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INVENTION AND DISARMAMENT

If disarmament is achieved it will have to be through a national agreement. There is little warrant for the sanguine view that new inventions will lead automatically to the same result. It has been suggested, for example, that expenditure on costly battleships might be eliminated by a demonstration of the efficacy of the bomb plane. But the first result of the sinking of a surrendered German battleship by bombs dropped from the air, according to a writer in the Springfield Republican, is a proposal to increase the naval program by a number of very large, swift and expensive "mother ships."

This illustrates the general tendency of mechanical invention. It is always toward the increase and not the diminution of expenditure. Even if the old is made obsolete it is replaced by something more costly, and the effect may be merely to add new expenses to the old. The Monitor was acclaimed as a cheap and invincible fighting ship, but it proved to be only a step in the long and costly competition between the armored ship and its foes which led to the Dreadnought and has not yet come to an end.

The Dreadnought was never praised as an economy, and indeed the British admiralty was sharply criticized for adopting a new design which was both expensive in itself and costlier yet in the resulting depreciation of all existing battle fleets. But this is the normal tendency of mechanical progress, and the exceptional cases in which the introduction of a new basic invention appears to offer a cheap substitute for existing arms and armaments are misleading and delusive. An airplane may involve an insignificant cost when compared with the battleship which it might by a lucky hit destroy.

But the effect is likely to be simply to add the cost of airplanes to the cost of battleships. Even if the capital ship, attacked from above and below, should ultimately have to be given up, it is not to be supposed that the struggle for control of the air and of the depths of the ocean would prove less costly.

The notion that the cost of war or of preparation for war can be reduced by new inventions is fallacious, though not for the reason often urged by conservative military and naval men who distrust new fangled substitutes for highly elaborated and well tried weapons. At times the new may present a deceptive appearance of cheapness, but as with the monitor this is only because it is still undeveloped. Invention can accelerate expenditure as the Dreadnought illustrates, but it cannot reduce expenditure.

For the simple reason that the basis of competition in armaments is ability to pay. Conservative military men denounced compulsory service as a cheap substitute for the costly but well trained professional armies of pre-Napoleonic days, but long before 1914 conscription had become anything but cheap, and the simple citizen soldiery of a century ago had become an armed continent marching to Armageddon.

The only way to reduce armaments is to reduce them. And there is no foundation whatever for the belief that there exists in the progress of science and invention a force tending to bring about disarmament or to provide some cheap defense of nations which are unable or unwilling to compete in armaments. If nations once set out to compete in this field there is no limit short of bankruptcy or war. It is to lead off this dismal alternative that an international understanding is necessary.

In the experimental field of hemp on the Labish Meadows farm of Mrs. W. P. Lord there is flax now growing that averages ten feet high—and still growing. This is cut hemp, cut pulled. It will grow at least two feet more, as it is in all vigorous growth, and far from mature. The experiments being made with hemp in the Labish Meadows district will be continued and enlarged. They have already demonstrated that this is a good hemp district, as well as one of the best flax districts in the world. The very biggest thing Salem can do is to guarantee the early and full development of the flax and linen industries here, with mills leading up to the turning out of the finest fabrics. Linen and hemp go well together. In the manufacturing branches of the industry they do go together.

The Turks have evacuated Anara. The Greeks have their sheep. The Salem district has a great many sheep. But there should be 20 head for every sheep now, and they should be standardized, with a view to raising a high priced fiber. The Salem slogan pages of The Statesman will have some valuable matter in this respect on Thursday. If you can help prove that this is a good

THEY FIGHT ON HORSEBACK AT BREAKNECK SPEED! SUDDENLY "THE MIDNIGHT RIDERS" FIND THEMSELVES CORNERED IN A BLIND CANYON AND THE POWERFUL CLIMAX OF RICHARD KIPLING'S GREAT DRAMA OF LIFE IN WYOMING

BLIGHT THEATRE TODAY TOMORROW THURSDAY

sheep country, which it is, you are invited to help. Today or tomorrow.

Senator Cummins says that if the railroads do no better this year than they did last they won't last long. And then?

E. O. Gourdin, an American negro, has broken the world's broad jump record. But the race has gone far since the extinction of slavery days.

It would not seem that the United States treasury can be short of money when there is \$82,000,000 in unclaimed Liberty bond interest lying loose in the strong box.

The disarmament conference will meet in Washington on Armistice day. It is now proposed, and remain in session for months. This will enable the Washington hotels to get back the money that Europe borrowed.

