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OREGON WEATHER

+ Rain in west portion; probab-
+ ly rain or snow in east portion.
+ Fresh, southerly winds.

FOOD IN GERMANY

"Food conditions continue to ap-
pear far better than they were re-
ported across the line," says a war
correspondent who has entered Ger-
many with the American army of
occupation. "The population needs
flour, but if the rich were made to
divide with the poor there would be
no starvation this winter."

This testimony, corroborated by
many other reports, tends to clear
up the German food situation and
ease the minds of Americans about
the matter. The Germans are not
starving. They have food, not in
variety or abundance nor of par-
ticularly good quality, but enough
to last them several months. They
have been begging for food prema-
turely, partly from fear that their
supplies would really give out after
a while, and partly to win the sym-
pathy of the world and soften the
peace terms. As the facts become
known, the whinnying dies down—a
phenomenon that has been observed
before during these war years.

The Allies will not let Germany
starve. They never had any such
intention. They promised food before
Germany asked for it. They will
keep their promise as soon as the
need arises. For the present, the
matter rests with the Germans them-
selves. If they are the efficient,
systematic, orderly people they have
always boasted of being, they can
distribute their last season's crops
and their meat supply and get thru
the winter well enough. Then the
Allies will see that they get enough
provisions to last them till the next
harvest.

PENSION BILLS

It is said that several bills have
already been introduced in congress
to provide pensions for soldiers in
the present war.

The news dispatches have carried
no detailed information regarding
these bills. The public would be
much interested in knowing some-
thing about their general character
and their chances for enactment.

It may be that some provision for
the pensioning of certain classes of
soldiers by the government is neces-
sary. If so, little is known about
the matter. The federal insurance
system was adopted as a deliberate
substitute for the old pension sys-
tem. It has been developed with
such thoroughness that our soldiers
today hold federal insurance poli-
cies aggregating no less than \$40,-
000,000,000.

That means nearly \$10,000 apiece
for every soldier, if the premiums
are kept up.

The premiums are absurdly low,
as compared with private insurance
rates, because the government itself
bears a large part of the burden.

Any attempt to pile an old-fash-
ioned pensioning system on top of
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plan will naturally be viewed with
suspicion and carefully scrutinized.

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fulfill all its obligations to the brave
men who have suffered and bled in
this great cause, but it wants no pol-
itics in the business. It does not
want to see established any preced-
ent that might lead to 50 years of
"pension grabs."

LANE'S PLANS MEAN
MUCH TO OREGONIANS

Secretary of the Interior, Frank-
lin K. Lane, has sent in his annual
report, says the Oregon Voter. It
proposes federal cooperation with
the states in reclamation of irriga-
ble and swamp lands and in clearing
of logged-off lands. The purposes
underlying it are two that relate to
the returned soldier—first to pro-
vide work for him by launching
great public works, and second to
provide farm homes for him by
placing reclaimed lands in readiness
for occupancy and production.

Oregon has a vast acreage that
comes under all three classification—
arid lands that are irrigable, wet
lands and swamp lands that can be
drained, and logged-off lands that
when cleared will make fine farms.
The secretary's idea is that federal
funds are to be joined with state
funds for the execution of these pro-
jects.

Some of the lands coming under
these classifications are in private
ownership. Most of the wet lands
and logged-off lands are in hands
of private owners, as are the best
irrigable lands.

The secretary's idea is for the
government and state to provide
funds only for actual construction
or development costs and not for
the lands. Land owners would be
required to fix definite maximum
prices for their lands, subject to sale
in small tracts, to be paid for in
small annual installments by the
settlers themselves. This is sub-

stantially the same idea as is now
practiced successfully on federal ir-
rigation projects.

The whole plan seems ripe for Or-
egon. Our state should be eager to
cooperate with the federal govern-
ment along any lines that will mean
development of the vast areas that
now lie waste within our state.

The Red Cross sent 15,000,000
cigarettes, 50,000 stacks of cards,
20,000,000 boxes of matches and
1,000,000 chocolate bars to England
for American soldiers, waiting to go
to France.

U. S. CASUALTY LIST

The following casualties are re-
ported by the commanding general
of the American expeditionary
forces for publication Sunday:
Killed in action 290
Died of wounds 138
Died of accident 26
Died of disease 125
Wounded severely 2129
Wounded degree undetermined 1307
Wounded slightly 838
Missing in action 584

Total 5437
Killed in action—Lieut. Leslie O.
Tooze, Salem; Private Albert Salmi,
Died of disease—Raymond W.
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Barnes, Harrisburg; Lewis Larson,
Hammond; James D. Fletcher, Bu-
ell; Fred C. Powers, Corvallis; Thos.
E. Bassett, Portland.

Wounded severely—Lieutenant H.
Compton, Ashland; Lieut. James
D. Fletcher, Buell; Corporal Fred
C. Powers, Corvallis; Corporal Thos.
E. Bassett, Portland; Herman P.
Johnson, Salem; Cuthbert W. Court-
ney, Grants Pass; Thomas Neer, Tur-
ner; Tony K. Cinnamon, Dayton;
Bert J. Saunders, Long Creek.

Wounded slightly—Willie L. Hol-
len, Condon; Clarence S. Olson, Con-
don; Phillip J. Redmond, Portland.

Wounded, degree undetermined—
Thomas Weaver Griffith, Ione; John
Miller, Rome; Daniel J. Brogan, An-
telope; Oscar Scott, Portland.
Missing in action—Edward H.
Scott, Portland; Barney Wolfe, Ash-
land.

FLU SITUATION IN
CITY NOT SERIOUS

Many Grants Pass people are be-
coming hysterical over the Flu sit-
uation in the city. With a total
death roll of four for a city of 4000
since the start of the influenza epi-
demic, three of those deaths being
due to the violation of the orders of
the attending physicians, there is
nothing for the Grants Pass people
to get excited about. There are many
cases of influenza scattered about
and as long as those who have it
in the house permit visitors there
will be other cases, with no letup
until the summer season returns.
It is time for the people to forget
their hysteria and exercise common
sense, isolate the cases, and follow
the prescribed method for treat-
ment. Many of the reports of peo-
ple in a dying condition are simply
the exaggeration of oft repeated
rumors, when an inquiry from head-
quarters would reveal the case pro-
gressing satisfactorily.

Inquiry among the physicians re-
veals nothing to become excited
about. Dr. Flanagan reports 36
cases; Dr. Loughridge 6 cases, and
Dr. Smith 21 cases. Dr. Nibley was
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