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OREGON WEATHER

Weather tomorrow: Fair,
warmer.

DEMOCRATIC SCHOOLS

The many able papers and addresses being offered to the gathering of school teachers at Portland furnish an abundance of food for thought.

It is to be hoped that the teaching profession of the country will take unto themselves the lesson taught by the great cataclysm of war, which the German school master, almost, if not quite, as much as the German army officer, has brought upon an innocent world.

No sensible or proper ideal of school administration will admit of any domination in determining themes for instruction or text books to be used or attitudes on public questions,—save a strict adherence to the ideals of truth, free speech and the development of individual opinion and attitude for research.

This danger is not great in the United States, but it is none the less important that it should be dealt a ruthless blow whenever and wherever it shows its head.

It has been said that the cure for the evils of democracy is more democracy. The popular definition of democracy suggests how "more democracy" may be secured: First, by making the government of the people a government by more of the people; and, second, by making it a government for more of the people.

The trend in educational affairs parallels this two-fold trend in civic affairs. First, the administration of the school system in many cities is being actively shared by more and more people. Superintendents, while realizing the importance of leadership, and the necessity of organization and system, are wisely allowing school principals to exercise initiative in the administration of the affairs of their respective school centers; principals pass this freedom on to the teachers.

The second trend, analogous to the second one noted in civil administration, is to make the schools really "for all the people." They must minister not only to the needs of the normal children, but to the special needs of the sickly, the blind, the deaf, the morally and mentally defective, and must not forget to continue the educational chances the child-laborer, and the foreign born.

This trend is also seen in the modified courses of study, which break from the grip of tradition and are shaped on truly democratic lines.

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"The coolest thing I've seen out there," said a private of the Army 11 and Sutherlands, "was after the advance had broken into open fighting. Our shell holes were next to a battalion of the Gordons and I dropped into one of them for a visit.

"There was a sergeant-major in the hole, shoving as calmly as if there were no such things as shells flying around. 'Man, sergeant-major,' I said, 'ye are nae fear!' Says he, 'I left my fear by the side o' the Loozie.' That's the river that Elgin stands on. And we had a bit of a crack then. He told me he had been an athlete in his day and when he told me his name, I knew him for a man, famous on the cycle track. We were talking away when suddenly a Boche turned up at the crater lip. How he got there, Heaven only knows, but we were a bit mixed up with the Germans round us near and far. This Boche had an ugly look as if he meant mischief, but it did nae disturb the sergeant-major much. He just laid down his razor and picked up his rifle and bayonet, and sauntered out with soap down one side of his face.

"The Boche had a bomb in his hand but he dropped it without drawing the safety pin, and he up with his hands. The sergeant-major rounded him up into the shell hole, dropping him in by the scruff of his neck. He made the German hold up the mirror till he finished his shave."

BUSINESS MEN HIT
IN PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

Washington, July 12.—Big business was struck a severe blow by the president in his speech yesterday in which he said that a consideration of profits and patriotism could not go hand in hand. Big business' reply to the president's speech is that, if there is to be a maximum of price at which commodities can be sold, there must be a corresponding maximum of labor prices which the manufacturer must pay. Many congressmen seemingly are taking the business man's side of the question.

U. S. ARMY TO HELP
CONTROL IDAHO I. W. W.

Washington, July 12.—The war department has authorized General Liggett, commander of the western department, to confer with the governor of Idaho and take any action necessary to suppress the I. W. W. disturbances.

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"WAR COUNCIL"

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is head of the labor committee of the council of national defense.

At times, Gompers has been accused of having a chip-on-the-shoulder disposition, but declaration of war found him most amenable to reason.

He must see to the conservation of the health and welfare of workers engaged on war jobs, and that rush work is not done as it was at first done in England, by keeping the shifts employed such long hours that the worker breaks down and production suffers in quality and quantity. He must determine in what kinds of work women can replace men, and must help to determine which classes of skilled workers will serve the nation better by staying at their tasks than by joining the colors.

He has yielded to pressure and not only eats but sleeps at his desk. The other day he looked tired—he is nearing 70—to a question about his health he replied:

"I don't know and I don't care. It's a fight, and I'm here to fight."

