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FOR THE IDLE HOUR.

If by some chance you've naught to do today
Go out and spread some light along the way
That into some dark place a ray may shine
To lead a groping soul to paths divine.
Perhaps some wanderer you'll find
Who from the way of peace astray has gone,
And just one flash of radiance from you
May light him back to pastures fresh and new.
Where he may win refreshment and fair chance
To free his soul from evil circumstance.

THE ONLY JUST WAY; THE ONLY EFFICIENT WAY

IN this county the task with reference to war subscriptions is not so much to get the money as to get it equitably so that the burden will be fairly distributed and hardship worked on no one. It is necessary to do this because the war may last a long time. We may be asked for money again and again. The giving power of the people must be protected. This requires that so-called "lightwads" come up to their ratings. Over subscriptions are not wanted, particularly from those not in good financial circumstances. In planning for its follow up work to bring backward ones into line the committee is right. It is the only course possible consistent with justice and efficiency. It is a long steady pull we face, not a spurt, and our money raising activities must be regulated with this thought in view.

GERMAN CHILDREN PAY THE PRICE

IN response to requests for information on present educational conditions in Germany, the Bureau of Education, Department of the Interior, has made public the following translations from an article by Dr. Paul Hildebrandt in the Vossische Zeitung, Berlin, January 23, 1918. After reciting the early enthusiasm of German youth for the war, and their activities in behalf of war measures, the article continues: "The sixth grade pupils of 1914 are now about to be promoted to the upper third. They have become accustomed to the war. Who can wonder then that now in the fourth year of war our children exhibit signs of change? Too many of the restraints have been removed which should shape their development—the loosening of family ties, the father at the front, the mother employed away from home, and in the lower ranks of society doing the work of men; the

omission of school discipline. Of the teachers of the Berlin public schools, for instance, two-thirds have gone into the army. The remainder are overworked. Dropping class periods, or combining classes together are the order of the day. In the higher schools half of the teachers are in the army. Furthermore, standards in the higher institutions of learning have gradually been lowered until the final examination has been pushed back fully two classes. All these conditions have influenced our students and have weakened their persistence, since they see that they can attain a scholastic standing without effort, that formerly demanded the severest application.

The same statement sets forth many other facts, pertaining to hardships worked on children through inadequate nourishment, the rapid increase of juvenile crime and the weakening of the military spirit.

Germany is paying a terrible price for plunder she will not get.

Judge Wolverton is to be complimented on his action in taking citizenship rights away from the I. W. W. Swelgin. A man who is against our country and by his actions gives aid, direct or indirect to the enemy, is not entitled to the rights of citizenship. Judge Wolverton makes the law a thing of life, as it should be.

Mr. Taft is doing creditable and patriotic work as a member of the labor commission; Judge Hughes has shown his Americanism by accepting an appointment to probe the aircraft production work. Col. Roosevelt devotes his time to throwing bricks at various busy governmental heads.

Walla Walla is having a rumpus over the raising of Red Cross money through a kiss auction staged with the girls of a theatrical troupe as the attraction. The Garden City is still trying to be a wild town and should forget it.

The house is right on the question of using grain by brewers. If wheat is so needed by our soldiers that we must have wheatless days why use it for beer making or for horse feed?

Joe Despain is such a good soldier the Canadians do not wish to give him up and they cannot be blamed although Joe has a right to fight under the stars and stripes now that we are in the war.

Hindenburg's promise of a German peace before August will have to be charged off along with the promise that the U-boats would win the war for Prussianism.

The Kaiser once said he would stand for no nonsense from the United States; while we send soldiers at the rate they are going he is getting none.

28 YEARS AGO

(From the Daily East Oregonian, May 23, 1890.)
W. F. Matlock, W. J. Furnish, J. H. Robbins, and J. P. Wagner left this

morning for Canas Prairie to look out for the interests of the Democratic party.