Why is it that a married man is quick to raise his hat to every woman except his wife?—Los Angeles Times. This may be true down Los Angeles way, but up here in Salem it is not true, among well bred people—and that designation includes most of our people.

In the old days, when Charles Foster of Ohio was secretary of the United States treasury, he referred to the country as a "billion-dollar nation." Foster lies in an unmarked grave in the little country cemetery at his old home town, Fostoria, Ohio. Wonder what he would think of a four-billion-dollar nation?

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

The house shortage persists. It will grow worse soon, as the time for the opening of the schools approaches.

The local building and loan association is doing a great deal to make the house shortage less intense in Salem; but it needs three or four times as much money weekly to loan to home owners. The money is here, too, and can be profitably invested in the shares of the association.

The city council is determined to make Salem a clean city. One thing, no soft drinks will be hard without making a hard road to travel for dispensers thereof. Hard drinks in a soft drink place will be no soft snap.

The imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan has revoked the charter of a Texas branch whose members have admitted practicing terrorism. His wizardry may now well be applied to squelching the Klan altogether. It has no proper place in the United States.

A cheese weighing 12 tons, the biggest on record, is being made for the New York state fair at Syracuse in September. To be on the safe side it is to be transported to the fair grounds by railroad instead of by motor truck. Will our eastern states exposition compete with a bigger cheese? But though bigger it will be no better than the cheeses displayed at the coming Oregon state fair. There is no such animal.

Thursday Afternoon Club Enjoys Annual Outing

DALLAS, Or., Aug. 1.—(Special to The Statesman)—The members of the Thursday afternoon club, one of the oldest social organizations in Dallas held their annual picnic Friday afternoon and evening at the city park. The afternoon was spent by playing games and in swimming. In the evening the crowd was entertained by J. C. Uglov, manager of the Majestic theatre, with a theatre party. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Chapman and Barbara Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Loughary, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hayter and children, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Crother, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Staats and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Allgood and children, Mrs. B. P. Patterson and daughters, Dr. and Mrs. V. C. Staats, Mrs. Charles Barnes and daughter, Maude, Mr. and Mrs. George Hawkins and little daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Uglov and children, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Soehren and children, Miss Hallie Smith, Lawrence Smith, R. S. Kreaman, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Woods, Mrs. A. M. Peery and Charles Jost.

State Pharmacy Board Is Limited To Oregon

On grounds that a state has no power to regulate interstate commerce, Attorney I. H. Van Winkle has ruled that the state board of pharmacy has no authority to collect a license tax from an agent engaged in soliciting orders for goods for a non-resident employer for future delivery when such orders are to be filled by shipping goods from another state into Oregon. The state board of pharmacy asked if it had such power under chapter 126, laws of 1921.

FUTURE DATES

August 31, Wednesday—Joint picnic at Seaside, Waldport, Cannon Beach and Waldport.

PERSONAL NEWS FROM SILVERTON

SILVERTON, Or., Aug. 1.—(Special to The Statesman)—A large number of Silverton people drove to Woodburn yesterday to witness the Silverton baseball team beat the Woodburn team. The score was 7 to 4 in favor of Silverton.

Mrs. J. L. Largent is visiting a sister at Goldendale, Wash. Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Madsen, Victor Madsen, Miss Lillie Madsen and Alvin Madsen motored to Jefferson Sunday to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Tingstad.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ames, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Ames, Miss Lora Ames, and Norris Ames are Newport visitors. Mr. and Mrs. H. Haaland have gone on a camping trip.

Miss Mada Schavabauer of Independence is a guest of Miss Agnes Olsen. Mrs. G. A. Kjosness and children of Spokane, are spending a few days as guests at the Fluhner home on Liberty hill.

William Diskens and children have returned from a camping trip at Newport. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carson are home from their vacation trip at The Dalles.

INDEPENDENCE PERSONAL MENTION

INDEPENDENCE, Or., July 30.—(Special to The Statesman)—Rev. Charles H. Waelette, a well known and prominent Bible instructor and editor of the paper "Watch and Pray," will conduct meetings in the Baptist church in this city for one week beginning Sunday, August 14, and continuing nightly until August 21. His home is at Larakspru, Cal.

Independence post of the American legion gave its first dancing party of the season in the armory Friday night. The building which recently has been generally repaired, now insures solidity irrespective of the number who may participate. Excellent music was provided by Mrs. Croy Davis and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Durrell Davis, were in Salem Thursday.

Martin Peel, who sold his barber shop to Maillie & Watkins, will leave the first of the week for eastern Oregon to seek a location.

