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OREGON WEATHER

Rain in west; rain or snow
in east. Fresh southerly winds,
increasing along the coast.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

President Wilson in his address to congress yesterday touched upon many important matters, but one of the biggest problems referred to, that of the railroads, he has left for congress to solve. The president says he is ready to release the railroads from government control "whenever a satisfactory plan of adjustment can be worked out"—but he leaves this perplexing question up to congress. He says he has no answer ready as to the solution of the question at the present time.

In going to Europe, Wilson says he has no private purpose but is making the trip in an endeavor "to make good what the Americans fought for," and adds that there will be no restrictions on the news to be sent to America. Some of the congressmen, however, doubt this and favor the sending of a special delegation to keep that body informed on every step at the conference.

The president paid a glowing tribute to our army, to the unity of the nation, and especially to the women of whom he said: "The least tribute we can pay them is to make them the equals of men in political rights, as they have proved themselves their equal in every field of practical work they have entered."

Speaking of the readjustment problem, the president said:

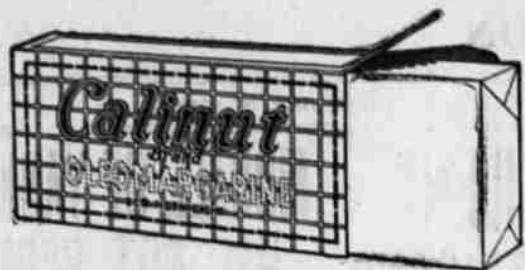
"I have heard much counsel as to the plans that should be formed and personally conducted to a happy consummation, but from no quarter have I seen any general scheme of 'reconstruction' emerge which I thought it likely we could force our spirited business men and self-reliant laborers to accept with due pliancy and obedience."

Speaking of the returned soldiers, the president said there would be no difficulty in finding them employment but that "there are others who will be at a loss as to where to obtain a livelihood and it seems to me that the development of public works should be renewed in order that opportunities be created for unskilled labor."

In closing his speech and asking for the united support of congress and the people, the president concluded:

"I realize the magnitude and difficulty of the duty I am undertaking; I am poignantly aware of its grave responsibilities. I am the servant of the nation. I can have no private

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thought of purpose of my own in performing such an errand. I go to give the best that is in me to the common settlements which I must now assist in arriving at in conference with the other working heads of the associated governments. I shall count upon your friendly countenance and encouragement. I shall not be inaccessible. The cables and the wireless will render me available for any council or service you may desire of me, and I shall be happy in the thought that I am constantly in touch with the weighty matters of domestic policy with which we shall have to deal. I shall make my absence as brief as possible and shall hope to return with the happy assurance that it has been possible to translate into action the great ideals for which America has striven."

KILLING THE NEWSPAPERS

If any one line of business has suffered more than others during the war period it has been the newspapers. First, they were throttled by the paper trust, while the president and congress looked on approvingly; then their postage rates were raised and with the higher cost of labor and overhead expense thousands of them were forced out of business over the United States. They have been compelled to make monthly reports showing that they have reduced their paper supply, while at the same time thousands upon thousands of tons of paper were being uselessly wasted by that very government compelling them to save.

On top of this the people of Oregon voted down the publication of the delinquent tax lists and reduced the advertising rate publishers charge for printing legal notices—a double dose at one time—which will result in the killing off of many more newspapers in Oregon.

In the face of all these jabs at publishers, the newspapermen probably did more than any other class of business men for the prosecution of the war. While they received some money, at a low rate, for a limited amount of war advertising, most papers carried hundreds of dollars worth of free advertising for the government. Secretary McAdoo himself said that had it not been for the newspapers the raising of the liberty loans would have been impossible in so short a time.

Isn't it about time that the government and the voters are waking up to the fact that they are not handing the newspapers a square deal?

