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OREGON WEATHER

Tonight and Wednesday night + fair and warmer with gentle + northerly winds.

FRENCH AND SPANISH

With the disappearance of German from our institutions of learning, and with the close association with the French which our foreign expedition entails, has come a tremendous boom in the study of French.

Hand in hand with this study should go the study of Spanish. For several years before the war our trade with South America and our mutual understanding with its peoples had been quickened.

The knowledge of French will greatly expedite the learning of Spanish, as that of Spanish does the French. The students taking Latin in school will be better prepared for both by reason of their knowledge of the mother tongue.

At a recent visit of a party of South American diplomats to Hog Island to see the progress of the shipbuilding, Ambassador Naon of Argentina, lately back from Buenos Aires, fully conversant with the spirit of his people, said, "I consider that your success is our success; that your welfare is our welfare, and your glory is also our glory."

Ambassador Da Gama of Brazil, our ally, remarked that "our national and international hopes are going to be a reality."

And our own Mr. Schwab spoke very simply and effectively. "We are no more North Americans and South Americans—we are Americans."

Wherefore we need to know, to speak, each other's language. As English will replace German in the schools to the southward, so Spanish and French must replace it with us.

THE MERCIFUL BOCHE

One of the most impressive war news items that have appeared in some time is that telling of the German prisoner brought into the American lines with a tag on his arm, attached by his captors, saying: "This prisoner gave water to American wounded."

The response was immediate. Am-



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erican soldiers crowded around that captive overwhelming him with concrete proofs of gratitude. They gave him "bully beef," white bread, many packages of cigarettes and other desirable things of a quality and quantity that amazed him.

A German being human to wounded enemies—it was unheard of! The ordinary and expected thing is the sort of treatment so many prisoners have told of—brutal neglect and insult, wounds ignored or improperly handled, hunger and thirst and cold inflicted needlessly and maliciously; and often, instead of these species of slow torture, a more brutal, but possibly more merciful, stabbing to death of wounded foes within their lines.

To what a pass has "German humanity" come when one little act of Christian kindness is deemed worthy of commemoration!

The food administration is preparing for a long war. The war and navy departments are preparing for a long war. The shipping board is preparing for a long war.

The people of Baltimore, according to "presumably credible local newspaper reports, recently saw "a striking likeness of the American flag formed of clouds in the western sky during a storm." That's nothing. The German people are seeing that now right along.

The German press, too, has been conducting a strategic retreat.

RED CROSS HANDLES LETTERS TO GERMANY

Follow Plan Which Is as Spy-Proof as Is Possible to Devise.

To prevent the possibility of valuable information getting into Germany, the American Red Cross, in sending letters behind the enemy lines at the request of persons in this country, is following carefully a plan worked out by the state department to do away with code.

Americans, Germans or others in the United States wishing to communicate with relatives in Germany must now write out their messages in Red Cross chapters throughout the country. These are sent through the division officers of the organization to national headquarters. Here they are rewritten and the wording absolutely changed

THIS CIVILIAN HAS IMPORTANT WAR JOB



Christian Girl, whose name has been a fertile subject for paragraphs, is one of the many civilians who are quietly fitting into the war department's strenuous work.

ed to prevent the sending of any diagram or secret code. The messages are given to the censorship board and are passed or refused by them as the case may be.

During the last 25 years the practice has grown up that welfare inquiries and messages shall be permitted between civilians in countries which are at war with each other. The promiscuous sending of letters through organizations in neutral countries could not be permitted because of the large number of enemies in the country.

The state department presented to the Red Cross the present plan in detail and asked that the Red Cross put it into effect.

Today the American Red Cross is sending an average of 1,300 letters a day to persons living behind the enemy lines. This work is done through Washington headquarters of the American Red Cross by the bureau of communication of which Edward M. Day is acting director.

NON-SINKABLE LIFEBOAT

California Invention Tried and Approved by Federal Authorities. Built like a raft with passenger compartments on both the top and bottom so that the craft is always right side up, and equipped with a movable center weight for stability, with a self-balling device, a "non-sinkable" life-

Somewhere in the U. S. A.



boat recently invented by Capt. William Jacobs of San Leandro, Cal., was tried out by the federal inspectors in Oakland with very satisfactory results. The boat was launched in the water bow first. It dived under the water, righted itself, and then took a normal position after the balling valves had emptied it of water.

ESKIMOS HELP RED CROSS

Some in Alaska Sell Furs for Friend to Aid Soldiers. The world war has even extended to the polar regions and jarred the Eskimo into making some comforts for soldiers. It was learned through William T. Lopp, chief of the Alaskan di-

vision of the bureau of Education. "The Eskimos raised money by selling furs, cutting ivory and longshoring for ships that visit their isolated homes," said Mr. Lopp, who has just reached Washington from Alaska. "One village which has been saving up for years for a sawmill and had accumulated \$130, gave \$100 of its scanty hoard," he added, to indicate the way the peaceful Eskimo is sacrificing for the savage white man.



U. S. Food Administration. OP Squire 'Tater 'low he goin' to be mighty high king er de roos' 'mong garden sass folks. We alle kin eat him as a 'tater boiled, baked, fried, stewed, cooked wid cheese en dey gettin' so dey make im inter flour; so's we kin 'substit-ute' him fo' wheat flour. He's de 'substitu-tenest' of all de vittles, he see. De udder garden sass folks lak inguns, tomatoes, cabbage en turnips en squash don't need to git peeved, 'cause dey's goin' to be roony in de pot fo' de whole tribe. 'Ev'y las' one on 'em can hep save wheat en meat fer de boys dat's doin' de 'ght-in' over yander.

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