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to continue eating in accord with past custom if they wished, it would have worked vast hardship on the poor and middle classes. No sane man will fail to see the advantages of the system we are following as compared with the Penrose idea.

### THE COST OF AIR MAIL SERVICE

HAVING established an air mail service between certain points in the east the government has now gotten down to close figures on the cost of the service.

The first report of the comparative cost of the operation and maintenance of the Air Mail Service shows that the airplanes used in this service have broken all records for economy of gas consumption.

The total of all operating expenses of nine airplanes covering flights aggregating 7,234 miles, was \$3,682. The total consumption of gas representing 113 hours and 8 minutes of flying was 1,377 gallons, which is \$32.50 per hour—something over 50 cents per mile. The total cost of gas was \$405 in flying 7,234 miles.

The best performance in flying was made by a Curtis J-N-4 machine, which flew 26 hours and 40 minutes at a cost of \$28.01 an hour and covered 1,719 miles at a cost of 43 1-2 cents per mile. A plane equipped with a Hispano-Suiza 150 horsepower engine used approximately 8 gallons of gas per hour, and a plane equipped with a 400-horsepower Liberty motor used 17 gallons per hour. This shows 40 per cent less gas consumed than generally required for airplane engines of these sizes.

The calculation of operating cost includes departmental overhead charges, interest on investment, replacement of parts, deadhead time of mechanics, gas, lubricating oils, office force, motor cycles and trucks; rent, fuel, light and telephone; pay of pilots, hangar men and mechanics.

The average consumption of gas for the nine planes was 12 gallons per hour. The cost figures are interesting as they have a bearing on future extensions of the service. The air service is much faster than rail service and it seems a foregone conclusion that before many years the air mail service will be a regular feature in regions where its work will be most advantageous.

The Turk is getting tired of being the silent partner in a firm where he has abundant opportunities for labor but no voice in the distribution of the profits.

The Huns after while will find it useless to give our boys a barrage; they live on such stuff and grow fat.

Congress is hard after the luxury chasers; we will have to forego that new yacht.

A county Y. M. C. A. secretary is not needed; send them to France.

The summer has not yet went.

