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THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1918.

OREGON WEATHER

Fair; cooler tonight in east portion. Moderate westerly winds.

GERMANY'S JUST DECAY

Germany has always found cause for complacency in her census figures. Her population was increasing with surprising rapidity. The governing class figured on this increase to provide the necessary military and industrial material for world conquest.

How do matters stand now? Whether considered solely for Germany herself, or in relation to her enemies, there is an appalling loss of human resources. At least 2,000,000 Germans have been killed in the battle zone. These are not being replaced by the new generation. The birth rate has sunk so low that by next year, it is estimated, the number of births will be 2,333,000 fewer than if there had been no war.

Altogether it is figured that by next June the German empire, which should normally have had 72,000,000 people, will be reduced to no more than 64,500,000, or 7,500,000 less than if the war had not occurred. There will be 5 per cent less population than there was when the war began, and 10 per cent less than there would have been if the war had not occurred.

Austria-Hungary is in worse plight. Austria will have next year 8 per cent less population than she had in 1914, and 11 per cent less than she would have had without the war. Hungary will have lost 9 per cent of what she had and 13 per cent of what she would have had normally.

The major allies show up surprisingly well in comparison. Definite French figures are not available; but France is known to have had no larger percentage of battle losses than Germany, and to have fared much better with regard to civilian mortality and birth rate. The British population has actually grown; by the middle of 1919 it will be only 3 per cent lower than it would have been without the war. As for the United States, the war has not yet

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in any degree checked our normal rate of growth.

It should not be forgotten that Germany's chief losses have been her strongest, ablest manhood. Even if she ends the war without a crushing military and political disaster, she will have made her national labors and world-prospects incalculably harder, because of all the millions she has thrown away. It is possible that, having started the war as the most virile nation of Europe, she will end it a decadent nation, with waning energy and blasted prospects. If she does, it will be exactly what she deserves.

KEEPING THE ROAD OPEN

"The supreme duty of the navy is to keep the road to France open."

With this statement Secretary Daniels voiced the grim determination of the United States, and proceeded to put it into execution. In the same week that the U-boats began their campaign of terrorization among the merchant shipping off our coast, nearly a score of army transports sailed for Europe. There was no change made in the program. The troop movement went on as usual. The "bridge to Pershing" was kept open.

And it will be kept open, whatever comes. America knows what is expected of her, and has got into the habit of doing her duty. This raid is but a trivial incident in a war that will go on until the Huns have been deprived of all power of offense against the free part of mankind, either by land or sea.

FRENCH DELIVER BLOW

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terets, the enemy made slight gains against the French.

The French forces operating on the east bank of the Oise river south of Noyon have evacuated the Carlepont wood and the Germans are closely pressing them southward, according to the German official communication Wednesday. The Communication also asserts that the territory on the opposite side of the river, near where the Matz enters the stream, has been cleared of the allied troops.

Nowhere else along the battle front running from Montdidier to the region around Noyon, is any claim made to further advances by the Germans. On the contrary, the latest communication shows that the enemy everywhere has been busily engaged in attempts to hold back the French and other allied troops, among them some Americans.

No mention is made in the communication of the allies having advanced their front east of Mery and the Genlis wood, or of the repulse of violent German attacks along the Aronde river and at the Lodges farm and Antheuil. Neither is there any mention of the fact that the enemy, notwithstanding his numerous attempts, has been unable to debouch south of the Matz river.

Courier War Atlas

The Courier is able to supply a limited number of its readers with a really superior war atlas of 16 pages, with colored maps of the countries at war. The pages are 15x15 inches and several of the maps occupy two pages. There is a pronouncing index of place names and rivers. This atlas is sold generally at 50 cents; the Courier's price is 25 cents, but the first 50 will be sold at 20 cents. Call at once as the supply is limited.

OREGON CROP REPORTS SHOW NEED OF RAIN

Portland, June 13.—Irreparable damage will be done to Oregon crops unless rain comes soon, according to the summary of weather and crop conditions issued here by Edward L. Wells of the weather bureau for the week ending June 11.

With moderate to high temperatures during the past week some crops have made good growth, but drought continues over nearly every portion of the state and most crops are suffering from lack of moisture, and unless rain comes soon the damage will be irreparable, says the report. Hot desiccating winds have also aggravated conditions and caused much injury to grains and grasses. The hot weather, however, seems to have caused some relief from aphids in localities where fears had been entertained that the infested crops were damaged beyond recovery, but this insect pest is still detrimental in the Willamette valley.

Fall grains, which were well rooted, appear to be in better condition than the spring sown, but all need good rains to insure even normal crops, says the summary. Barley is ripening in a few places with only a fair crop indicated. Rye is generally poor and this staple as well as oats and spring wheat are suffering for moisture. Winter wheat, although still good, is being unfavorably affected by the dry winds, the heads are small and complaints were received that the crop was beginning to burn in north-central counties.

Haying has begun in Benton and Douglas counties under favorable conditions. The first cuttings of alfalfa have been made in some districts, the crop being poor and light and not up to expectations, while in irrigated sections it is growing well and the first crop is nearly ready for harvest. Pastures and ranges continue poor, and insufficient feed is causing some stock to be shipped out of the state.

