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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1919

OREGON WEATHER

Rain in west, rain or snow + east. Strong, southerly winds. +

MEXICO

Reports from Paris indicate that as the "mandatory" system adopted by the peace conference for the government of German colonies and backward countries not otherwise controlled, the United States will be asked to look after Mexico.

It is a logical application of the plan. The United States is the natural guardian of Mexico, because of the Monroe-Doctrine and because that troublesome country is our next-door neighbor, and Americans have large interests there.

Many Americans—and also many foreigners—think we ought to have got on the job definitely and earnestly, long ago. President Wilson's delay seems to have been due largely to his desire to convince Latin America in general of the disinterestedness and good will of the United States.

There would be little criticism now of our taking Mexico in hand on our own responsibility. There could surely be none if we do so on the authority of the league of nations, acting as a disinterested agent of the whole civilized world.

Wilson and Taft to their critics: "If you fellows know of a better remedy than a league of nations, trot it out." That challenge will probably be answered when congress opens the fire works.

Some of the democrats are now accusing the republicans of favoring the league of nations plan simply because Mr. Taft is for it. People should remember that Taft was working for a league of nations plan to preserve world peace long before Woodrow came into the limelight.

The dangerous Roberts Mountain on the Pacific highway has been eliminated; Pass Creek canyon has been made passable; Merlin hill is being improved, and Grave Creek hill, where many serious accidents have occurred, has been changed into a beautiful, broad winding road with an easy grade.

Meantime the cracking of heads goes merrily on between "loyal" Germans and the Spartacan groups. If "German thoroughness" is adhered to it will yet prove to be a case of elimination and Germany will be



TREE RIPENED Sunkist Oranges

KINNEY & TRUAX GROCERY QUALITY FIRST

whittled down to a point where she will be no larger than one of her neighbors.

Mrs. Martin Johnson, of New York, who has just returned from a trip to the South Sea Islands, says "there is no vulgarity in nakedness, because down there the women wear practically nothing and are more modest than a Broadway broler."

Thomas, Lachmund and Eddy may have introduced the most bills at Salem, but Sidler, of Josephine, has a more brilliant record. He has touched lightly the matter of "introduction," which fact most taxpayers will appreciate.

The fly fisherman looks with scorn upon the bait fisherman. The bait fisherman "cusses" the fly fisherman for making light of his sport, while the majority of anglers use any old bait or method to land their fish and often pray for a stick of dynamite to throw into the water.

This rainy, sloppy weather has its advantages in an economical way. A person can wear any old rags under the ever necessary overcoat, which is kept buttoned up tightly.

A farmer is advertising for sale a "registered bull with papers." It's a proud bull that carries his credentials with him.

Yesterday the president approved 24 bills and resolutions. Sort of rubber stamp rapid fire.

The new German flag is red, black and gold. Their naval flag should be solid yellow.

Real Meaning of "Salad." Salad literally means salted and is a direct descendant of the Latin word sal, or salt. The use of "salad" to mean the greens from which or on which a salad mixture is placed is one of only recent origin.

No Slackers. Father—"Why don't you stick to work more? It ought to be a real enjoyment to you." Son—"It is, sir, but I don't like to give myself up wholly to pleasure."

SOLDIER LETTERS

Ardele Bailey Comes Through Without a Scratch

Wainville, France, Jan. 3, 1919 My Dear Father:

Your letter of November 12 reached me before Christmas. I neglected to answer it as I had just written to you and wanted to delay long enough to be able to tell you about our holidays over here.

Thank God it is all over and I am in the dry these awful stormy nights, for the rain has been pouring down for weeks. Imagine me lying in a shell hole awaiting for daybreak, to go over the top.

I was glad to hear from Gene. You speak as if he had been wounded. His division is in Germany now—near Strausburg I think. He had a taste of war if he went over the top four times. In the Argonne Forest we used to go over every morning before breakfast and got so busy we didn't eat breakfast for several days.

I am feeling fine, except that I have a bad cold, but have had that since I landed here. I have not been on the sick call and am coming home without a scratch. None of the shells had my name on them.

I don't know when I will be home, but it won't be long. There is talk of moving off the front in a few days. I'll be glad to get south where there is civilization, and where things are not so scarred up with war effects.

Our battalion had a fine Christmas. We decorated our rooms with mistletoe and had little Christmas trees. We received a box from the Red Cross through the Y. M. C. A., which took the place of the one you couldn't send on account of me not sending the permit.

and I received my first orange and some fine grapes as well as walnuts. We had lots of music from our band. Our captain gave each a cigar for Christmas and New Years.

The flu seems to have been raging in the states. It is too bad for it seems to have taken the lives of thousands. The American people are surely backing us boys up with the "kale" and in return we have helped to make America the leading nation in the world in all respects.

Still Bosing on French Highways

Sivry-sur-Meuse, Jan. 19, 1919. Dear Folks:

Have your letters of December 9 and 16 which were received yesterday when the courier came over with the mail and for reports. I have seen Dena Ament about ten minutes since October tenth, when he left the company to go to school somewhere.

There is absolutely no chance of going anywhere on a visit, I guess, for so far even the boys whose people (mother and father) live in Italy Scotland and Norway do not get a chance to go there on their furloughs.

You wonder why we did not celebrate the night the armistice was signed. We did not know it for sure until the next day's papers came out and it was too late then. We heard of it, but one hears so many things in the army that he does not believe anything until he sees it in black and white and sometimes not then.

You will know more about when, where and how we will be discharged than I will, until it is all said and done and I am a civilian again. I sure wish I could be there to help the pipe laying and overhauling, but at present I am watching the coons patching roads. I don't know why they don't make the Huns do the road work, unless it is because we are here and they cannot let us be idle.

Took a hike over to Dannervoux yesterday afternoon and investigated a 38 cm. gun which apparently was used in the recent bombardment of Verdun. It was manufactured at the Skodawerke Akt. Ger. in 1917, weighs about 34 tons and shoots a projectile which weighs about 2200 pounds.

Ben W. Coutant, Co. A, 23d Engineers, Amer. Ex. Force.

Perhaps. Lucky is the man who marries a widow whose first husband was mean to her.—Chicago Evening Post.

Optimistic Thought. Merit does not always receive its reward.

Unshaken Testimony

Time is the test of truth. And Doan's Kidney Pills have stood the test in Grants Pass. No Grants Pass resident who suffers backache, or annoying urinary ills can remain unconvinced by this twice-told testimony.

W. A. Trefren, 731 Highland Ave., says: "I suffered for a long time from my back and kidneys and never found anything that would give me much relief until I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. They strengthened my back and eased the dull pains that had settled across my kidneys." (Statement given March 24, 1913.)

On March 20, 1916, Mr. Trefren said: "I am still a strong booster for Doan's Kidney Pills, for I don't know of anything their equal for lame back and kidney trouble. They always do me a wonderful lot of good when I have to take them." Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Trefren had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

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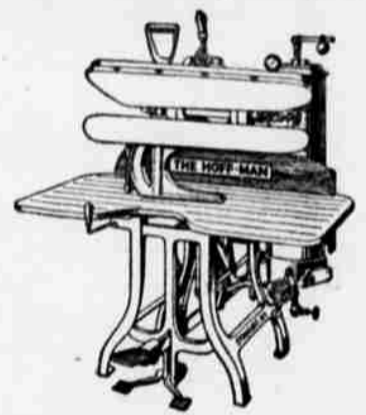
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