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OREGON WEATHER

Weather tomorrow: Fair
and cooler.

AN ECONOMIC PROBLEM

Already America's economists are looking ahead to the post-war period and considering the probable trade conditions which will then prevail. The great economic contest which will inevitably follow the close of the war will find England, Germany and Japan keen competitors for every vestige of world trade that can be obtained. As the matter stands today, labor and general manufacturing conditions are in much better shape in each of the three countries named than in the United States, with one exception, and that is as to raw materials. These nations have learned through war the lesson of high efficiency and national co-ordination.

The nations of the world will be staggering under an immense debt, the interest on which must be paid out of some form of taxing current business incomes. The nation which best succeeds in stimulating her domestic business conditions will be the best prepared to meet these interest obligations.

The interference with ordinary trade intercourse at the outbreak of the war threw upon American business the necessity of developing a local supply for many of the necessary products which had theretofore been imported from Germany. Large business enterprises have been built on this necessity, notably along the line of dyes for all manner of fabrics. We had depended upon Germany for our potash; now America can produce two million tons annually which American farmers will be glad to buy at \$15 per ton.

A Kentucky firm has recently succeeded in turning out a splendid grade of lithographic stone. Heretofore we had imported \$100,000 worth annually from Germany.

These are but samples of a long list of changed trade conditions brought about by the war. The problem which will face the country when the war ends is one which must receive the earnest study and patriotic effort of the American people.

This consideration brings us face to face with a situation which is even now, with the nation in the throes of a terrible war, threatening its efficiency. Some means must be devised, by legislation or otherwise, to secure a fair, just and elastic system, whereby labor shall receive a just proportion of the profits on its work and, at the same time, the capital invested shall receive an adequate protection. This cannot be insured under any system which permits laboring men, in large numbers, to throw up their work without notice and in many cases with-

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out cause; nor can it be obtained if the employers of labor are to be permitted to refuse to give a fair and judicial hearing to any request of their employees for a change in labor conditions or remuneration.

It is not an easy problem to solve but its importance, especially in view of the economic fight which will follow the close of the war, demands the best methods of our best men.

WRITE TO SOME SOLDIER

Write your soldier.
A letter, newspaper, magazine, package of food or book would brighten the labors of an American soldier in France.
The war and post office departments are doing everything in their power to encourage letter writing to the Sammys.
Departments urged that widest possible publicity be given to the following form, showing the correct way in which to address a letter to a soldier:
"John Smith, Jr., Company X, Infantry, American expeditionary forces."
The letters should bear the usual stamp, and on the upper left hand corner of the envelope must be written the name of the sender, as:
"Return to Mrs. Thomas Y. Jones, 1985 Blank street, Spokane, Wash."

STUBBORN DOCTOR LEADS ARMY ARIGHT

London, July 8.—(By mail)—There's an English surgeon named Carter who is always making trouble for himself. Some years ago he was professor of Materia Medica, Pharmacy and Morbid Anatomy, as well as curator of the museum at Grant Medical college, Bombay. Walking down the street one day, carrying all this title, he met a native suffering from a rare leg ailment, one that meant amputation at an early date, and danger to the native's life. He explained the situation to the native and offered him five rupees for the privilege of performing the amputation that afternoon. The native grabbed at the bargain and his life was saved.

But the next morning Carter was awakened by a congregation of halt, maimed and blind natives outside

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his house, all clamoring for the opportunity to earn five rupees.

The dispatch of Indian troops to Mesopotamia resulted in the appearance of Major Robert M. Carter, Indian Medical Service. Very soon he was in trouble with the D. A. and Q. M. G. for insisting, long after his insistence had been frowned upon, that medical conditions must be made better.

"I threatened to put him under arrest and said I would get his hospital ship taken away from him for a meddlesome, interfering faddist." This is the language attributed to the D. A. and Q. M. G. in the report of the Royal Commission on the Mesopotamia mess.

The incident might have ended just this way, but for the fact that by the time he had got this official into this frame of mind, the noise had reached Sir John Nixon, commander-in-chief, who caused an investigation to be made. The result was that steps were then taken to remedy as far as possible the consequences of the terrible earlier neglect.

And out of the whole sad story of the first Mesopotamia campaign, as made public by the Royal Commission's findings, about the only paragraph of commendation is that given to the work of a meddlesome doctor.

The Eye and the Lash.

E. C. Hemmerde, K. C., was once cross examining a rather prominent man in a case that is memorable only for a brilliant retort made by counsel.