A nice job for our government printing office, and one which the people would appreciate, would be a pamphlet containing the complete list of overseas casualties, arranged by states and in alphabetical order. In a way such a book would be better than a monument for it could go into every American home and be a record of those brave boys who made the supreme sacrifice.

Just to show that they are not the least bit selfish, the president hands the tangled railroad mess over to congress to straighten out, stating that he has no solution, while his son-in-law leaves the throttle to hunt personal fortune just as the old reconstruction freight starts on the up-grade. The country needs "Mac" right where he is for awhile.

Now that the war is over and there is no longer necessity of granting the administration unlimited power, congressmen from every part of Uncle Sam's domain will begin to sit up and take notice; they will begin to talk—even Bob LaFollette may be heard from.

A quietus was certainly put on baseball last season. The stockholders of the St. Louis club of the National league, according to reports, lost about \$30,000 on the season's run.

Farm implements and garden tools can now be imported into Mexico, restrictions having been removed by the war board, but the ban is still on the rifle and scalping knife.

Chapman, of the Oregon Voter, says that with thousands of men flocking in from the demobilized government camps, Portland is facing a hard winter.

Mooney is now working at his old trade as an iron moulder at St. Quentin. Labor keeps many a man out of trouble.

All this talk about women's skirts becoming shorter next season is absurd. It can't be done. Cut 'em any shorter and they won't be skirts.

NAMES OF WOUNDED COMING BY MAIL

Washington, Dec. 3.—Secretary of War Baker in explaining the delay in completing the publication of the casualties, said he thought most of those unreported were slightly wounded, and that their names were coming by mail.

YANK MAJOR WOUNDED REFUSES A FURLOUGH



After serving with the British army in France Maj. Cushman Rice came home when America entered the war to fight with his own men. He was commissioned a major in the air service. He was badly wounded last spring but refused a furlough. He suffered a relapse and is now at Walter Reed hospital slowly recovering.

CAPTURES OWN BROTHER

Dramatic Incident Occurs on the Western Front.

The great war—breeder of romance and adventure—has given birth to one of the most dramatic situations recorded since the Kaiser's hordes started on their march through Belgium in 1914.

A United States marine fighting on the western front recently captured his own brother during a raid on the enemy trenches. During the days of the Civil war, when brother fought brother and father and son faced each other through the smoke of battle, such incidents were more or less everyday occurrences. But in this, the greatest of all wars, writers have been quick to say that romance in battle was a thing of the past.

Private Harold J. Dibbs of the U. S. marine corps, tells of the incident in a letter written to his parents in Great Falls, Mont.

"A strange incident happened when I went over the top. I saw a marine capture his own brother, who had been put into the German army while on a visit over there. Another soldier of an allied nation wanted to kill him, as he had helped in the capture. It was an interesting sight, to be sure. The brother declared his intention of joining the American forces."

SINKS MANY HUN SUBS

French Marine Patrol Is Doing Effective Service.

A report just issued by the French admiralty shows that during the month of July of this year, the aerial sea and coast patrols of the French marine covered a total of 485,330 miles.

This includes the work of the capture and navigating balloons, coast airplanes and seaplanes. Credit for the sinking of many submarines by French boats is given the aerial branch of the marine service because of its untiring work in ferreting out the sea pirates. The aerial patrol also discovered numerous groups of mines laid by German submarines in French waters.

During July, the report states, captive balloons were in action for 5,540 hours, dirigibles for 1,311 hours, airplanes and hydroaerons for 7,432 hours. During the months of June the aerial sea patrol covered 447,040 miles.

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BACK LIKE A BOARD? IT'S YOUR KIDNEYS

There's no use suffering from the awful agony of lame back. Don't wait till it "passes off." It only comes back. Find the cause and stop it. Diseased conditions of the bladder or kidneys are usually indicated by stiff back, wrenching pains, lumbago, sciatica, nervousness, sleeplessness, tired, worn-out feeling, pain in the lower abdomen. These are nature's signals for help!

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