, for the good of the country they love and fought for.

This is good roads day in Salem. Last day of the Salem automobile show.

Worst storm in thirty-one years in Nebraska. Beautiful sunshine in Salem yesterday.

Japan's attitude seems to be one of extreme anxiety to be generous to China unless China should be so impudent as to ask for justice.—Exchange.

Any infant born into the world must face numberless perils in order to survive and reach maturity. The league of nations must take its chances too.

It was a short war in which to have 370,000 courts-martial in the American army. It could fight, but evidently it was not so submissive as it might have been.

Italy and Belgium have made another "touch" on Uncle Sam. If it

were not for America the world would be in the bread line—and with no bread at the end of the line.

The high cost of living is causing a most serious industrial crisis in Great Britain. The whole world faces a difficult period in getting back to first principles.

Mrs. Cathryne Breshkovskaya, "grandmother of the Russian revolution," is shortly to visit this coast. Hope she won't bring the brat here with her.

### GERMANY'S SALVATION

Germany's financiers are apparently making an honest effort to bring the people to their senses, restore order and start the wheels of industry turning. These men of affairs know that Germany has a heavy expiation to make before the German nation and people are again received on industrial and social equality by other peoples.

Speaking to a representative of

the Associated Press in Berlin last week, Arthur von Gwynner, president of the world-famous Deutsche Bank, said: "Germany has been the second greatest nation. It has been an orderly and social nation, but we have always been political fools. Sustaining a glorious military clique was our sin. Now in the midst of our death throes we are playing with another variety of dynamite—Socialism. Our country needs sane democracy—no schoolboy experiments."

Herr von Gwynner is only repeating what the rest of the world has known for the last three years; but his voice will have weight with his own countrymen, because he is recognized as one of the leading financiers of Europe. If the German people will pay more attention to the advice given to them by men of the caliber of Von Gwynner and less to the ambitions of the Junkers and the rantings of the reds succeeding generations may find that even Germany has benefited from the world war. If civilization can really pass into an era of peaceful industrialism, in which there is neither compulsory military service nor economic servitude, the sacrifices made by the present generation will be at least partially repaid.

Of course Great Britain is in favor of universal peace and a league of nations, but in order to be ready for the eventualities she will keep a million men in commission.—Exchange. Why shouldn't she? And France will do the same. And the United States about the same—including her naval forces. The democracies of the world cannot afford to take any chances. The league of nations will not emerge full fledged from the peace conference. It will be young and new. Its wings will have to be tried. But it will grow and improve and, finally, it will in its workings make unnecessary great armies.

### MARSHALL'S CREED

Taking advantage of the absence from the country of the great chief the unobtrusive understudy has given a message to Americans that has all the dignity, patriotism and rhetorical splendor of a Wilsonian pronouncement. Before the National Press club at Washington Vice-President Thomas Riley Marshall voiced a creed for true Americans that rings like the clear note of the Liberty Bell. With that creed in a man's heart and life he cannot be otherwise than a good and worthy citizen and it should be sustained as a national policy. It might well be posted in every home or read from every pulpit and rostrum. There are paragraphs that deviate from the high literary standard of the prologue, but they give it a blunt strength that is all the more understandable and impressive—as, for instance, where he says:

"I believe that America belongs to American citizens, native and naturalized, who are willing to seek redress for their grievances in orderly and constitutional ways and I believe that all others should be taught peacefully if we can and forcibly if we must, that our country is not an international boarding-house nor an anarchist cafe."

The Vice-President holds that under our constitution and governmental machinery there is no wrong, individual or collective, that cannot be righted in a sane and orderly manner. If it is the fixed will of the majority it is not a wrong.

The inflammatory apostles of Bolshevism will quarrel with this reasoning, but they are the types upon whom the absolute soundness of the logic should be indelibly impressed. If all hold clearly to the Marshall creed of Americanism there would be no dawn for days of disorder and the strike with its attendant disruption and violence would be little used. America is not an international boarding-house nor an anarchist cafe, but should be a home and haven for those to whom citizenship is a ritual and patriotism a creed.

