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The Walla Walla Bulletin observes that the board of missions of the Methodist Episcopal church appropriated on November 7, \$5,000,000 for the purpose of establishment of 2,000 college scholarships for students called in to the army and soon to be discharged. This is the first practical step taken by any denomination, so far as we know, to provide for the young men who gave up their education to serve the cause of human liberty, and we congratulate the Methodist church upon its foresight, patriotism and generosity. Every boy who dropped out of college to join the army or navy, every boy in the S. A. T. C. ought to be given the chance to go on with his education, and a grateful nation ought to help him in his efforts to develop himself for the public good. The Bulletin offers the suggestion to Whitman College and to the people of the Walla Walla valley: "Two hundred such scholarships, bearing honored names, would be not only an imperishable monument to the givers but would be an endless source of good to the younger generations. The strengthening of education is one of the serious problems of reconstruction. The Methodists have shown the way."

The Oregon State Board of Health is asking the Legislature for a modest appropriation to tide its work over the next two years. That the degree of prevention of infectious diseases is costing the state of Oregon at the present time less than 1 1/2 cents per person, based on an approximate population of 850,000 is astonishing, when the amount of health purchased by other states is taken into consideration; the degree of prevention can be measured in money, since public health is purchasable. Oregon at present allows her State Board of Health the magnificent sum of \$12,500 per annum. Think of it! The Board's modest request is that the Legislature permit it to use \$47,019.50 per year for the next two years, which would allow it a little more than 5 1/2 cents per person, to work with, costing on a per capita basis, to the average family of four persons, about 24 cents per year.

Sunday, February 9, will be observed by the nation as Roosevelt Memorial day. To quote the tribute of an admirer: "The honoring of Theodore Roosevelt is a matter that transcends party belief and personal prejudice. All Americans of his time should hold themselves in his debt and should turn aside on that day to honor his passing from the national stage."

Germany is expected to busy itself turning tanks into farm tractors.

A fellow will raise an angry roar over a cent increase in the cost of sugar, but never complains about the war tax on the movies.

Conditions may be chaotic in Germany, but it may be noticed that law and order are conspicuous along the American line of march.

Another international mystery is where the bolsheviks of all lands obtain the funds with which they appear to be continually well supplied.

One medical authority attributes blindness to the use of tobacco, thus suggesting the interesting theory that the prophet Elijah smoked a pipe.

Some sort of work-or-fight order should be issued for the fellow who insists on figuring up the per cent of increase on everything in the last year.

The Red Cross may have to be permanent if the red flag keeps working overtime. This living, breathing world is chiefly made up of causes and effects.

In these glorious days of an unlimited supply of ciphers almost anybody can talk in terms of billions without being accused of entertaining delusions of grandeur.

In spite of the surrender of the U-boats it will be a long time before the last ship is sunk by bumping into one of those mines the enemy has scattered about the ocean.

Frightfulness is all right when strolling up on the game side of the board.

It seems to be peace everywhere except in cities that have street car companies.

It is hoped that hereafter, in war, submarines will be as useless as iron-clad monitors.

"American troops have entered Prussia," as everybody knew they would sooner or later.

The wise married woman never confides dangerous secrets to another married woman.

The morose ex-Laiser spends his time writing. More scraps of paper for the wastebasket.

Those married soldiers who return will find the same commanding officer that they left behind.

The fellow who allows himself to be scared to death might as well have that Spanish influenza.

Poland is ordering German troops out of Polish territory. How Poland must be enjoying herself!

If there are any sympathetic fellows around they might buy bonds to assist in paying the German war debt.

Thus far about the only theory not advanced by medical men to explain influenza is that it is hereditary.

The decision not to raise the amusement tax will cause more joy to some people than the ending of the war.

It's much easier to make a German-made cuckoo clock say "bob white" than to bring regret from the lips of a Hun.

The Aero Club of America is seriously pondering on the freedom of the air for the future. Well, there's a lot of it.