MOUNTAIN TOPS WILL HOLD
FORESTRY OUTLOOK HOUSES

The forest service is erecting six new standard fire lookout stations in Oregon and Washington this year. Ready cut material for these buildings is now on its way to the summits of Mt. Adams, Mt. St. Helens, Mt. McLaughlin, Wagner Butte, Rustler peak, and Kiona peak.

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TODAY'S THRIFT THOUGHT

An Economical Way to Peel Potatoes
Drop washed potatoes in a vessel of rapidly boiling water and allow them to remain 10 minutes. Remove and strip the skin as when potatoes are peeled after thorough cooking by boiling. The potatoes will still be practically raw and may be handled like raw peeled potatoes in preparing any dish, as scalloped, French or German potatoes, potato chips, etc.

BRITISH AEROPLANE MAKES
RAID ON CONSTANTINOPLE

London, July 12.—According to brief telegraphic accounts of the British airships bombing operations at Constantinople, the attack was one of the most successful of the kind during the war. The airships were over the city nearly a half hour, carefully picking out their marks and descending to an altitude of less than 300 yards for release of bombs.

RUSSIAN ARRESTED AS
VALLEJO EXPLOSION SUSPECT

Woodland, Cal., July 12.—Federal agents and the Vallejo police asked that J. Koslowski, arrested at Esparto, 15 miles from here, be held by the local authorities pending investigation of his possible connection with the explosion at the Mare Island navy yard last Monday.

FORESTRY NURSERIES HAVE
LARGE ANNUAL SEED CROP

The thirteen tree nurseries maintained by the forest service have an annual output of 10,000,000 seedlings, which are used in reforestation work on the national forests. This is sufficient to plant 15,000 acres, spacing the trees eight feet apart in each direction.

Port Arthur's Harbor.
Getting into the harbor of Port Arthur is something like an Alice in Wonderland trick. One sails through a picture frame—the rocky bluffs at the mouth, barely wide enough for a stout ship to squeeze through without touching, wondering how there can be room for a ship to anchor between the frame and the picture itself, a small hamlet somewhat Swiss or Norwegian in homelike. But once behind the frame the wonderland unfolds. The small basin of water becomes a lake like body, delightfully isolated by high steep cliffs. The little harbor really is a little two big towns, one on either side.

Knew the Game.
A man who had been engaged to do a small job of carpenter work for a Glenwood avenue family was making out his bill when the housewife suggested: "You might put a coat of stain on the stairs."
"All over?"
"All over the rise, but just a part of the tread."
The man looked at the woman a moment and then began to revise his bill.
"What's wrong now?" the woman asked.
"You spoke of the 'rise and tread.'"
"Yes."
"I didn't think you knew so much about the business, and I am going to change my bill a little."—Exchange.

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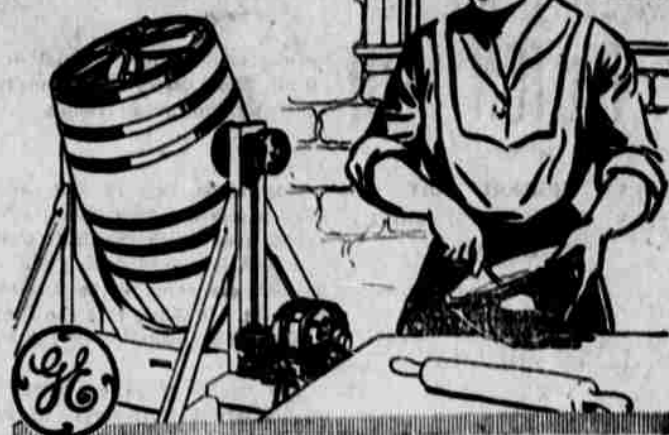
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AT TACOMA CONVENTION

Tacoma, Wash., June 12.—The annual convention of the Swedish Singers of the Pacific coast, which opened here yesterday, was featured to-

day by the singing of Marie Sundelius, Metropolitan grand opera star. Singers are gathered here from all parts of the Pacific coast. This afternoon the singers are touring Tacoma in automobiles. The convention ends Saturday.

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