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OREGON WEATHER

Showers, light southerly winds.

AN OLD FASHIONED VICTORY

Speaking of the Palestine campaign, a London dispatch says: "The war can show few examples of so swift and clean a victory."

It is also an old-fashioned victory. That fact had much to do with its swift and clean cut qualities.

The spectacular stroke by which General Allenby routed and destroyed the Turkish armies in the Holy Land is a masterpiece of "open warfare." After the first, quick rupture of the Turkish line, everybody was out of the trenches. "Siege warfare" was forgotten. It was such a campaign as might have been fought in our Civil war. It was such a campaign as Napoleon might have fought if he had possessed the requisite troops and equipment when he attempted his own ill-fated Palestine expedition more than a century ago.

There were all the elements that gave old-fashioned warfare its thrill and romance—quick, bold dashes, scouting expeditions, the use of cavalry as an arm of the service no less valuable than the infantry, the preponderance of the human factor as against the purely mechanical factor that plays so big a part in machinery-fought trench battles.

There have been a few other contests in this war of the same general nature, particularly in Mesopotamia and the Balkans, but nothing so definitely old-fashioned. We shall have more of it hereafter, we hope. Recent fighting in France has shown that even there it is possible to blast the enemy out of his fortified trenches and drive him into the open. When Foch is ready to exert his full force, and use a million or two of Americans, fully equipped, as the spear-head of his attack, we may see a replica of that Palestine triumph on a scale matching the scope of the war in its main theatre.

That is what our army wants; for our strength, even more than Britain's perhaps, is in open fighting, where dash, speed and initiative have full play.

Occasions are not rare where persons write checks which overdraw their accounts at the bank, but dire calamity is very likely to befall the man who tries to pass such a check outside his own home town. The habit some have of writing checks on banks where they never did have over \$1.25 on deposit has made the public skeptical. Some day a hard jolt will be delivered to such a person and he will not be permitted to go on his way rejoicing that he was freed from his attempt in trying to

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pull off a shady deal by merely "making the check good."

The county court in granting a franchise yesterday to the Gravity District Improvement company took the right step. The matter will also come up before the city council tonight, and there is little doubt but what they will grant a franchise through the city, subject to the decision of the voters at the next election, and it is the duty of the voters to see that the proposition carries unanimously.

St. Quentin, Damascus and other places yesterday were wrenched from the enemy's grasp, while he is being compelled to pack up his ill-gotten gains and beat it from the Belgian coast. The war news could not read much better.

Wonder if Portland, after her miserable failure to raise her quota of the Liberty loan while the rest of the state glided gracefully over the top, will still claim to be the horns, hide and tail of Oregon.

Apparently the rains have started. The sun has put the sugar in the grapes, the ripeness in the corn, the red in the apples and has cured the hay. Now then, let 'er pour; in the meantime sharpen the plow.

That north side gravity irrigation proposition promises to be one of the biggest and best things that ever struck the Rogue river valley in the vicinity of Grants Pass.

"CARRIES ON" AT 74 YEARS

Woman Born in Germany Works in Fields to Beat Kaiser.

Mrs. Elizabeth Batteiger of Warwick county, Indiana, is seventy-four years old, but she is helping the United States in war by tilling in the hot sun in wheat fields. Her plan is simple. She is saving the grain that in ordinary years is permitted to stand in the field—the wheat a binder does not get. Thus far Mrs. Batteiger has cut 105 bundles, resulting in the saving of four bushels of wheat.

The aged woman was born and reared in Germany and cannot speak English as well as her mother tongue, but she says if she could give the Kaiser and his Potsdam gang a solar plexus blow it would be a knockout. Two of her sons and one grandson are in military service for America.

Our classified ads bring results.

AIDS IN PARCHMENT READING

Camera Used Successfully in Preserving Old Writing Now Barely Discernible.

Before the days of books parchments became so costly that economical scholars erased more or less perfectly what had been written and used them a second time. In this manner some highly interesting and valuable manuscripts have been lost to the world, says New York Herald. But in many cases the ancient characters are still visible.

It was not long ago that photography was first successfully applied for this work. The color of the faded ink of the older writing on a palimpsest is yellow. A photograph of such a manuscript was made through a yellow screen. The result was a negative on which the old writing was barely discernible, being a little darker than the background, while the later black writing appeared distinctly as white letters.

