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... This paper has enlisted with the government in the cause of America for the period of the war ...

INTERNATIONAL NAVAL POLICE

The hope of total disarmament and absolute unpreparedness which has prevented many sterling patriots from favoring a League of Nations has received a blow from Secretary Daniels which ought to be fatal. The Navy Department has recommended a three-year program of increased naval development, which shows that the administration has no intention of relying solely upon the moral suasion of a league of Nations. Secretary Daniels explained that it is a natural development of the present war and the naval needs resulting therefrom.

When a League of Nations is formed it will be necessary also to create a naval and military international police to enforce the decrees of the international court. The nations in the League will furnish such police. Its numbers will be apportioned with reference to the wealth of the nations and the coast lines to be guarded. This will make it necessary for the United States and Great Britain to furnish most of the warships. Secretary Daniels says, consequently all warships built under the new program will be used.

The limitation of armaments will present one of the most difficult questions before the peace conference. Judging from the new naval program, Washington believes that some time will elapse before any plan of limitation can be put into effect.

For the present, at least, it would not be fair to forecast the attitude of the members of our national legislature concerning the League of Nations or any partisan basis. To say that the Republican party opposed the League movement or that the Democratic Party opposed it would be as misleading as to say that either one of these parties opposed the war. Attempts to make the League of Nations a partisan issue should fail just as efforts to make the war an issue of patriotism an issue came to naught.

"OREGON FIRST"

(Oregon Voter)

Next to having furnished more volunteer soldiers to the war than did any other state (in proportion to population), Oregon can be most proud of the "First" awarded to it by Surgeon-General Rupert Blue in the following telegram to the Oregon Social Hygiene Society:

"A tabulation of one million reports first received from camp surgeons throughout the country shows that Oregon leads the country with a rate of 59-100ths of one per cent found to have venereal diseases on arriving in camp. It is hoped that Oregon can continue vigorous measures in combating venereal diseases during the period of demobilization and thereafter.

"Rupert Blue."

At the other extreme of Oregon's matchless record is that of another state, with a percentage of 8.9% found to have venereal diseases on arriving in camp. Fifteen times as many cases in proportion as afflicted the boys from Oregon!

What a source of pride to the clean-minded people of Oregon! What a relief to the anxiety of devoted parents! What an earnest for the future welfare of the young women of the state, and of their unborn children! Is it not wonderful!

To the work of the Oregon Social Hygiene Society this remarkable showing may be attributed in very large measure. This society has worked, intelligently, discriminatingly, along practical lines. It has been directed by a coterie of unselfish business and professional men, who have given of their time without stint and have dug deep into their pockets to meet bills that

The Red Cross Ready for Peace

THE following message has been telegraphed by the War Council of the American Red Cross to each one of the 3,857 chapters:

"On February 10th, last year, nearly six weeks before the United States declared war, National Red Cross Headquarters advised its chapters to prepare for war. That which has followed in the record of the Red Cross in helping to win this war and to relieve the suffering growing out of it, constitutes something of which every American citizen has a right to be proud. Every American Red Cross worker must feel a sense of gratitude in having had a share in it all.

"The moment is now come to prepare for peace. Until peace is really here and our soldiers home there can be no relaxation in any Red Cross effort incident to active hostilities.

"But even with peace, let no one suppose that the work of the Red Cross is finished. Millions of American boys are still under arms. Thousands of them are sick and wounded. Owing to the shortage in shipping, it may take a year or more to bring our boys home from France. But whatever the time, our protecting arms must be about them and their families over the whole period which must elapse before the normal life of peace can be resumed.

"Our soldiers and sailors are enlisted until the Commander-in-Chief tells them there is no more work for them to do in the war. Let every Red Cross member and worker—and this means both men and women—show our returning soldiers and sailors that to care for their health, welfare and happiness we are enlisted for no less period than they are.

"The cessation of war will reveal a picture of misery such as the world has never seen before, especially in the many countries which cannot help themselves. The American people will expect the Red Cross to continue to act as their agent in repairing broken spirits and broken bodies. Peace terms and peace conditions will determine how we may best minister to the vast stricken areas which have been harrowed by war, and for this great act of mercy the heart and spirit of the American people must continue to be mobilized through the American Red Cross.

"On behalf of the War Council, we accordingly ask each member of our splendid body of workers throughout the land to bear in mind the solemn obligation which rests upon each one to 'carry on.' We cannot abate one instant in our efforts or in our spirits. There will be abundance of work to do, and specific advices will be given, but even at the moment of peace let no Red Cross worker falter.

"Our spirits must now call us to show that not the roar of cannon or the blood of our own alone directs our activities, but that a great people will continue to respond greatly and freely to its obligations and opportunity to serve."

were not provided for by public subscriptions or state support. The sacrifices made by these men—and they were many—are richly rewarded in the showing made as to manhood conserved, womanhood saved and childhood rescued from curse.

For several sessions, the legislature has appropriated modestly for support of this work under the direction of the society. There always has been opposition to the appropriation, but the opposition was disarmed by the showing made as to results being obtained and the demonstration of the singleness of heart that was behind a noble and practical movement.

So ably was this work directed, and so manifest were its results, that the national government took Oregon as its model, and the great and effective work conducted by the War and Navy Departments was copied from that done in Oregon. Even the text of the literature and the poster illustrations and placards were copied and used in editions of millions. The Oregon Society was glad to place its resources and experience at command of the nation. The saving of health to our soldiers and sailors and the far-reaching consequences of that saving was contributed to by Oregon.

Again the opposition to the state appropriation is showing itself. Undoubtedly, when the testimony is all taken as to the physical, material and spiritual value of this work, the legislature will appropriate all funds that are needed to carry it on in the future under the same able direction that has been responsible for the splendid results achieved. There are several state appropriations that must not be sacrificed under any circumstances, no matter how stringent the situation may become, and that for the Oregon Social Hygiene

Society is one of these.

IS AN ENDLESS CHAIN

That's a sort of endless chain scheme the Bay people are trying to run on the County Court. They were over here Wednesday in force to insist that the court should appropriate money to run a ferry from North Bend over to Glasgow or somewhere on that side of the bay and also provide for completing the Coos Bay north section of the coast highway.

Two or three years ago they were making a demand that something should be done to improve the Sunset Bay road to North Bend and make an automobile boulevard of it. By their "continual coming" they so wearied the court that it granted the prayer and borrowed about \$55,000 from the bond fund and other road funds that should have been used in various parts of the county and built the road. Then a North Bend man as foreman of the grand jury, brings in a report showing how the funds mentioned have been depleted and misapplied and asks the circuit judge to tell them what can be done to the county court for its glaring delinquencies along this line.

The next act now is for the North Bend people to come over here again and ask for a big appropriation for which no money is possibly available, to build a ferry and complete one of the bond projects on which the money appropriated has already been exhausted, with funds obtained no matter how.

That done they could come here a year hence in the person of some grand jurymen from the Bay and show what reckless lawbreakers the members of the court were in misapplying other county funds, as must be done to comply with the request. By this time the court has got wise and turned down their request. —Coquille Sentinel.

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The Nose Dive.

"The nose dive is a dangerous maneuver," says an aviation teacher. The nose dive is not only dangerous in aviation, but in julepation as well. A nose dive into a julep is exhilarating, but at last it makes the nose look like a premium strawberry.—Houston Post.

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