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"I am sorry that you do not wear a flag every day and I can only ask you if you lose the physical emblem to be sure that you wear it IN YOUR HEART; the heart of America shall interpret the heart of the world."—President Wilson.



NOTES AND COMMENTS

THE KAISER DID IT

My Tuesday's are meatless,
My Wednesday's are wheatless,
I am getting more eatless each day.
My home it is heatless,
My bed it is sheetless,
They're sent to the Y. M. C. A.
The barrooms are treatless,
My coffee is sweetless,
Each day I get poorer and wiser.
My stockings are feetless,
My trousers are seatless,
My God, but I do hate the Kaiser!

THE OLD OAKEN ADVERTISER

How dear to our hearts is the old advertiser,
Who runs his stuff fifty-two weeks in the year,
He turns up on Monday with good snappy copy
And drives out the blues with his laughter and cheer.
He never says, "Kill it," "The people won't read it,"
"It don't do no good" nor "I can't stand the pace."
But comes to the front (with his check) like a major,
And sometimes says, "Bill, better double that space."
Oh, the old advertiser,
The good advertiser,
The safe advertiser
We all love so well!

Hello, 1918.

Have you joined the Red Cross? The Kaiser has not.

If Mayor Hi Gill of Seattle is half as dirty as his enemies paint him, he is not fit to be mayor of a prairie dog town.

Oregon's salmon catch for 1917 is estimated at \$6,000,000, with a million worth of other fish thrown in for good measure.

More than one hundred full-blooded Apache Indians belong to the Globe, Ari., Red Cross chapter. No slackers there, my countrymen.

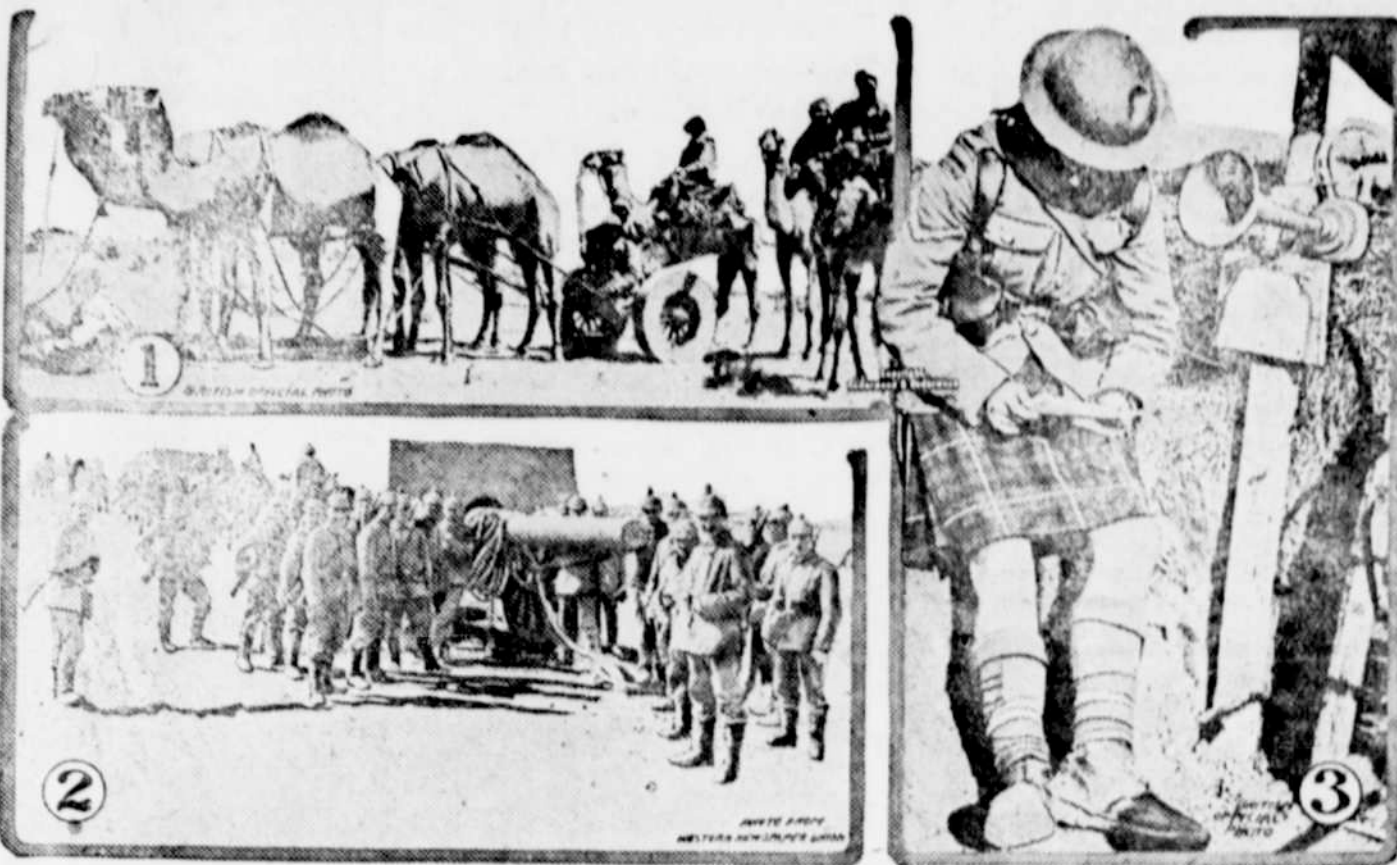
Elsewhere in this issue is an extract from a letter written to O. M. Sanford of this city by Private Floyd L. Tucker, with the American expeditionary forces in France. The letter is doubly in-

teresting at this time because of what it says of the Red Cross. Possibly if the two or three slackers in this town (thank God they are scarce, but a few is too many) who have refused to help the Red Cross read that letter, they will relent, hunt up a membership solicitor and pungle up their life blood in the shape of a silver dollar. Let us hope so, anyway.