The marshal announces that on Monday next a crusade against the cows will begin, and thereafter bovines must be kept home day and night.

Officer Chip reports that Tuesday evening while he was on duty a drunken Indian entered his residence below town and took possession, remarking "Me stay here."

Walla Walla people are working to have the state agricultural college located there.

Come to the speaking next Wednesday evening at the courthouse, and hear Governor Penoyer and Uncle George Webb.

REALTY TRANSFERS

DEEDS.
James Christanson et ux to Mary R. Lowman, \$50. S 1-2 NW 1-4 SW 1-4 section 25, township 5 north, range 25.
Julius Witcock et ux to Lester Cronin, \$200. Lot 9, block 178, Reservation addition, Pendleton.
Eva L. Roberts to J. A. Serrall, \$1. NE 1-4 section 3, township 3 north, range 30.
Carl S. McNaught et ux to Fred W. Stevens, SE 1-4 SW 1-4 NW 1-4 and W 1-2 SE 1-4 NW 1-4, section 10, township 4 north, range 28.
George D. Lynch to J. N. Stone \$1. Mete and bound SE 1-4 section 3, township 5, north, range 35.
R. I. Keator to J. A. Serrall, \$16,000. NE 1-4 section 2, township 3 north, range 20.

NEW YORK LADY POLICEMAN WEARS A SWORD.



The New York lady policeman, who has just come into being through the efforts of Special Police Commissioner Rodman Wanamaker, is here shown in all her glory with a sword, instead of a club. Mr. Wanamaker is going to assign them to duty largely relating to the war.

Portland Council Works Millionaires PORTLAND, May 23.—The council has passed a strict anti-lidlers ordinance. Millionaires must work.

The wise man listens to the silent man.

HUNS USE ROSARY FOR DEATH TRAP

Books, Stoves, Even Chairs Charged With High Explosives.

(By Rifleman Patrick MacGill, Author of "The Great Push," Written for the United Press.)
LONDON, May 5.—The talk in the cafe dealt with the Germans and their methods of warfare, and the men who were in the cafe at that moment had just come back from the front line. While they were there, their cultured enemy had turned a machine gun on two British stretcher-bearers who had gone out into No Man's Land to carry in a wounded German soldier.

Other, similar happenings were recalled, and it was then that the old man spoke. He had been a regular soldier who had fought many battles and had lived through Mons, Ypres, Loos and the Somme. The old man knew the foe whom he was up against.

"If you saw objects lying about you took no notice of them. Spades, shovels, helmets and souvenirs that were apparently flung away, and almost everything else were murder traps. I saw a young boy, a rookie, I suppose, going up to a shrine by the roadside with the intention of taking a rosary from the neck of the wooden statue of the Blessed Virgin. 'Don't touch that!' I yelled at him.

