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OREGON WEATHER
Fair; colder tonight in east portion. Moderate northerly winds.

THE SUBJUGATED ENGLISH

Americans have a tendency to speak of Great Britain, or even the British Empire, as England. That tendency is based on the traditional power of England, and the belief that she absolutely dominates the group of races and nations she is associated with.

The domination may be there, but if so it is not much in evidence at present. It has been pointed out many times during the war that most of the men holding responsible positions in the British government or army have not been Englishmen at all. Now the London Evening Standard shows that England is still less in evidence at the peace table.

In a conference that will settle the fate of Great Britain for generations to come, the Standard explains, the country is represented by one Welshman (Lloyd George), four Scotsmen (Mr. Balfour, Sir Eric Geddes, Marshal Haig and Admiral Wemyss), one Scottish Canadian (Bonar Law), one Jew (Lord Reading) and one Englishman (Lord Milner). A commentator adds the further information that this sole English representative was born in Germany, as was his father before him.

The situation reminds Americans of the standing complaint of a large element of the present congress—that the United States has been governed lately by southerners. England, however, is clearly subjugated to a far greater extent than our northern states. An Englishman laments: "We are governed by the Welsh, prayed for by the Scotch and preyed upon by the Irish."

Apparently, all England has had to do with the war has been to furnish the bulk of the fighting men and make herself responsible for the bills. And yet England stands for it, voting the same group back into power.

FREE EXIT FOR BELGIUM

There is a movement in Holland to internationalize the Scheldt river. This movement evidently represents a loosening up of the traditionally close and selfish Dutch policy, as a result of the allied victory over Germany. It is meant to counteract a natural effort on the part of Belgium to obtain control of the little section of Dutch territory south of the Scheldt river.

That bit of territory has long been an embarrassment to Belgium, making it necessary for shipping going

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to and from Antwerp, the principal Belgian seaport, to pass through channels and straits under Dutch rule. The Belgians regard it as no more than right that they themselves should control their own side of the Scheldt, for the protection of their commerce. Historically and racially, they have as good a claim to the region as Holland has. It is naturally a part of Flanders rather than Holland, and was taken from Belgium as a war prize.

Belgium would not go to war to recover the territory, and the allies would hardly ask for its return except on friendly terms, providing for liberal compensation. Nevertheless the prospect is plainly troubling Holland. The surrender of her technical right to dominate the lower Scheldt is the least she can do in the circumstances.

Best hogs are selling, according to market quotations from Portland and Chicago, for from \$16 to \$18 per hundred. Best bacon is retailed in Grants Pass and other Oregon cities for about 70 cents per pound. That leaves a difference between the finished product and "raw hog" of about 52 cents per pound. Now while the most unassuming and well-bred hog doesn't profess to be "all bacon," yet there is too great a difference between the price the farmer gets and the price the retail man asks, without a stutter and without batting an eye. Whatever the cause, the common people are being bled to a fare-you-well.

About the eleventh hundredth man has jumped wildly into the air and proclaimed that unless universal peace is assured the great war will have been fought in vain, and that America will have entered the struggle for naught. All of which is mere raving and has an ignorant or Bolshevik ring. The war was fought to crush Prussian militarism and that end has been attained.

A dispatch from Camp Lewis says, in part: "The saddest men in camp are nearly 2,000 who belong to organizations under quarantine. They cannot leave camp nor can they mingle with their fellow soldiers, attend theatres in camp or go to any amusement places. From their organizations recently have been taken men suffering from communicable diseases."

Food Administrator Hoover, when asked to confer with certain German statesmen in regard to the question of feeding Germany, very appropriately and American-like told them to "go to hell."

The limit has been reached—bring out the horse-pistols. The Oregonian refers to the Journal editor as a "Bolshevik."

There are better days ahead for many an Oregon city, and Grants Pass is one of them.

Care of the Telephone.

The telephone is a fine receptacle for germs of every kind, and little attention is paid to sterilizing this much-used machine. It should be washed out with alcohol as often as required, and to keep the dust out of it make a small round cover of soft leather or heavy cloth and stitch a broad ribbon around the edge, through which can be run a drawing string or elastic. Put this over the transmitter.

GRATEFUL TO RED CROSS

Italian Mothers Wept With Joy at Sight of Children Returned to Health.

Rome.—One by one the mountain camps and seaside colonies of the American Red Cross in Italy are closing for the season. In cities in the north and south, in Sardinia and Sicily, mothers are welcoming their children home and rejoicing in their changed appearance.

"It is amusing to watch mothers seeking to recognize their little ones," writes one of the American Red Cross workers. "And it is touching to see their delight when they at last realize that the brown, sturdy youngsters who rush into their arms are the delicate Giuseppe and the anemic Angelo who left them earlier in the summer."

Pouring into the Rome office, the headquarters of the American organization in Italy, are letters from these mothers telling of their gratitude. They are written laboriously and



Mother Greeting Child Returning From Camp.

painstakingly, the majority of them, each cramped character eloquent of earnest sincerity in this, the penned expression of their gratitude. Following is one of the many received:

"T. Maria Ferrario, mother of Angelo Ferrario, am overjoyed at the improvement in health of my little son. He returned from the mountain camp of the American Red Cross at Gressonol, fat and with color in his cheeks, of which he stood in such great need. I can find no words to express my gratitude for your kindness. May God protect and bless the kind benefactors who have done so much for the children of Italy's soldiers."

MADEIRA NEAR STARVATION

Densely Populated Island Can't Get Food Because of Ship Shortage.

London.—According to advices from Funchal conditions on the densely populated island of Madeira are deplorable.