The Monmouth street bridge, which had been closed for a few days while the bridge was undergoing repairs, has again been opened for traffic.

Joe Oberon has rented the Mrs. Chappell residence on C street, vacated by Mr. Oglesbee.

T. B. Oglesbee moved his family to Corvallis this week where he has a position as mechanic in a garage.

John Titus and wife, who live on a farm north of town, left Wednesday for North Dakota where he will look after his large land interests. He expects to return the last of August.

Falls City Thieves Caught In California

DALLAS, Or., Aug. 1.—(Special to The Statesman)—Sheriff John W. Orr has received word from officers at Willows, Cal., that the men wanted for stealing the Ford belonging to W. B. McKown of Falls City had been captured at that place, and together with the automobile were being held awaiting arrival of a representative from their heriff's office.

The machine was stolen from Mr. McKown's garage on Tuesday night of last week. Sheriff Orr began a search for the thieves early Wednesday morning and every officer between this city and the California line had been notified to be on the lookout for them. Mr. Orr believes they must have done their driving after dark to have enabled them to get so far from the scene of their theft before being caught. He has gone to California to bring the prisoners back to this county. The California officers said the names of the men were Zachary and Rhodes.

Tourists Attracted To Dallas Camping Grounds

DALLAS, Or., Aug. 1.—(Special to The Statesman)—Dallas campgrounds in the city park is attracting more tourists this year than ever before and every available space is taken every night by autoists. Last night besides a dozen or more campers from various parts of Oregon the grounds afforded accommodations to six campers from California, three from Washington and one from Anacosta, Mon. Tourists are loud in their praise of the camp grounds stating that there are but few places in the state that have its equal.

Working Crew Busy On Polk Station Highway

DALLAS, Or., Aug. 1.—(Special to The Statesman)—The Polk county court has a big gang of men at work on the new road leading from the outskirts of Dallas into the Polk Station country four miles north of the city. The road is being built to eliminate several bad hills on the other two roads now leading to Polk Station. After being graded the road will be graveled and promises to be in excellent shape for winter travel. Besides being more level than the old roads the new road will save about one mile of travel in reaching Perrydale community.

STATE IS NOT ALLOWED SAY

Interior Department to Pass On Applications for Grant Land Exchange

SPRY WRITES LETTER

Commissioner Declares Responsibility of Secretary Cannot Be Divided

Regardless of the wishes of the state of Oregon the general land office of the department of the interior, according to a letter received by Governor Olcott from William Spry, commissioner of the land office, will pass on the merits of proposed applications for exchange of lands under the Oregon-California land grants. An order of April 5, suspending action on the exchanges, is revoked. The Oregon legislature of 1921 adopted house joint memorial No. 9, asking that the government hold up approval of exchanges until investigations had been made by the state. Acting under the order of April 5 of the general land office the state has had timber cruisers at work in the grant land area.

Responsibility Individual
 The exchange arrangement, provides in an act of May 31, 1918, that the secretary of the interior in his discretion might exchange lands formerly embraced within the grant for other lands of approximately equal value held in private ownership, either within or contiguous to the former limits of the grant lands "when by such action he will be enabled thereby advantageously to consolidate the holdings of timber lands by the United States." Commissioner Spry declares this places upon the secretary of the interior a responsibility that he cannot divide with the state.

Lands Are Classified
 An act of June 9, 1916, revested in the United States the title to so much of the grant lands (which were granted to the Oregon-California Railroad company by acts of July 25, 1866, and May 4, 1870), as had been patented to the railroad or to which the railroad was, under its grant entitled to receive patent, as had not been sold by the company prior to July 1, 1913.

Section 2 of the act of June 9, 1916, directs that the revested lands shall be classified into one of three classes:
 "Class one. Power-site lands, which shall include only such lands as are chiefly valuable for water-power sites, which lands shall be subject to withdrawal and sale use and disposition as has been or may be provided by law for other public lands of like character."
 "Class two. Timberlands, which shall include only lands bearing a growth of timber not less than 200,000 board feet measure on each 40-acre subdivision."
 "Class three. Agricultural lands, which shall include all lands not falling within either of the two other classes."

