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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1917

What have you done today to help  
win the war?

### THE SCHOOL TAX.

The school district tax, voted yester-  
day, when translated into mills  
will look rather high. To the un-  
initiated, indeed, it is high, reaching  
probably just short of 27 mills. There  
are several aspects of the matter,  
however, which should be taken into  
account before the taxpayer passes  
final judgment on it.

In the first place it should be re-  
membered that the millage set is the  
result of the relation between two  
terms, the assessed valuation and the  
tax levy. If the valuation is low in  
comparison with the actual value the  
millage is likely to be high, while  
with a high valuation a low millage  
is often found. In some cities a fa-  
vorite device for showing a low mil-  
lage is to raise the valuation, oppo-  
nents to county division last year  
claiming that in this way Jefferson  
county showed a low millage after  
division from Crook. In Deschutes  
county the valuation, according to the  
state tax commission, is only 48 per  
cent of the real value. Many tax-  
payers here agree that the true ratio  
is still lower. Calling it 48 per cent,  
however, shows that the millage, if  
on a 100 per cent valuation, would be  
almost 13, which is not so high.

Another matter to be taken into  
consideration is the fact that in set-  
ting the tax at \$54,000 the district is  
repaying for a too low tax for several  
years past. Last year the levy was  
set three mills below the request of  
the school board and two years be-  
fore a cut of nearly eight mills was  
made below the estimates. As a re-  
sult the district has been short of  
funds. Another shortage has been  
caused by the tremendous growth in  
the demands on the schools.

All these facts seem to have been  
recognized in yesterday's vote, no one  
casting a ballot against the proposed  
levy.

With this issue the daily Bulletin  
starts on its second volume. In the  
year that has passed we have tried to  
give Bend and Central Oregon a good  
daily newspaper, and we feel that in  
a measure we have succeeded. We do  
not flatter ourselves that such suc-  
cess as we have attained is due to  
our own efforts, however. Most of  
it is due to the steady loyalty of The  
Bulletin readers and the splendid  
support of the city. We have far  
from reached our ideal but with a  
continuance of that loyalty and sup-  
port we, on our part, will do our  
best to make The Bulletin a paper of  
which the city may continue to be  
proud.

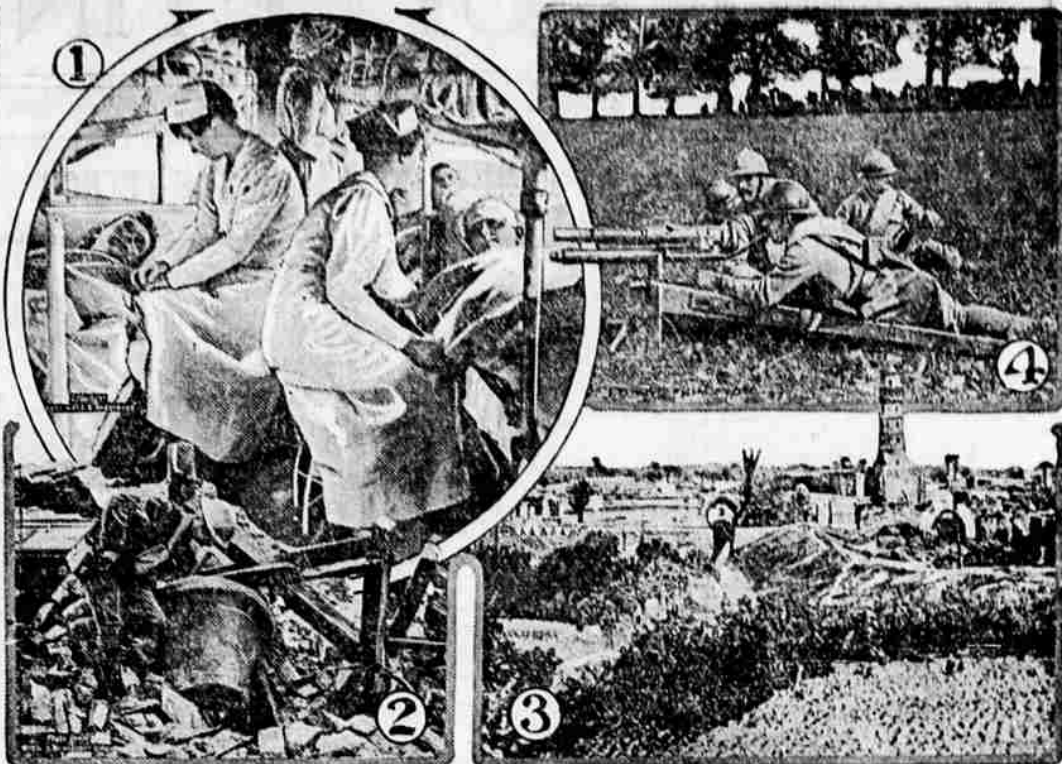
### MUST WIN WAR IN BOTH U. S. AND FRANCE, WRITES SOLDIER

