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OREGON WEATHER
Rain; moderate northerly winds.

THE CREEPING PESTILENCE

Just two months ago President Wilson formally announced the signing of the armistice and the approach of world peace. "The war," he said, "thus comes to an end."

The words were accurate so far as they went. Germany had been defeated, and civilization freed from the peril of Prussian domination. But as a fact the war has not ended. It has hardly been interrupted. It has only changed its form.

Bolshevism, a force as ambitious, as tyrannical and as menacing as Prussianism, has set out to conquer and enslave the world. The battle-line, hitherto in Russia, has extended into Germany; tomorrow a new front may spring into being elsewhere.

In the popular attitude toward the news from Europe there is to a great degree the same misconception of the significance of events that was noticeable during the developments of civil strife in Russia.

As already has been made clear, these campaigns are directed only primarily against the countries indicated; they are part of the Bolshevik program to create a world-wide revolution which shall overthrow everywhere the existing social system and exterminate democracy.

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increased, its dangers must multiply; for each success it gains helps to arouse the democratic nations to understanding of what the hideous thing means and what it purposes to do, to a realization that democracy must stamp out this pestilence or perish miserably.—Philadelphia North American.

Henry McGinnis, chief counsel for Albers, says Albers was an unfortunate man in that "he occasionally got drunk." While it is true that John Barleycorn is to blame for many misdeeds, it's a lame, cowardly excuse for Albers to try to shift his disloyalty to "John's" shoulders.

The bill which has been introduced at Salem, providing that the state lend its credit to back up the sale of district irrigation bonds would be a splendid thing for Oregon, providing the measure is properly and carefully drawn and the projects coming within its scope handled in a business-like and judicious manner to avoid wild-catting.

Vice President Marshall recently said in a speech at New York: "I venture the assertion that the good will which now exists between the allied governments and our own will not last five years unless reciprocal trade relations, fixed in justice, are arranged between us."

It looks like a game of freeze-out. Strikes are spreading all over the Northwest, as well as on the California coast and in the east, and Chas. Piez, high mogul of the Emergency Fleet corporation, not to be bluffed by the strikers, says it's a good time to shut down the shipyards and take a breathing spell.

Henry L. Pittock had a wonderful record. He guided the destinies of the Oregonian for 58 years. He built the paper up to its present rank from a little four-page paper which he started in 1860.

An exchange says an editor has taken a vacation after a 47 years' steady grind. That sounds rather dubious—an editor could hardly earn enough in 47 years to afford a vacation.

"We were all chasing the things that glitter and have no substance," says Henry Ford. Is it possible that Mr. Ford refers to a Ford car, otherwise known as a flivver?

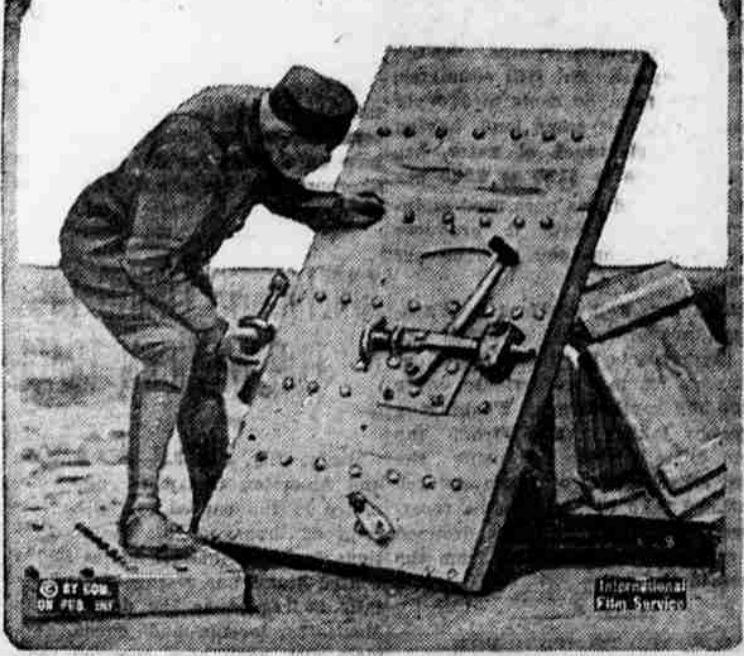
At the present time Grants Pass seems to have a strangle-hold on Old Man Flu. Eternal vigilance must be used to retain that hold.

Governor Withycombe has signed the criminal syndicalism bill and the law is now awaiting its first victim.

Friendship's Opportunity. Many fine and splendid people at times try the good nature and good will of their very best friends. It may be that they are wrestling with some wearisome problem or endeavoring to bear up under some heavy burden and for the time being appear to be anything but their own natural selves.

French Custom. In France, until the introduction of postage stamps and the rule of double postage for unpaid letters, it was considered ill bred to prepay a letter addressed to a friend.

DOOR OF THE KAISER'S DUGOUT



This heavy steel door, which an American officer is examining, was taken from the entrance to the Kaiser's private trench dugout in Spa, Belgium, which for some time was the German great headquarters, but is now the meeting place of the international armistice commission.

TEXAS OIL WELLS ARE YIELDING MILLIONS

Eastland, Tex., Jan. 31.—It was the bringing in of the Texas & Pacific Coal and Oil company's No. 1 McCleskey well during October, 1917, that first attracted the attention of the oil interests to the central Texas fields.

The McCleskey well was drilled into production at a depth of 3,260 feet with an initial flow of 1,800 barrels daily, less than 15 months ago. Today the Ranger pool, in Eastland county, Texas, has the largest potential production of any field in this country.

The development of the central Texas fields began just when the world's war was beginning to draw on the oil stocks of America. It was then that the prices of crude petroleum had advanced from less than a dollar a barrel to its present price of \$2.25 per barrel for the mid-continent crude.

The actual production of the central Texas field today is nearly 70,000 barrels daily.

One year ago in Eastland county there were five standard rigs drilling in the county. Today a scout's report will show for Eastland county alone, 185 rigs drilling; 33 wells shut down on top of the sand; 47 producing wells; 29 dry holes, including gasers; 120 rigs built, waiting for drilling machinery, and more than 100 locations that will be drilled within the next month or so, making a total of 514 wells drilled, drilling and making ready to drill.

The estimated cost of a well in the Ranger field is around \$40,000 for each completed well. You can figure an investment there of more than \$20,000,000 not figuring the drilling tools which are required to drill a well; nor the money that was paid out on leases by the various companies, or the steel storage tanks for storing the oil, or the gathering pipeline. All these add many more millions to the investment.

In Stephens county there are 147 rigs drilling; 18 wells shut down for storage; 29 producing wells; 18 dry holes and gasers; 42 rigs up, waiting for drilling machinery, and more than 200 locations that will be drilled within the next few months making a total of 464; making a total investment of \$18,000,000 in Stephens county. In the remainder of the West Texas counties outside of Wichita county, that are developing for oil, there are nearly 300 rigs drilling or in some process of getting ready to drill.

Mean Feeling. A colored unit was moving up to take its place in the line of battle. It was early morning, and daylight had not yet begun to break. "Hey, sergeant," came a voice from over in the brush to the left, "when we all go to find them Boches?" "Never you mind, child; you all gonna find plenty of them things 'fore long."

Quite So. "Washington at Valley Forge presents a heroic figure." "You bet. Quite different from a Kaiser in a cellar."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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