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FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1918

OREGON WEATHER

Fair; moderate westerly winds.

TOBACCO RATIONS

Tobacco is a necessity for soldiers. That view has been so generally accepted that organizations like the Y. M. C. A. which are opposed to tobacco on principle, have collected and forwarded large quantities to our army in France. Now it is officially recognized by the government. The war department has made large purchases of tobacco—so large that there's danger of a dearth of "makin's" of certain popular brands—and promises to issue it hereafter as part of the regular army ration.

Each soldier is to receive, every day, four-tenths of an ounce of smoking or chewing tobacco. At that rate a pound would last 40 days. The smoker can have pipe or cigarette tobacco, whichever he prefers. If the latter, he receives along with it 10 cigarette papers. If he prefers ready-made cigarettes, he gets only four a day.

This system is illuminating as regards a soldier's nicotine needs. The war department presumably knows what it's about, and the natural conclusion is that 10 cigarettes or their equivalent are enough for any soldier—not necessarily all he wants, but all that are good for him.

Other smokers may take a useful hint from that. If four-tenths of an ounce of tobacco a day is the limit for a man living a strenuous outdoor life, it should certainly be enough for a sedentary civilian.

A KULTURED REPRISAL

One of the most interesting reprisal suggestions that we've seen emanates from the brain of Dr. Carl Peters, an eminent German scientist. His Prussian soul being roused to a state of lofty indignation by reports of ill treatment of German noncombatants in East Africa, he makes this suggestion:

"That twice the number of Belgian men, women and children of superior social standing be compelled to march in winter time, inadequately clad and fed on prison fare, from 10 to 15 times between Costanza on the Black sea and Riga on the Baltic."

To grasp the full import of this cultured proposal, one must remember that the distance from Costanza to Riga is something like 1,000 miles. Also that the Belgians can hardly have any possible connection, direct or indirect, with any barbar-

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ties inflicted on the sacred persons of German settlers in East Africa. Also that the barbarities reported are no doubt either imaginary, or inflicted on those German East Africans for their well-known cruelties to the native population and their defiance of the rules of civilization in the treatment of their white enemies.

But it's all the same to a Prussian highbrow. The Germans happen to have the Belgians under their thumbs. The Belgians are allies. And so, when anything goes wrong anywhere, the natural remedy is to strafe the Belgians. It's a beautiful exemplification of Hun justice, as practised by the Hun army and defended by Hun professors.

Maybe if the Sinn Feiners worked it right, they could get the kaiser to promise them his sixth son for a king.

MEDFORD BOY HURT SERIOUSLY BY TAXI

Medford, May 31.—Cecil Heard, 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Heard, living on rural route 4, who was struck by a taxi on the Pacific highway two miles south of Medford, yesterday morning and knocked unconscious, was reported to be resting easily at 10 o'clock last night, after regaining consciousness at the Medford Sanitarium, where he was rushed immediately after the accident. He is still in a serious condition, however, and the injuries he received at the base of the brain may prove fatal.

The Heard boy was riding his bicycle to Medford, and behind him coming the same way was the Ashland jitney driven by Bud Lawrence. For some reason not explained, the boy suddenly swerved his wheel directly in front of the jitney, and although Lawrence turned so sharply it threw his passengers from their seats, he was unable to avoid a collision which threw the lad over his handle bars, head first against the concrete pavement.

VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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ment—the Declaration of Independence—which was crowned with glory and dedicated to the principles of liberty, justice and fidelity upon the battlefield of Gettysburg by that grand old president, Abraham Lincoln.

"Being responsible for this great achievement and for victory in defense of the sacred principles which they represent, the veterans of the Civil war—the G. A. R.'s and the W. R. C.'s—should have the undivided support of every liberty-loving American residing within the precincts of their respective posts. There should be no entertainment, either social, religious or political which should detract from these services or offer inducement for our presence elsewhere. All that we have owe to these grand old men and women and the least we can do for them is to express a little token of appreciation by our presence at their services. I hope that every person present will carry this sentiment to their neighbors and that our assembly one year from today, will fill this opera house to its maximum capacity."

The remaining portion of his remarks were directed to the cause of the Civil war and those which pre-

ceded it, which were the result of a conflict of ideas. The old ideas standing firmly against the new. The new ideas which represent the fundamental principles of democracy and the old ideas which represent the ancient practices of autocracy.

TIME INQUIRIES TO BE UNANSWERED

An order has been issued to the local telephone office from the headquarters in New York to the effect that telephone operators are not to give the time of day to patrons.

This has been made necessary because the privilege has been abused many people relying on the telephone service entirely for their time. The shortage of experienced help makes it impossible for the company to keep up the courtesy.

It has been estimated at the local office that it would require one operator two hours a day to answer all the time inquiries. "People ask for good service," said E. T. Ludden, manager of the local branch of the telephone company. "But we can not give it to them, when so much time is spent on petty things."

Portland, May 31.—Two Southern Pacific local freights collided head on at the Gooding siding, near Oswego, today. W. W. Knight, engineer, was killed, Walter Davis, engineer, and C. R. Oakes, fireman, were seriously injured. C. L. Dickie, conductor, C. E. Earl, brakeman, C. E. Erickson, fireman, were slightly injured. All are of Portland. The cause of the accident is unknown.

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