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## THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND WARS.

Some of the chief arguments urged against the League of Nations are that it will not render war impossible; that nothing can render war impossible; that it is in human nature to fight and men always will do so; that disarmament of nations will simply put all on an equality; and that whenever they want to fight each one will reason that its opponents are no better than itself and so there will be no security for peace.

Of course it is obvious that nothing can ever be done that will render war absolutely impossible; but that is no reason whatever why we should do nothing to reduce to a minimum the chances of its coming, to localize it and end it as soon as possible if it does come, and to insure in such unhappy event a result favorable to the triumph of international justice and law.

Our own Union of States has not entirely eliminated internal strife.

Under the early Confederation we had Shay's Rebellion, which had to be suppressed by armed force.

Almost immediately after the adoption of the Constitution we had the Whisky Insurrection, suppressed by a display of force without actual fighting.

We had rebellion in South Carolina suppressed by President Jackson without a battle.

We had the Mormon rebellion of 1857.

After eighty years of independence we had four years of civil war. Since the suppression of the secession movement we have had a number of bloody outbreaks, commonly called "labor troubles," the most serious of which was the Debs rebellion of 1893.

Down to 1890 our army was periodically engaged in Indian fighting, and some of its campaigns were quite extensive military affairs. But with all this record of internal strife no one will seriously contend that our League of Nations, which we called "The United States of America," had not been a great success at keeping the peace as compared with what would certainly have been the conditions had the several States remained apart, each armed against and suspicious of the others.

If the World League of Nations accomplishes only as much for the peace of the world in general as our own Federal Union has accomplished for the peace of the American continent north of the Rio Grande it will have fully justified its existence.

The plan of the directors of the Salem Commercial Club, as outlined by Secretary McCroskey in his speech, printed in The Statesman of Thursday, to secure the non-resident memberships of the farmers, and to provide a club house for the benefit of the wives and families of the farmers, is a splendid one. It is to be hoped that the project may be pushed quickly, and consummated at the very earliest date possible.

And then continued and carried on for all the years of the future; even to the owning of a club building for the use of the wives and families of the farmers. No more appropriate memorial could be dedicated by Salem and surrounding country to their soldiers who gave and offered their lives in the great war. This is along the lines being taken by many communities throughout the country. Any way, there should be a closer and more hearty co-operation between the people of Salem and those on the farms in this section. This will grow an enduring prosperity on foundations that will be permanent.

Now it is the squash drive. Raise more squashes. You cannot raise too many.

And there is bound to be a shortage of string beans. Plant more beans.

Raise squashes; more squashes.

And raise still more beans; there will not be enough.

Is your early spring garden suffering any "growing pains?"

Der Tag—Monday, April 21—when the Victory bond drive begins.

And Easter bonnet day stands tip-toe on Hood's misty mountain top. Also Jefferson's, and the Three Sisters'.

A bill has been introduced in the Hawaiian congress providing for the admission of Hawaii to the Union. If anyone fancies that our insular wards do nothing but listen to the moonlight serenades of the bulbul, punctured ever and anon by the falling of the cocconut or the roll of the ocean upon the coral strand, etc., etc., he has another; guess coming. "Self-determination," that mouth-filling word, intended to apply only to the submerged peoples of Europe, has arrived in America in flesh and blood.

**FUTURE DATES.**

- April 20, Sunday—Easter.
- April 21 to 26—Humane week.
- April 22, Tuesday—Salem Elks homecoming.
- April 23, Wednesday—Victory loan campaign opens.
- April 27 to May 3—"Buy in Salem" week.
- May, dates to be fixed—Oregon Jersey jubilee.
- May 1, Thursday—Luxury taxes effective.
- May 2 and 3, Saturday and Sunday—Junior Week-end at Willamette.
- May 3, Saturday—76th anniversary celebration at Champoux.
- May 3, Saturday—Last day allowed by law for registering for special election.
- May 19 to 23—Odd Fellows grand lodge and State Rebekah assembly meet in Salem.
- June 3, Tuesday—Special election in Oregon.
- June (dates to be selected)—State encampment Spanish war veterans.

Marshal Foch will have charge of the military operations in case the German delegates refuse to sign the peace treaty. He is the most competent man in the world for the task.

These are the days when father's soul and his pocketbook are sorely tried—preparing for mother and daughter to join the Easter parade.