Next an ordinary negative on a bromide plate was made and from this was produced a transparent positive on which both writings appeared dark and about equally distinct. Then the transparency was superposed on the first negative so that the dark letters of the later writing covered the light letters, representing the same writing in the negative. They were thus eliminated, being indistinguishably merged with the general dark background produced by the combination of positive and negative. But the earlier characters, since they were dark in both cases, appeared in the combination intensely black and distinct.

The Padre Scores. Now and again a guy will take me off to one side and fix it up with me to write his girl or his mother after he is bungled off, promising to do the same for me.

Yet they joke about it, too. Pop said to the chaplain today: "You won't forget that little matter, padre, will you?" "What little matter is that?" asked the chaplain.

"Why, my tombstone!" The chaplain looked surprised. "You never mentioned a tombstone to me," he protested. "Sure I did! Don't you remember? A bottle of rum at head and feet!" But the chaplain came back at him. "No," he said gravely; "for then you wouldn't be quiet."—George Patullo in Saturday Evening Post.

Children and Music. The value of good music in the home cannot be overestimated. Fortunate the child whose ear is accustomed from the cradle to beautiful sounds and melody. And yet even more fortunate the child who is accustomed to hearing the singing voices of those about him. Children love to hear songs, children's songs, big people's songs and folk songs. They love to hear the songs of long ago when mother was a child, and the lullaby grandmother used to sing. The child loves especially a bedtime song, sung at the crib before the final good-night.

CONTROL OF AIR IS WITH ALLIES

Reconstruction in England Factor in Supremacy.

HUNS LOSE MANY MACHINES

Building Better and Faster Machines Than the Enemy—Rhine Cities in Terror of Bombing Planes—British Also Show Superiority in Aerial Defenses—America Now Playing Part in Air Offensive.

From London to Jericho the allies have obtained decided superiority over the enemy in the air. Since the war started Germany has trailed France and England in aerial warfare, Zeppelins excepted. France and England didn't waste their time with Zeppelins, which have been a dismal failure when compared with bombing machines such as the allies build and manipulate, much to the terror of the Rhine towns.

Besides forcing down and destroying three German airplanes to one lost by the allies, England, France and now America are building better machines, faster machines and machines which will carry more tons of bombs each than the German.

Germany has lost not less than 5,000 machines and aviators in the past twelve months.

This figure, 5,000, represents Germany's losses in all theaters of war to allied airmen. While the exact official number of German planes destroyed, together with the allied losses, may not be disclosed, it may be stated that this unofficial summary is very conservative.

Radical Reconstruction. At the outbreak of the war Great Britain had eighty aircraft. Every few days Great Britain is producing more airplanes and other material for the air force than she possessed altogether at one stage of the war. The strength of the Royal Air Force has been multiplied at least 200 times in personnel as compared to the personnel at one stage of the war. Great Britain also has furnished a considerable number of airplanes for her allies.

England's air force has undergone radical reconstruction and its tactics have been changed, much to the discomfort of Germany. Briefly, these changes are: Consolidation of the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service into one organization, known as the Royal Air Force; establishment of an air ministry, creation of the independent air force, and use of "cavalry" aviators—airmen who have charged advancing Germans, bombed and machine-gunned them from a height of a hundred feet.

The independent air force, which is said to have only one authority higher than its own commander, this being the war cabinet, has been busy bombing German cities since its creation three months ago. Four-fifths of the German munition works are in the Rhine valley, and all of them within striking distance of these independent air force bombers. Their plan is to keep a number of Rhine towns in a constant state of terror by bombing works of military importance in those communities. One town may be raided night after night for a week or more, or it may be visited day and night, or twice daily, whichever plan seems to cause the most consternation and demolition. In addition, railway junctions, ammunition dumps and barracks are bombed by this organization of flyers, which works separately and distinctly from aviators attached to certain army corps who also may be dispatched to do similar bombing.

Attack Advancing Columns. The great advantage of aviators for bombing and machine-gunning advan-

cing columns was shown in the March and succeeding offensives, when time and again scores of aviators concentrated upon a certain point disorganized a German advance, or held a portion of the line that had given way until re-enforcements could be rushed up by the Franco-British. On one day these aviators fired more than 200,000 rounds into German columns. More than 120 tons of bombs have been dropped in one day.

America is playing a part in the air offensive. Every new contingent of American aviators which reaches France or England helps out in the general scheme of things which keeps the allies masters of the air.

