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OREGON WEATHER

Unsettled, probably showers west; fair east portion; cooler east portion tonight; gentle southwesterly winds.

THE GERMANS' CHOICE

While still riddling the life boats of helpless victims who have been torpedoed on the seas, and applying the torch to cities and villages in their path as they retreat in Flanders, the Germans grab a few more helpless girls and everything of value within their reach and cry "kamerad—let us have peace!"

With pockets bulging with stolen goods from the French and Belgians, and bayonets dripping with the innocent blood of babies, the Hun cries "let us have an armistice—we want 'honorable' peace!"

What is this "thing" in the breasts of the Turks and the Germans that impels them to commit such revolting crimes? It is a fact that they commit them; it is also a fact that the peoples of most all other nations are not given to such brutality. It might be called "kultur," but it is the teachings of a fighting, military spirit that has been instilled into the German brain for centuries—a "thing" that even fire may not be able to cleanse.

But the Germans can now have their choice: They can toss the Hohenzollerns overboard or go down with them. This choice is neatly indicated in President Wilson's reply. They are in a position now to save their country by doing away forever with kaiserism and "kultur," or they can fight on until there is no longer any Germany; until their country is torn asunder and all their industries destroyed. Many close followers of the war are of the opinion that the Germans will never permit this latter to happen. But it matters little with the allies, who now have military supremacy in the field, what course Germany pursues. The kaiser's forces are losing on every front. Each new day brings the torch nearer German cities and it is probably only a question of weeks until the Hun will have committed his last heinous crime on allied soil—then the civilized world will rejoice.

THE ARMY VOTE

According to an announcement of the war department, the 2,000,000 American soldiers who will be in France by election day will be deprived of their voting privilege. Owing to the constant movement of the troops and the uncertainties of the battlefield, says the acting secretary of war, it does not appear practical to attempt to obtain their votes. No commission, therefore, is to be sent to France or England for that purpose.

It is unfortunate. It may seem

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unjust. But we can stand it if the men concerned can; and from all accounts, they are not bothering about the matter at all.

"Surely if we represent the American people on the firing line, the people at home can represent us at the polls," some of them are quoted as saying. It looks like a fair emergency division of labor. They do the fighting—we do the voting. It should be kept clearly in mind, though, that just as we expect those soldiers to fight as we would like to fight if we were there, so they may reasonably expect us to vote as they would if they had the chance.

That implies that the election, in every state and city and rural district in the United States, will be decided on a basis of loyal, unanimous support of the war, through the selection of candidates who are 100 per cent American. Any citizen who casts a dubious ballot betrays a voteless soldier at the front.

Ever stop to think of it? There is a little job to the south of us that will need attention after we get through with the Hun. By cooperating with France and England, Uncle Sam should be able to clean up the Mexican situation neatly, quickly and in a bloodless manner. Twenty-five years under the right kind of rule, and with a thorough schooling system, will convert Old Mexico into a progressive and enlightened nation.

We have heard a great deal of German thrift. After the war the Germans should be given the chance to display this great thrift by being compelled to pay billions in indemnity.

Right now a better war slogan could not be found than "unconditional surrender."

Don't worry about the Turk—England will do a plenty to him.

TIRED CHASING HUNS

Ohio Soldier Says the Work is Fatiguing.

"We are tired of trying to keep up with the Germans and before long our address will be 'somewhere in Germany,'" writes Private George A. McDonald of Cincinnati. "And," he continues, "anything you hear about German vandalism is true. I am in a city now where a battle was raging a week ago. Evidences of German viciousness are noted on all sides."

Optimistic Thought. Most powerful is he who has himself in power.

THOSE OPEN-WINDOW CRANKS

Writer Gives It as His Opinion That They Are Actuated Solely by Selfishness.

One of the most pronounced nuisances with which seasoned travelers on railroad trains have to contend is the "open-window crank." This fellow—for he is usually a male instead of a female—persists in having his window open, no matter whether other occupants of the car dislike it or not; and it usually results in the other passengers thereabout receiving a liberal supply of dust and fine cinders, as well as enough soft coal smoke to last them the remainder of their lives. These open-window cranks are almost always occasional travelers. It is noticed by those who have taken the pains to observe that the regular traveler—that is, the man who rides every day in summer—never opens the window beside the seat in which he is riding. It does not mean any more comfort for him to do so, as he long ago discovered, but much discomfort instead.

As soon as a railroad car starts to move there is more or less air stirring and if the open-window cranks would only compose themselves a few moments they would be far more comfortable than they would to breathe coal dust, smoke and cinders. But the average occasional traveler will push up his window as soon as he enters the car.

It makes no difference to him how much the rest of the car suffers—he is the only one to be considered. It is a practice that causes great discomfort to passengers who have the necessary sense to know that everybody is better off if the windows are closed on hot days. And it is always noticed that these open-window artists invariably leave the window open when they depart. The first, last and only thought is for themselves—no one else counts.—Hartford Courant.

INSECT POWDER GROWN HERE

Americans Lost No Time in Developing Industry Once the Secret Was Discovered.

In our grandfathers' day the so-called Persian insect powder (commonly sold nowadays under the name of "pyrethrum") cost \$16 a pound. Pretty dear for a bug-killer.

The stuff was a mystery. Beyond the fact that it was of a vegetable nature, nobody knew what it was.

As a matter of fact, it came from Transcaucasia, where its production was a very important industry. For centuries it had been widely used in Asiatic countries, and the source of the material was a secret carefully kept.

