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# A FEW STRIKING FEATURES OF FLU

A careful anaylsis by the State Board of Health of all data obtainable in regard to the present flu epidemic shows the following striking testures, from which most valuable deductions can be drawn in considering control

Three days after an unusual gathering of people there is an increase in the number of cases reported. Thus, every Tuesday is high because of Sat-urday and Sunday minglings; the 28th of December was high following Christmas; the 3rd and 4th of January were high following New Years festivities. Therefore, there should be no unnecessary or unusual getherings. Of gatherings, dances constitute the greatest number of cases, Dances therefore should be prohibited during the epidemic.

The waves of the epidemic run in

about three week intervals. A study of the causes of this and the matter of carriers, indicates that many cases remain carriers for a period of two or three weeks. The greatest number of severe cases during a wave are able to be up and around in about three weeks and are unconsciously spreading the fore, in addition to the ten days quarantine, each recovered case should wear a mask for a period of two or three weeks in the presence of unex-posed persons, and all persons coming wear masks. Masks, to be effective. should be sufficiently large to comsletely cover the nose, and mouth, They should have at least eight layers of gauze and should be sterilized after three hours use. Sterilizing is easily accomplished by dropping the mask in boiling water for ten minutes.

It has been discovered that the disease is being spread to a greater extent than has been realized by utensils used in eating and drinking. Therefore all dishes, cups, glasses, knives and forks, etc., used in eating or drinking in all public places, and in all private homes or public institutions wherever there are cases of influenza, should be thoroughly it rilized by boiling 15 minutes. tent than has been realized by utensils

### SERGEANT SID. A. BARNES ARRIVES FROM OVERSEAS

Sergeant Sidney A. Barnes arrived from overseas Wednesday morning, having received his discharge from Camp Lewis. He was met in Pendle-ton by his parents. Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Barnes of Weston, and a family re-union was held at the Barnes home Wednesday evening, at which Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burnes and Mr. and Mrs.

F. B. Boyd of Athena were present,
Sgt. Barnes was a member of the
lifth Engineers, and was in the service twenty one months, thirteen of
which were spent in France. He saw
six weeks active service in the front lines on the Coul sector, where he went on detached service with seventy men, but was returned to the S. O. S. be fore the Argonne drive, much to their regret. He brings home a number of interesting souvenirs, in the way of bombs of the different allies, gas mask, etc. He reports the boys well and all anxious to get home.

### **NEWSBOYS ON BATTLE FRONT**

#### Belglan and French Youngsters Take Great Risks While Distributing Papers to the Soldiers.

During the first days of the war British soldiers going up to Mons from Boulogne were hailed by an ancient French dame with her only British phrase, "Da-e-ly Ma-i-l." She did her best. Since those far-off days "Da-e-ly Ma-l-l" has been called by the little Beigian and French boys and girls all along the line from Dunkirk to Bel-Many a risk has been run to buy and sell the news of yesterday. One great load of copies of the London Daily Mail arrived at a distributing center by train just as the advancing wave of Germans threatened to pour over the line.

Prompt to the occasion the parcels were seized by the soldlers and thrown into the gap. Surely no news paper parcels ever had a stranger fate to be used, fresh from the press and unread, as sandbags for trenches and a shelter against a whining scurry of machine-gun bullets. Back in Paris an anxious publisher and thoughtful cashier wondered in what category of "unsold copies" the wagon load should

Three times the Daily Mail has heard through advanced line distrib-uting agents of paper sellers shot by lipers' bullets while making their way along the trenches.

The use of college professors as propagandists by the Germans shows

### RESUME OF WORK OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

Number of Consolidation Bills Agreed Upon By Joint Committee.

Road Legislation Occupies Members-\$10,000,000 Road Bond Issue Proposed-Budget Is Pruned-Would Investigate Dairy Industry-Combine of Stock Buyers Illegal-Five Bills to Expedite Court Procedure-Would Remove Tax Exemptions.

Salem.-While considerable legisla tion of minor importance received attention in each house during the second week of the session, the big constructive measures, in which the people of the state at large are interested. such as those relating to highways, finance and consolidation of manage ment of state institutions, were still incubating when the legislature adjourned for the week end. Several bills on these vital subjects are scheduled for introduction this week, but it will doubtless be some time before they are passed.

The joint consolidation committee has agreed upon several bills designed to merge various state bureaus. They seek to create several departments, viz., a department of labor, a department of agriculture, a department of health, a department of state institutions and buildings and possibly one or two other departments. Passage of these bills would result in the merger of a dozen or more boards and commissions.

