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Starve, trap or poison rats. It is especially important at this time to save the food rats waste.

While German is rapidly being eliminated from the courses of study in this country the government is supplying the "Sammy's" who are going to Europe with olefin-covered handbooks furnishing "Easy Lessons in French."

Nearly a thousand people have died in the city of New York since the first of August. When we count our mercies, let us not forget to thank God for the privilege of living in Oregon with a climate that we can enjoy instead of endure.

When Hoover tries his hand next month we shall soon find how much he can do towards keeping down the price of flour. The government can, if it will, buy the entire wheat crop and commandeer the flour mills to keep bread within eating bounds.

The Portland bootlegger who paid \$350 for something that looked like booze on a dark street on the east side and took it from the seller's auto and carried it home in his own has had blood in his eye ever since he sampled the stuff and found it was all real tea.

While spuds are selling in this country around 3 1/2 cents a pound, and the crop in this state having been cut short by drouth, farmers back in Minnesota are contracting their abundant output at 30 cents a bushel. It has been a long time since a bushel of potatoes has looked like 30 cents to us.

Our local dealers have been predicting such a steady advance in the price of flour, as the short crop in this country and the increasing demand for breadstuffs in Europe would indicate. All that the consumer has to raise any hopes of living prices is Hoover's appointment as food dictator. Indeed, we are all waiting to see what this new David will be able to do to the Goliath of high prices.

Owners of autos are being urged to use as little gasoline as possible for pleasure rides in order that there may be enough for war purposes for the United States and her allies. It is estimated that for aeroplanes, war boats and army trucks 35,000,000 gallons a year will be needed. While other nations at war are running short of necessities, so far the people of this country have only been asked to curtail their luxuries.

One thing Oregon yet lacks which is to be found in many of the older states of the east, and that is a state historical society, preserving especially files of every newspaper published in the state. The file of the Coos Bay Monthly magazine published for a couple of years by the late P. C. Levar, which Mrs. Levar has turned over to the Sentinel ought certainly to find a place in the collections of such a society.

E. E. Brodie, president of the Oregon State Editorial Association, is being generally favored by the press of the state as a candidate for Secretary of State to succeed Ben W. Olcott, who will be ineligible for a re-election. Mr. Brodie is president of the association and a live wire, and is certainly well qualified for the position for which he is a candidate. We are sorry to lose Olcott from that place but hope Mr. Brodie will prove just as popular an official.

There is talk of another "Liberty Loan" bond issue this fall, and it is intimated a change will be made next time in not exempting them from taxation, but at the same time making the interest one per cent more. In

that once it is possible the promise to raise the former issue automatically by further issues at a higher rate would not hold, as a three and a half per cent rate with tax exemption would be considered better than a four and a half per cent issue subject to taxation.

You can often tell a man's approximate age by his initials or his given name. The "B. A. D.'s," the "A. L.'s," the "Grovers" and the "Theodores" tell a story of their own. But it is safe to say that there will be fewer "Wilhelms" coming of age in 1938 than usual.—Oregonian.

We might add that while every era has its crop of "G. W.'s" and "T. J.'s" the "D. W.'s" are by no means as common as they used to be; but that there is a promising crop of "W. W.'s" already sprouted.

Even money metal has risen in value as a result of the war, though most people find money isn't worth as much as it used to be when exchanging it for almost anything they have to buy—except a few things like newspapers. The statement that silver bullion has risen from 51 cents an ounce to 82 1/2 during the past three years indicates that it is costing 60 per cent more than it used to for the government to buy silver enough to make a dollar. No doubt William J. Bryan and his free silver coinage friends are rejoicing to see this day.

It is interesting to note that the amount received from premiums and accumulated interest on the road bond issue of \$362,000, amounting to over \$12,000, is about half enough to pay the engineering expenses that will be incurred in the five projects to be constructed from that fund. Add to this the fact that all the expenses of engineering since the state highway commission took charge of the work last year are being paid by the state, and it becomes at once evident that after deducting the engineering expenses paid by the county there will still remain for actual road construction considerable more money than the total amount of the bond issue.

