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It is not necessary for the newspapers to run puzzle departments now, as the draft questionnaires and income tax returns supply the principal needs in this line.

Having bought at a church food sale for 50 cents, a cake that took 50 cents worth of material and 75 cents worth of labor, many people feel proud of their generosity.

Jesse Jones, of Mulino, Oregon, marked himself for all time as a slacker by getting his wife to chop off the index finger of his right hand with a hatchet—but he had to go into the army notwithstanding.

Has anybody been thinking how a Union ticket for the presidency next year would make it if it read as follows: For president, Theodore Roosevelt, of New York; for vice president, Geo. E. Chamberlain, of Oregon?

Over 6,000 glasses of various kinds have been received by the Navy in response to its call through the newspapers for binoculars, spyglasses, telescopes, sextants, and chronometers. There is urgent need for many more.

Although only one out of a hundred cows in the United States are enrolled in cow testing associations, there already 472 such associations, composed of 12,088 dairymen owning 216,831 cows. There was a gain of 37 per cent in the number of associations during 1917.

It looks as if the result of the war is to be settled on the western front this year. Germany has reached a point where not to win a decisive victory there will spell her defeat. And our American boys are there by the hundred thousand to insure that "the Huns shall not pass."

Wood pulp is being manufactured into cloth in Germany. The pulp is spun into thread and then woven into a fabric, the warp of which is linen thread. It is said to be durable and to stand washing five or six times. It is utilized for clothing of all kinds, but especially for underwear.

Thrift stamps are war on the Prussian war lords. If you buy them you help fight the junkers. And the beauty of it is that your purchase of stamps is a loan to your country, and your country will pay back your money at the end of five years with interest compounded. Can you find an easier way or a more profitable way to help fight the war lords?—Oregon Journal.

The Sentinel as a republican newspaper deplores the attempt of some republicans to make political capital out of the mistakes made by our government officials in the conduct of the war. Help them all you can but don't throw stones at them. They are working for us and have achieved wonderful results, despite mistakes that will not be repeated. Let's forget party politics until we have won the war.

Seattle has gone back on Hi Gill again. This time he is probably down and out to stay. He stood third in the mayoralty primary there the first of the week. His attempt to play fast and loose with Uncle Sam, and under a clean-up mask help decoy the boys at Camp Lewis to the vicious resorts he was "protecting" was the last straw that broke the back of his support in that "wide open town."

Speaking in London lately one of the most eminent Englishmen said, "It is lucky for us that a man like Mr. Hoover is at the helm of the allied food supply and that behind him is a

people willing to deny themselves so that we may live to fight." America is doing well and it is pleasant to have our self denial appreciated by those for whom we are saving meat, wheat and sweets. But are we doing our best? Certainly our best is none too much for the peoples who have stood for the past four years like a wall of fire between us and the hell of German barbarism.

A boy in a Nebraska school was so lacking in application that the teacher threatened to drop him from the register if he didn't do better. He went home and said the teacher had threatened to throw him in the furnace; whereas there was much immediate complaint and investigation. A fine illustration of how stories grow in the telling when they pass through un-schooled and untrained brains. Probably more than half the mistakes in the world are made by failing to understand the words and get the idea expressed. A man with a 20,000-word vocabulary outranges one who uses only two or three thousand as far as a 42-centimere gun does such cannon as were used in the revolutionary war.

We haven't yet got a full realization of what war means. When we do Hun spies will be shot without ceremony as soon as they are found acting the spy. There has been too much mistaken leniency for the dirty tools of a nation that never shows mercy anywhere. This softness has cost us hundreds of lives and uncounted treasure. Why not administer to the enemy who steals into our country to destroy food stocks, munition factories and transportation agencies the treatment warranted by the laws of war? Death to spies and traitors ought to be the rule now. So long as we take the other course we encourage the pro-German activities and place in jeopardy the lives of our own people and their means of living. A few well aimed shots at the hearts of traitors would be worth a good many army corps to the United States.

