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## OREGON WEATHER

Unsettled, probably rain snow: moderate south to west winds

### THE TWO ARMIES

Figures just made public by Major General Maurice, the British military writer, throw light on a much-discussed matter-the relative strongth of the German and allied armies during Foch's victorious campaign It develops that the Germans were really beaten without any such "overwhelming superiority of numbers" as they have represented, and Poch turned the tide last summer with an army much smaller than the

When the big German offensive started last March, the strength of all the armies engaged stood as fol-If the Belgian army be rated as one, the French army as 12% the British army 10 1/2 and the American army a mere %, making a total of 25. The German army stood at 26. Subsequent gains from the east raised this to 31 in May.

On July 18, when Foch launched his offensive, the Belgian army remained about the same: the French the British to 916; the American army had risen to 3. That made the allied total still 25. The German army had up to that time declined very little, making up its battle losses by new drafts, so that when Foch delivered his blow it stood at about 30, and was thus actually 20 that line. per cent larger than the armies at Foch's disposal.

Foch took the initiative, however secure in the knowledge that the rapid growth of the American army would soon turn the scale. From July 18 on, the German army declin ed fast because it had to fight continuously, almost everywhere, with lost his dog, an animal which he no reserves to make good its losses. By November 11, when the fighting ended, the allied armies remained at about 25 units while the German army had sunk to 17.

It is interesting to learn that at the close of hostilities, though we had only begun to throw our weight into the struggle, the effective American army was 60 per cent as large as looked very sulky. the French and 75 per cent as large as the British. By next summer it would have exceeded either of them.

## GROPING BLINDLY

Chairman Hurley of the shipping board, says the Manufacturer, believes an American merchant marine can be built up in spite of the LaFollette seaman act.

He says let us build the ships, tion for if a feller has to talk proper man them according to the terms of all the time?"



the seaman's act and enter the field for world commerce.

Shipmasters and ship owners and nen who have put their capital into the shipping business and gave it up say it cannot be done.

Japan chuckles gleefully and sends petitors on the high seas.

tion and starts her merchant marine wounded by the enemy. for the trade of the world while we My Dear Father: are calmly advised to again try to

it under the LaFoliette act and if letter was received. We were due we fall, it will be time enough to go to congress for relief.

and economic principles we are to We withdrew after being relieved. again go in blindly and learn in the dear school of suffering and ex-

the future. Will it go forward or family, and am writing it from their backward? Placing the excellent river bottom soil under irrigation means a decided step forward; fall- ing ever tasted as good. We have ure to do so means that Grants Pass will remain stationary while other sections forge ahead. "Do it now" should be the watchword of the land-

We intended to write an editorial about the "flu," but really, what's the use? No one would believe itwhich makes us reflect:

> Lives there a man Besides me and you, Who does not know How to stamp out The "Flu?"

President Wilson says: "No true American could think of visiting Jermany unless forced to do so by strictly official obligations." That's ing out before we went in, and a man mighty good advice for Americans.

From the way Hearst and his gang are being shown up, those who persist in boosting the Hearst publica- sure carried my share of the wound- icates at the courthouse as follows: tions haven't much to be proud of in ed. There is an A. E. F. order, pro-

Ashland is happy; her houses are full and her people prosperous. Hornbrook is jubilant; her people strenuous work. are full and her bartenders busy.

## WERE ALL BUSY

A visitor to a small country town

prized very much. Rushing to the office of the local newspaper, he handed in an advertisement offering five dollars reward for the return of the dog.

Half an hour later he thought he would add to his advertisement the "No questions asked." So words:

he hurried off to the office again. When he got there the place was empty save for a small boy, who

"Where's the staff?" asked, the tourist, glancing round the deserted

"Out looking for your dog," was the aggrieved retort.

Unreasonable. Several boys were holding a conference on the street corner. One boy kept correcting another's mistakes in English until the offender suddenly equared himself before his critic and demanded, "Gee whiz! what is vaca-

361st Infantry Suffers Heavy Losse ceived the following letter from his all but 800 were either killed

Received a couple of your strictions that wiped the American sure arrived at opportune times. We had just finished a nine day siege at 'Fritz" back about 10 miles and had Chairman Hurley says we will try gone back for a rest when your first for a long rest, but only stayed for from the C. W. C. and any two qualia day and a half and were sent back for five days more and again our Instead of a merchant marine regiment succeeded in putting the built and equipped upon scientific Huns a few miles closer to Berlin. and it was then I received your second letter where you gave me the dickens for not writing.

There is no Y. M C. A. in this own and as I have no stationery, I Grants Pass is on the threshold of bummed this from a nice French home. I just finished a real breakfast, two eggs, fresh fried rabbit and chocolate, and it sure was fine. Nothbeen on the hike for four days doing close to 45 miles and a real feed made a new man out of me.

Am getting to be a tough old nut, and nothing phases me any more, bullets, shrapnel, high explosives, snipers, or machine gun fire cast no terrors to me anymore, as I have faced it all successfully so far. Once a big six-inch high explosive shrapwould have been curtains for me. daily paper. Have been covered with mud and still kicking.

said. We were 17 days at the front, you in a disgruntled state of mind. can't write when he don't know where he is going to eat or sleep.

were raw and my back nearly broke, and during the whole campaign, I nation of applicants for State Certifhibiting members of the band organ- ber 18, 1918, at 9 o'clock a. m., and ization from carrying litters, but this must have been an extreme emergency case, as we never drilled or even prepared ourselves for such

Sure wish this was over, and all us boys could go back home and enjoy life once more, but that will never coo" so let us hope that the day will soon be here when our dreams will Arithmetic. mature, and the world is at everlasting peace. Just continue to write often papa and I'll write you at every opportune time. I remain as ever, your loving son, SERGT. LAFE CASSIDY,

361st Inft. Band.,

American Ex. Forces, France.