The Germans have one great advantage over the allies. They know they can depend on the latter's sense of honor.

"Buying" an automobile while seated in one's steam-heated apartment is much easier than producing the money next spring.

The government has asked the victims of submarine warfare to file full statements of their losses with the state department. The day of retribution for the Hun is coming.

Having knocked off that extra half cent a mile charged for riding in sleeping and parlor cars, maybe the railway administration would not now mind telling why it was ever imposed.

France and England have a bill of \$100,000,000,000 against Germany. If this is not enough to keep the Boche at work for the rest of his life, a dozen other allies will put in their little claims.

In Cologne, many ex-German soldiers have resumed their former occupation of waiters. A post of satisfaction, of course, since it will give them opportunity of practicing tyranny over their conquerors.

## CITY NO LONGER PEST HOLE

British Authorities Have Worked Wonders in Cleaning Up Ancient Capital of the Caliphs.

Paved streets, electric street lights, municipal sprinkling carts, a modern fire department—these are all in old Bagdad now, says Cleveland Plaindealer. Or, rather, they are in new Bagdad, for the slumberous city on the Tigris has assumed a new aspect since the British drove out the Turks sixteen months ago.

Nothing now remains of the filth and squalor of the Turkish regime. The place is still oriental, but the oriental atmosphere is less odoriferous. Dead cats are not left to decompose in the middle of narrow streets. Great Britain has a wonderful way of leaving orientalism unspoiled while making it reasonably clean. The British soldier cannot abide filth. His sanitary squads penetrate the remotest mews and the most deeply hidden cesspools, and the mews and the cesspools cease to offend. The natives soon discover that cleanliness is not a horror.

The Arab is not naturally vile, but he has fallen into the ways of his Turkish masters. Bagdad is as interesting as ever, and ever so much safer. After the war many British tourists will visit the ancient Abbasid capital, where ruled the mighty caliphs, and will note with interest the British benefits bestowed on the city that Wilhelm and Gott once picked as the far goalpost of Mitteleuropa.

Admiral Saved Engineer. A striking feature of the naval side of the war is the number of retired British admirals who have returned to the navy, bringing with them full vigor and the quick determination of the service.

On June 10 of the present year, when an explosion took place on a motor launch, Admiral James Sturtin, who held the rank of admiral, retired, immediately proceeded alongside and, learning that the engineer was below in the fiercely-burning engine room, climbed down the hatch without the slightest hesitation, and, unaided, recovered the engineer's body. For this brave deed King George has approved the award of the Albert medal to Admiral Sturtin.

## UNITED OLD AND NEW WORLD

Atlantic Cable, After Three Disheartening Failures, Was Successfully Laid in July-August, 1858.

Sixty years ago our broad Yankee-land awoke and learned that the old country and the new had been united by a magical tie—the Atlantic cable.

Through the courage and persistence of three Americans—there were others, but the three were the actual cable sponsors—Cyrus W. Field, his brother, David Dudley Field, and that fine old philanthropist, Peter Cooper—the great project was carried over. The total cost was \$1,834,500, the cable alone taking \$1,250,250, and the line crossed from Trinity bay, Newfoundland, to Valentia, Ireland, the cable being very close to 2,500 miles long.

Three times the attempt to lay the cable had failed, chiefly owing to defects in its material. The fourth attempt was successful. The Niagara, then the largest ship in the United States navy, and the Agamemnon, a British warship, met in midocean on July 29, 1858, each carrying a section of the cable. The ends were carefully spliced and then the two ships turned homeward, moving slowly as they paid out the cable. On August 4 the Niagara reached Trinity bay; the Agamemnon reached Valentia on the 5th. On August 16 the cable was pronounced in working order, and here is the first official message that passed across:

"Europe and America are united by telegraphy. Glory to God in the highest; on earth peace, good will toward men."