### THE WAR OUTLOOK.

Frank H. Simonds has recently written for a newspaper syndicate an article that would more than fill a Sentinel page giving his idea as to the way the war looks to people on both sides now and the probabilities of peace in the near future. It seems to us that he has the situation sized up about right. He says that six months ago the working men and women in England and France were getting awfully tired of the war and anxious to quit. The German Reichstag had voted for a peace without annexations or indemnities but none of the allies had plainly stated their war aims. If peace could be had and the woes and weight of war ended by just quitting and leaving every country to repair its losses and build up its own waste places they were in a mood to ask "Why not quit right now?" This sentiment was weakening the spirit and undermining the morale of our allies. Since then the veil has been stripped from the Prussian Mokanna in its negotiations with the present Russian rulers and Germany has shown she is not willing to quit without annexations but wants to absorb all of western Russia as well as Poland.

Then came President Wilson's speech stating our entirely reasonable war aims. They have been approved as a whole by the British labor party. The French people say amen to them! So do the Italian. The Austrian premier, Count Czernin, is almost persuaded to agree with them. The German people who think and work can see nothing wrong with them.

So a large percentage of the central allies can see no reason why when peace is offered on such liberal terms they should not accept it. Besides thousands of Prussian and Austrian workmen went on a strike to influence their rulers to accept the peace terms offered by President Wilson.

This time it is the German morale and the German people who are restive because they must still be dragged at the wheels of the uggernaut of Kaiserism, and compelled to spill their blood to enhance Hohenzollern glory.

They are not rebelling yet and may not for some time; but they are weary and hungry and life as it is now in the central empires isn't enjoyable.

Certainly all that can save the war lords in Germany from disaster is a big victory on the western front. That is all they have left to gamble on. Outnumbered, outcannoned and outclassed there by the allies who have held them at bay so long and who have just been reinforced by a million fresh American troops, the prospects of such a victory do not seem promising. Either side there may for a long time continue to hold the other in check but neither is likely soon to break through. And a stalemate there certainly spells German defeat. Without the inspiration of victory and the prospect of world domination the German people behind the lines are going to lose their grit—their goat as it is now termed—and lie

down. Victory must come soon, too, to do those war worn and war weary people any good; they have been fed up so long on false hopes and promises only made to be broken that they have about reached the end of their tether.

So it seems that without victory this spring Germany can't stand the gaff much longer. Not that she may not remain on the defensive for many months but that she has passed the zenith of her strength and will fast weaken if the hope of winning now is lost. So it is to look for the war to be decided this spring on the western front. When the words are written there—"thus far shalt thou come and no farther"—the war will be decided even if not yet finished.

Since the above was written there comes the news that the Bolshevik leaders, Lenin and Trotsky, have signed a pact with the Kaiser deciding away an immense territory along the Baltic and agreeing to pay Germany a million and a half of indemnity. After doing this they made haste to skip the country. Of course, they had no more right to do this than the tramp who sleeps in your barn has to deed away your farm, and the proceeding looks very much like Satan's proposition to transfer the kingdoms of the earth. Yet it will, no doubt, hearten the German people now, however it comes out in the wind up when Germany has the Allies to settle with.

On the other hand, it is reported that Edison has so-perfected his submarine detector that they won't be able to hide from the destroyers any longer and that six months will see them all out of business. This may be too optimistic, but it is unquestionable that during the past year the number of these wasps of the sea that never return to port has steadily grown. And with the submarine peril eliminated Germany will be like a man who has lost an arm. Sea power has always meant world power during modern times.

### AN APPRECIATION.

The Sentinel has often felt like expressing its appreciation of the editorial page of the Sunday Oregonian. While not always agreeing with the political views and aims of the big Portland daily we have always admired the thoughtful, cultured essays which that paper presents week by week. They give us in a more condensed form something like the fine articles we find in the pages of our best magazines, something on a higher intellectual plane than the wrangles of partisanship.

