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BEWARE OF EXCESS OPTIMISM

ANY folk will lay too much stress on the advances the allies have been making recently. It is splendid news and significant. Foch has taken the initiative from the Germans. The Hun army of attack has become an army of retreat. The enemy has lost heavily in men, equipment and territory.

Yet we have not yet won back all the ground lost during the spring. From a standpoint of territory we are not as advantageously located as in pell mell flight by any means. He has been forced at times to run because he was whipped. But much of the withdrawal has been for the purpose of securing better ground. It is therefore to be assumed that he will soon make a stand and hold his positions.

Some people think the allies should be able to keep on driving the foe back to the very Rhine. It is not logical to expect this now. Our best informed men are inclined to the view that our real big offensive will not come until spring. We will then have another million men in France, we will have a greater superiority in aircraft and artillery.

Don't get the notion the war is won or nearly won. It is yet a long road to Berlin and it is idle to expect victory until after the fighting season of 1919. Meanwhile we have a German peace offensive to obliterate.

If game laws prevailed in Europe Foch's daily report would say, "Our boys went out this morning and got the limit."

Under Mr. Austin's guiding hand our school preparations have an efficient sound.

The state penitentiary management should not be an issue in politics; the subject is a technical one and should not be a football for campaigners or campaigning newspapers to kick around.

Since the Round-Up profits go to the Red Cross this year



Young Samson, who will meet Ray McCarroll for a finish wrestling match tonight on the Carnival grounds.

no one but a piker will object to the slight increase in the attendance charge.

At the rate he is losing men Hindenburg must feel like a man trying to drive up a long grade with a boiling car and a leaky radiator.

After the long winter, summer is welcome again.

The Frankfort Gazette is now worrying over American's "war craze"; the Germans should have thought of that a year ago last February when they forced Uncle Sam into the fray.

This is nothing to what the kaiser will get when our four million take after him next summer.

Our hay men also are learning what war is like.

28 YEARS AGO

(From the East Oregonian, August 24, 1890.)
 Mr. and Mrs. E. Gilliam left for Milton this morning. Mr. Gilliam is steadily improving and it is hoped he will be restored in health before his return.

Two wagonloads of Nebraska immigrants passed through Pendleton today en route for the Willamette valley. They left Nebraska in June and report a rough trip across the plains.

Conductor Gulling, Engineer Mapes and brakeman O'Brien had the honor of despatching a black bear while hunting at North Fork recently. The animal weighed 250 pounds dressed.

Hon. W. F. Matlock left for Walla-walla county today on a business visit. He will remain for a week.

License to wed was granted today by the county clerk to Charles H. Smith and Clara E. Barry, of Weston.

who now is military critic of the Aegliche Rundschau of Berlin, tells the public that the American army has actually become a big factor and the debarations in France are proceeding regularly. General von Diebert says the "French and British owe their recent successes to their transatlantic ally, without whom their offensive would have been doomed to disappointment."

EXPECT TO EMPLOY 4,500 MEN AT PLANT

SEATTLE, Aug. 24.—The Seattle North Pacific Shipbuilding Co., formerly the Erickson Construction Co., expects to have 4,000 men employed in the near future. The plant has jumped from 600 to 2,500 men within a month, and expects to have up some shipbuilding records, once it really gets started. It is constructing Isherwood type 2,400-ton ships under government contract.

The Seattle North Pacific Co. probably will launch its first vessel the latter part of September, and make an effort to launch four of the large ships before January 1, 1919. The Isherwood type 2,400-ton freighter is the largest type of vessel constructed in Seattle.

GEORGE ADE OFFERS FARM TO GOVERNMENT

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Aug. 24.—Hazelton Farm, the country home of George Ade, author and playwright, has been offered to the United States government for war work. Mr. Ade announced today. The large farm has fine buildings and a large lake. Mr. Ade said he would assist in making the buildings suitable for government purposes.



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THE VISION.

