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**OREGON WEATHER**  
 Weather tomorrow: Cloudy,  
 westerly winds.

**FIVE ANSWERS**  
 The German kaiser and his advisors were assured many times before America's entry into the war, that the people of this country would not respond to an appeal to make war, that we were dulled to all sense of patriotism by money-chasing, and were too "soft" to be an effective enemy.

Five times since the declaration of war, America has been called upon to show what kind of stuff she is made of. Five times she has responded in magnificent shape.

The call for volunteers to bring the army and navy up to fighting strength was met with a fine response although the people as a whole had not really sensed what this war meant to our country.

The registering of 10,000,000 young men between the ages of 21 and 30, leaving other millions younger and older of good fighting caliber as reserves, was done in a quiet, business-like manner with neither undue hurrah or any sense of antagonism. It was a great nation lining up to an important task like business men.

The Liberty loan of \$2,000,000,000 was 50 per cent over-subscribed within the limited time set. The pleasing thing about that demonstration was that the money came from the people in a broad sense. The number subscribing and the amount of the over-subscription exceeded that shown by Germany in her first war loan.

And now that great organization of mercy, the Red Cross, asked the people of this nation to donate \$100,000,000 to the work of carrying those little extra touches of helpfulness and care along with the armies that would be sent abroad and in a single week the amount, great as it is, has been over-subscribed; and again by the common people.

If the kaiser needs any further answer to his query—"Do the American people mean business?" we opine that he will not have to wait long to receive it.

**FOOD REGULATION**  
 The big item in the food situation facing this country is not so much the gross output as regulation of distribution.  
 There is an ample supply for America. The question of how much we can spare for our allies will depend upon how carefully the supply, both that intended for domestic use and that for export, is conserved and divided among those who need it. The feeling among foreign buyers is that the supply is far short and representatives of several nations are out-

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bidding each other in an effort to see that they get their share of the too small store available.

This situation leads to an inflation of prices which seriously threatens to advance the cost of food to a point where the poor of the country will suffer.

It is to remedy this danger that the administration is asking for authority to regulate the foodstuffs of the country. The power should be promptly granted.

The president has announced that he will entrust the administration of such a measure to Herbert C. Hoover. Some Americans may feel that it is going too far to entrust such powers to one man, but some one must be trusted and Hoover's splendid work in Belgium, where he was thoroughly tested, and found trustworthy, should satisfy critics on that point.

The money saved would not come out of the pockets of the producers—the farmers. It would be prevented from going into the pockets of the speculators, who in the last five months have grabbed a quarter of a billion dollars from the American people.

The machinery for putting this law into effect should be ready before the harvest begins in July. Congress is wasting a lot of precious time in discussing the details of the question. This is no time for words but for action. War demands prompt, decisive action. The man who delays such action at a juncture like the present is playing into the hands of the Germans.

## TRENCH TALES

"This is my third time home with wounds," said a young Irish sergeant through bandages which came near covering his entire head, "but its not going to be the last though they've made a pukka mess of me this time. They've fairly peppered me with shrap. There aren't many of the old crowd left with my battalion now," he said, adding that he had been in the "fun since Mons." "My company got a new draft not long before we attacked and the new boys went over the top like the rest of us older ones. That's the sort of thing that used to surprise us regulars, we've got over it by this time. It's all the one game and the new ones play it like good 'uns. They're up to beating Fritz any time."

## AMERICA'S CHANCE

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can qualities to our brothers in arms at their maximum efficiency.

"The answer gained is aeroplanes and yet more aeroplanes. Every young American worthy of a name would be keen to join our flying army. The game ideally suits our national temperament. With the wealth we can devote and our unqualified facilities for manufactur-

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ing there is no reason in the world, why we should not be able to procure, in a comparatively short space of time, an overwhelming aerial fleet.

"An army in the air, regiments and brigades of winged cavalry, mounted on gas driven flying horses, could blind the eyes of Germany until her gunners, absolutely deprived of range finders, would be put out of business by the allied artillery.

"The modern type of land war is dependent upon two things above all others; aviation and artillery. They are co-operating elements in a fighting army, and against an enemy a flying machine is a terror and a menace to big guns. That aeroplanes are positively essential for directing artillery fire is an axiom among military men who have seen action in the sort of battles being fought on the western front.