Some members of the joint consolidation committee seem to think that their program will not meet with very strong opposition, but others believe opposition will develop when the bills are reached on the calendar, and it would not be surprising if they are held up and swamped in the congestion usual during the closing days of

Road legislation is uppermost in the minds of members in both houses, and all concede that a comprehensive highway program should be passed at the present session, but the trouble is that petty jealousy, politics and personal ambition are hampering any prompt action. The senate and house committees are jealous of each other and there are members in each house who would like to go down in history as the father of the state's highways.

### Road Bills Appear

A number of road bills have been introduced, some of which have merit. Several seek to hit the so-called paving trust and permit open competition in road construction.

While it is impossible to tell just what the road construction program will be, it seems certain that a \$10, 000,000 bond issue will be provided for, to be financed by funds derived an increase in the m tax and a tax on gasoline.

Reconstruction has received slight consideration, but thus far no definite plan has been formulated.

During the first two weeks of the ession 80 bills were introduced in the senate and 191 in the house, and in addition a number of resolutions and memorials have been presented. Eight house bills were pending in the senate and 22 sepate bills in the house.

A flood of bills to increase salaries have appeared. So far 14 counties are reported to have offered bills to increase salaries of county officers, and bills are in to increase the salary of the justices of the supreme court superintendent of public instruction. insurance commissioner and dairy commissioner. According to lobby talk more salary bills are coming.

\$842,311 Is Cut From Budget Figures. The joint ways and means committee, during its first two weeks of wrestling with the financial problems,

has tentatively allowed \$2,002 863 44 of the \$2,845,176 of the budget requirements to be put up to the law makers. having lopped off \$842,311.56 so far. These slashes leave only a little more than \$400,000 more to be cut off to meet the provisions of the 6 per cent limitation amendment and there is every indication that the committee vill make good on this task

The main reduction made has been the lopping off of the \$680,000 which the industrial accident commission estimated would be its share for state

aid during the next two years. The next beaviest reduction is that of the state fair, \$30,000 being pruned from the estimates of that institution. The Normal is shaved off \$24.441.55 to

# TURKS CAPTURED IN PALESTINE



Here are types of the Turkish prisoners taken by the thousands in Pales

MRS. DANIELS IN UNIFORM



Mrs. Josephus Daniels, wife of the ecretary of the navy, is here shown in the blue uniform and black tricone hat of the Y. W. C. A. war work coun il, which she now wears on her visits to the hostess houses in different amps and naval stations.

bring it down to the \$74,288.44, or millage tax basis. The forestry board is hit by a reduction of \$16,000, while the institution for the feeble minded has so far lost only \$12,200 of the \$345,700 appropriation sought in the budget estimate.

Senate Favors Dairy Investigation. Senator Pierce's proposal for the appointment of a legislative commission to make an immediate and thorough investigation of the dairy industry in met with the unanimous approval of the senate and resulted in

the adoption of his resolution by un animous vote. President Vinton named-Senators Pierce, of Union county, and l'atterson, of Polk county, as the two senate members of this commission. The measure provides for three members to be appointed from the lower branch. This commission is expected recommend needed legislation on shalf of the dairy industry.

House Bill Protects Cattle Shippers.

The Gallagher bill, preventing a combination of bidders for livestock. received an unanimous vote in the house. This bill makes it a misdemeanor to enter into an agreement or arrangement preventing tive bidding for livestock shipped to a wholesale or central stockyards market. Fines for violation of the set range from \$200 to \$5000.

The bill is designed to prevent collusive agreements between the stockbuyers, said to exist in the Portland markets, from bearing the price of livestock, or splitting the purchases among buyers for their benefit and nealast the hest interest of the stockmen who have to enter the markets for the sale of their stock.

Would Simplify Court Proceedings. Five bills, intended to simplify and expedite court procedure in Oregon, have been prepared for introduction by Representative Hare of Washing-

ton county. The chief reform proposed is to confer upon the supreme court power to prescribe rules governing the modes of pleading and procedure in the cir- is blocking the shipbuilding program.

procedure which are used by the technical lawyers to obstruct, delay and divert justice.

Another one of the bills amends the statute relating to change of venue. and provides that tort actions shall be tried in the county in which the defendant resides or where the cause of action arose.

Change in Tax Laws Proposed.

