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In the passing of Theodore Roosevelt, perhaps the very highest tribute that may be paid to him is to just say that he was an American. He stood for everything American, and his aggressive zeal for attainment of ideals to the disregarding of precedent or honest conviction advanced by other statesmen, irrespective of party affiliations, may be attributed his tempestuous political career. As president of the greatest civilized Nation on the face of the earth, he advanced his country along the lines of progress in many ways; as soldier, he made a record at San Juan, the lustre of which forever stamped him as being a red-blooded fighting man—a hero idolized by the men of the West he formed into an army and led in battle; as a political leader, for years he stood in his country without a peer, exercising his wonderful talent in this respect to the extent that he disrupted his own party in an effort to win out bossism. That he succeeded in his object, though temporarily, has been proven in the last few months by his party virtually conceding him to be its logical presidential candidate at the next election. His unrelenting aggressiveness, at times, stripped bare of diplomacy or policy, served to great extent to characterize him as dictator, and on this ground more than any other did opponent statesmen grapple with the "Big Stick." Not only did the leaders of the Democratic party grapple with it, but men of his own party as well. But in retrospect, the activities of Colonel Roosevelt will leave everlasting impress upon his country's history as being one of the greatest Presidents, and one of its most virile statesmen—one whom his bitterest political adversary, in fairness, must admit was fair and fearless in his political contentions, striving for the same goal, but on different principles.

We do not know what can be done about the winter itch unless a way can be found to get it before the peace conference.

What the boys would like especially is to have the government get them home in time for the opening game next spring.

One must hope that their old jobs have been kept for the army of dollar-a-year men who are about to be demobilized.

The registrant who sent back a blank questionnaire missed an opportunity to learn a great deal about himself and his affairs.

Soon we should hear the real truth about how that Belgian paper was published so regularly during all the years of German occupation.

It will be some little time before old conditions are sufficiently approximated to permit reference to a million dollars as a large sum of money.

Mable and Mame are wondering how many of those reconstructed homes in France and Flanders will have the help of a Yankee son-in-law.

The German propaganda is still with us, and it behooves people to examine into harrowing or disturbing reports before putting too much credence in them.

Having avoided trouble with their neighbors during more than four years of war, it is a poor time for the Swiss to begin fighting among themselves.

Food prices, Washington says, went up 30 per cent during the last year. Does Washington imagine that information comes under the head of news to the people?

One is concerned now not so much about a rise in wages as a restoration of the value of the old-fashioned dollar that would buy 100 cents' worth of anything.

Charles of Austria should have a particular grudge against the Sanjero assassin who killed the authentic heir to the Austrian throne and left the amiable Charles to be the imperial goat and suffer for the crimes and blunders of others.

Why not keep a hen and be wealthy?
After July 1 a "drink" will mean water.

A German is still a German even if he is beaten.

There is no longer any such thing as "no man's land."

There's nothing like a suitcase to arouse suspicion nowadays.

The world has at last been made safe for churches and hospitals.

Every little new nation seems to have a bolsheviki problem of its own.

A sausage is now valued much more highly than an iron cross.

Before next July the water wagon will look like an army transport column.

Price raising has reached the plane where an excuse is no longer bothered with.

The Christmas drum for the boy generally comes from outside the family.

But who will wish to wear gingham now that it will not be so difficult to obtain?

On its recent visit to the cosmic barber the world had an uncommonly close shave.

There will be plenty of room and plenty of places for the soldiers when they come home.

The trip of those U-boats to give themselves up to the British was in no sense a joy ride.

With no more war, what will the patriotic woman munition workers do to earn fur coats?

And when the boys get home nothing will be too good for them—not even their old jobs.

An increase in war gardens next summer will help bring about a decrease in the high prices.

Hindenburg says he will not desert the German people—there being no place to which he can desert.

Bank clerks are wondering if the end of the war means another set holiday, to be observed every year.

Now that all our women have learned to knit will the home folk have warmer feet than usual this winter?

It is to be hoped our boys are not thinking of bringing home a throne or two as a souvenir of the great war.

American soldiers when they left for Germany were not only all dressed up; they knew where they were going.

There is a great deal of salvage in war, but it doesn't even approach the value it had before it became salvage.

In action you couldn't see the Yanks for dust. And coming home, in the case of some of them, you can't see 'em for medals.

Some of those ball players who rushed to the steel league will find they did not make such a wise move as they supposed.

It must be a great relief to the comic papers of Germany to be able at last to work off their large accumulation of jokes on the ex-kaiser.

If America is to feed the Germans she may as well expect to hear complaints about the menu such as hospitality seldom escapes.

Recently "O. D." has stood for olive drab. When Johnny comes marching home with the latest overseas slang "O. D." will signify "old dear."

Running the entire railroad system of the United States doesn't seem to be so much of a job, judging by the number of men mentioned to tackle it.

Any U-boat commander who refused to destroy food cargoes would have been disciplined to the limit. Yet Germany now issues a plea for rations.

When one contemplates the new war taxes and the high cost of living, it is difficult to be content to leave the ex-kaiser to the stings of his own conscience.

If many more down-and-outers migrate to Switzerland we may expect that thrifty country to be charging tourists an admission fee to see the royal zoo.

Those upon whom devolves the task of mapping out the sky for lines of safe travel should get busy. Already two aviators have collided at a height of 8,000 feet.

Equal wages for women are now demanded. But after sizing up the pay envelope of the average man in comparison with their own, are they sure they really want it?

During our participation in the war 2,163 Americans were captured, while we took 44,000 German prisoners, which tells about the whole story of comparative merits.