The trouble is that with a few cents drop in the prices of a few commodities, they are still about 50 per cent too high.—Exchange. Correct. There must be a lot of coming down off of high horses and a great deal of unscrubbing yet. The sooner we get back to a point somewhat near to first principles, the better off will the whole country be.

### LEST WE FORGET!

The tumult and the shouting dies—The captains and the kings depart—Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice, An humble and a contrite heart, Lord God of hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget—lest we forget!

### GERMAN SPIES HELPED

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This was in accord with the dictators of the inter-allied countries. There was a big purpose in this that completely indicated the action of that body.

Production Speedy.

"We lost no time in starting the

spruce end. When we got going good, we had 30,000 troops and 130,000 civilians at work. There was never any labor trouble encountered. The men and employers formed the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, and they fulfilled every duty that the title implies. We formed a \$25,000,000 corporation with the allies as well as maintaining themselves in this corporation financially. We had 25,000 square miles in immediate prospects to clear. We built 13 railroads for a total of 300 miles and established 234 separate camps. When the armistice was signed we had cut 143,000,000 feet of spruce and we had hardly scratched the surface of our resources. Seventy per cent of what we turned out went to the allies, America took the rest.

"That was but a feature of the program. Other features called for the manufacture of machine guns and even bullets that had to be built like a watch. We had to build delicate machinery that would shoot those bullets through the spinning propeller blades. When one of those propellers is going at top speed you could shatter it by throwing a key into it. I have heard of hall wrecking propellers. That gives some idea of what is necessary to turn out a program. America was not slow and she was sure in the bargain.

No Waste Incurred. "There were losses of course, but there was no waste. Some times we had perfected an engine part at great expense only to find out that Germany had perfected something better. Then we had to throw our part away. That was war. We expected to be criticised but our consciences are not hurting us. General Disque was here to dispose of the \$19,000,000 assets that remain of the spruce corporation. He has several buyers in sight, he said. He looks for a big revival in the spruce industry in the reconstruction of France and Belgium. A lone thousand men remain to guard the residue of the great industry and production has ceased, he said, but he looks for it to boom again.

### BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Salem's busy day.

The good roadsters will be here.

President Wilson is on his way home.

He read the draft of the league of nations before he started.

That is the most important document ever written in the history of this old world.

They are still jailing leaders of the late Seattle sympathetic strike. Hope they may get the right ones, and make a clean sweep.

It is pretty nearly night and day work at the Oregon legislature. It always happens this way in the closing hours.

## APPROPRIATION FOR MONUMENT

### Washington State Legislature Will Remember Soldiers and Sailors

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 13.—The house today passed the senate bill which appropriates \$2,500,000 for capital buildings and \$50,000 for a monument to sailors and soldiers of the war. The vote was 80 to 6. During discussion of the acts of the state capitol commission it was said that the United States government building of a railroad to the spruce and fir holdings of the commission had increased by \$1,000,000 these grants.

The capitol grants total 132,000 acres. Representative Reed said grants will build all the capital buildings and furnish a surplus the interest on which will perpetually maintain the buildings. Reorganization of the senate was perfected today to meet the situation brought about by the temporary retirement of Governor Ernest Lister, who was removed from the capitol yesterday because of a breakdown.

Lieutenant Governor F. L. Hart, who at the governor's request became acting chief executive was succeeded in the senate as president by P. P. Carlyon. Senator Howard D. Taylor, of King, was elected president pro-tempore. Both branches adopted resolutions granting Governor Lister an indefinite leave of absence "until such time as he shall fully recover his health and strength and be able to take upon himself the duties of the governor of the state of Washington."

Bills already passed by the senate and signed by Hart as president, which yet must have the governor's signature to make them law, were ordered returned to the senate for the signature of the new president. This was done to prevent any complications that might arise if Hart as acting governor, should veto any bills bearing his signature as president.

