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OF COURSE!

My Tuesdays are meatless
My Wednesdays are wheatless,
I'm getting more eatless each day;
My home, it is heatless,
My bed, it is sheatless—
They're all sent to the Y. M. C. A.

The bar-rooms are treatless,
My coffee is sweetless,
Each day I get poorer and wiser;
My stockings are feetless,
My trousers are seatless,
My God, how I do hate the kaiser.
—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

Some years ago a little girl wrote as follows to the New York Sun:

Dear Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA.

The letter came into the hands of Mr. Frank P. Church, a member of the editorial staff of The Sun. His answer to Virginia's question, printed first twenty years ago, has been reprinted many times, and it now holds a place in the hearts of thousands, who treasure it as one of the rarely fine and precious bits of sentiment in our language. We are glad of the opportunity to give it to readers of The Sentinel:

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy.

Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the super-natural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else so real as that.

"No Santa Claus. Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Eat Oregon cheese and kill two birds with one stone—patronize home industry and conserve the meat supply for our armies and our allies.

SERVING AMERICA.

Our soldiers are in Europe; our sailors and marines are patrolling the seas; thousands of young men—drawn from every trade and rank in life and of parentage representing almost every nation of the old and new worlds—are in training camps preparing to fight for our country.

"Our relatives and friends are in the ranks. That they will do their duty is beyond question. Volunteers and drafted men alike, of many nationalities, are ready to give up their lives if this nation needs them.

"There can be no question that we who are left at home are willing and should be ready to serve our country.

"Our duty is no less plain than that of the soldier or marine. The government needs men with rifles, but it is just as much in need of loyal men at home. The soldier is taught to shoot straight, but his shooting is of little avail unless the man back at home learns to work straight and think straight."

The Engineering News Record has issued a supplement which every American should study. It is a picture of a soldier in the trenches. The caption reads:

"Manufacturer: Before you fix that price—

"Dealer: Before you add that extra profit—

"Workman: Before you strike—ASK YOURSELF—

"Is this my boy?" —Eugene Guard.

WHY?

Why must we be so careful about saving sugar? Because sugar is a necessary food, and not just something that we like to eat because of the taste. Sugar is the food that helps the body to stay warm, and it also provides it with energy. That is why soldiers, exposed in the trenches and working under great strain, should have sugar—more sugar, even, than they needed at home. And the people of the allied countries, working harder than they ever did before to keep up with their country's needs, should also have much more sugar than they are getting.

The Creswell Chronicle has again suspended. Running a newspaper these days is a precarious business. Costs have gone out of sight, profits have entirely disappeared and even as good a newspaperman as Geo. H. Baxter is he could not keep up the fight against such odds. He has been offered a splendid opening at Gardiner and, no doubt, that city will become better known even than it is now with Baxter at the head of publicity.

If you are doing your bit, do another bit. That's two bits, for which you can buy a War-Savings Thrift Stamp—and that's still another bit.

Oregon cheese for Oregon people! Oregon's food commissioner says, "eat a little every day and save the meat."

A rolling stone gathers no moss, but anyway it keeps out of other people's road.

REGULAR IS SORRY FOR GUARD

Vancouver Barracks, Dec. 17.—(To the Editor.)—From time to time I have seen articles in your paper about the boys of the C. A. C., O. N. G., and about the food they are getting. Don't they realize that they are "in the army now?" I have shown some of them around among the boys here in the regulars and we sure feel sorry for them. What will they do if they ever leave Oregon and can't get their weekly batch of chickens, cake, fruit, etc.?

We have the same ration allowance they have and never receive anything

from our home towns. We boys of the regulars appear to be forgotten by our town clubs and societies. All we ask is a fair deal from anyone, but from several articles that appeared in The Oregonian some time back, they don't seem to want to give us that.

We have good mess here—plenty of it. We also have a good-sized mess fund saved up to use on our trip which will start this week, before Wednesday. If the national guard kick on what they get now in barrack life, with their towns behind them, what will happen if they ever have to take the field and take what the regulars do? I feel sorry for them.

I would like to thank the ladies of the Divide society on behalf of my company for the housewife cases they sent us some time ago. They were fine.

We each receive a Christmas package of writing materials, smoking, confections and other small articles from the Laurelhurst club, of Portland, which will come in very handy on the train, where we will spend our Christmas.

PVT. GEORGE D. FOSTER,
Co. B, 4th Eng. Corps, U. S. Reg. Army.

In justice to the boys of Sixth company, it should be stated that they have made little complaint personally and when home on furlough several have expressed regret that so much had been said about the company fund. It is true, however, as Private Foster says, that the regulars have not been treated as kindly as have the national guard. This is due to the fact that the regulars come from many towns, while an entire company of the guard is made up from one city. In the latter case a whole city has an interest in a company, while in the former case only a family or two in any one town are interested in the members of any company. Nothing is too good for the soldier boys, whether they be in the guard or the regulars, but when they get on the battlefield all will take what comes their way without complaint and will, without doubt, give more than they take.

SUGGESTS SENATORSHIP FOR COTTAGE GROVE.

In a recent issue the Brownsville Times made the following kindly reference to a Cottage Grove citizen in connection with the joint senatorship:

"Ever since Linn and Lane have been linked politically, there has been a sort of 'unwritten law' to the effect that Linn would furnish the material from which state senators are made at one election and at the succeeding election Lane county would come forward with the material. Linn wants to uphold the 'unwritten law,' and if this law holds good Lane will name the man for joint senator at the coming primaries. All Linn will be expected to do will be to turn out at the polls, as all good and reliable citizens do, and help nominate the man.