### 28 YEARS AGO

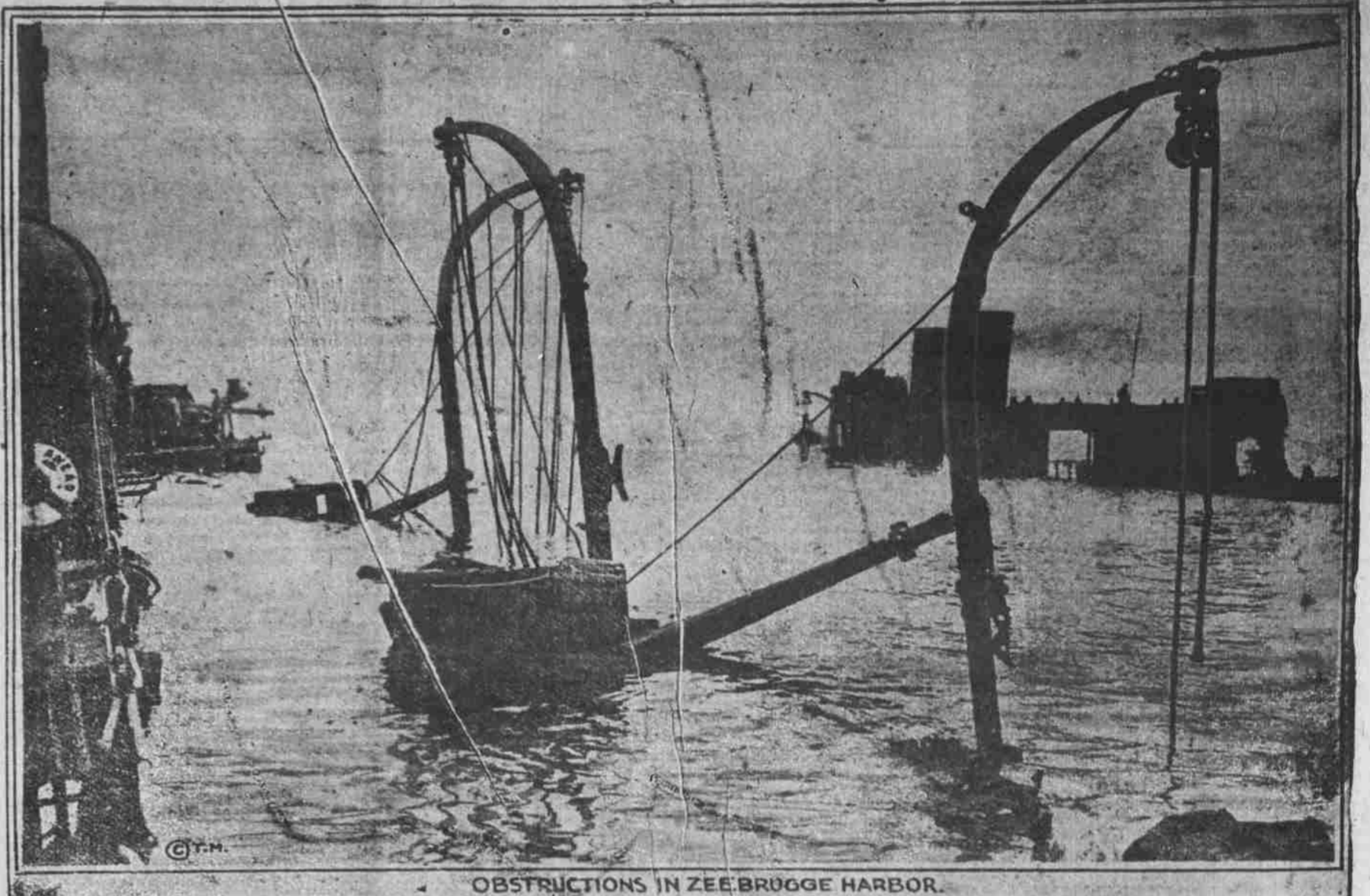
(From the East Oregonian, July 31, 1890.)  
J. B. Kennedy brought a fine sample of Juniper wheat to town today. He has threshed 1027 sacks. The average will be 39 or more bushels to the acre.

Pendleton has two ambitious youngsters who may some day become famous for their inventive genius, Messrs. Al Wolfe and Louis De Spain. They conceived the idea of converting their velocipedes into bicycles and carried it to a successful termination.

As the Golden Rule bus pulled in from the depot last night loaded with passengers, a wheel rolled off and the inmates were given a severe shaking up. Perhaps the fact that the bus was full had something to do with the wheel being off its nut. There was no damage.

Dr. J. W. Strang arrived home today from La Grande.

## FIRST PICTURE OF THE BLOCKED ZEEBRUGGE HARBOR



OBSTRUCTIONS IN ZEEBRUGGE HARBOR.

This is the first picture of Zeebrugge harbor after British naval forces, operating under command of Vice Admiral Duff, effectively blocked it and rendered useless as a German naval base on April 23. In the foreground and in the right-hand distance is shown the wreckage of a German land battery, scattered up to the mole and landed storming and de-

molition parties composed of picked volunteers. With her bow facing the German works and her decks swept by enemy fire, she maintained her place there for an hour, while three old time vessels ran into the channel and were sunk.

Meanwhile two old British submarines, filled with explosives, ran up against the mole works which converted the masonry of the mole with the shore and were blown up, effecting a breach which is twenty-five yards wide and cutting off the mole from the shore line.

After accomplishing her purpose the *Vindictive* withdrew.

The American built motor launch, under a heavy fire from the enemy on the mole, rescued 39 of the crew of the block ship which had been sunk at the entrance to the Bruges Canal.

The British attack on Zeebrugge, in which French destroyers took part, was aimed at nothing less than the blotting out at one sweeping blow of the German menace from submarines operating from that base. All this was accomplished, and more, for the achievement, worthy of the best traditions of the sea, quickened the morale and stirred to fever heat the pulses of every allied seaman the world around.

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### PRAYER BEFORE ATTACK.