### Turkish Oppression to Be Described by Speaker

The terrible conflict in Europe just coming to a close was full of tragedies, such as devastated Belgium and France, but the situation of the Armenians and Syrians probably present the strongest appeal upon the compassion and sympathy of Americans, because of its fearful and terrible nature, and the fact that for many years our nation has been devoting much attention to the care, education and welfare of those people.

Ex-President William Howard Taft, commenting upon the situation recently said: "The massacres and deportations

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of the Armenians was perhaps the greatest tragedy of the war. These people were not only subjected to the destructive cruelties of the war but also to the fiendish viciousness of the Turks under the Turkish government. The history of the Armenian people is too dreadful to rehearse."

Dr. Frederick G. Coan, who will speak at the Salem armory Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, has worked for many years among the Armenians and other kindred peoples, the victims of Turkish oppression and outrage, and he will show the great work that America has been doing to relieve these dreadful conditions. He is both an interesting speaker and an eloquent orator and never fails to draw large audiences. The meeting Sunday evening is held for the purpose of giving this community an opportunity to become acquainted with this great situation before the international congress in Europe, and no solicitation for relief funds at this meeting is to be permitted.

### Bond Issue for Highway Construction Is Urged

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—An executive committee representing civic, commercial, agricultural and other organizations throughout California, announced it will recommend to the present legislature that a bond issue of \$35,015,000 be placed before the people to complete the present highway system and to construct 17 proposed new highway projects throughout the entire state.

### TO QUENTIN ROOSEVELT

(Keith White who is with the 36th aero squadron in France has just sent his mother the copy of a poem written by one of his mates in memory of Quentin Roosevelt, who lost his life. Young Roosevelt was their commander.)

Venus, you who shine so bright  
Amongst the silvery stars of night  
You saw him dash, you saw him fly  
You saw his flight, you saw him die  
You saw his eyes with heavenly hue  
The prayer he said, you only knew  
You saw him sail, out there alone,  
You saw his star in heaven's dome.

Now he is gone, there's no regret.  
We who served, remember yet,  
His cheery voice, his golden smile,  
We'll meet again, just wait awhile.

"Till our time is up, and we hear the call,  
Of the trumpet clear, it's meant for all,  
I'll answer "here" when he calls my name,  
God give him peace, we'll give him fame.

And as of old, he'll lead us on  
Full of fight, the oath we've sworn  
God comfort the mother, she gave her son,  
God give him rest, the rest he's won.

Venus, you who shine so bright,  
Search in the silvery stars tonight  
Look for *our*, of beauty rare,  
For he sailed alone, alone "Our There."

### Registrations for League of Nations Meet Go Up

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13.—Registrations for the Northwest conference for a league of nations to be held here next Sunday and Monday has reached approximately 1000. Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana will be represented at the meetings. Practically all arrangements have been completed for the meet-

### Former Secretary of Treasury and Movie Star Who Induced Him to Take \$100,000 Job



"From secretary of the treasury and director general of the railroads to the movies" is what the screen-caption writer would flash before this picture was shown. He would be almost right. In this photograph are seen William G. McAdoo, who left President Wilson's cabinet because he could not live on the \$12,000 a year salary, he said; Mrs. McAdoo and Douglas Fairbanks. "Doug" is said to have induced Mr. McAdoo to accept \$100,000 a year to act as general counsel to the United Artists distributing association. This association, known as the "Big Five" in the film world, is composed of Fairbanks, D. W. Griffiths, Charlie Chaplin, Mary Pickford and William S. Hart.

ing and for the entertainment of the party headed by Ex-President William Howard Taft, which will arrive Sunday for the sessions.

**PURE PORK SAUSAGE**  
To each 100 pounds of meat, preferably 60 to 65 per cent lean and 35 per cent fat finely ground, take 1 1/2 pounds of salt, four ounces of black pepper, two ounces of sage, and one ounce of nutmeg. Mix all together well, sprinkle over the meat and mix thoroughly.  
If the sausage is to be kept for several months it should have two pounds of salt instead of 1 1/2 pounds. It should also be stuffed in casings, or packed in jars and covered with lard. For convenience and to insure keeping it can be made into cakes, fried, packed in containers and covered with lard.

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