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TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 1919.

## OREGON WEATHER

Fair, light northeasterly winds.

## UNJUST CRITICISM

Possibly without exception the congress that has just adjourned was the recipient of more unjust criticism and abuse than any body of lawmakers that ever assembled at Washington. The bitter tirade began at the opening of hostilities between the United States and Germany when the president, after reading his famous war message to congress, asked for \$100,000,000 "instantly" to meet emergency expenses—and sought autocratic power.

Within thirty days from that memorable date congress, as well as many private American citizens, realized that it was to be a fight between the president and our national law-making body. It was, in a way, not strictly partisan, for the democrat with the temerity to oppose the chief executive, or who offered suggestions not in accord with their leader's views, was given the cold shoulder and ostracized the same as any republican who sought counsel with the president. Nevertheless, the South was placed in the saddle and southern industries greatly favored.

But what was to be done—what could be done? The war was on and America was straining every nerve to enter the European battlefield fully equipped, at the earliest possible date. The president repeatedly asked for "more power." At first congress hesitated, but immediately those Americans who firmly rallied to the "kept us out of war" standard accused the vacillating ones that they were playing politics and interfering with the president's vigorous prosecution of the war. These accusations in numerous cases amounted to almost disloyalty charges.

Senator Chamberlain, democrat, was selected chairman of the military affairs committee. Being a man not afraid to express his opinion, he sought to counsel with Wilson. Result: Chamberlain's ideas were adverse to Wilson's plans and the senator was instantly barred from the chosen circle. No plans were thereafter revealed to him, he was kept in the dark as to what was being done, and from that time forward the president considered the great military affairs committee non-compos mentis. With Secretaries McAdoo, Lansing and Baker and Col. E. M. House—who by the way never received a single vote from the American public—the president carried out his plans, never asking counsel and coldly ignoring the committee on military affairs, as well as the whole American congress.

Today, as a result of the president's dictatorial attitude, he is entirely out of harmony with congress—which means that many democrats as well as republicans have felt the sharp sting of his incivility. What the result will be when the next congress assembles to dispose of several colossal problems can only be conjectured. But now that the great

war is over, those senators who, while the conflict raged, patiently remained silent through fear of being called obstructionists if they offered advice or sought counsel with the president's chosen few, will feel free to speak their convictions.

It is but natural that during the stress of conflict people rally firmly to their leader, their king, or as did all the allies to the support of the indomitable Foch, yet it is well to remember that America is, or should be, ruled by Americans—it is a government by the people and not by a select few.

Congress has been blamed for thousands of misdeeds, but its hands have been tied by dictatorship and a threatened accusation of "partisan obstructionism" if so much as a mild counter-proposition or suggestion was offered. Yet those congressmen were chosen by popular vote to go to Washington and conduct our government. They are THE power in the United States for the very good reason that the people select them as such. They are OF the people and it is a safe prediction that the great majority of them are FOR the people, regardless of the fact that some people seem to think that we do not need a congress.

Congress has made mistakes—so has our president, and every other president for that matter—but there has been too much thoughtless bitter criticism of that body merely because the majority of them resented the request to rubber-stamp every whim of the president.

Let us not go entirely back on congress, else there be but two courses left—Bolshevism or a monarchy.

## O. A. C. PREDICTS FARM HELP WILL BE SCARCE

Corvallis, Mar. 25.—A very large call for trained farm help is experienced even at this early date, reports J. W. Brewer, farm help specialist for the federal and O. A. C. agricultural extension. "If this is the condition now, what will be the situation when spring work is on in full blast and farmers need help in a hurry?" he asks. "Many persons predicted a large surplus of all kinds of labor, and thought help would be easy to get. Send your applications to our Portland office and tell particularly what kind of work you want done."

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## BEESON HELPED RED RUPERT MAKE ESCAPE

Elton Beeson, of Talent, not only unknowingly aided Red Rupert, the Portland convict, to make sure his escape from the convict camp at Gold Hill last Monday, but slept with Red, still ignorant of his identity that night, says the Medford Tribune.

Beeson was about to ship a load of cattle to Gazelle, Cal., Monday morning, when Rupert, following his escape, approached him and asked if he did not want help to care for the cattle en route. Beeson did, and so Rupert was hired and got aboard with Beeson and the cattle. They slept together in the hotel at Gazelle that night, and next afternoon Rupert boarded a train to the south and to further liberty.