Under a joint resolution introduced n the house by Representative Hosford, of Multnomah, all property in the state, except municipal, state and federal property, would be taxed. The resolution proposes submission of a constitutional amendment to the people so to amend the constitution.

Provision also is made in the proposed amendment for a personal property exemption of \$300. This amendment, if enacted, would remove tax exemptions on all church, lodge and other property of a similar nature now enjoying immunity.

Anti-Trust Bill Offered.

A general anti-trust bill which, it is declared, is aimed mainly at the socalled paving trust, but is applicable to trade and other combinations generally, was introduced in the senate by Senators Thomas and Lachmond. The bill is designed to punish those

who would seek to prevent fair competition and likewise applies to those who endeavor to fix p ices or in any way limit the production of any commodity. Producers of horticultural and agri-

cultural commodities do not come within the provisions of the act.

Tax on Gaseline Proposed.

A bill providing for a tax of 1 cent a gallon on gasolne and distillate was introduced in the house by the house committee on roads and highways.

The bill defines what shall constitute the fuel upon which the tax shall

be levied and includes gasoline, distillate, liberty fuel and such other volatile and inflammable liquids produced or compound for the purpose of operating motor vehicles, except kerosene oil.

All persons dealing in these liquid fuels are to be known as dealers. whether engaged in the wholesale or retail business. All dealers are required to register their names with the secretary of state whether it be a person, firm or corporation name.

Organization of the joint house and enate consolidation committee was perfected with the election of Senator Dimick, of Clackamas, as chairman of the committee.

An annual appropriation of \$15,000 to be used by the Oregon Agricultural college in the investigation of crop pests was introduced in the house by the joint committee on horticulture.

The house passes Senator Thomas joint memorial utging congress to eliminate the 10 per cent tax which the conference committee in congress proposes to impose on loganberry and

The senate judiclary committee introduced a substitute bill for two others to withdraw state aid from the industrial accident commission.

The house by unanimous vote passed the Dodd all prohibiting any school, public or private, within the state of Oregon, from being conducted in other language but English. The bill does not prohibit the teaching of foreign languages, but forbids the entire school being conducted in a foreign tongue,

Two resolutions introduced by Representatives Kubil and Smith, of Multsomah, ask congress to permit Oregon shippards, to take contracts on foreign account, and a sweeping legislative investigation of why the government

courts, and not bind the circuit Thrones are the cheapest things on courts with hard and fast laws as to the market.

## **MUST INCREASE FOOD EXPORTS**

America Called on by End of War to Supply Added Millions.

**ECONOMY** 

STILL

Over Three Times Pre-War Shipment Required-Situation in Wheat and Fats Proves Government's Policy Sound.

With the guns in Europe sileneer we have now to consider a new world food situation. But there can be no hope that the volume of our exports can be lightened to the slightest de gree with the cessation of hostilities. Millions of people liberated from the Prussian yoke are now depending upon us for the food which will keep them from starvation. from starvation.

With food the United States made possible for the forces of democ racy to hold out to victory. To insure ocracy in the world, we must continue to live simply in order that we may supply these liberated nations of Europe with food. Hunger among a people inevitably breeds anarchy.

American food must complete the work of making the world safe for democ

Last year we sent 11,820,000 tons of food to Europe. For the present year, with only the European Allies to feed, we had originally predged ourselves to a program that would have increased our exports to 17,500,000 tons. Now, to feed the liberated nations, we will have to export a total of not less than 20,000,000 tons-practically the limit of loading capacity at our ports. Reviewing the world food situation, w find that some foods will be obtainable in quantities sufficient to meet all world needs under a regime of eco nomical consumption. On the other hand, there will be marked world shortages in some important commodi-

Return to Normal Bread Loaf.

With the enlarged wheat crops which American farmers have grown, and the supplies of Australia, the Argentine and other markets now access sible to shipping, there are bread grains enough to enable the nations to return to their normal wheat lonf, provided we continue to mill flour at a high percentage of extraction and maintain economy in eating and the

avoidance of waste.

In fats there will be a heavy shortnge — about 3,000,000,000 pounds — in pork products, dairy products and vegetable oils. While there will be a ortnge of about three million tons in rich protein feeds for dairy anire will be sufficient supplies of other feedstuffs to allow eco

In the matter of beef, the world's supplies are limited to the capacity of the available refrigerating ships. The supplies of beef in Australia, the Argentine and the United States are sufficient to load these ships. There will be a shortage in the importing countries, but we cannot hope to expand exports materially for the next months portation.