"The magnificently obvious thing, then, is to knock out Germany's eyes by a thrust through the air. But my idea would be something vastly larger than a thrust. An inundation of aeroplanes would better express the idea in its magnitude. Sweep the Germans from the sky, blind the Prussian cannons and the time would be ripe to release an enormous flock of flying fighters to raid and destroy military camps, ammunition depots, military establishments of all kinds. The firing upon troops from machine guns from aeroplanes is becoming common and more accurate. Once given an upper hand in flying machines become frightful engines of destruction.

"The greater the air fleet the safer it becomes to the aviator connected with it, and the more deadly to the enemy to which it is sent.

"Six hundred million dollars looks like a lot of money. Considered in the terms of winning the war, it is a positive bargain. England is spending \$39,000,000 a day for her share in the war. At such a rate per diem it would take something like a fortnight to more than pay for the air fleet which we are planning to construct."

## STATE RED CROSS

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phine and Union raised 111 per cent more than their quotas.

Other high counties were Douglas, 104 per cent excess; Crook, 92 per cent excess; Wallowa, 104 per cent excess and Baker, 75 per cent excess.

Jackson county is credited with 56 per cent over their quota of \$15,000. Lake, just to the east made a very poor showing with a deficit of 78 per cent. In view of the heavy war purchases of horses and stock from that section this is hard to understand unless it be that the city has strained its ability to give in backing the Straborn railroad project.

## CARS ARE NEEDED TO AVOID COAL FAMINE

Washington, June 28.—According to testimony offered before the interstate Commerce commission today, the poor people of the country will suffer untold misery due to a fuel famine unless the railroads supply cars for coal shipments. The blame is laid at the doors of the railroads by those giving the testimony.

## MEADOWS STOCKMAN SHOT AND KILLED BY ACCIDENT

Dave Cotterell, a prominent stockman of the Meadows district was shot and instantly killed about 7:30 Wednesday morning, by a close personal friend and fellow stockman, Lane Wyland.

There is no question but that the shot was accidental. The two men were on the range with their cattle and had taken their guns to kill predatory game. How the shooting occurred has not yet been reported. The bullet passed through the unfortunate man's neck.

Cotterell was about 30 and Wyland about 50 years of age. Both men had families.

## WOMEN AND KIDS WIN AT ANNUAL BAPTIST FROLIC

Yesterday was picnic day for the Baptist Sunday school. About 250 gathered in Riverside park at noon for the picnic dinner and spent the afternoon in games and sports. The special features were the baseball games, in one of which the boys under 15 years, captained by Asa Powers, defeated Prof. Wardrip's married men by a 7-6 score. The ladies, likewise, won from the men, 32-30, using a code of baseball rules that Mr. Spalding never heard of.

A new game, volley ball, was introduced to Grants Pass, and as every one can qualify for this game, it was indulged in by a large number of players. The accommodations at the park for this kind of an affair are very satisfactory and the picnic was a happy success.

## TELEPHONE MEN LEAVE TO JOIN SIGNAL CORPS

The south-bound Southern Pacific passenger train this morning carried about 150 members of Co. E, 5th battalion, reserve signal corps, made up of practical telephone men, recruited from the ranks of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., nearly 100 of them from Portland and the rest from the cities south of Portland.

R. E. Riley of the local telephone force joined the company this morning and proceeded with them to Monterey, Cal., for military instruction. The families of the men are assured their regular income, as the telephone company pays the difference between the government pay and each man's previous salary.

## NOTICE TO CLIENTS

I will be out of my office until September 1, attending the law department of the University of Michigan.

V. A. CLEMENTS.

## LORD NORTHCLEFFE MAY VISIT OREGON LATER

San Francisco, June 28.—There is a possibility that Lord Northcliffe will visit the Pacific coast. He wired Bruce Porter, chairman of the Keesovo day committee, here today that while his task of co-ordination is of such magnitude that he will be unable to leave the east for some time, he is planning to make the western trip later.

## AMERICANS NOT AT SWISS PEACE MEET

Washington, June 28.—The American Federation of Labor has refused to participate in the trade union peace conference in Switzerland, September 17, it was announced here today.

## ITALIAN MINISTRY GIVEN VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

Rome, June 28.—The chamber of deputies voted to extend its support to the existing ministry for another month. The vote indicates a strong support of the Bonelli government.

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**KING GEORGE INSPECTS BRITAIN'S HUGE WARSHIPS**  
 London, June 28.—King George, whose war apprenticeship was served in the navy, has just returned to Buckingham palace after a five days' tour of inspection of the grand fleet. The king watched the batteries in practice and inspected all the new devices and returned home fully convinced that the British navy is primed for the biggest battle in its history.  
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