Owing to the war's curtailment of steamship traffic, communication with the island is reduced to only one steamer monthly, causing an industrial paralysis and cutting off to an alarming extent the importation of food-stuffs.

Thousands of casks of wine and great quantities of wicker work and hand-made embroideries have accumulated at Funchal, awaiting shipment.

With the stoppage of industries the inhabitants are unable to earn enough money to keep themselves properly fed. Normally Madeira imports 90 per cent of her foodstuffs.

JOY OVER ARMISTICE CAUSES WOMAN'S DEATH

Edwardsville, Ill.—The death here of Lena Wiemers, eighty, is believed to have been caused by overjoy at the signing of an armistice with Germany. Mrs. Wiemers, who was born in Germany, often spoke of the return of her boys in France.

WILL BAR HUNTERS FROM USING AIRPLANES

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 30.—Minnesota's game laws may have to be amended to protect its ducks and geese from a new menace. State game wardens are considering a suggestion that the legislature be asked to pass a bill this winter making it illegal to hunt feathered fowl from airplanes.

Minnesota has turned out a great many aviators, St. Paul and Minneapolis have been gathering places for student and expert flyers. It is understood that some of these air-men who observed the flight of ducks late this autumn decided that the modern hunter will travel in the air "bus."

From casual discussion the possibility of such hunting has caused state-wide attention. Game wardens believe that ducks and geese could be slaughtered by aviators. Therefore, there is a possibility that the state legislature will forestall such hunting.

138 HUNS KILLED WHEN U.S. FLAG IS FIRED ON

London, Dec. 30.—Firing by German officers on an allied automobile carrying an American flag was the cause of street fighting in Posen last Friday, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Copenhagen.

The Germans were defeated in the fighting. About 138 persons, including a number of women and children, were killed during the rioting.

The dispatch says:

"There was severe fighting between the Poles and Germans in Posen Friday, which resulted in 38 women and children and about 100 Germans and Poles being killed. The affray originated as a result of a German officer firing on an allied automobile which was proceeding to Warsaw carrying the American flag.

"The Germans insulted the flag and the Polish guard was called out. The fighting lasted several hours and the Germans were defeated.

"A delegation from the British mission to Posen protested to the German commander in the town, General Schimmelfeng, but the German officer declared that he had no control over the soldiers."

ASKS AID OF THE PRESS TO HELP THE SOLDIERS

The following self-explanatory letter has just been received by the Courier, from Mayor George L. Baker, of Portland:

"The aid of the Courier is urged in giving publicity to the state reconstruction convention to be held in Portland, January 9, 10 and 11, to bring together the business and labor interests of Oregon to consider and formulate a program for handling the labor and development problems during the period of reconstruction and readjustment now upon us. This movement is, as you no doubt realize, of the most vital importance."

WOULD DEPORT MANY DISGRUNTLED ALIENS

Washington, Dec. 30.—The deportation of most of 3,000 or 4,000 enemy aliens now interned, will be recommended to congress by the department of justice.

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SOLDIER LETTERS

France, Nov. 12, 1918

Dear Mother: Received your letter of October 14 written on my birthday, and believe me that was a birthday I shall never forget. Was in a dugout all day with shells bursting all around me—just a little too near to be comfortable.

Came in from the front a few days ago. My division (29th) was located on the Meuse river, north of Verdun also near the Argonne woods. It was there that the French made such a great stand in 1915, when the Germans tried to take Verdun, and say, it certainly is some town. Nothing but barbed wire entanglements, trenches and shell holes. Crumpled stones and ruins mark the spot where once stood beautiful towns and villages.

My first experience at the front was in Alsace-Lorraine which is about 30 miles from Belford. I was there, I think, over two months, stationed at a small town not a mile from the first line trenches. However, we were quite safe from danger at that, as the town was not shelled very much, all on account of German civilians living there.

I am sending you a summary—the results of the 29th division's first fighting.

Will probably be on my way back to the good old U. S. A. soon. Lots of love. LLOYD.

PVT. LLOYD B. JOHNSTON, Co. D, 194th Engineers, A. P. O. 765, American Ex. Forces.

Do it. Aristotle said that the way to learn to do a thing is by doing it. If the saying be applied to the things of the mind as well as to the things done by the hand, great good will come of it.

AT THE MOVIES

"The Marionettes"

Reviewed by Joseph L. Kelley The millions who admire Clara Kimball Young on the screen will be given an exceptional opportunity to bestow this admiration on the star and at the same time to fully realize an evening of ideal entertainment, if they will see Miss Young in the screen version of Pierre Wolff's play, "The Marionettes."

The prominence with which the star's personality and magnetism has been brought out in this production which Director Chautard has given the French playwright's work, are stepping stones on which an audience can mount to considerable heights in giving praise. The followers of Miss Young's work for the screen will rejoice after reviewing this screen presentation and if there are in the audience those who have not been attracted by the star's personality, they will have succumbed at the conclusion of this run.

Pierre Wolff's play is of the social drama type. The scenes are laid in Paris. The first reel presents Miss Young in the role of a demure convent girl. The transition from this role to that of the butterfly of Paris has been brought about in a skilful and logical manner by the author. The interior sets shown are lavish and the finest detail has been brought out with due prominence.

This production will be shown at the Joy theater tonight and Tuesday.

The People's Might

The feudal system, like other stupendous fabrics of past ages, is known only by the rubbish it has left behind it. Crowned heads have been compelled to submit to the restraints of law, and the people, with that intelligence which makes the voice restless, have been able to say to the prerogative: "Thus far shalt thou come and no farther."—Daniel Webster.

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