## AT END OF GLACIAL PERIOD

Geological Authority Makes Deductions From Shrinking of Great Ice Cap at the South Pole.

Dr. Marsden Manson of San Francisco, an eminent authority on geology, points to the fact established by recent Antarctic explorers that the great ice cap is shrinking. From this he draws the conclusion that the gradual subsidence of the Age of Ice of which the polar ice caps are the existing remnants, is still going on and that we live, so to speak, at the tail end of the glacial period. He expresses the conviction that the same succession of geological climates has prevailed in Antarctica as in other latitudes, and says that the evidence collected in recent Antarctic explorations is corroborated by the comparatively recent uncovering of temperate land areas and the progressive retreat of the snow line to higher elevations in temperate and tropical latitudes and toward the poles at sea level. He comes to the conclusion that the disappearance of the Ice Age is an active present process and must be accounted for by activities and energies now at work. He considers it as proved that the rates and lines of retreat are and have been determined by exposure to solar energy and the temperature established thereby and by the difference in the specific heat of the land and water hemispheres.

## The Unexpected.

An amazing instance of the unexpected happening at the front ended in a French and a German pilot landing together. The Frenchman and the German were circling and dipping for battle position. Suddenly, the French pilot, thinking he had the advantage, charged his enemy from the rear. But the German did not swerve sufficiently and the left wing of the French machine struck the right-hand struts of the German. The collision caused the French airplane to spin around violently until its tail whizzed between the wings of the German—and stuck. Apparently being too busy—or perhaps too astonished—to shoot at each other, the opponents spiraled side by side in a close embrace, ultimately crashing into the boughs of some trees. Neither pilot was hurt, so they clambered out, looking at each other—and the German was reminded that he was a prisoner.

## Forestry After the War.

Nobody except those of us who have seen something of life at the front during the last four years can realize what an enormous quantity of timber has been taken from this country for war purposes and what an enormous amount of planting and tending of trees will be necessary to replace it. Unfortunately foresters who really understand all that afforestation means are not numerous in England, and though the necessity of educating youngsters for the work has received much more serious attention in the last few years than it ever did before, when our methods—as in many other things—were haphazard, the facilities are still hardly sufficient to give us enough foresters to cope with the demand.—Westminster Gazette.

## Where Courage Is Common.

The Kansas soldier who, after taking part in a battle on the Western front, wrote to his mother, "Say, mother dear, I never knew courage was so common," has expressed the sentiment of the nation. We never knew that there was so much latent heroism among the young fellows in the offices, the factories and on the farms of America. Thank God that to our young Americans "courage is common!"—Lawson Constitution.

## A Great Loss.

"Ah, what a loss I have suffered in the death of my mother-in-law!" "She meant a great deal to you?" "Yes; she was a vegetarian and gave us her meat card."—Le Pele-Mele.

## NOW FISH IN INLAND WATERS

Businesses Have Driven Fish Sailors From Their Station in the North Sea.

In this day of the lurking submarine the waters of the North sea are a marked danger zone for the fisherman of the Netherlands, and consequently are thronged with brown-sailed fishing smacks, all eagerly pursuing the elusive herring, salmon, pike and carp. Until the boat's tanks or barrels are filled the determined fisherman sticks at his job. If a good haul is soon made he may steer the craft up some canal to an inland town to market his catch. He gets out the sign, "Fish for Sale," and fastens it to the mast, draws the boat up to the canal's edge, and is soon besieged by housewives anxious to inspect his wares. The fish, as if conscious of their pending fate, swim uneasily about in the tank, while thrifty Dutch matrons follow certain ones excitedly with a forefinger, and the seller endeavors to locate the desired fish in the swarming tub.

On a summer evening when a fleet of the good ships has made port after a hard day's work, a fishing village is one of the most picturesque sights in Holland. Sails patched or torn and flapping rise and fall in the harbor with the motion of the waves. The brassy Dutch fisherman, revived by supper and the evening pipe, is curing fish and exchanging stories with neighbors on the dock, while his wife sits before her cottage mending nets, or perhaps adorning a torn sail with a vivid red patch.