Last Sunday's issue of that paper furnished an especially attractive menu. An especially thoughtful article, without a tinge of irreverence was the one on "The Adequacy of the Church." As "Our Inland Panama," the new \$100,000,000 Erie canal in New York, and its connections, were given appropriate references. The "March of Prohibition" discussed the question whether after the saloon had been relegated to the past we should replace it with wine and beer gardens. The "Triangular Conflict" between autocracy, democracy and the anarchistic socialism of the Bolsheviks that now prevails in Europe is glanced at. "Bards of the Forecastle" will delight those who live in a world of poetry and song, but with a mentality almost destitute of the sense of rhythm and which metre is an occult science, we passed it up. This does not conclude the list of interesting articles in that one issue of the Oregonian. I ut as this is a freewill offering and we pay for our Oregonian and are denied the privilege of an exchange, we will ring off.

### GOING TO START EARLIER.

We are going to be required by law to set our clocks ahead this summer—no doubt about that—but just when the fun of getting up at five o'clock and calling it six will begin is not yet settled. There are a lot of old duffers in the Senate who would like to pass up the whole scheme, but seeing that is impossible, they are hedging on a five months' proposition instead of a six. The House, with its younger membership and greater vim, counters with a seven months' plan. The result will probably be a compromise on six months that is the rule in "daylight saving" countries. There are three very marked advantages about the plan. In the first place to cut the time artificial lights are needed an hour a day for six months will save millions of tons of coal heretofore used to manufacture juice for those hours. This saving was one that couldn't be avoided in war times. At the same time it will furnish office workers and practically everyone who works by the day an hour more of sunlight after the day's tasks are done. In the longest days we shall be shutting up shop at six o'clock, while the sun will not set until nearly nine. This will seem like getting off in the middle of the afternoon. Then, too, the health of all concerned will be promoted by spending more time in the open air and getting to bed an hour earlier

than formerly. On the other hand, very few people, practically no more than new, will have to get up before daylight. The first of April or the last Sunday in March is the time the change is most likely to be made.

### TIME TO WORK TOGETHER.

We are glad to see that the Corvallis Courier has come to a full realization of the importance of the world war in which we are at death grips with absolute monarchy in a manifestation as foul as this planet has ever witnessed. In its last Tuesday's issue the Courier says:

The Courier thinks that licking Germany is of far more importance than electing a man to office, and it believes that any man or means that would seek to discredit, for the purpose of putting some other man in office, deserves the same pitiless publicity we give to the slacker or German.

It is unfortunate that there are state elections to be held this year and that we must have a fight at home, with all kinds of abuse and criticism to win a senate or house.

It doesn't matter which party starts this fight, Republican or Democrat, the people of every state should make up their minds right now that they will not stand any "discrediting" fight: put their candidates over, and the minute it is attempted there should be such a flood of protests sent to any state delegations in Congress that take part in it that it will put be fear of God in their hearts.

Winning the war is of a thousand times more consequence than winning a senate or house, and the people should not stand for any fighting of the administration at this time.

One war at a time.

### ABOUT "CAMOUFLAGE."

Many a French word will be naturalized "when Johnny comes marching home," and no doubt even more English words will find their way into the French dictionaries, after five million English speaking men have fought for years in France. "Camouflage" is one of the words that appears to have filled a long felt want in our speech. It is a noun derived from the verb "camoufler" (pronounced with the final t silent). This verb has several meanings, one "rap over the knuckles." The meaning which has become so general as to hide the others is that of emitting a puff of smoke to conceal that which is behind it. Anyone who masks his intentions by directing the minds of other people towards something else is therefore resorting to camouflage. This word is pronounced as if the last syllable were spelled "flash" with the a broad. So is the a in the first syllable; thus, cahm-oo-flash.

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