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**THE ROBE THAT HID MY HEART.**

When I shall come upon the last  
dear journey  
And lay aside the robe that  
hid my heart,  
The long and weary road that  
mounts behind me  
Will claim a backward glance  
before I part.  
"I hate would linger, if a some-  
thing better  
Were not before," I think that  
I shall say;  
But turn without regret to  
"never treasures  
And seek a higher gift in my  
ardent way.  
But as I turn, and leave my robe  
behind me,  
Indeed what joy this thought  
shall be to me;  
That I have been along God's  
wonder pathway  
And found the greatest songs  
of earth and sea.  
For I have known a striver,  
and an artist;  
Have loved a child who gave  
me of her soul;  
Have found a poet, and a ten-  
der flower.  
For these, O God, I would  
grant These any toll.  
—Anna J. and Claire R. Ger-  
sonni, in the Boston Evening  
Transcript.

**AS MERITORIOUS AS THE SELECTIVE DRAFT**

On a par with the selective draft law is the food control measure which passed the house of representatives Saturday and will be adopted by the senate also.  
The selective draft afforded the only fair way, the only efficient way of manning the army; control by the national government of food, fuel and other supplies is equally equitable and necessary from a military standpoint.

Without the regulatory hand of the federal government it would be possible for certain men or combinations of men in possession of necessary supplies to not merely outrageously rob the government and the people but to bring disaster to the allied armies and produce a state of famine throughout the country. They could so sap the strength of the nation and its partners in the war as to turn a prospective victory into a humiliating defeat. This is no idle speculation. The danger actually impends and all familiar with affairs realize it.  
In the congressional debates opponents of regulation sought to brand the move as one to work hardship on the producer. Such talk is groundless. The producer will get good prices because the government wishes to increase production. The men in most need of curbing are those seeking to make big fortunes through speculation and cornering of products. They are to be found in every line of business. The really dangerous ones are big men, not little men. But wherever they are and whoever they are they must be handled. The country is at war and must win. Any steps necessary to that end must be taken. The alternative will be defeat and further consequences few people care to contemplate.

**THE COMING EDITORIAL CONVENTION**  
PENDLETON will shortly have the pleasure of entertaining the state editorial association at a session that may go down as one of the most important annual conventions yet held by that organization. These are stirring times and a time for co-operation and service in behalf of the government. Newspapermen know this because they are the first called upon to help. In every move for national defense, whether the subject deals directly with armament or a related subject, the press is first into service. It is called upon to pave the way by explaining the country's needs and by thus laying the facts before the people insure proper action. There are ways in which people should co-operate in handling problems arising out of the war. There are subjects upon which newspapermen wish to consult so they may be of the best service. Therefore the coming convention will be one of exceptional interest, not only to newspapermen but to others as well.  
It is up to Pendleton to take proper steps for the entertainment of the visitors while they are here July 13, 14 and 15.

**OUR PLEDGE TO BELGIUM**

ONE point in the war in which the United States is engaged cannot be made too clear. In the words of President Wilson to the Belgian mission, it is "our solemn determination that on the inevitable day of victory Belgium shall be restored to the place she has so richly won among the self-respecting and respected nations of the earth." The American people will confirm that pledge; to it they are irrevocably committed.  
The premeditated violation by Germany of the neutrality of Belgium will stand as one of the greatest crimes of all the ages. The horrors committed by the German soldiery, the sacking of cities and murder of helpless and inoffensive people in the path of the conqueror, the systematized starvation of an entire population held as prisoners of war, the deportation of tens of thousands of Belgians for forced labor against their own government and their own army, can never be forgiven. The least the world can do is to set Belgium as a nation again upon its feet and erase the foul traces of the invader.  
On the faith of the United States it shall be done. Belgium must be restored. To that the United States is pledged.—New York World.



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**AMERICANS MAY OCCUPY TRENCHES BETWEEN FRENCH AND BRITISH FORCES**

WASHINGTON, June 23.—American expeditionary forces on the French firing line may occupy a position between the British and French forces. It is estimated the Americans will occupy four miles of trenches. It has become known the French commission recommended such a position. Perhaps the exact point in the 350 mile front the Americans will hold.

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**28 Years Ago Today**

(From the Daily East Oregonian, June 25, 1889.)  
The new Presbyterian church will be dedicated next Sunday.  
A. B. Dickson took his departure Sunday for San Jose, Calif. He will be followed soon by his wife and her mother, Mrs. Moulde, who will make their permanent home in the golden state. Pendleton regrets to lose them.  
Miss Ida Boyd desires to state

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