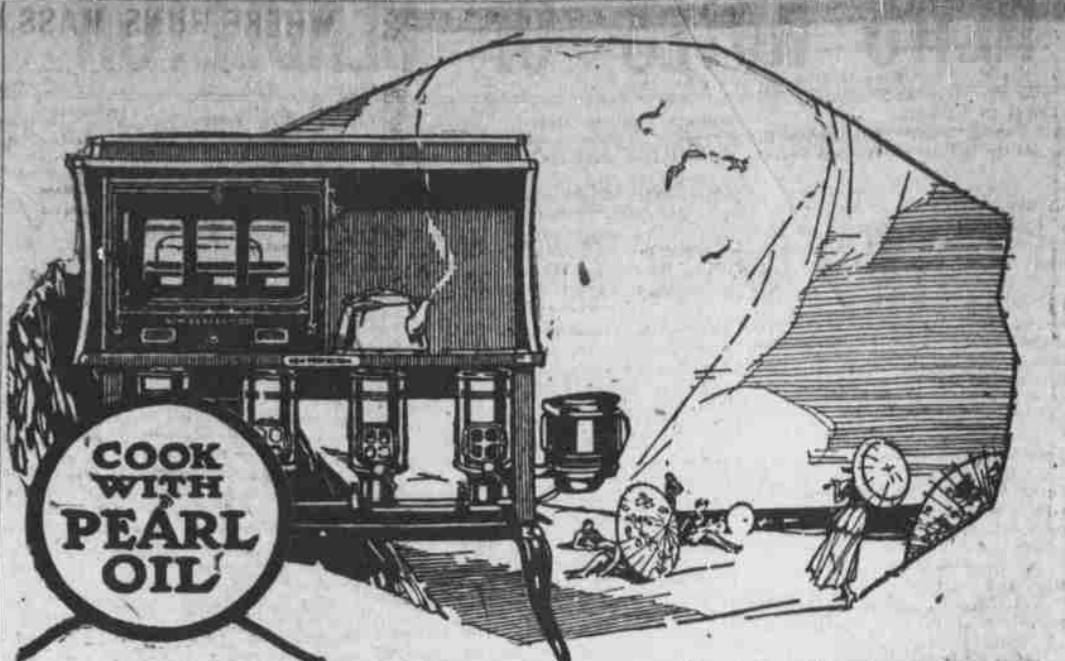
Test Discloses Trap.
"I went up and had a look at the shrine. Round the neck of the Virgin the rosary beads were placed, with a cross hanging at the end of them. I looked at the back, and there I saw that the beads were tied round a little pin which was stuck in the wood work. We tested it, by tying a long string to the rosary and getting back twenty yards into a trench and pulling the string. The whole shrine was blown to pieces, for the tugging at the beads had detonated a charge and caused an explosion."

He paused.
"I mind coming to one dugout without a soul in it. I just had a peep in and I was careful not to touch anything, for I knew the men had left the place. But another fellow followed me, and as I went up on the parapet I looked back at him. 'Be careful and don't touch anything in there,' I said to him. 'You know what the Germans are like with their traps.'"

"'I'll only look in,' he shouted back and as there was a long narrow branch blocking the entrance to the door he pulled it aside to have a peep in.
Branch Was Trigger.
I had just got away about a hundred yards when I heard a bang, and I looked back to see the remains of that dugout in the air. It was the damned branch that caused the explosion and the man who looked in was killed.
"I saw another fellow dead in one of the houses at the corner of a village. He had lifted a book from the table of the front room, and this in some manner set the table and soldier up to the roof. And in that same house I saw a bucket of coal mixed with high explosives and even the very stove was charged to blow up if a fire were lit in it. Even the chairs would explode if you sat on one of them."

THREE KILLED IN PARIS AIR RAID

PARIS, May 22.—Last night's air raid over Paris killed three, newspapers today announced. One enemy airplane was destroyed. The raiders dropped a few bombs over the suburbs.



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ASKS CONGRESS FOR APPROPRIATION.
WASHINGTON, May 23.—Baker this afternoon asked congress to authorize the expenditure of \$7,000,000 for ordnance in the coming year, and also for the immediate appropriation of \$1,500,000,000 to carry on the ordnance program from July 1 to March 4, 1919.

BERLIN PAPERS PLEASE COPY!
LONDON, May 23.—Reeling the reasons for decorating Serjt. H. Betts, the Official Gazette says:
"Whilst in charge of a platoon he held a position which was very heavily shelled and endangered by snipers. Locating two of the latter he crawled out in front of the trench and from a very exposed position shot them both with his rifle. On the following evening, under very heavy concentrated shelling, he walked up and down the parapet of his trench, encouraging his men and setting them a magnificent example."

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Germans Will Give Up Use of Ostend And Zeebrugge Bases
BERNE, May 22.—German naval authorities are preparing to abandon the Zeebrugge and Ostend U-boat bases because of blockades by the naval forces and the constant harassment of bombing planes according to Berlin information.
When in doubt Germany takes a shot at Paris. It is up to the world to remove the doubt.

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