Mr. Hemmerde pressed the witness so hard that at last he asked rather plaintively, "Why should I be placed under the lash like this because my name is fairly well known?"

Instantly came Mr. Hemmerde's retort, "A man who is in the public eye must always be under the lash!"—London Answers.

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NO-MAN'S-LAND SETS PULSE BEATING FAST

Portland, July 27.—No Man's Land is no place for a nervous man. To the frightened soldier in a shell pit, every bush is an enemy, every noise an attack.

Such are the conclusions of W. D. Sidebottom, now on the battle front of France. Judge George J. Cameron, of Portland, today has a letter from Sidebottom describing his front line experiences.

"So far I am alive and well, although I have had two or three exciting nights in No Man's Land. This game of hide and seek in the dark with life at stake is rather uncanny and a great strain on your nerves, especially if you are selected to be an advance man for a raiding party."

"It makes the hair curl and the pulse beat. If one is imaginative it is fatal, for every bush appears to be an enemy. When they see you first, bombs and shells come thick and fast. Casualties are light, however, and a few always unfortunate."

Sidebottom says the British soldiers are anxiously awaiting the arrival of United States troops on the battle front. The Americans will get an enthusiastic welcome, he added.

GREECE ENTERS UPON POPULAR RULE ERA

Athens, July 27.—With today's meeting of the new Greek parliament, real popular rule for this nation commenced and Grecian monarchy ended. King Alexander took no part in the function.

The chamber presented a picturesque scene, with Greeks, Mussulmans and islanders dressed in their quaint native costumes. Premier Venizelos was acclaimed by a large majority of the deputies. The new regime completely control the situation and is in full accord with the entente.

RUMOR SAYS CHOLERA RAGING IN GERMANY

Copenhagen, July 27.—Persistent rumors of a cholera epidemic raging in a number of German cities, especially Hamburg, have reached here. How much truth there may be to the reports it is hard to estimate on account of the closeness of the German censorship, but well informed persons here seem inclined to place considerable reliance in the statements.

Job work at the Courier.

BEANS TO SELL FOR SIX DOLLARS BUSHEL

O. A. C., Corvallis, Ore., July 2.—Bean prices received by the Oregon farmer will probably be around six dollars a bushel, which is the price accepted by the Michigan Bean Growers' association, as reported in a letter from James N. McBride, the president, to Dr. Hector Macpherson, of the O. A. C. department of rural economics. "The Michigan prices are usually accepted by the California and Colorado associations," says Dr. Macpherson, "and are likely to be the ruling prices throughout the country."

Calling cards at the Courier.

DOGS TO BE TRAINED FOR RED CROSS WORK

Washington, July 27.—The American dog is going to do his bit in the war.

Red Cross canines are in big demand on the western front. Wearing gas masks, they go out between the trenches and locate unconscious, wounded men in piles of dead.

The Red Cross establishment which will care for American wounded when the national army starts pounding the kaiser would be in-



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complete without its quota of dogs. Plans are under way to have Uncle Sam's bow-wows take their places on the fighting line beside those of France and Great Britain, some of which have actually received decorations for their work under fire.

Several months of training is necessary before the dogs are ready for service. They must be taught to range the shell-swept areas of No-Man's Land, hunting the wounded whom the busy stretcher-bearers could not at first glance distinguish from the dead. When an unconscious man is found, the dog is trained to carry his "tin-hat" or shrapnel helmet to the stretcher-bearers, and then to lead them back to where the sufferer is lying.

Many Red Cross dogs have been produced in England. As trench warfare has rendered them a necessity, a project is under consideration to train the American "Rovers" somewhere in the United States and to send them over with other Red Cross units. Bluebloods are not the only ones needed. Yellow curs can do their bit for America also, if they have the spirit, and enough "dog brains."

California Summer Attractions

Shasta Resorts

Delightful places for a vacation outing. Shasta Springs, famous for their water and many other mountain resorts along the Sacramento Canyon. Here you may hunt, fish, climb mountain peaks, or rest in comfort, to your heart's content.

San Francisco

A stop in this city is always a pleasure. The cool summer climate, the air of bohemianism, the fine hotels, restaurants, parks and boulevards, all contribute to the enjoyment of the visitor.

California Beaches

Along the "Road of a Thousand Wonders," from San Francisco are many delightful beach resorts. Some of the most enjoyable are Santa Cruz, Del Monte, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Santa Barbara, Long Beach and Venice, where the carefree throng bask in the California sunshine.

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