Convalescing from an illness and still too ill to do farm work, Walter Evenden, living near McMinnville, knitted seven sweaters and several pairs of sox for the Red Cross. You just can't tell what a man can do until he tries.

Evangelist Billy Sunday says he is going "over there" to convert the soldiers in the trenches. Try it on the Huns, Billy, our boys are pretty good Christians right now, and we don't want them too good until they avenge a few thousand murders.

Before any of our loyal American citizens get the idea that because certain United States senators are jumping onto Herbert Hoover it is a foregone conclusion that Hoover must be either incompetent or crooked, let these American citizens remember that Mr. Hoover has a big job on his hands, a very big job. He is trying to do single-handed what congress has tried for years to do—make the sugar trust and other food trusts let up on their robbery of the government and its private citizens. The lower house of congress has, the writer believes, made many honest attempts to curb the rapacious trusts, but always the Senators, subsidized hired men of the trusts, have throttled the lower house. Now that Hoover is told to make the trusts behave, the trusts have set their hired senators on his trail in an endeavor to make the people believe that Hoover is either a fool



1—British in Palestine laying a telephone cable with the aid of a chariot drawn by camels. 2—Huge German guns of a new model being hurried up to the western front. 3—Highlander in a gas sentry post ready to spread the alarm when the Germans let loose the poisonous fumes.

or a crook. One of the first senators to start the coyote yelp was Smoot, who is very closely allied with the Utah-Idaho Sugar company, the Mormon branch of the sugar trust. Hoover was and is spoiling the graft of the Smoots, Spreckles, et al. But the editor of the Express is wagering a big red apple that Hoover whips the trusts blood-hounds to a standstill. Watch his smoke.

WAR SAVINGS

"War Savings Stamps mark an epoch in our national life."—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo.

Many a successful business man has said that the saving of his first dollar was the most important single act of his life; that it marked the beginning of a habit and a course of conduct to which he attributed his success.

Something very analogous to this, it is believed, is going to be the effect on the American Nation of the War Savings campaign. Not only are millions of individual citizens going to begin to save, but this habit of economy and saving is going to be a collective movement, a movement not of individuals alone but of the Nation.

The habit of saving formed now has a deeper incentive than ordinary. We are saving now not alone for selfish reasons; we are saving now from patriotism; saving not alone for ourselves, but for our country. The combination of patriotism and thrift is, indeed, going to make the War Savings campaign an epoch in our national life. It is not only going to be a thing of tremendous benefit to millions of citizens; it is going to be a thing of tremendous advantage to the nation as a whole, and affect our whole national life. It marks the beginning of a new era in American life, an era of economy, good sense, and patriotism.

Red Cross Workers Are Complimented

That the state managers of the Red Cross membership campaign understand the difficulties encountered and the results obtained by the workers of Washington county is evidenced by the following copy of a letter received by B. J. Simpson, manager of the campaign for western Washington county:

Portland, Ore.
December 30, 1917.

Mr. B. J. Simpson, Campaign Manager, Christmas Red Cross Membership Drive, Forest Grove, Oregon.
Dear Mr. Simpson:

Your campaign workers braved the weather and went from house to house and from farm to farm, canvassing for Red Cross memberships. There was no

hardship they were not willing to undergo. The distressing shortage of buttons and other supplies embarrassed them, but they went ahead with lofty courage. They were animated by love of our country, affection for our soldier boys and a desire to be of actual service in relieving the suffering caused by frightful war; also they were determined Washington county should do its full share in the enrollment of members in response to the appeal of President Wilson asking every man and woman to join the Red Cross.

The results in Washington county speak for themselves. To your heroic workers belong the credit. It was individual work like this all over our state that won again for Oregon the proud distinction of being among the foremost states of the Union in patriotic achievement.

No mere letter of thanks can convey to your workers anything like the credit that is their due. Their devotion demonstrates that they were not striving for personal credit. Their rich reward is in the consciousness of sacrifice made and duty done, but in behalf of the Northwestern Division Campaign Committee, will you kindly convey to each and all of them, through any channel that may be available, the deep sense of appreciation felt at Division and State Headquarters for their devoted service.

Yours gratefully,
HERVEY LINDLEY,
Chairman, Northwestern Division Campaign Committee.

C. C. CHAPMAN,
HENRY E. REED,
Members for Oregon.

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Call to Poultrymen Heeded in Short Course

O. A. C. Experiment Station, Corvallis, Jan. 2.—Training in hatching and brooding chicks, feeding and managing the young and the mature stock, and in breeding better strains, will be given in the short course at O. A. C. Jan. 7 to Feb. 2.

The biggest appropriations yet made by the Federal Government to speed up meat production is devoted to increasing the hog and the poultry supply of the Nation, because results are quicker with these means. About \$150,000 has been set aside for the poultry work, and agents of the Federal Government are being detailed to conduct extension work in all the states. Oregon has not yet been supplied with these specialists but notice that appointments have been made are expected at any time. Oregon farm poultry raisers are getting ready to meet the new conditions, as it is from them that the increased supply is largely expected. Suburban and back lot growers are also interested.

Short Course for Farm Folks

Training for farmers and homemakers to help them meet the heavy war demands will be given in the short course at O. A. C. Jan. 7 to Feb. 2. Use of farm tractors and other machines, grading of grains according to new State and Federal laws, liberty cookery and war-time clothes economy, farm accounting, farm management and creamery work will be taught.

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