We' will have a sufficient supply of sugar to allow normal consumption in this country if the other nations re tain their present short rations or in crease them only slightly. For the countries of Europe, however, to in-crease their present rations to a material extent will necessitate our shar ing a part of our own supplies with

Twenty Million Tons of Food.

Of the world total, North America vill furnish more than 60 per cent. The United States, is cluding the Indies, will be called upon to furnish 20,000,000 tons of food of all kinds as mpared with our pre-war exports of about 6,000,000 tons

While we will be able to change our program in many respects, even a casual survey of the world supplies in comparison to world demands show clusively that Europe will know nine unless the American people bring their tome consumption down to the barest minimum that will main-

tain health and strength.

There are conditions of famine in Europe that will be beyond our power to remedy. There are 40,000,000 people in North Russin whom there is small chance of reaching with food Their transportation this winter. noralized to complete anarchy, and shortly many of their ports will be frozen, even if internal transport could be realized.

To Preserve Civilization.

At this moment Germany has not alone sucked the food and animals from all those masses of people she has dominated and left starving, but she has left behind her a fotal wreckage of social institutions, and this mass of people is now confronted with

absolute anurchy.
There will be no more Bun propa gands in this country.

# LETTERS FROM OUR THE WAR DRIVE LADS "OVER THERE"

Cantain Fred A. Lieuallen, Portland physician, writes a very interesting letter published in the Oregon Journal of recent date, which will be of special interest to his many, friends in this vicinity. He is a son of J. T. Lieuallen of Adams, and his wife was a former Athena girl, Miss Myrtle Hawks. Captain Lieuallen went through the war with the medical re-serve corps of the 47th infantry, 4th mivision of regulars. He was gassed on October 5 in the Argonne and has on October 5 in the Arguital at Ver-returned to the base hospital at Ver-dun after a month spent at Nice. The following extract describes the inci-dent of his being gassed: "I spent the month of October in

the hospital. Jerry certainly gave me and my detachment a good dose of many instances, the time for us to the Great Divide had not arrived While we suffered some pain, I consider that we were more than lucky. Jerry certainly had us located and hit our aid station several times with high explosive shells, which had blown up two of the three shacks we were using as dressing stations. We were very lucky as one shell hit a dead center. There were 14 of us in the shack and only six were wounded, none killed, "I never got a scratch, but a few

it exploded, scattered mustard liquid which soon becomes gas-all over us. As we had no helmets on, we got a lot of it in a few seconds. Every one of the 14 in the shack was gassed, in-cluding the wounded, though none fatal. In an hour we were a sorry look ing gang.

"Gas gets the eyes first. Soon we were blind, even though we used lots of sodium bicarbonate solution to of sodium bicarbonate sum of sodium bicarbonate sum of sodium bicarbonate sum of sodium bicarbonate sum of the rear, placed in an ambulance and sent to the hospital. Of course we, like most everyone who has had a trip in a Ford at breakneck speed over shell holes, think it the worst trip in our holes, the

long time, and some of the boys were worse than I. I had no burns on my body but my shoulder was a solid blister and they shaved my hair off. I was a prize beauty and it looked for awhile as though I never would have hair on my head again, but it is now out, much to my delight. We certainly received the best care and treatment."

Writes From Hohr, Germany,

"Jan. 1, 1919. "My dear Mother: I received your letter of Nev. 10 and another one, also some papers. The smokes certainly came in handy, as I had been getting alorg on Bull. Well, we spent Christmas on the Rbine in a little town by the name of Weissersthurm. We are across the Rhine now in a town by the name of Hohr. It is about six kilo-meters from Coblents. Four of us boys are billeted with a family here. The old man is a crockery manufac-turer, and for New Years he made us a present of a beer stem apiece; don't know if I will get a chance to use it know if I will get a chance to use it citizens from over the county were when I get back, so guess I will break nesent at the meeting at Pendleton it in before I send it back.

"The people here have been using us O. K. so far, but then we have got them by the neck and it stands them in hand to toe the mark. Everything is high priced in this country now Things cost from ten to forty times as much as they did in peace times. We have not got our Christmas packages yet but I guess we will get them some time this year. We have been quite lucky, have not been bothered

"Speaking of the weddings-It's funny that Cupid's arrows should pierce so many manly bearts, when they were needed on the firing line.

