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## Welcome，Legionnaires


stitution．World war started 25 years ago this month．That
quarter of a century－a long time for recollection to remain a quarter of a century－a long time for recollection to remain
vivid．Most．Americans have rather a hazy recollection of the
war＇s beginning，because it seemed at the time remote．Less war＇s beginning，because it seemed at the time remote．Less
than three years later it was brought nearer home．Of its
concluding year，our memory is clearer－but to no others are concluding year，our memory is clearer－burs of the organiza tion to which Salem becomes host today．
There is significance in the flight World war．For now there is peril of another great war，more new war would already be under way exavept that the world
necalls the nightmare of the last one．Yet with the passage of time，a new generation has arisen which knows not the hor

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the conviction that there is a cause worth dying for．The task of establishing such a cause and arousing mob enthuiasm is
the work of skilled propaganda experts．This process is called
＇emotional conditioniag＇and it has already been begun in the United States．．．．No harder task faces Americans than that ots，who are
Gricar Legion may be stretching a not consint．Members of having been fanatics about
 they went and did it．＂A fellow knows he＇s going to see a hard
cow of stumps，but if the rest can stand it，I can，＂remarked one rather mature soldier boy．The younger ones marched
away in a spirit of high adventure．Few analyzed the problem of necessity or futility of war－until they had gone too far to
back up．
That analysis came later．The－chances are That analysis came later．The chances are that every
participipant in the war made it at some time．When the Am－
erican held its Oregon convention in Salem ten years ago there was no immediate threat of war，yet Albert Rich－
ard Wetjen，noted writer then a Salem resident who had
fought in the British army，wrote for The Statesman＇s special edition：

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## We arent no thin rec eroes and we arent no blaggards And men in barricks，most remarkable like you： And

Toss a large number of young felloww，＂all strangy Atkins．in strenuous effort to impress one another．The impression th
ly as not that version will be devilishness．It may or may not
be founded upon natural inclination．but once established，the impression has to be maintained．So the impression of dev－ Lexion members，especially in moments of relaxation．eric ticipation of the Legion convention here a decade ago．Salem did a bit of trembling at the knees，fearing what might hap－
pen to some of its sacred institutions and its morals．
Somehow these things managed to survive；the conven
tion didn＇t seem，in retrospect，to have been so terrible，except
perhans to the ultra－pure，
they＇re in the forties；a little gray，a trifle stout，some they＇re in the forties；a little gray，a trifle stout，some
then，but still full of pep，stin thriving to maintain that ea
ly impression－especially when out of town and relieved the necessity for setting their teen－age sons and daughters zood example．Sometimes we suspect their heart isn＇t in
any more，if it ever was．But theyll still go through the m tons．The convention will be lively，the boys will have a good
time but they won＇t tear the town apart．If there is any hood－
lumism it will be the work of young tage of the occasion．
No longer fearful，Salem greets the Lexionnaires tod and sincerely hopes their visit here will be pleasant and tha
the impression of the state capital they carry home with them will be favorable．Citizens as well as the host Legion post have joined in elaborate praparations to entertain the visit
ing veterans．One remaining requisite is a warm greetin The weather is doing its part；the citizens may be trusted
do theirs．
clab An anonymons，asserts correspondent，obviously a Townsen Townsend club dispute on The Statesman＇s front page，where newspaper＇s unfriendliness to＂the pplan．＂We we thooght The
Stateaman＇s attitude had been made clear long ago；friendli ness to the Townsend clubs，belief that the movement has been
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the public，belief that＂the plan＂has some features which ar
preferable to the of its sound pess present social security program，skepticism
maasure．As for The States
rantont page，its news is never selected on the basis is made on the basis of timeliness and our judgment of new

Whalers，according to the Christian Science Monitor，ar complaining，about so much radio broadcasting－the whales
won＇t bite，or at least they aren＇t caught on heavy broadcast days．It＇s the same old struggle between sport and industry
that we＇ve had here in Oregon．

Basil Rathbone，most accomplished sneerer of the cur－
ant cinema vilains，turns out to be a lover of dogs and other rent cinema villains，turns out to be a lover
dumb animals．Another illusion destroyed．

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