Demobilization has reduced the strength of the American army to less than two million men; yet but a little while ago if we had 25,000 we thought it was some army.

The records show that from the beginning of the war in 1917 to the signing of the armistice contracts were made by the government for 135,500,000 pairs of socks, enough to give an army of five million men twenty-five pairs each. The war department had eighteen undershirts for each soldier and was still buying when peace came. There was an orgy of buying. It looks as if we had set out to win if it took all the socks and undershirts in creation. Now millions of dollars' worth of these supplies must be sold at a great loss to the government.

### SPEAKING OF MILLIONS

Congressman Rainey has made a discovery that it is hoped has also been disclosed to the revenue department.

This is that the war made 17,000 millionaires.

He says that he has obtained the figures that prove that there were but 7400 in the millionaire class in 1914, while there are over 24,000 of them now. His inference is that war contracts made them, but this may be true only in part. Possibly there were a lot of men worth their million before the war who were not thus listed because there was no federal taxing machinery to tab them. Also there is the natural expansion of millionaires which comes as steadily as interest from the bank.

The increase in number of millionaires likewise indicates that Rockefeller is not getting it all. Even a directory of millionaires may show that the money of the world is being divided up.

### WASHINGTON AND THE LEAGUE

By entering the great war, by sending troops to Europe and to Siberia, by maintaining armies of occupation in Germany, by participating in the peace conference at Paris we have already departed from the advice of George Washington.

We were at the point of risking a departure from it at the time of the Spanish War, when only Spain's surrender prevented the dispatch of an American fleet to Europe to attack the Spanish coast.

But let us not be too much worried about what Washington would think of what we are now doing.

For the Father of His Country was always progressive.

He saw clearly when times and conditions changed and he changed with them.

He tells us himself that when independence was first suggested he was opposed to it.

Born a loyal British colonial subject, Washington fought with and commanded British troops in the French and Indian War.

When times and conditions changed he changed, too.

He was not hidebound, and, were

he living today, we may be sure that Washington would be foremost in the campaign for the establishment of the League of Nations, just as he would have been the first to raise his voice in the demand for prompt action when the Lusitania went down.

### UP AND DOWN

Under government operation the average pay of all railway men has been increased \$690 a year, or more than \$50 a month. So far as the public is concerned this added bill of operative costs amounts to more than \$1,000,000,000 a year—all of which must be met from increased freight and passenger rates. It is no wonder that some of the railway workers are in favor of government ownership, but the general public must understand that the prices of commodities can never come down while freight rates are going up.

### 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!

### BITS FOR BREAKFAST

How's your garden?  
It will be a big day in Salem.  
Last day to buy something new for Easter.

It may or may not rain tomorrow. But all signs fall in Oregon.

This is Patriot's Day in the United States. But the day apart is scarcely necessary, these times. Every day is that.

The peace treaty is about ready.

Only Jugo-Slavia to be ironed out, and the Italian claims on the Adriatic settled. And a few minor things like that.

It is now presumed that President Wilson will stay "till it is over- there," and that he will start home May 15 to 20.

If the Salem Commercial club can hitch the city up with the country, and make it so strong that they will stay hitched for good and all, the future of both will be assured—and a glorious future, too.

### A WELCOME FOR SICKNESS

Indigestion, clogged stomach and bowels, is more than an invitation to illness; it gives a cordial welcome. Undigested food ferments and sends poisons throughout the system. Foley Cathartic Tablets are wholesome, quick in action, no bad after-effect. Cleanse bowels, sweeten stomach, tone up liver.—J. C. Perry.

### Too Great Deduction Is Sought in Smith Estate

Only debts and cost of administration can be deducted from the appraised value of real property in the estate of Laura M. Smith of Multnomah county when the inheritance tax is assessed against the estate. Attorney General Brown rules in an opinion written at the request of State Treasurer O. P. Hoff.

pose of obtaining funds to pay expenses of administration and certain legacies, and brought only \$12,000. The executor of the estate claims the difference between the appraised value and the price for which it sold should be deducted from the total amount of the estate for purposes of computing the inheritance tax.

Attorney General Brown holds that sections 1212 and 1193, Lord's Oregon laws, fix the time of valuation of all property belonging to the estate of a decedent as at the time of the death and make the tax thereon accrue at the date of death. The only deductions, he holds, are debts and cost of administration, and advises, therefore, that the deductions sought by the executor are not in accord with the law.