HONORS PAID WAYNE JACKSON

Soldier Killed At Chateau Thierry Laid To Rest In City View

At a well conducted military funeral, the remains of Private Wayne D. Jackson, company H, Ninth infantry, killed at battle of Chateau Thierry Jan. 31, 1918, were Sunday afternoon laid to rest in City View cemetery. Funeral services were held at Rigdon's, Rev. F. G. Lee speaking on "Loyalty to Eternal Life." Interment at cemetery was under auspices of Capital Post No. 9. A brief service was spoken by Chaplain Lloyd Rigdon. A firing squad composed of members of F company, Salem, gave the graveside salute. Members of the squad were Sergeants Hyatt Maynard, Roland Reinhardt, Privates Archie Elliott, Harold Larson, Harry Gypsen, Charles Elliott, and Raymond Brunkal. "Tap," the soldiers' call to rest, was impressively given by Sergeant Instructor Jirak of the adjutant general's office.

New Publishing Company Formed at Klamath Falls

The Prest-O-Graph, Inc., capitalized at \$30,000 and having Portland as the seat of its headquarters, filed articles of incorporation yesterday with the state corporation department. The incorporators are O. W. Dibble, J. G. Meeko and E. D. Mowe. Other incorporators are:
 Prescott Mutual Water company, Portland; incorporators G. C. Frisbie, Marvin K. Holland, Robert B. Kuykendall; capitalization, \$3500.
 Klamath Record Publishing company, Klamath Falls; incorporators, Don Belding, R. E. Wright, W. A. Wiest; capitalization, \$15,000.
 Columbia Knitting Mills, Portland; incorporators, Adolph L. Friedenthal, N. D. Simon, Grace Sheffield; capitalization, \$20,000.
 F. J. Zweifel Manufacturing company, Portland; incorporators, F. J. Zweifel, E. E. Butler, L. R. McManus; capitalization, \$75,000. Resolutions showing an increase in capitalization from \$10,000 to \$25,000 were filed by the Western Tire Sales company of Portland, and resolutions of dissolution were filed by the Portland

Society

Mrs. Blanche M. Jones returned Sunday from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Merle W. Smith at Mill City. Mrs. Smith returned with her mother for a visit here.

Mrs. R. P. Boise is returning to her country home, "Ellendale," after the week-end spent in Salem. She will be accompanied by Mrs. Snedecor and her guests, the Misses Susan and Lala Pearson, who will spend a week there with her.

Announcement of the engagement of Miss Vina Mollie Sherman to A. Ronald Taylor, both of Cavina, Cal., has just been received here and is of much interest as this is where Miss Sherman formerly had her home. She is the daughter of Mrs. E. Sherman, and a sister of Mrs. W. J. Culver of this city. Another sister, Mrs. Samuel S. Aschenbrenner (Bessie Sherman), lives in Corvina, where Mr. Aschenbrenner is engaged in orange culture. Miss Sherman went to California with Mr. and Mrs. Aschenbrenner in the summer of 1919 after they had been here visiting friends and motoring through California. The wedding will be an event of early August.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lawson and daughter Mildred, of Helena, Mont., have just returned to their home there, after a visit with their aunt, Mrs. Thomas Holman. Miss Mildred, who is a teacher, has been specializing this summer in penmanship, studying the "Palmer" method of business writing at one of Portland's business colleges during the summer term.

They were very much pleased with the Willamette valley, and hope to some day make it their home. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Glover left Sunday for Cascade. They went by train as far as Lebanon yesterday and expect to remain at Cascade about three week, camping out while there.

The Past amTron club of the O. E. S. met last Friday evening with Mrs. E. Shafer. After the business session, cards passed a social hour, high score going to Mrs. Ida M. Babcock. Dainty refreshments were served. Miss Minnie Moeller was joint hostess on the occasion. At the lunch table the question, "Why Educate the Indian?" was very carefully discussed.

The rooms were very prettily decorated with summer flowers. The following party spent Sunday at Silver Creek Falls, picking up there for the day: Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Barr and children, Carl, Henry, Josephine and Lawrence; Carl Armstrong and two children; Mrs. M. J. Petzel, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blairley of Santa Barbara, Dr. and Miss Mary Schoettle, Mrs. Tom Schei of Portland, Victor Barr and Gerald Suing.

On Sunday Mrs. W. G. Gehrke entertained at her suburban home "Walnut Cottage" in honor of

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Kloss Assinated By Germans, Report
 MEXICO CITY, Aug. 1.—The recent assassination in front of his home of Gen. Maximiliano Kloss is now believed by the police here to have been the work of a German who was sent to Mexico to avenge the publication by Kloss of alleged German military secrets.
 Kloss recently published a book on asphyxiating gas, and it is said that a group in Germany decried his death as the result.
 General Kloss during the Carranza regime was head of the artillery department and had seen much active service.