Eventually the secret was revealed by an Armenian merchant, who, traveling through Transcaucasia, discovered that the insect powder was simply the ground-up flower-heads of a plant nearly related to our own field daisy.

Later on, attempts were made to introduce the plant in the United States, but the seeds refused to sprout. This (as finally ascertained) was due to the circumstance that the persons from whom they were bought had baked them.

At the present time we grow all our own insect powder in California.

Without Stint or Limit



TEXAS FLYER DOWNS SEVEN HUN PLANES



First Lieut. Edmund G. Chamberlain, Marine corps aviator, who was recommended for the Victoria Cross and the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest awards of two nations, for downing seven German planes while on a visit flight with a British air squadron. He dispersed a company of Huns with a machine gun while landing, took one prisoner and carried back a wounded French officer. Chamberlain hails from San Antonio, Tex., and is a graduate of Princeton and Texas universities.

START THEIR BATTLES FROM STRIP OF TAPE

Just Like Runners Taking Part in a Great Athletic Meet.

The allied armies start their battles from a tape-line just like runners taking part in an athletic meet. A strip of white tape, an inch wide, marks the assembly line from which the troops "go over."

The troops gather under cover of darkness and await the "zero hour," which is guarded with the strictest secrecy. All the watches of the officers are synchronized. The soldiers await the word to start. It may be given at midnight or at four-fifty o'clock in the morning.

I've seen an attack started by Americans along the Marne in the mid-afternoon sunlight, but the onslaughts usually are launched before daybreak, or during a fog.

The British have developed an ingenious smoke screen, which, coupled with the artillery, baffles the enemy. I've seen troops march silently during the night to the assembly tape. I've heard the boom of the great guns and seen the flashes marking the barrage as a flood of men rushed forward. It seems incredible how any living thing could come through such infernos, when at dawn you trudge across the fresh battlefield and see the starting tape lying on the scorched grass and across mighty shell craters.

AIR STATION IN IRELAND

Yankee Camp Springs Up With Speed of Circus.

An American aviation station is growing in Ireland with the speed of the early morning tent city which springs up when the circus comes to town in the states.

Captain Herbster is in command, and under his supervision a miniature town is springing up, carefully planned, mostly wooden construction, but neat and methodical.

An example of Yankee efficiency, the one big airdrome already in place was designed in America, built there in sections, shipped across the Atlantic and erected in record time. It is a remarkably efficient product of American engineering ingenuity.

Aviators in training there will help run down the Hun who preys under the North sea.

TURNING TO SILVER

Miners Find That Purchasing Price of Gold is Going Down.

The Yukon miner is turning from gold to silver mining. While the value of the former, or its purchasing power, has decreased, that of silver has been doubled.

There is great activity in two silver bearing areas tributary to Dawson, the Mayo district on the upper Stewart river and along the Twelve-Mile Creek. These fields are 150 miles apart. Silver was discovered in these areas years ago, but no work was ever done.

The Canadian government has dispatched a party of geologists to investigate the prospects of developing the silver mining industry in this section.

Much Property Reverts to Crown.

Few people realize the large amount of property which passes every year to the crown of England owing to the owners dying without heirs or next-of-kin, and without having made a will. In most of these cases the deceased is an illegitimate person with no children.

As a rule the crown does not appropriate the whole of the property, but makes what is called a compassionate allowance to the relatives of the deceased, although they may not be his relatives according to law, and in some cases to friends and servants who have performed services for him which entitle them to consideration.

The amount of the allowance is determined by the treasury, or, in the case of the estates of persons dying within the duchy of Lancaster, by the chancellor of the duchy.

The money does not pass to the king himself, but to the nation, and thus goes to relieve taxation.

ONE WEAK SPOT

Many Grants Pass People Have a Weak Part and Too Often It's The Back

Many people have a weak spot. Too often it's a bad back. Twinges follow every sudden twist. Dull aching keeps up, day and night. Backache is often from weak kidneys.

In such case a kidney medicine is needed. Doan's Kidney Pills are for weak kidneys.

For backache and urinary ills, Grants Pass people recommend the remedy.

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FOOD WILL WIN THE WAR

HEAR THIS CALL from OUR HOME-TOWN BOYS OVER THERE

LETTERS from our boys in the trenches and from the women in canteen and other war work, all bring to us the same message—SEND US NEWS FROM HOME.

World news is all right, but OUR BOYS want NEWS OF THIS TOWN. They want the home newspaper. Publishers are prevented from sending their papers free to anyone, even boys in the service. Consequently a national movement has been started by Col. William Boyce Thompson of New York, who is acting as President of the Home Paper Service of America to give the boys what they are calling for. Every community is joining the movement. Let us see that our boys are not forgotten.

Send to the publisher of this newspaper whatever amount of money you can—5 cents or \$50.00. We will publish a list each week of those contributing, and the amounts contributed.

Every cent received will be used to send this paper to our boys at the front. If at the end of the war, there is any surplus, it will be turned over to the local Red Cross Committee.

There is no profit in this to the publisher—even in normal times, subscriptions are not sold at a profit. With war prices prevailing, and the high rate of postage on papers sent to France, our cost will scarcely be covered by our full subscription price.

Remember that over in France, some brave soldier or sailor from this town—perhaps even some splendid woman working within sound of the guns—is depending on you to "KEEP THE HOME LOVE KINDLED."

They are calling to YOU from "Over There" GIVE WHAT YOU CAN

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