"Well, it's hard telling when we will get back, but I hope it won't be long before we may get home and take on some feeds again. The army chuck is worse here than it was on the front, for we sure had plenty when we were

"Well, I guess I will close for this time as the old lady here has brought up some potato hot cakes, so we will tackle them 'toot eweet.'
Corp. Ed Sebasky.

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Dick Winship Has Broken Leg. "France, Jan. 1, 1919.

"Dear Father and All: As I haven't received my mail for a long time, will write a few lines to let you know I am O. K. and feeling fine except for a broken leg, which is getting along fine. Have been in the hospital for two weeks. Had a fine dinner Christ-mas, of turkey, etc., also had a tree in the ward; waen't much on it but cigarettes and cotton, but it was a Christ mas tree snyhow. The Red Cross gave us a pair of socks full of cigarettes, candy and nuts, and the 'Y' gave us some candy and nuts, and the nurse made some cake and candy, so we had | kitchen.

# SLACKERS PAY UP

To the Public:—The Central Loyalty Committee takes pride and pleasure in advising the citizenship of Umatilla county that all cases of delinquency in war drives reported to the committee have been satisfactorily settled and that there is now not a single slacker name upon the records.

that there is now not a single stacker name upon the records.

William Swash of, Fruitvale and J. E. Hoon of Milton Tuesday afternoon contributed their quotas to the United War Ford in full, the former giving his \$20.00 to the Salvation Army and Armenian-Syrian Relief Fund and the latter his \$25.00 for Armenian-Syrian latter his \$25.00 for Armenian-Syrina relief.

latter his \$26.00 for Armenian-Syria's relief.

Nick Grosogebaurer of Fruitvale contributed the halance of his quota and Herman Behnke and Fred Meinoff pledged themselves to send their quotas in to headquarters within the next few days. The committee helieves their promise is absolutely good.

In the explanation of their reasons for withholding their contributions so long, none of the five evinced any disloyalty. In fact, they all expressed a desire to show appreciation for the services rendered by the lays unfor arms but justified their provious ratusals by arguments which a brileve they felt sincerely but which we feel were not weighed carefully enough against their obligations as individual parts of a country at war. All are American citizens and we so not believe that their attitude in the past few weeks has been at all prompted by un-American sympathics. In some few weeks has been at all prompted by un-American sympathies. In some cases there was misconception, and with other personal issues arose to pre-vent a right perspective. We believe they, as well as all other citizens will share in our pride that there is now nothing to stain the patriotic record of the county and that the pledge of our people to back up the boys we sent to war has been redeemed.

### **WOULD SELL ROAD BONDS** TO HOME COUNTY FOLKS

The judgment of the Umatilla County Good Roads Association, as expressed by action taken Saturday, says the East Oregonian, is that the \$1,050,000 road bonds when voted by the county, be offered for sale to peothe county, he offered for safe to per-ple in this county, through the county treasurer. It is suggested that the interest rate not exceed six per cent. The idea of bonding is heartly ap-

proved by the association.

As predicted, the association endorsed the 10 million bonding move by the state, gasoline tax the doubling of auto licenses and commended the work of the highway commission. Also Governor Withycombe for an his intention of reappointing W. Thompson on the board.

Many farmers and representative present at the meeting at Pen Saturday. D. H. Nelson is pre of the association and J. O. Hales, secretary.

Funeral Held Monday.

Funeral services for the late James F. Zerba were held Monday afternoon at the family residence. Rev. W. A. Pratt, of the M. E. church, conducting the services. James Fremont Zerba was born in the state Wisconsin, Sep-tember 12, 1888. At an early age ha went to Nebraska, thence to Califorpia, and from there he came to Uma-tilla county, where he resided per-manently, with the exception of two manently, with the exception of two years spent in the state of Washing-ton. He passed away at San Diego. California, January 21, 1818.

Here From Camp Taylor.

Everett Zerba is here from Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky., on furlough which expires February 8th. This necessitates his leaving for the Camp tomorrow. He was called home on account of his father's death, arriving secount of his father's death, arriving here Sunday morning in company with his sister Edna from California. Everett is in the botter truck repair service. He expects his affactuarie shortly on vocational grounds, region and y newled here to assist in conducting the Zesha Bron. Garage. Zerba Bros. Garage. .

Red Cross Flu Work.

For October, November, December and January, for aid in checking in-fluenza and other diseases in the connty, Red Cross funds went as follows: Freewater, \$100; Milton, \$1500; Athens, \$50; Adams, \$575; Pendleton, \$715,83 for emergency hospital, and \$154,84 for Pendleton community