(Continued from Page 1.)

"In England, I had the pleasure  
of visiting London, and of attending  
services in Westminster Abbey. Here  
everything is old. Many buildings yet  
occupied, were here before America  
was discovered. The Americans are  
warmly welcomed by the French,  
who appreciate the assistance we will  
give them.

"The effects of the war are very  
evident, principally in the absence of  
men fit for military service, and in  
the presence of thousands in black.  
I certainly hope that our own country  
will never feel what France has suf-  
fered. Women are performing all  
the duties of men—run the trams,  
work with pick and shovel in the  
street, and I have even seen women  
at the forge, blacksmithing. Thousands  
of German prisoners are worked un-  
der guard, but this is confined chiefly  
to military works. Only old men are  
seen anywhere out of uniform.

"The people are, however, confi-  
dent of the outcome of the war, as  
are we all, but it will be no easy



1—Scene in a new hospital car designed and built by one of the railroads and offered to the United States govern-  
ment. 2—French soldier examining a church bell in the ruins of a village near Lens overlooked by the looting Ger-  
mans. 3—View of Gaza, recently captured by the British forces in Palestine. 4—Practicing with the new French 37  
millimeter field gun.

task. I hope that the American peo-  
ple, on whom we are depending at  
home, will not become intoxicated  
with over-confidence, for while we  
feel the American soldier can do more  
than almost any other, there is no  
denying that we have a formidable  
adversary, and that it will be a long  
hard fight. Men will be needed by  
the millions, and money by the bil-  
lions, and soon.

"The present drive of Germany  
against Italy is evidence that she is  
not 'all in'. You folks are a long  
ways away, but I am close to the out-  
side edge of the war, and living it,  
and unless a miracle occurs, America  
will be severely taxed in men and  
money before the 'Boche' is driven  
back to his den with his fangs drawn.  
This is not intended as a war dis-  
cussion, but I want to let you know  
from here that we have learned much  
that I wish the people at home could  
realize.

"I could write pages on conditions,  
food conservation, military control,  
etc., but it would probably not get  
by the censor. I only want to ask  
that you get behind us, and that you  
do not forget that we are in a war  
which is going to be the biggest this  
next year that the world ever has or  
ever will see. Liberty is at stake,  
and while every man who is now here  
or who will come will do his honor  
to preserve it, the ones at home will  
be largely responsible for either his  
success or his failure."

Captain McKennett's letter is dated  
November 1, and the envelope con-  
taining it is stamped merely with the  
army postal service stamp, giving  
no clue to his location. A censor's

mark, "passed as censored," as de-  
scribes the envelope.

### COMMISSIONER IS ILL.

Owing to the illness of County  
Commissioner L. E. Smith, who is  
confined to his home with the grippe,  
the county court business was carried  
on today by Judge Barnes and Com-  
missioner A. L. Mackintosh. Yester-  
day Mr. Mackintosh was taken over  
the new roads and expressed approval  
of the work which has been accom-  
plished in his absence.

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