Cherries are maturing in Jackson and Marion counties and the hot weather is rapidly ripening strawberries, which latter crop is not up to the average. The tree fruit outlook is fair to good in western valleys, but in other places the prospects are not encouraging, although the frost injury was not so great as first anticipated.

The warm weather has stimulated growth of corn and potatoes and these crops are doing well, but they would be greatly benefited by copious showers. Truck crops and gardens also have shown marked improvement during the last few days and where irrigation was possible have made excellent progress.

MOVIE NEWS NOTES

Madge Kennedy

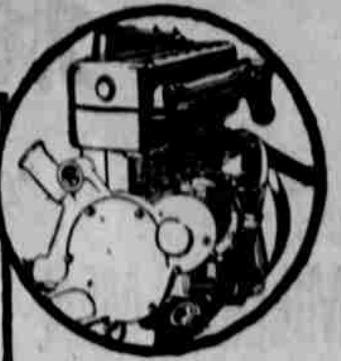
The second screen appearance of Madge Kennedy in the new Goldwyn photoplay, "Nearly Married," from the famous stage success by Edgar Selwyn, will prove heartily welcome to all exhibitors, for this new star, who bursts upon the screen firmament as one of its most genuine personalities, is already a tremendous favorite the country over. The many important factors that enter into this presentation make it a subject for exploitation of the most unusual kind.

Madge Kennedy has previously appeared in the Goldwyn screen version of Margaret Mayo's world-famous play, "Baby Mine." As the star of that photoplay she rose at a bound to national favor. Previous to that she was a Broadway favorite with a reputation won in several Selwyn stage productions. Her eyes and her smile are without parallels in the motion picture world. On the authority of the critics she is destined to be an international favorite before another of her pictures is released for public exhibition.

ORPHANS ADOPTED

As a result of efforts made by T. F. McCrea, a Y. M. C. A. war work secretary at the base hospital, Camp Kearny, two 18-year old orphan soldiers were adopted as "younger brothers" by the mayor of Whittier, Cal.

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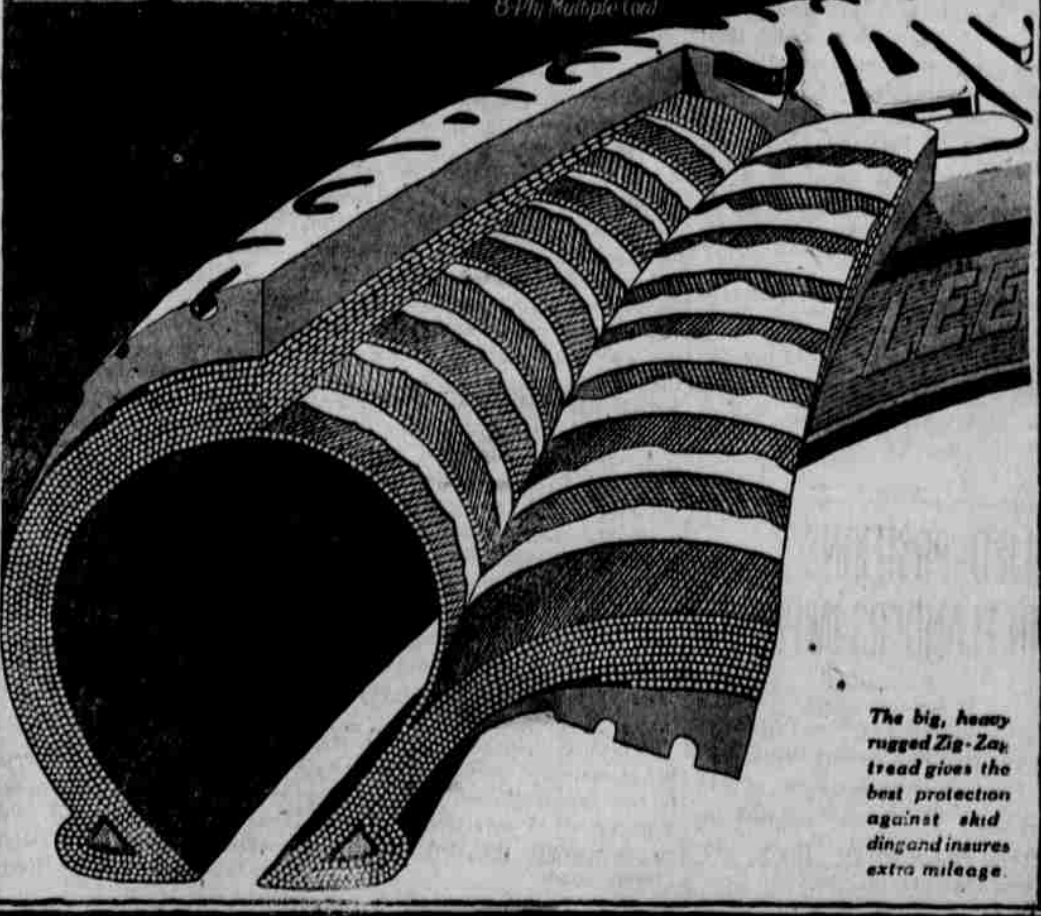
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