Beeson did not learn until his return home of Rupert's escape and when he read his published description at once recognized the erstwhile cattle helper as Rupert, and so notified the authorities.

## SAN FRANCISCO GIRL KILLED BY STRAY SHOT

San Francisco, Mar. 25.—A bullet believed to have been intended for a target killed the 12-year-old daughter of Major Eugene L. Swift, of the medical corps, at the Presidio. The authorities are puzzled, being unable to account for the origin of the bullet.

## WHAT CHANCE

One dusky citizen was in uniform. The other clung to his civilian garb and rallied against the draft. "I ain't a gion," he asserted, "and no ain't a gion," he asserted, "and no 'Niggah,' replied the other earnestly, "If Mr. Woodrow Wilson wants you, you go! That man just took an hour of daylight from de Good Lo'd. Then he took all de railroads and gib 'em to his son-in-law. What chance has you got?"

## CITY TREASURER'S NOTICE

There are funds in the city treasury to redeem all warrants drawn on the general fund numbered 13,666 to 13,747 inclusive.

Interest will cease after March 24th, 1919.

Dated at Grants Pass, Oregon, March 22nd, 1919.

G. P. JESTER, City Treasurer.

All kinds of legal blanks at the Courier.

## KINGS NO NOVELTY AT PEACE CONFERENCE

Paris, Mar. 25.—Kings, presidents and premiers have ceased to be a novelty at the peace conference, but the bodyguard of Premier Venizelos of Greece, never fails to attract great crowds. At the hotel where the American delegation is housed and at the foreign office, Venizelos' approach is always heralded by the arrival of one of his Cretan soldiers arrayed more brilliantly than a comic opera bandit.

The Cretans who escort the Greek statesman are all more than six feet tall and apparently have been chosen from various organizations as a different men appears daily, and the same uniform is never seen twice. The swarthy Cretans all have small waxed mustaches twisted into upturned points and stand rigidly at attention for hours while awaiting M. Venizelos at the entrance to the hotel or the foreign office. The fibes of small boys and the jokes of various allied soldiers who gather in wonderment never seem to disturb the imperturbable Cretans.

Perhaps the most startling uniform worn by one of the guards consisted of white tights bound by tasseled black silk cords at the knees, a red velvet blouse and sash, a red fez surmounted by a black silk tassel so long that it fell below the waist and black sandals with upturned toes topped by great black silk pom-poms. This costume was completed by an ivory-handled knife two feet long thrust carelessly into the sash.

The knives and swords worn by the Cretans are the chief feature of the uniforms and make collectors of antique weapons very envious. They are of all sizes and shapes and have sheaths of great splendor, jeweled and carved in a marvellous manner.

## COUNTY TREASURER'S CALL FOR ROAD WARRANTS

All Josephine County (pink) road warrants issued up to November 12, 1918, and protested prior to that date, are hereby called in and are payable at the County Treasurer's office on or after March 25th, 1919, on which date interest will cease.

GEO. S. CALHOUN, County Treasurer for Josephine County, Oregon.

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## Doctors Fail

"Terrible case of Eczema—contracted when a mere boy—fought disease for ten years, with half dozen specialists. Both legs in terrible condition. Almost a nervous wreck. It took just 8 bottles to clear up this disease."

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MARCH 28

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Auspices of Woman's Association Presbyterian Church

Admission 50c and 75c  
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Tickets on sale by members of the association—Sent reservation opens Wednesday at 9 o'clock at Horning's Shack

CURTAIN AT 8:30 P. M.

## SPECIAL SOAP SALE

Large Ivory, 9 bars	-	\$1.00
Bob White, 18 bars	-	1.00
Swifts White, 20 bars	-	1.00
Crystal White, 17 bars	-	1.00
Armour's White, 21 bars	-	1.00
Mascot, 25 bars	-	1.00
Large Pearline	-	25c
Small Pearline	-	two for 15c
Swift's Pride Washing Powder, Small	-	5c
Lux	-	two for 25c

## The Basket Grocery

417 G Street

## Help do your own Car Repairing

Now is the time to have your car looked over and put in shape for the summer. I have had 14 years garage experience which enables me to locate your car troubles and fix it as it should be in the shortest possible time. A trial will convince you. If you should want to help me work on your car I shall be glad to have you and it will give you a better idea of how to take care of it in the future.—Drop in and see me.

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