There is little rest for these hard-working seamen and their wives. Fish have long been to Holland what rice is to China or the potato to America. With its food supply ebbing dangerously low, Holland looks more than ever to her fisher folk to feed the people.

## Fix the Furnace Now.

The prudent man will have his furnace put in thorough order at the present time. Letting it go till fall would be rash at a time when labor is so scarce as now and when there are sure to be so many other people anxious to have their furnaces put in order. There was considerable complaint last winter of the quality of some of the coal, which was explained by the stonies received from the mining regions of the working over of heaps at the pit heads, some of which represented the accumulation of many years. This winter the coal may contain fewer impurities, but necessity for getting the greatest possible return in service for every pound burned will be obvious in view of the rule that consumers are allowed to purchase only a percentage of the total amount they used for heating their houses a year ago. A furnace that is out of order will waste a great deal of coal. No one can afford to have that sort of thing going on at the present time.

## Dimples Stop Traffic.

The "ladies from hell," meaning the kilties, had the town by the ears when they were here; their kilties being the eyecore for all feminine eyes. But for creating a furore and stopping traffic the palm goes to the New Zealanders who arrived here on the wings of the warm wave. The reason is this: The fight-costume of the boys

from the Antipodes consists merely of athletic trunks, a khaki tunic and a hat that sits on three hairs. It also can be mentioned that they wore regulation Scotch stockings. But it was the dimples in their rather extremities that stopped traffic. One of the warm climate soldiers wandered down in the financial district yesterday during lunch hour, and it is estimated that more than 2,000 stenographers went without their usual luncheon of angel cake and nut sundae. The girls gathered in groups, always at a distance, and talked about the latest fighting regalia. They all voted it a success, but at the same time wondered what would happen if any of New Zealanders, if by chance, wandered in the land of the voracious mosquito.—New York Herald.

## How They Took Machine Guns.

The average civilian is unable to understand how it is possible to capture, single-handed, a machine gun, not to mention in many instances the gun crew besides. However, many such instances are being brought to light through the fighting around Bois de la Brigade de Marine. When the marines were advancing in waves upon the German lines the enemy machine guns had to be taken or the waves would be held up. The woods were crowded with them. There was only one way to take them and that was by a fearless dash.

Sergeant James A. Ducey and Private Raymond B. Van Sickle, both marines, the latter only twenty years of age, took the German machine gun one by one and killed all of the officers and men who did not abandon their positions. By the dashing act of these two marines their line was enabled to advance. Sergeant Ducey's mother, Mrs. Ellen Ducey, lives at 141 John street, Washington Courthouse, O.

## TURNING RATS TO ACCOUNT

Japanese Authorities Anticipate Substantial Revenue From Leather Made From Hides of Pests.

In the neighborhood of Aomori, Japan, the hides of squirrels are tanned and used as carpets, neckcloths and for other purposes. This has suggested to Doctor Hasegawa Kiyonari, head of the Hasegawa hospital at Osaka, who is a member of the Osaka municipal assembly, the possibility of turning to good account the hides of the numerous rats bought by the municipal authorities, in view of the great advance in the price of hides and leather. Doctor Hasegawa approached the authorities with the proposal, which was favorably received. They accordingly tanned the skins of two rats and sought the opinion of dealers as to what the leather would sell for. The dealers estimated that the skin of one rat was worth 20 sen in its raw condition. The public health authorities are now devising special means of disinfecting and tanning rat skins.

It is estimated that a great sum could have been obtained by tanning the hides of one-third of the rats bought by the Osaka municipal authorities during the last twenty years.

## Inconsistent.

Doctor—Well, now remember what I said. Just take your wife and start on a vacation.  
Patient—But, doctor, you spoke of rest.—Boston Transcript.

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