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A PSYCHOLOGICAL BLUNDER.

The dictionaries describe a "bit" as a small piece, a morsel. There are thousands of people, unconsciously perhaps, applying the definition to this word when it comes to their participation in this war. The saying "Do your bit" is one of the greatest psychological errors of the war in this country. It is keeping thousands of people from doing their BEST. And if one's best effort is not required at this time when the world is passing the greatest cataclysm in all history, when, in all conscience, will our best ever be demanded or us? A bit in the western portion of the United States is twelve and one-half cents, and this represents just about the "bit" which a lot of people are smugly parading they are doing. A "bit" may mean anything or nothing. The millionaire who buys a couple of thousand dollars worth of Liberty Bonds may flatter himself that he is "doing his bit." Some of us think he comes dangerously near the slacker line. "Do your best" should be the slogan. Every man, if he will be honest with himself, knows if he is doing his best. There is no quibbling or getting around that. That miserable word "bit" is retarding work, keeping purse-strings from loosening to the full, and in a hundred and one other ways holding back the BEST effort, which is a tragic necessity at this time. Do you best. Forget about the "bit."

MORE SILOS FOR BEEF-CATTLE BREEDERS.

A silo campaign to increase the number of silos on beef-cattle farms is being conducted by the Bureau of Animal Industry in cooperation with State authorities and county agents. With more silos more beef cattle can be produced and economically fed during the winter. This campaign, therefore, has a direct bearing on increasing the meat supply of the Nation. The campaign is being given special attention in the southern states, particularly in territory which has recently been freed from cattle-tick quarantine, where the production of beef cattle is on the increase.

BUTTER FOR THE NAVY.

Butter for the Navy is being inspected by dairy manufacturing specialists of the Department of Agriculture to insure a uniformly high quality for men in the service. In this work, greatly enlarged since the war, there are sixty specialists inspecting the output of ninety creameries in various parts of the country. Only the best grade of cream is accepted for making this butter. More than six and a half million pounds of butter will be inspected during the season, and most of it will be packed in lacquered tin containers in order to preserve its quality for as long a time as possible.

WOMEN ACT AS COW TESTERS.

Five women cow testers have recently been appointed by dairy agents of the United States Department of Agriculture, cooperating with the State agricultural colleges and the State dairymen's associations. One of these has been placed in Iowa and the other four are in Wisconsin, where the first woman cow tester in the country is now starting her second year of work. These women have received training in agricultural high schools or have taken work in dairying at short courses, and all of them have been in close touch with dairy work.

TECHNICALLY TRAINED MEN ARE HARD TO FIND.

The shipbuilding industry will soon be unable to obtain sufficient technically trained men unless steps are taken to increase the number of students taking technical courses in such colleges as the Oregon Agricultural College, in the opinion of Frank P. McKibben of Washington, D. C., supervisor of technical training in the education and training section, United States shipping board, Emergency Fleet Corporation, who wrote to President W. J. Kerr of the college in regard to the situation. The Oregon Agricultural College, through its school of engineering, is preparing to meet the requirements of the government for technical training. The work will be made as practical as possible to conform to war conditions. The present demand for technically trained men greatly exceeds the supply, according to Dean G. A. Covell.

PARIS, DESPITE WAR, IS NOT IN MOURNING.

That Paris is by no means in mourning because of the war is pointed out in a letter written in that city May 24 by Lieutenant John M. Hamilton, a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural College in '16, and received by Frank H. Shepherd, associate professor of industrial arts education. "Paris does not look as if it were in a country at war," reads the letter, "except for the many coddlers. Paris is 'some' city, but not up to American ones for business and service."

Lane County Must Furnish 19 Men

Men From 1918 Class Likely to Be Drafted in August in Oregon.

Lane county may send men in the 1918 class into the military service of the nation in Oregon's quota, to be trained at Camp Fremont, Calif., during the five days periods beginning August 1. Oregon must furnish 500 men, and the share to be furnished by Lane county is numbered at nineteen.