I have beheld no vision like to this—
 Line upon line, the surge of marching men,
 Upon their lifted brows the christened kiss
 Of Inspiration. Will they come again?
 Some of them will, although it be with scars,
 The same bright light within their leveled eyes;
 Some of them will not, and the eternal stars
 Will tell the story of their sacrifice.
 But I have seen them, splendid, virile, strong;
 Yea, I have seen them while my cheeks grew wet.
 And though the years, the uncertain years, be long,
 Once having seen them, I shall not forget.
 —Clinton Scollard.

THEY FIGHT WITHOUT FLINCHING

PENDLETON'S list of wounded is growing but there is no wailing from such boys as Verne Boynton, William Searcey and Clell Brown. Their injuries have but increased their fighting spirit and their determination to whip the Hun until the kaiser's policy of imperialism and frightfulness is downed forever.

If our boys can face shrapnel and cold steel and poison gas without flinching what about the civilian population? Shall we cry over a trifling regulation as to sugar and wheat consumption, over liberty bonds and income tax payments. Shame for the man at home, or the woman, who complains. Let us match our courage and the resolution of the boys at the front.



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ALL HONORS OF BRITISH ARMY WON BY PRIVATE O'ROURKE

(Continued from page 1.)

Private J. Noble of the British army, himself severely wounded in the battle of Vimy Ridge, is here today making arrangements for the meeting which will be in charge of the Girls' Honor Guard. Private Noble tells a thrilling story of Mr. O'Rourke's bravery; how he saved his comrades under shell fire; how he held off a German bombing attack for two hours and killed eight Germans and took two prisoners while acting as a stretcher bearer. So distinguished for bravery was Mr. O'Rourke that not only was he recommended for the cross by the officers of his own regiment, the famous 7th Infantry, but by the officers of several other regiments as well.

With all his honors he is decidedly modest. It is not from O'Rourke himself that one is able to learn the deeds which won him his distinguished medals from the British government. It is in the citations of the government itself, or from friends that the truth about the things he has done can be learned. Friends declare he is one of the most popular men of his regiment, and that he earned the Victoria Cross half a dozen times before it was awarded him. To earn the Victoria Cross the commanding officer must witness all of the deeds of bravery, and if a soldier striving to heights of valor happens to be so un-

fortunate as to have his commanding officer killed in the fray he loses all chance of winning the coveted cross. Thus it was that O'Rourke won his cross thrice over before it was awarded him.

The Victoria Cross is fashioned from bronze, made from the metal from guns captured from the Russians in the Crimean war. As there is not much bronze left the English are chary of their awards of the cross. Not more than 500 Victoria Crosses have ever been awarded and fully half of the men to whom they have been awarded have not lived to receive them.

Mr. O'Rourke, who is 41 years of age, was born in Limerick, Ireland. He came to Pennsylvania when a small boy and has been in probably every state west of Pennsylvania. When the war broke out he went from Alaska to Canada to enter the army. One of the features of his address will be his description of his training.

First-hand news of life in the front lines in France is what Private O'Rourke will tell in his own inimitable, Irish way. His story is full of the pathos and humor of the war, intermingled with stories of his own personal experiences.

Telegraphers Needed For War Department

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 24.—Special authority has been granted by

the War Department for the induction for assignment to the Signal Corps of men classed for general military service and qualified as American Morse and radio telegraphers; also a limited number of cable splicers. Men so inducted will be assigned to organizations already for overseas duty.

Telegraph operators now, as in '98, are worth their weight in gold to their country. Their services are required right now. If you are an operator—either wire or radio—send your name to the department signal officer, western department, San Francisco, Cal., and you will receive papers to fill out that will place you where your services will be appreciated and of greater value than in any other branch of the service.

PLANS COMPLETED FOR U. S. LOANS TO LIVESTOCK MEN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Secretary McAdoo announced Monday that the war finance corporation had completed plans for making direct loans to individuals firms and corporations engaged in the raising of livestock. Two agencies will be created by the corporation with headquarters at Kansas City and Dallas.

The Kansas City headquarters will receive applications from the Kansas City, San Francisco, Minneapolis and St. Louis federal reserve districts and the Dallas office will act as headquarters for the Dallas, Atlanta and Richmond districts.