It ain't as I 'opes 'E'll keep me safe  
While the other blokes goes down,  
It ain't as I wants to leave this world  
And wear an 'ero's crown.  
It ain't for that as I says my prayers  
When I goes to the attack,  
But I pray that whatever comes my way  
I may never turn me back.  
I leave the matter o' life and death  
To the Father who knows what's best,  
And I pray that I still may play the man  
Whether I turns east or west.  
—From "Rough Rhymes of a Padre."

### EXPECT A PROLONGED WAR

WITH reports of allied success some people quickly jump to the conclusion that the war may soon be ended. It may be over sooner than expected. But the general tendency in such cases is for the time to be extended rather than shortened. The battle of Gettysburg, the great decisive battle of the civil war was fought early in July, 1863. Yet Lee did not surrender to Grant at Appomattox until April 9, 1865. In other words the confederates though greatly outnumbered in manpower and in resources held on for almost two years after Gettysburg. It is not wise to count upon a short war even though the tide has seemingly turned. It is unreasonable to expect Foch to make any great headway with an offensive this year. The season's fighting, as far as big maneuvering concerns will close in October. Very likely the lines at that time will not differ materially from what they are now. Next year the United States will have such forces available that the armies of democracy should have the complete upperhand over the kaiser. Nevertheless it will be possible for the Germans, fighting defensively, to hold on for a long time. Unless disrupted within it is hard to foresee the limit to their possibilities in prolonging the war and this will be particularly true if Russia is not again turned against them.

Uncle Sam's proper course is to roll his sleeves, for a long, hard war. It will make sure of victory; it will also hasten the end.

### THE BETTER METHOD

ALL do not share the Penrose view that the way to conserve food is to boost the price so high that people cannot afford to eat it. In his financial review for July 27, Henry Clews says:

"Mr. Hoover performed a brilliant public service by insuring the Allied food supply. Had it not been for his efforts, food prices would have been much above their present level; and his success has been due far more to earnest appeal than to legal enforcements; all of which reflects favorably upon Mr. Hoover's tactfulness, backed by public patriotism."

Conservation of food through price boosting would have enriched a few, it would have allowed wealthy people

### Helix Editor Has a Scrap Over Article in Advocate

(East Oregonian Special.)  
HELIX, July 29.—R. C. Julian, editor of the Helix Advocate, and J. S. Norvell, hardware merchant, had a fight yesterday over an article published in the Advocate.

Boys in olive drab are policing the grain fields.

Mrs. L. L. Hutchinson was called to Walla Walla Saturday to see her nephew, Gilbert Poe, who is seriously ill from an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. J. W. King is at Freewater this week on account of the serious illness of her step-father, W. H. Musselman.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kerley expect to leave August 1st for Portland in their car and to be home by the first of September.

Mrs. Anna D. Scott of Walla Walla, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Scott of Lacrosse, and Dr. Bert Mann of Portland were guests at the Kern home Sunday.

The families of E. E. Eheier and G. W. Piper returned from a week spent at Bingham Springs, Sunday.

Mrs. R. English of Rieth was an over Sunday visitor at the Eheier home.

Mrs. T. M. Cook and son Randolph and Miss Letha Albee, were Walla Walla visitors Monday.

### EVERY UMATILLA CO. MAN IN U. S. SERVICE GETS COMFORT GIFT

Cards Given Out to be Returned When Soldier or Sailor is Accepted.

The Umatilla County Red Cross is at present making comfort kits and housewives for the Umatilla county men who will leave in the next draft. These comfort bags and housewives are gifts to every Umatilla county man and it is the intention of the chapter that not one man be overlooked, whether he is of the drafted quota or an enlisted man.

Up to the present time every drafted man from this county has received a gift or a card which entitles man enlisted in the army or navy, whenever it was possible to secure his name and address. When the men leave, a representative of the committee gives each one a card which is to be returned as he is accepted in the service. Upon receipt of the card the kits are immediately sent to the correct address.

The Red Cross furnishes the housewife and contents and the comfort kits and if there are relatives these things are often turned over to them to supply the necessary articles. The name and address of the man is enclosed and the relatives can send the finished bag to them directly. In many of the county towns the Honor Guard or Red Cross fills the kits for the men from the home town as they feel that the boys like the personal touch. Anyone desiring to fill and give a comfort bag will find the Red Cross glad to furnish the materials, and is requested to phone 161-W or write the local chapter of Red

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