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OREGON WEATHER

Weather tomorrow: Cloudy,
easterly winds.

HELPING MINERS

A measure in which Josephine county should be considerably interested, is senate bill 2,417, introduced in the United States senate by Senator Chamberlain of this state.

The bill, provides that the provisions of the mining laws which require that on each mining claim located after the tenth day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, and until patent has been issued therefor, not less than \$100 worth of labor shall be performed or improvements made during each year, shall not apply to claims or parts of claims owned or held from April first, nineteen hundred and seventeen, to and including the termination of the existing war.

In effect, this removes the necessity of annual assessment work on mining claims during the time the war is in progress. The plea is made that the scarcity of labor and the need of all available miners in actual production of metals needed in war work, makes it unwise to require that this work be done on the thousands of mineral claims all over the mining west.

The Oregon delegation in congress is understood to be solidly behind the measure.

WE CANNOT SENSE IT

Does one wonder why those charged with authority and responsibility at the seat of government chafe under the delay with which they are granted authority to cope with the serious situation confronting them and the nation. That slowness is due to an inability to realize what this war means. Its figures are astonishing. We fail to really sense it, situated as we are, so far from the scenes of its devastation.

It is one thing to glance at long lists of casualties in the morning papers, to read the description of villages and townships ruined by artillery fire. It is quite another thing to sense the true inwardness of the vast human tragedy that is being enacted across the sea. The silence of London and Paris, and of other great cities in France and England; the prevalence of black as the color in which most women are dressed, is a mere outward symbol of the mourning that is in the hearts and homes of nearly every family in war-devastated Europe.

General Sir William Robertson, chief of the Imperial staff of the British army headquarters, states that within six weeks the British alone have expended 200,000 tons of ammunition in France.

Perhaps his most significant statement, however, is this: "The great-

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est peculiarity of this war is the colossal numbers engaged. It is not a war between enemies, but war between nations, and there is no man or woman in the empire who is not doing something, either to win or lose the war."

Sir Arthur Henderson, a member of the British war council, announced a few days ago that 7,000,000 men had been killed. The total casualties—that is, the total number killed, wounded and missing, among all the armies engaged reaches the amazing figure of 45,000,000 or half the total population of the United States.

Sir Robert Borden has just returned to Canada, and his first message was that:

"The speed of the United States in sending ships, munitions and men will probably be the determining factor in the war."

We should move today as if we were to face Germany alone tomorrow.

TRENCH TALES

for the incursions. "We had moved forward a good bit after the first fortnight of this new advance, and we were holding an old Fritz trench as our first line. One night I saw what looked like big flares going up, some way behind the German line. When my officer came along I reported this to him. 'I guess they're clearing out' he said, 'I'll tell the colonel.' Next morning three platoons were sent forward to investigate and, as there was no resistance, the whole of that part of the line moved forward. It was a bit of a surprise and everybody was more or less muddled for the time. I went across and just as I got there, I noticed in the German front line, one of the duck boards cut in two. A man went up and put his foot on it and, immediately, about five yard of the trench went up with a huge bang, wounding several. After that we found a few more of the same sort in the communication trenches, so the officer made us explode them with heavy stones. We found there were just two bombs under each of them.

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IN MINE FIRE AT BUTTE

The city has been saddened by the announcement of the death of John Bixby, a victim of the fire at the Speculator copper mine at Butte, Mont., which occurred the night of June 8. It was known that young Bixby was at the mine and was reported among the missing but definite announcement did not reach here until Thursday.

John Bixby, who was a student at Oakland Polytechnic school, went to Corvallis and spent a few days with Dana Ament of this city and at the close of the college the boys went to Butte to secure work and found employment at the Speculator. Bixby on the night shift and Ament on the day shift, and the boys had been working only a day or two when the fire occurred, Ament missing the shift by an hour. It was thought for a time that Bixby might be in the survivors, but a wire from the mine authorities states that he was working on the 2,400-foot level and it is probable the body will not even be recovered.

John Bixby was born at Ventura, Cal., and was 23 years of age. He graduated from the Grants Pass high school with the class of '14. He was prominent in all high school activities and especially in athletics. He possessed artistic talent to a marked degree, making many of the cartoons for the 1914 Toka. After completing the course here he attended the Polytechnic school at Oakland, Cal., spending his vacations in earning funds to pay school expenses. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bixby, formerly of this place, now reside at 1636 Fifth Avenue, Oakland, Cal.

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BULGARIA CONCERNED
OVER GREEK SITUATION

Geneva, June 21.—Consternation has been caused in Sofia by the abdication of King Constantine of Greece, the semi-official Balkan news agency says. King Ferdinand has been greatly impressed, and considers it certain that Premier Venizelos will take the head of the government and make war on his country.

NO PRIOR RIGHTS ON
O. & C. GRANT LANDS

Warning that money spent by those desiring to secure filing on Oregon & California grant lands in payment of location fees would be lost and that no preference rights can be secured has again been issued by the secretary of the interior.

L. L. Sharp, special agent in charge of the Oregon & California grant land classification work, is in receipt of a notice from the secretary of the interior who asks that full publicity be given the same.

The notice says that no disposition of the grant lands can or will be made until the work of classification has been completed and the back taxes paid.

It also sets out that there is no way by which preference rights may be secured under the law, and that any fees paid to so called locators will be money lost so far as the prospective settlers are concerned.

"It is the policy of the department that when the lands are ready to be thrown open for settlement and entry the public is to be notified thereof so that every one will have an equal opportunity and an equal chance. This policy will be strictly adhered to," the statement concludes.

The work of classification will be again commenced within the next few days, according to Mr. Sharp. Approximately one-half of the grant has already been classified.

BOYS MURDER JUNK MAN
FOR BASEBALL BAT AND \$13

Chicago, June 22.—Thirteen dollars and a baseball bat made murderers of three boys, all under 13 years of age. David Stry, junk dealer, just before he died in a hospital last night, said he was assaulted Tuesday afternoon by three boys, who entrined him into a barn on the pretext they had something to sell, then beat him with a baseball bat and robbed him of \$13. Two of the boys wore knickers. One, according to Stry, was about 12 years of age and the others about a year older.

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