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And though I know there's a haasty grave with a poor little cross at its head, And the gold of his youth he so gladly gave, yet to me he'll never be dead.

And the sun in my Devon lane will be gay, and my boy will be with me still, So I'm finding the heart to smile and say: "O God, if it be Thy Will!"

—Robert W. Service.

IT IS DOING SOME GOOD

AUTHENTIC reports show the New England states have faced, not merely a sugar shortage, but a sugar famine. It has been impossible to buy sugar there. It may be assumed this condition will by no means be permanent. Yet the fact sugar is so scarce there gives us a line on what the west might be facing in the way of price boosting were it not for the regulatory efforts of the food administration. In Pendleton the sugar price is not much higher than it was during peace. It is a triumph either for Hoover, for our merchants or for both.

WHERE CRITICISM COUNTS

If government officials blunder in the matter of getting out munitions and other war supplies the facts should be brought to light as quickly as possible. In this way corrections may be made. The criticism that results in in-

creased production of war material is constructive criticism. It is of the greatest value because the success of our war waging must depend greatly upon the efficiency shown in turning out war material. No army can be effective in the field unless properly equipped for modern fighting. There is a difference between the fault finding that brings to light real errors of administration and complaints against conditions that are to be expected in wartime and cannot well be avoided.

CONCENTRATION NEEDED

THE Red Cross has a tremendous task in preparing to take care of our wounded and disabled men, in giving hospital aid to soldiers of our allies and extending relief to refugees from Belgium, France and Italy. When such aid is given it is part of the "win the war" program. Every allied soldier cared for and made ready for service again is an asset to the allied cause. Refugee families cared for are an asset because these people when able to do so will fight and work in any manner possible towards an allied victory. But would it be good strategy to feed and clothe people in Poland? That country is under German domination. The Poles are used as soldiers and workers for Germany. Are we not helping the kaiser when we feed his subjects? The greatest service America can render to humanity is to win the war, thereby stopping the mad career of Prussianism. It may be taken for granted that the Red Cross management will be directed with this goal in view. If it spreads its efforts over too much territory it will blunder.

There is no peace in sight this Christmas and it will be hopeless for the world to expect Santa Claus to bring the dove with him.

Umatilla county has already gone over the line with its Christmas Red Cross membership drive; some drive.

Many local people will be sorry if Miss Smith should leave the library permanently.

The city is prosperous but there are some with us who need a little help and encouragement.

Some of the coal that is sold in Pendleton is misnamed; it should be called uncooked dirt.

The government proposes anti-fat treatment for some of our heavy reservation farmers.

40 Years Ago Today

(From the Weekly East Oregonian, Dec. 21, 1887.)

Just before going to press we were informed by the sheriff that he had been told by an Indian that if White Owl and Gitsa-Tungie were hung that the Indians would retaliate by killing white men who might be found out of town unarmed and that he, the sheriff, had better warn his people of the fact. From this it would appear that it behooves the citizens of Umatilla county to begin to prepare themselves for an outbreak of those red devils. We have been deserted by the soldiers and left to our own resources. Why not organize and fix for any emergency?

(The same paper carried an official call from Sheriff J. L. Smery for 200 men for a posse to stop any uprising.)

John Hradburn of Birch creek spent several days in town this week. We understand that he attended church while in the neighborhood of

Weston the other night, the first time perhaps in several years. When an invitation was extended by the minister to those that desired the prayers of the church to make it known John arose and politely asked that they pray for a friend of his sitting by, whereupon he says, the minister called for a justice of the peace to have him arrested. John feels indignant and says if that is the way they do he will not attend church any more.

**HURT PIGEON BORE NO ILL TO HALIFAX**  
Report That Carrier Had Enemy Message Stirs Up Police and Army Officials.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 19.—The capture of an exhausted carrier pigeon which sought refuge in a house near the big explosion has been the subject of investigation by the police of Dartmouth and the military authorities, and it was reported the bird bore a message either in German or Austrian.

After the inquiry had begun the

authorities refused to give any information and Mrs. McColl, a quartermaster sergeant's wife, who found the bird, denied it carried any message, but merely a celluloid band on its leg bearing the number "29-29."

The pigeon flew in through a broken window of Mrs. McColl's house and lighted on the shoulder of one of the children. It had been hurt slightly by the explosion. It is still in Mrs. McColl's home.

**DETECTS METAL IN WOUNDS.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Detection of metal in wounds by means of a new telephonic device is described in dispatches to the department of commerce. The instrument is moved over the body of the patient and emits a humming noise when over a shrapnel ball or shell splinter, and is further used in guiding a probe towards the hidden metal. Whether the metal is magnetic and can be withdrawn by an electric magnet without the use of an incision also can be told by the instrument.

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