The Tomato in History. Edward Albes of the Pan-American union, in discussing the matter of the tomato, said a number of years ago that the word "tomato" seems to be of Aztec origin, and given as "tomatl" by some authorities and as "ixtomate" by others. The word still persists in some of the older Mexican town names, as, for examples, "Tomatian" and "Tomatepec." The weight of opinion among historical botanists is that the plant and culture for edible purposes began in Peru, whence it spread to other parts of tropical America. It is known that it was cultivated for its fruit in the warm climates of America centuries before the coming of Columbus to this con-

## THE COLD WATER CLUB

Cold water has many beneficial properties. Cities spend fortunes in piping the sparkling exhilarant to their doors. To the weary plodder in the desert it is more precious than gold. It has quieting effects upon burning buildings, while its soothing qualities upon the inside of whiskey-burned stomach are

vouched for. And someone saidor else it is somewhere writtenthat the time will come when certain individuals, will pray aloud for one drop of this cooling fluid to place on their parched tongue-and pray in vain, to-all of which proves the time is approaching when cold water will not be obtainable.

But like many other wholesome substances, used in the wrong manner, cold water has a chilling, demoralizing effect. Petty cavillers sometimes congregate and automatically-and often unaware of their procedure-form "cold water clubs. Membership dues are nil. Most small cities have such clubs-our own city may not be immune. Although the Ed. Cassidy of this city, has re- attendance at the meetings of these Cold Water Clubs is never large, it its commissions to notify us that we son, who belonged to headquarters is often too large for the best intermust expect to meet them as com- company of the 361 regiment in ests of the city. Each member is France. The 361st is said to have always equipped with a gaval-com-England has coppered the situa- gone into battle with 2,800 men, and monly called a big hammer. One rap calls for another and instantly the anvil chorus produced by the C. W. C. soothes the ruffled feelings of nice every member present. (To become meet competition under the same re- long letters and will say that they a recognized member in high standing, your feelings must always be ruffled, and you must have that satwar the front, and succeedd in pushing isfied feeling that you could run the other fellow's business better than he is doing.)

No one is immune from an attack fied members of the club can, in about four minutes, offset the endeavor of a regiment of optimists. If you are an office-holder, merchant. judge, lawyer, preacher, doctor or barber, you may be "rapped." You may be depicted as a dead one; you may run a "rotten joint;" you may not be endowed with any too many brains, and in fact you may be too crooked to hide behind a corkscrew If you are an editor, you may be all of these things combined, and you never did print anything "straight," nor put an intelligent idea into your measly sheet.

All of which reminds us that "a brotherhood among men and na tions" is yet somewhat remote-it seems that we are too human. An editor does not know much about the mercantile, hotel, drug, and many other kinds of businesses, but the average editor does know that a little more harmony and cooperation-instead of so much cold wanel shell dropped three feet from ter-on the part of some people me it did not go off. If it had, it would help give their city a better

A Cold Water Club is not propidirt from shells, and had a piece of tious to the welfare of any city. If dirt from shells, and had a piece of you can't boost, at least don't knock. shrapnel hit my steel hat, but am Knocking does not entirely kill the Now the reason I didn't write was other fellow's business, and accombecause I couldn't, as I have already plishes nothing further than to keep

## TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the I carried litters until my shoulders County Superintendent of Josephine County will hold the regular exami-

Commencing Wednesday, Decemcontinuing until Saturday, Decem ber 21, 1918, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday Forenoon U. S. History, Writing (Penman ship), Music, Drawing.

Wednesday Afternoon Physiology, Reading, Manual Training. Composition, come till "Fritz" is knocked "coo Science, Methods in Reading, Course of Study for Drawing, Methods in

Thursday Forenoon Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography, Mechanical Drawing, Domestic Art, Course of Study for Domestic Art.

Thursday Afternoon Grammar, Geography, Stenography, American Literature, Physics, Typewriting, Methods in Language Thesis for Primary Certificate.

Friday Forenoon Theory and Practice, Orthography (Spelling), Physical Geography, English Literature, Chemistry.

Friday Afternoon School Law, Geology, Algebra, Civil Government. Saturday Forenoon

Geometry, Botany. Saturday Afternoon General History, Bookkeeping. Very truly yours, ALICE M. BACON. County Superintendent.

Thirty thousand letters a week are written by the Red Cross to the famllies of soldiers, answering questions.

## MAKING INSIGNIA FOR U. S. MAYY



A machine which turns out over 150 U.S. naval insignia at one time. takes two hours to complete them. This business is an important one, as the navy personnel is now well over 500,000 men.

## Books for Gifts

-A well chosen book is a direct means of making others happy. The "best sellers" in the new fiction are "The Winds of Chance," "A Daughter of the Land," "Dere Mable," "The Valley of the

-In popular copyrights at 75c the copy are "Cappy Ricks," "Son of Tarzan," "Just David," "The First Hundred Thousand," and many others for sale at

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