## TRACK TEAM TO ENTER BIG MEET

Salem High Boys Called Out for Practise Monday; Five to Be Sent

Track men at Salem high have been called out for tryouts next Monday, preparatory to entering five boys in the state and northwest championship meets at Oregon Agricultural college on May 3. The announcement made by Coach L. J. Murdock last night came as a surprise to the students, as the impression had been given that the school would not take part in field sports this year. No practise has been held and the kind of material that will put in an appearance is only to be guessed at.

Between 15 and 20 candidates for the team are expected to turn out Monday and from these five men will be chosen to represent the school. The Willamette university track will be used for practise.

Among those who appear to be shining lights for this season are Linda Martin, who made good in the distance in last spring's meet and Irving Shepard, an ex-Chemawa star. The two Gill boys will probably go in for the sprints and Archa for the half mile.

The meet at Corvallis is a regular feature of junior week-end and attracts a large number of Oregon athletes. Several from the state at Washington have already entered the northwest contest.

## OFFICE READY FOR RECRUITS

Two Salem Men Enlist for Three Years Service Overseas

An army recruiting station has been established in the D'Arcy building, 462 State street and before the furniture was moved in yesterday two men enlisted for overseas service. The office will be ready for business officially on Monday and there are a number of men who have signified their intention of enlisting before that day.

Corporal Arthur Toy, well known in Salem, having lived here two years ago, is in Salem for a few days until the office is established and he will then go to Portland. The office is in charge of Sergeant Lee C. Greenup.

The two men enlisting yesterday are Lawrence L. Black who will go to Portland today and Earle Doyle who will go Monday. Black is enlisting as a chauffeur in the quarter-master corps and Doyle has selected the cavalry. Both are going into the overseas service for three years. Sergeant Greenup states that men may enlist for three years if they have had no previous service and



## Announcement To Ladies

The Keith Konqueror shoes you have been waiting for so long just arrived.

Every shoe in this line is an orthopedic shoe which is made under the "Unlocked Process Patent," which features the following:

1. Shank hollowed out far beyond the average.
2. Leather hammock supporting foot at the shank.
3. Flexible shank (usual stiff shank demanded).
4. Natural "foot form" last.
5. Sockets formed for large bones on bottom of foot.

LET US TELL YOU ABOUT IT MORE IN DETAIL.

WE DO SHOE REPAIRING



AND DO IT WELL

former service men may obtain a one-year enlistment. All men enlisting who so desire will be sent in Expeditionary forces.

## A Chance FOR THE DEALER

We will sell by auction all of our stock of shoes, fruit jars, lamp chimneys, 45 yards of heavy canvas, boys overcoats, about 60 pounds of good tea. Will sell one or all of any article. **YOU CAN GET A BARGAIN AT THIS SALE FOR WE ARE GOING TO SELL IT ALL TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. THE DEALER'S CHANGE. AT 1:30 O'CLOCK. April 19.**

### Salem Auction Co.

157 S. Commercial St.  
We are going out of business.

# Big Easter Sale Peoples Cash Store

Will begin Saturday and continue Monday. In all departments of Groceries, Dry Goods, Clothing, Men's Furnishing, Hats and Shoes—Also in our Economy Basement. Our prices are always the lowest and especially in our

A sample of a few items are as follows:

CANNED GOODS--		GROCERIES--		DRY GOODS--		ECONOMY BASEMENT--	
Bordens and Carnation Milk, tall	14 1/2	Olympic Flour	\$2.90	Dress Gingham, 27-inch, from 18c to 23c per yard		A few items for your approval:	
Armour and Libby's Very Best	14	Fishers Hard Wheat Flour	2.75	Dress Gingham, 34-inch, from 27c to 35c per yard		Ulster Sanitary Party set, contains one white crepe tablecloth, 42x56 inches;	
No. 1 Tomatoes, 15c per dozen	\$6.30	One Sack Rolled Oats	.65	Voiles of all colors, 22c to 45c per yard.		10 Floral Crepe Napkins, 14x14, and 10 Fibre plates, altogether for 10c.	
Sweet Corn, 15c per dozen	1.75	Head Rice, per pound	.09	Hop Muslin, 19c per yard.		Just the thing for luncheons or picnics.	
Sugar Peas, 15c per dozen	1.75	Broken Rice, 4 pounds	.25	Dark Blue Calicoes, 27-inch at 14c per yard.		Dark Blue Calicoes, 12c per yard.	
Solo Brand Pineapple, big can	24	Beans—White and Red Mexican	.08	Dark Blue Calicoes, 36-inch at 22c per yard.		Apron Gingham, 14c per yard.	
Grated Pineapple	15	Lima, 2 pounds	.25	Light Calicoes, 27-inch, 11c per yard.		Ladies' and Men's Socks, 15c per pair.	
1 Gallon Apples	.50	1 Sack Sugar	9.50	Light Calicoes, 36-inch, 20c per yard.		Heavy Boys' Stockings, 25c.	
Also Big Reduction in all Kinds of Canned Goods.		M. J. C. Coffee, per pound	.44	Crash Toweling, 12c per yard.		Khaki and White Handkerchiefs, 5c each.	
Pint Jar Mustard	.25	Lyon's Coffee, per pound	.35	White Table Cloth, 62 inches wide, 65c.		All kinds of remnants, 1/2 price.	
Armour's Best Catsup	.25	The Best Peaberry Coffee in bulk	.35	White Table Cloth, 62 inches wide, 65c.		All kinds of fancy buttons, 5c per card.	
No. 10 Red Karo Syrup	.98	3 pounds	1.00	White Table Cloth, 62 inches wide, 65c.		Embroideries of all kinds, 5c per yard.	
No. 14 Blue Karo Syrup	.98	12 oz. Royal Baking Powder	.32	White Table Cloth, 62 inches wide, 65c.		Hair Ribbon of assorted colors, 25c per yard.	
No. 20 Blue Karo Syrup	.98	15 oz. Package Raisins	.14	White Table Cloth, 62 inches wide, 65c.		Crystal White Soap, 5c bar.	
6 pounds Crisco	1.95	In all kinds of Men's and Boys' Clothing and Shoes.		White Table Cloth, 62 inches wide, 65c.		Big Box Matches, 5c.	
1 Gallon of the Best Cooking Oil	1.95	MEN'S AND BOYS' FURNISHINGS--		White Table Cloth, 62 inches wide, 65c.		20c Bottle Bluing, 10c.	
No. 5 Compound or Shortening	1.18	Fancy Sport Shirts	.78	White Table Cloth, 62 inches wide, 65c.		10-quart Galvanized Pail, 37c.	
Compound in Bulk, per pound	.98	Fancy Dress Shirts	1.19	White Table Cloth, 62 inches wide, 65c.		Market Basket, 10c.	
Umeco and Nutola and Meco Butter	.34	Heavy Chambray Work Shirts, all colors	.95	White Table Cloth, 62 inches wide, 65c.		Big assortment of Ladies' and Children's Shoes, Slippers, Tennis Shoes and Sandals, 65c per pair.	
Peanut Butter	.15	Heavy Khaki Shirts	.98	White Table Cloth, 62 inches wide, 65c.			
Soda and Oyster Crackers	.17	Men's Cotton Union Suits	1.25	White Table Cloth, 62 inches wide, 65c.			
Fancy Crackers of all kinds	.18	B. V. D.'s	1.25	White Table Cloth, 62 inches wide, 65c.			
Graham Crackers	.15	Men's Heavy Everwear Overalls	1.49	White Table Cloth, 62 inches wide, 65c.			
Candy, all kinds, per pound	.12	Men's Heavy Khaki Coveralls	1.49	White Table Cloth, 62 inches wide, 65c.			
\$2.00 Brooms	1.00	Men's Hats from \$1.00 and up.		White Table Cloth, 62 inches wide, 65c.			
\$1.35 Brooms	.65	Genuine Panama Hats	2.29	White Table Cloth, 62 inches wide, 65c.			
6 big bars of No Rub Naptha	.25	Men's Socks, different colors	.15	White Table Cloth, 62 inches wide, 65c.			
Matches	.05	Men's Umbrellas	.80	White Table Cloth, 62 inches wide, 65c.			

Please bring your orders early so we can do prompt delivery. We are giving premium coupons with the purchase of each dollar. We also give strict attention to all mail orders from the country. Liberty Bonds accepted the same as cash.

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