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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1919

OREGON WEATHER
+ + + + +
+ Tonight and Thursday fair. +
+ Colder tonight in east and con- +
+ tinued cold in west portion. +
+ Fresh northerly winds. +
+ + + + +

BEING THANKFUL
Last year it was easy to be thankful. The whole world was happy perforce. The war was over. There were no more booming guns marking time as death stalked; no more maiming of bodies and wrecking of towns. Peace approached and the world could breathe and look forward. This year the old world is in a state of bitter discontent and of petty fretting. Everybody seems to have his mind on luxury and money, and getting something out of the other fellow. And nobody seems perfectly happy.
It is time to sit soberly down and count one's blessings. It is a time to forget the raise one has not had and remember the salary one has. Last year the flu was raging. This year it is practically only a memory.

Your Thanksgiving

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There is a deeper spiritual feeling everywhere. Perhaps that fact is responsible for some of the fretting. People realize vaguely that the goods of this world do not satisfy. They are in the position of Kipling's Mahub Ali—"I, too, am a seeker, but Allah alone knoweth what I seek." The seeking makes them restless. But it is better and more hopeful than dull content. For in time, "He that seeketh shall find." The world is a good place, after all. The sun shines and the stars keep their serene places. All the world needs is to put itself in the attitude of thanksgiving, and presto, the troubles cease. "God's in His Heaven. All's right with the world."

SOBER THOUGHT ABOUT THE TREATY

Perhaps it is just as well that the senate ditched the peace treaty at the close of this session. Partisan passions had beclouded the judgment of the senators and had confused the

public. Everybody will see the matter more clearly after a quiet interval.

Private citizens and law-makers alike are now in position to stand off and look at the treaty and its problems objectively, dispassionately, calmly. Judgment will be more trustworthy after a little. Everybody will know better what is really in that treaty, and what undue mutilation or final rejection of it might mean to this country and the world.

The league of nations will be a reality. The attitude of the other big powers insures that. Great Britain, France and Italy are determined to inaugurate the league, as the only feasible means of enforcing the peace terms imposed on Germany and establishing a better order in the world. They will be greatly handicapped by the absence of the United States, but still they can set up some sort of machinery and get to work on the big job of rebuilding Europe.

The United States itself will suffer disadvantages from not being in at the beginning. The organization of the league will be accomplished by Britain, France, Italy and Japan. They will name the officers and commissions, and establish league policies according to their own interpretation. Many of their interests are at variance with those of the United States. Many things will not be done as Americans want them done. America will have to stand ~~pat~~—for a while.

It is inconceivable that this country should remain permanently outside of the league. Even if the American people were opposed to its fundamental principles, it would be a suicidal national policy to permit all the other great powers of the world to form a virtual alliance against us—which is what the league would amount to, without America in it.

Very likely the senate, in its next session, will find some solution acceptable to two-thirds of its mem-

bers. If so, the president will undoubtedly acquiesce. Otherwise the matter will have to be deferred for a while. The shying fact in the situation is that it will still be possible for the United States at any time to join the league by applying for membership.

CABINET DECIDES IN COAL WAGE MATTER

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