DIVIDED FOOD WITH INDIANS
Splendid Spirit of Self-Sacrifice Shown by Party of White Travelers in the Far North.

The day of adventure, romance and sentiment in the wilds, is recalled by the arrival at Quebec a couple of days ago of two men and a woman, the wife of one of the men, after a 900-mile drive by dog sledge across Ungava in 50 days. When the party arrived at the first outpost on the brink of civilization the first act was to replenish food supplies which were completely exhausted, and all hands with an appetite. Then the trio pushed forward again after the first meal in almost a month, because halfway across the white wastes the party discovered ten Indian families slowly starving, with no one to go for food and no one to bring any to them.

The sledge party was provisioned to the ounce for its trip of almost two months but could not leave without doing something—although pitifully little—for the starving Indians. Another careful calculation was made and each of the three consented to live on the least possible ration and take a chance on accident or loss of supplies by storm or other means. All except what the party believed would sustain life against the cold was left with the Indians and when the travelers reached the first outpost they had been some time without food and were strenuously hungry. The food supply of the dogs could not be reduced, as the only hope of safety for the party was in the "hukies," so the humans ate practically nothing while the dogs got their regular allowance. The story of the long drives across the northern snow fields is familiar in modern fiction but occasionally a narrative of fact as in this case presents reading that maintains the essence of adventure and romance quite as well. The spirit that surrenders food to starving savages or barbarians, midway of a 900-mile journey over endless snow with no super guarantee of safety than the willingness of a team of dogs is that which underlies the world struggle in Europe.

Remember.
When the war is over, no excuse will go.

Either you were in it or you were not.

Either you shouldered your gun, served in the trenches or the navy, or the Young Men's Christian association, the Red Cross or in some place where the door was opened, or else you did nothing.

If you could not yet serve, you could send your boys with a Godspeed, as they marched out to the front. To hold them back stamped them as slackers.

Either you strained your resources to buy Liberty bonds or you forgot your obligation to those who fought and died for your flag.

Disqualification for active service is no justification for forgetting the boys behind the guns who sacrificed all thought of gain and were willing to sacrifice their lives at their country's call.

The war will be fought to the bitter end. The Hun will be crushed. Peace will come. The flag will fly and freedom will win. If you do your part, however small, you will share in the glory. If you fail to do your little bit, nothing but remorse will be in store for you.—Leslie's.

Better Ports in Europe.
The beautiful harbor of Naples is to be much improved by the extension of docks and a general broadening of its immense natural capacity. More than one French port has been raised from minor usefulness to first-rate importance. Even Bordeaux has profited greatly. And all these immense new utilities will remain as a monument, in part at least, to American engineering efficiency and a liberal use of American money. We shall get full value from them all, and it is pleasant to think that they will also become a lasting benefit to our friends. Our own home ports, both Atlantic and Pacific, have already felt the stimulus, and will continue to grow under it. New York must inevitably be the greatest shipping point of all the world without exception, as time goes on. And the enormous new American tonnage now being launched will not go into the scrap-heap when peace comes.—Christian Herald.

Vegetable Seed Survey.
Total production of vegetable seed, with the exception of cabbage, lettuce, sautisy, and turnip, will be ample for the needs of the coming year, according to the preliminary returns from the seed-production survey of July 1, 1918, and crop reports from important commercial seed growers. In some cases where the condition of crops is not satisfactory increased acreages are expected to bring the total production up to normal, while more than normal production of seed is indicated for some kinds of vegetables. This condition, it is pointed out, does not necessarily mean a large surplus, for it is known that large orders have been placed for certain vegetable seeds by foreign concerns for export to countries in Europe which formerly have been exporters of these seeds to the United States.

Charter No. 4516. Reserve Dist. No. 12
REPORT OF THE CONDITION
of the First National Bank, at Athena, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business on December 31, 1918.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$685 605 56
Total loans	685 605 56
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	12 500 00
U. S. bonds and certificates of indebtedness owned & pledged	40 000 00
Liberty Loan Bonds, 3-1-2, 4, 4-1-2 per cent, pledged U. S. Dep.	1 000 00
Bonds other than U. S. Bonds to secure postal savings deposits	1 000 00
Securities other than U. S. Bonds (not including stocks) owned & pledged	625 00
Total bonds, securities, etc. other than U. S.	1 625 00
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)	3 000 00
Value of banking house	9 000 00
Equity in banking house	9 000 00
Furniture and fixtures	1 000 00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	59 631 22
Cash in vault and on deposit with national banks	104 241 80
Net amounts due from banks and bankers, and trust companies other than included in Items 13, 14, and 15	714 65
Total of Item 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18	104 956 45
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	625 00
Interest earned but not collected—approximate—on notes and bills receivable not past due	6 330 12
Due us on Liberty Loan Subscriptions	4 485 00
Total	\$929 757 35
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50 000 00
Surplus fund	50 000 00
Undivided profits	9 250 44
Circulating notes outstanding	12 500 00
Individual deposits subject to check	504 862 98
Cert's of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than money borrowed)	281 923 84
Serialized checks	3 599 04
Cashier's checks outstanding	218 72
Dividends unpaid	10 000 00
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to reserve, Items 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 40 and 41	\$90 604 58
Postal Savings deposits	342 21
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 42, 43, 44, 45	\$342 21
Liabilities other than those above stated, Interest earned but not collected	6 330 12
Total	\$ 929 757 35

State of Oregon, County of Umatilla, ss.—I, F. S. Legrow, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of Jan, 1919.

B. E. RICHARDS, Notary Public for Oregon. My commission expires Mar. 5, 1921.

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