HOW LONG WILL WAR LAST?

It is somewhat disconcerting to hear from our representative in the legislature, Hon Arthur K. Peck, who has been listening to talks by various military experts almost nightly at San Francisco for the past two months, that it is considered a good deal more than possible that the war may last for five years. Of course something may happen any day to show that the end is near; but that is only a bare possibility. The probability is that it will last for years until one side or the other is thoroughly convinced that it cannot win. Indeed, it would be lots less difficult to convince this writer now that the United States and its allies face a three years' struggle, than it would have been to show us that Kitchener was right in saying it would last three years more in the fall of 1914.

The American people have hardly begun to realize what war means, but month by month and year by year as it goes on we shall become nerved up to the struggle and see more and more clearly how much a matter of life and death it is for all we have termed our country. With our American ideals of free government, to many of us life as subjects of the Kaiser with his heartless Huns dictating our conduct, would not be worth the living.

We must win this war for self government. All that we have and are at stake, all the institutions which we have cherished and which have been developing for the past 300 years on this western continent, all the wealth we have produced from its soil, all the homes we have built on its plains and in the valleys, there is nothing in this life that we value which is not at stake. But we must realize both the magnitude of the task before us and the vastness of the stake which is at issue if we are to put forth our full strength and make the contest as brief as possible.

It seems as if fiends from the lowest pits of hell could hardly have conceived so awful a fate as that into which one man was willing to plunge the world to promote his maniacal ambition. The powers of evil the Kaiser has evoked now confront us, however, and there is neither safety nor hope except as we overcome them. To force alone will they succumb. So let us make our strength felt for the right, sparing no ounce of energy we possess. The utmost of physical power, the utmost of mental force, all the resources of our wills and our spirits, must be brought into use if we are to help render this planet safe for democracy and the abode of peace. And the world is no longer large enough to divide between the people who blindly obey a Kaiser and those who insist on their right to govern themselves.

This is the one issue that swallows up all others, and which renders it fatuous for us to quarrel about trifles while our very existence is at stake. Whoever is not for us whole heartedly, whoever is not willing to surrender every thought even

that disagrees with our putting forth our whole vigor in this contest, is an enemy in the year. What we need, is to be united as we have never been united before and to place all our resources of men and money at the disposal of our government—and then the victory will be assured.

France soon realized that she must get forth all her energies or be overwhelmed by the hordes that the Kaiser had been training for a generation to throw against her. England was slower in learning the lesson but she is sending every energy now to overcome the power that in violation of the most elementary principles of civilized society wastefully murders her women and children. Italy came still later into the fray but she knows now that in victory lies her only safety; Russia is slowly righting herself after the convulsion of a revolution which alone could have freed her from traitors in high places. Our strength added to theirs in this righteous cause ought to more than counterbalance the initial advantage which forty years of ceaseless preparation for war gave the arch enemy of free government.

NOT A RICH MAN'S WAR.

Anyone who says that this is a rich man's war or that it has been promoted by the moneyed interests and that they are going to profit from it while poor people do the fighting and shed their blood, is off all wrong and playing into the hands of our enemies by working to prevent that whole hearted union of our people that will soon bring us victory. Here is something along this line clipped from the editorial columns of the Oregon Journal, which no one has ever had reason to accuse of standing up for the money power:

"It was not to Wall street but to the people of America that the administration went for cash for its Liberty Bonds. The financial capital of the country is no longer in Wall street but at Washington. The money and credit of the nation is directed by the federal reserve board, not by the Morgan group of financiers. There is cheap money for the farmers under the farm loan board as well as for railroads and captains of industry, insurance, banking and commerce.

"The interests cannot even put over \$95 steel, high priced coal nor other necessities on the government. And there has been passed under the lash of the president, a law to squeeze the take-offs of the interests out of the people's food and fuel.