"There are a number of prominent men in Lane county who could represent Linn and Lane with credit at the next and succeeding sessions of the legislature. Doubtless, while no names have been mentioned as yet, there will be several Lane county candidates for the nomination for joint senator. It must be remembered that The Times is making these political observations with the idea in mind that the 'unwritten law' will apply in the forthcoming primary election so far as Linn and Lane are concerned with the matter of nominating a republican candidate for joint senator. This being the case, we would respectfully say to the republicans of Lane county that their neighbors on the north will demand the best material that Lane county can produce for this nomination. And if we may be allowed to do so, this political job being a joint affair, we would nominate for the nomination for joint senator from Linn and Lane, a man who resides in the southern part of Lane county. Notwithstanding the fact that this man resides in the southern part of Lane county, he is a man we can trust absolutely to represent both counties ably and well. Lane county can do no better than to rally round the candidacy of Elbert Bede, the able editor of The Cottage Grove Sentinel."

Notice to Lodge Secretaries.
The Sentinel wishes to publish the names of your newly elected officers. Secretaries of lodges will confer a favor by furnishing such a list.

Notice to Laundry Customers.
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NAVY DEPARTMENT TO BE INVESTIGATED

Congress to Probe Expenditures and Policies in Conduct of War.

Washington.—Congress has extended its investigation of the administration's war preparations to the navy. While the senate military committee continued its army hearing the house naval committee unanimously decided to begin immediately a general inquiry into naval affairs.

It was officially announced that the purpose of the naval investigation would be to scrutinize past and future expenditures and policies and insure greater co-ordination between congress and the executive departments in the conduct of the war.

Congress is determined to smoke out incompetence, greed or any other fault which might seriously interfere with speedily putting this country's war aims across and ending the war.

"Congress is not trying to 'get' anybody," said one senator. "Some individual congressmen doubtless would like to unseat some individual members of the government. But congress as a whole has but one idea in investigating the government—to learn how things are going and, if they are going badly, correct by whatever means is necessary."

An investigation of the shipping board is also planned by the house committee. The "inside" of the Denman-Gothals row and of Admiral Capps' retirement will be aired. Chairman Hurley will be called on to show how much speed is being made to launch 6,000,000 tons of shipping in 1918. Details of contracts with the country's leading steel magnates will be sought. And the old wooden-steel ship controversy may be opened.

GOVERNOR'S HOME IS DAMAGED BY BOMB

Sacramento, Cal.—An attempt to dynamite the governor's mansion to kill Governor William D. Stephens and his wife was made when a charge of explosive was set off in the southwest wall of the building. The rear porch was blown off and a large hole was torn in the brickwork of the building. Although Governor Stephens, his wife and the servants were asleep in the upper floor of the building, nobody was injured and the damage was confined to the exterior wall of the building.

Pro-German agents or sympathizers are blamed by the police for the outrage.

Police said they were convinced the damage was caused by a heavy charge of dynamite, probably five pounds or more, because the force of the blast was inward.

"According to my judgment," said Governor Stephens, "the bomb was thrown from the alleyway about 40 feet to the rear of the mansion, and did not light as far under the house as its owner had intended."

Teutons Swoop on Convoy, Sinking 11.

London.—One British and five neutral merchantmen, a British destroyer and four mine sweepers have been sunk in the North sea by German naval forces. The losses were the result of an attack on a convoy bound from Scotland to Norway. Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, announced. The total tonnage of the lost merchantmen was 8000.

Congressmen to Pay Tax.

Washington.—The house ways and means committee has directed Chairman Kitchin to draft an amendment to the excess profits section of the war tax bill that would clear up any doubt as to the tax on the incomes of professional men receiving \$5000 or more a year being applicable to members of congress.

Canada Votes for Conscription.

Ottawa, Ont.—Without the assistance of votes from Canadian soldiers overseas, the union government and its platform of conscription is winner in the dominion's general election. Sir Robert Borden's administration has a majority of more than 40 seats in parliament.

Shipbuilders Given Increased Pay.

San Francisco.—Increase of wages amounting to \$30,000 a day for the shipyard workmen of the Pacific coast was one of three concessions granted iron trades crafts workers by the government, according to labor organization representatives who returned here from Washington.

Board Denounces Wool Profiteers.

Washington.—Profiteers in wool are subjected to a scathing rebuke in a statement issued by the war trade board. No justification, according to the board, exists for the advance in prices to 200 per cent above pre-war levels.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

As You Go Over the Top

in your charge across the three hundred and sixty-five days of the New Year, we wish you all the luck possible in safely overcoming all the many serious obstacles that may confront you.

We hope that each one of you who is making a sacrifice either in person, in money or in family man-power to "Make the World Safe for Democracy" may be rewarded by the safe return of Family, Friend and Finance.

That your success may be assured, we offer you every material assistance together with our heartiest co-operation and lasting good will for the decisive year of nineteen eighteen. May it bring you prosperity and happiness.

Umphrey & Mackin

THE QUALITY STORE—GOOD SERVICE

Mrs. Fred Herren, of Aberdeen, Wash., a former resident of this city, visited during the past week with Mrs. Geo. Hall.

H. T. Jorgenson returned from the coast to spend Christmas with his family and parents.

J. E. McKibben came up from southern Oregon to spend Christmas with his family here.

Mrs. Joe Arnold left Saturday to spend Christmas at Portland with relatives.

Mr. Arnold will join her there after the first of the year and will endeavor to enlist in the medical corps.

Miss Nellie Myers, teacher in the Eugene schools, is spending the Christmas vacation with her sister, Mrs. Elbert Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Parker, returned to Dexter, after a visit at the C. M. Parker and S. E. McKinney homes. Mrs. C. M. Parker accompanied them home. Mr. Parker followed Monday.

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