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### ALBANY, OREGON, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

### GERMANY RESISTS

The refusal of the German government to sign the peace protocol presented by the allied council brings a sharp shock to Americans who have fancied that the war was entirely over. As long as Germany continus her present attitude, there can be no peace.

Germany has passively resisted fulfilling many of the terms to which she explicitly agreed when she signed the Paris pact, but this is the first instance of outspoken refusal

It is openly admitted in Germany that the courage for this defance of the Allies comes from the failure of the United States to ratify the peace treaty. It appears that treaty may be merely another scrap of paper, so far as Germany is concerned, unless it is given force by the backing of the United States and the establishment of permanent ma-

chinery, such as the treaty provides, to administer it.

In the face of such a disturbing fact, the Senate should take up the treaty again and dispose of it in the shortest possible time. Two-thirds of the Senators have shown themselves not opposed to the general plan and purpose of the treaty. The extremists have differed mainly on matters of interpretation, regarding which it should be possible now to reach a compromise if they go about it sensibly.

Germany, licked for her sins and the world's safety,

must stay licked. No partisan controversy should be allow ed to interfere with that consummation.

### SUBMARINE EAVESDROPPING

An occupation which might be considered among the quieter sports by some people is listening to a fish. Lucas Malet has drawn in the story of "Little Peter" a wonderful picture of the charcoal burner who "could hear the grass grow," and the Greeks had a system of divination by means of parts of fishes, but even Isaak Walton, if memory serves,

gave no interpretation of piscatorial conversation.

The fishermen off the coast of Norway, however, have developed the seemingly occult art of hearing the fish for commercial purposes. They lower a microphone from the fishing boat, connected by wire to a telephone. The fisherman listens at the instrument, and when they come to a place where the fish are enjoying their constitutional rights of freedom of speech and assembly, the listening device records the fact and the story is continued in the next ichthyic incarnation.

### TWENTY YEARS OF UNREST

A Dutch delegation to the recent international labor the Japanese Current. conference held at Washington reminds Americans that after the Napoleonic wars there were "thirty years of groping" before the new level of industrial progress was reached, and says, "We expect a similar groping for 20 years now."

That sounds dreadfully discouraging. Nineteen years more of the unrest, contraversy and confusion that we have experienced in the United States since the armistice was signed? Nineteen years more of quarrelling capital and labor, of political bickering, of unsettled policies regarding industry and trade, of inadequate production and chaotic distribution of wealth, of rattling, banging, squeaking economic machinery, of class envy and prejudice, before we get things straightened out and the nation gets its stride?

There is not much in the present situation, it must be admitted, to arouse any great amount of optimism. But 20 years Surely the country cannot wait that long-and will

Though things look bad everywhere, somehow one can't help believing that there is more power here than elsewhere to get out of the slough of despond — more confidence, energy and constructive ability.

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and the results are likely to show in a good deal less than 20 years, however long it may take Europe to recover.

## Without a Kick in It

knockers taboo By H. & A.

MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN "Sir:-Please give me an unfailing remedy for the man who whacks your

cold shoulder and says: "How's this? Cold enough for you?" Ans .- Turn the other cold shoulder

MRS. B. GAINED TEN POUNDS From Zxlthe, Anam, comes the fol-lowing: "Sir-Since taking your kickless column I have felt much better and have had to make all my old clothes over. I now feel Bully.—Yours, Mrs. B.—."

THE I. C. L. The cost of Inflated Living never bother slim people, like the Obstinate Two-Thirder.

HERE'S TO RAM The travel picture at the Globe theatre last night depicted Ramyses II, as the first "Colyumist." Ramyses second had a rarey, charey

Old Ramseyses was quite a, quite a man;

O Ramyses married a merry, bearie chit; Ramyses, how could you, O Ram

Betwixt them and between them they turned out clever scrit; Their colyum was a spire of ada

Betwixt them and between they rais-

ed children, it is writ; O Ramyses, how could you, O Ram,

O Ramyses, O Ram, Here's to you, Ram Ram, In the van, van, van, Of the colic col'mn man; Here's to you, old Ram Old Rammy, Rammy Ram, Old manny, canny Ram.

The Same that Kiled Cock Robin "And who," spake the O. T.-T., through a discretionate crack in the "Who, by the way, got Ram's

BULLI CON CARNE Sir:My bull that cost me \$456.79 plus war tax, stays out late at night | Happy Thoughtand won't come up to the pasture bars as of yore. What shall I do? Ans .- Tell it to the cows:

LEAD KINDLY CURRENT The real cause of the present cold spell-or misspell-lies in sunny Nippon. Peeved at the picture bride controversy, and taking advantage of the

## Comment of the State Press

Snappy Gleamings from the Valley

No Difference-

In Berlin the other day the Huns were shouting "Down with President Wilson." In congress Senator Lodge and his followers were endeavoring to do the same thing by killing the treaty of peace. What is the differ-ence between the two? asks the Umpqua Courier.

They All Live in Corvallis-

Ima Nocker is worrying his head off about the unusually cold weather we are having, the Gazette-Times says. Ima finds his job as prop to varous buildings on Second street is too lonesome to be pleasant with most of his pals home warming the

#### International Parade-

Mexico is liable to awaken some of these fine mornings and see U. S. soldiers, flying machines, etc., start on a practice march for Mexico City. says the Tribune.

How Can This Be?-

The British government having o its hands two great shippards cor structed during the war, recently offered to sell them to the federation of engineering and shipbuilding trades upon very favorable terms. It was a chance to secure not only steady wages, but the profits of manageme and to demonstrate that high com pensation to capitalistic manager was unnecessary. The federation however, declined the tender. com ments the Brownsville times.

One thing Bend will never lack and that s lava rock, says the Bend Press A visitor lady upon arriving in Bend the other day cast her eyes upon the surface of the ground and quoted: "Oh, how firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord." She had visualized our splendid resuorce of lava rock, which serves as the ready-at-hand concret wall, and also makes a wear-ever stone fence, which for cheapness and durability cannot be excelled.

If you awake tomorrow and hear the raindrops pattering on the roof the first instalment of winter has passed, s the hope the Oregonan holds

He Predicted It-

Will someone please bring forth Indian George so we can hang him, asks the Register.

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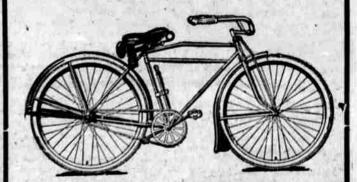
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