"If there ever was a time for those who have worked and walked against the interests to have hope and outlook and thankfulness, that time is now."

\$5,000,000 FOR AUTOS THIS YEAR.

The Sentinel frequently hears the opinion expressed that money is scarce and living expensive in Oregon because of the drain the auto habit imposes on our resources. And, come to think of it, that must cut some figure. Here, for instance, up to the first of August 10,000 new cars were purchased in Oregon. At an average of \$500 each that would mean five millions of dollars taken out of circulation in this state for the initial investment, to say nothing of the cost of gas, tires and repairs, which is bound to continue until the car is scrapped. That such an investment must diminish the circulating medium there can be no question. To what extent there are compensating advantages it would be hard to estimate. That the machines save time when used for necessary trips is obvious enough. Perhaps not the less so that time is sometimes wasted by unnecessary joy riding. Then again it must be admitted that the auto tends to keep people in the open air. As a preventive of tuberculosis, this may not only lengthen life but help save doctors' bills and funeral expenses.

As with so many other questions there is lots to be said on both sides. Plenty of people are ready to agree that with our muddy roads for more than half the year the main trouble is that we can't ride enough. It is unquestionable, too, that the use of the auto has resulted in the greatest stimulus road improvement ever received. On the whole perhaps it is questionable whether we should be any healthier, or richer even, if the joy wagon had never been invented.

ROAD BOND FUND FIGURES.

The figures that the Sentinel published showing the total expenditures from the total funds available for each of the various projects were correct, but the special fund of \$3,392, to be drawn from all the projects to pay expenses, like the first year's interest on the bond issue which were common to all of them and had already been included in the amount originally available in each of them, was erroneously included by the reporter in making the totals. Deducting this sum leaves the entire amount available for expenditures growing out of the bond issue \$373,432 instead of \$377,814 as stated. This leaves the amount added to the original \$362,000 in the shape of premiums and excess

interest paid by the bond buyers standing at \$12,452.

THE FIGURES ARE STAGGERING.

The annual income of our national wealth is estimated at fifty billions of dollars by Secretary of the Treasury, Wm. G. McAdoo. If it is anything like that we could certainly carry on war for any length of time without trenching upon our capital. The largest estimates yet made of our possible expenditures for a year of war, including vast loans to our allies, do not amount to one-third of that sum.

And as we have 225 billions of wealth to start with, our financial ability must now rank not only higher than any other nation in the world, but equal to that of any other two nations. What a power to throw into the scale in favor of righteousness and world betterment.

WILL MAKE FOOD CENSUS.

A week or so ago one of the canning experts of the United States Department of Agriculture reported that a group of girls in a small southern community had this year added their bit to the country's food supply by putting up 7,290 quarts of tomatoes, 2,850 quarts of peas, 324 quarts of okra and tomatoes mixed, 260 quarts of soup mixture, and 850 quarts of guavas. The canning season for the north is now upon us. If in each northern community a group of girls were to follow the good example of these southern girls, the H would soon disappear from the H. C. of L.

The United States Department of Agriculture will tell you how to can and dry all your surplus fruits and vegetables. Just send a card to the Division of Publications, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., asking for bulletins on home canning and drying of fruits and vegetables.

CAN BE DONE EVERYWHERE.

In order that the public may know how much food is available in this country from all sources the Bureau of Crop Estimates, the Bureau of Chemistry, and other branches of the department of Agriculture, with funds provided expressly for that purpose by Congress, expect to begin immediately a country-wide survey of food resources. The aim of this survey will be to disclose the quantities of various foodstuffs on farms, in factory and storage houses of all kinds, in stores and shops, and in the homes of consumers. Actual inventories will be made of holdings by large concerns, and surveys will be made of supplies on farms, in homes, and in the hands of small retail dealers. Estimates also will be made of average family consumption. As a basis for these estimates careful studies will be made of the holdings and consumption of representative families in certain sections.

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