The British also have shown they are superior to Germany in aerial defenses. There have been twenty-one raids on London in the past year, three of these by Zeppelins. But since the visit of eleven Zeppelins October last, when five of them were brought down, four in France and one in the Mediterranean, they have not attempted to visit London, where the air defenses are such that the Zeppelins do not dare to come lower than 20,000 feet, which is too high for them to bomb effectively.

Gotha raids also are becoming quite expensive for Germany, the last raid, May 29, resulting in seven machines being destroyed. Twenty-five aviators trained for night flying are far more valuable to Germany than two-score of civilians killed in London. The city's defensive barrage and protecting airplanes are too much for the invaders.

Conscription Under Moses. Moses made the first conscription law. He wanted an army and he made this rule: "From twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel" were to serve. His registration boards were also allowed to grant exemption which included men who had new houses not yet "dedicated," and those who had vineyards of which they had not yet eaten and finally those who were afraid to fight.

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OLD AGE STARTS WITH YOUR KIDNEYS

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AT THE MOVIES

"The Great Love"

For the first time in the history of big spectacular picture productions standardized by David Wark Griffith, who produced "The Birth of a Nation," "Intolerance," "Hearts of the World" and other notable photoplays, patrons of motion picture houses throughout the country will now be able to see Mr. Griffith's future productions at their favorite theatres at the customary prices. This was rendered possible by a contract recently made by Mr. Griffith with the Famous Players-Lasky company by which his newest productions, prodigious as they are, will be available to every exhibitor.

The first of these productions is "The Great Love," a magnificent photoplay, which will be shown at the Joy theatre next week. In this picture such screen artists as Robert Harron, Henry B. Walthall, Lillian Gish and others who have won fame in Mr. Griffith's big productions, will be seen for the first time under Art-craft auspices.



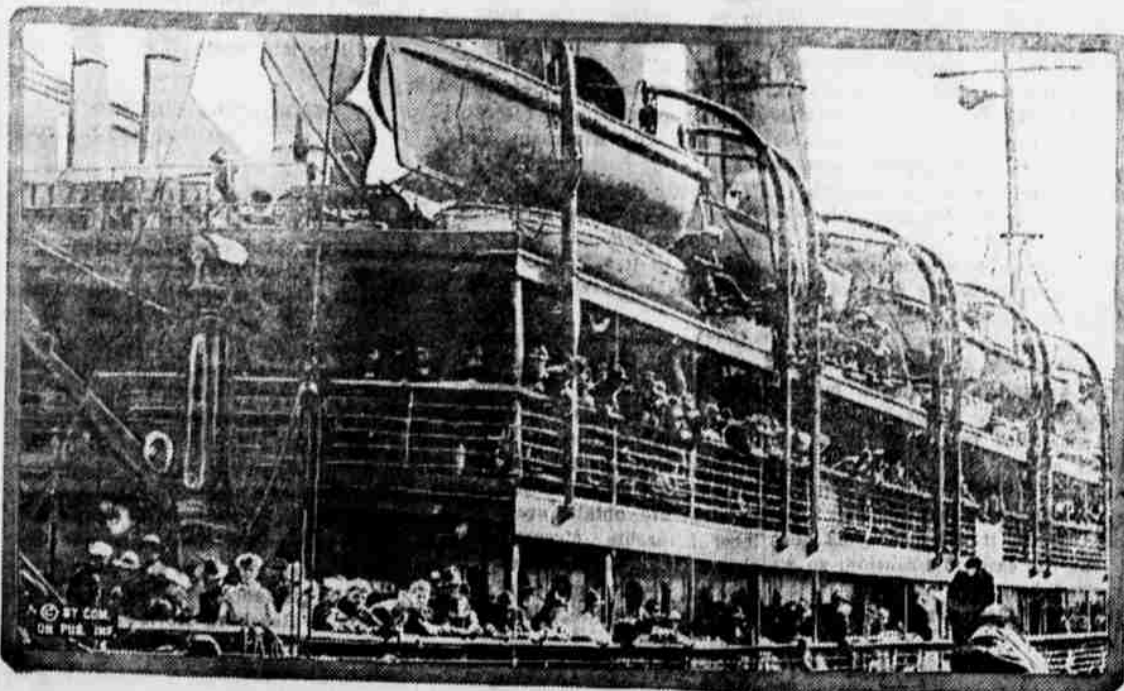
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