Boards which exhausted class 1 of the men registered last year are authorized to resort to involuntary induction of the newly registered and classified youths. The privilege is also extended to the registrant of June 5 to enter the contingent of his board through voluntary induction.

Some divisions of the state will find it necessary to take men of the 1918 class unless the number of volunteers is larger than expected, despite the fact that the quotas are small. This is the first call for Oregon men to proceed to Camp Fremont. Before any engineer recruits have been sent, and there is the question as to whether or not the men sent will be for the engineers' division or not.

ESSANAY STAR RIVALS ELIZA IN CROSSING ICE

Eliza crossing the ice had nothing on Bryant Washburn during the filming of a scene in his current Essanay feature, "Skinner's Dress Suit." The screen star had to rush across Michigan avenue, Chicago, in an attempt to board an Illinois Central train. It had selected the night before and the pavement was a solid mass of ice. Mr. Washburn slipped and fell directly in front of an approaching taxicab. The chauffeur jammed down the emergency brakes and the car slid to a halt within a foot of Mr. Washburn's prostrate body. Another try, however, and the scene was filmed. Bell Theatre, Sunday, July 21.

Cholera Morbus

This is a very painful and dangerous disease. In almost every neighborhood someone has died from it before medicine could be obtained or a physician summoned. The right way is to have a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house so as to be prepared for it. Mrs. Charles Eneyart, Huntington, Ind., writes: "During the summer of 1911 two of my children were taken sick with cholera morbus. I used Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy and it gave them immediate relief."

Lieut. Roosevelt Landed Unhurt

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt Receives Cheering Message From Paris.

New York, July 18.—Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt, who was reported missing after an aerial engagement over the German lines, probably landed unhurt and is now a prisoner in the hands of the Germans, according to a message received by his father, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. Colonel Roosevelt said that the message was received from his son-in-law, Surgeon-Major Richard Derby, who is now in Paris. The message read: "Companion aviator confident Quentin landed unhurt."

WAR NEWS TODAY.

London, July 18.—The French have gained from two to four miles everywhere on the 25-mile front of their offensive today between the Aisne and the Marne, according to reports reaching London this afternoon.

Americans Take Objectives.

With the American Army in France. American storm troops in large numbers launched, in co-operation with the French, a powerful offensive on the line to the north of Chateau-Thierry this morning.

The Americans passed beyond nearly all their objectives, including the Paris-Soissons road.

Paris.—The French this morning delivered an attack along the line from the river Aisne and as far south as the region of Belleu, a front of about 25 miles, and made progress at certain points of between a mile and a half and two miles, the war office announced today. The situation on the Marne and Champagne front is unchanged.

Early in the morning prisoners taken in the advance began to come in.

Germans Begin to Whisper Fear of Defeat in Battle.

Geneva.—The newspaper Democrat, which is usually well informed upon German affairs, declares that the latest information from the Rhine shows mixed feeling in Germany regarding the new offensive. While there is hope of victory and an early peace, there are also secret fears of failure, which are only whispered, the advices assert.

Huns Lose Heavily.

Paris.—In the pocket which the Germans have created south of the Marne their losses reach the figure of 60,000 in the first two days fighting, the Matin declares today.

With the American Army in the Champagne.

The Americans are advancing with the French on the 40-kilometer front, between Soissons and Chateau-Thierry.

The Americans have captured more than a dozen towns and villages, taken numerous prisoners and advanced more than three kilometers (about two miles) up to noon.

Up to the hour of ceasing the Americans had captured the following towns west of the Chateau-Thierry: Villers-Helden, Dammard, Courchamps, Licly-Clignon, Monthiers, Torcy, Belleu, Givry, St. Gengoulph, Hautesveines, and other small villages, farms, heights and woods, including Givray woods.

The advance reached a depth of three kilometers within three hours after it began. Many towns within that depth northward clear to Fontenoy were taken by the Americans and French.

The American commander at Givray reporting the capture of the town, sent the following message:

"Met the Boche on his line of resistance; sharp fight. Boche turned tail and ran like hell, pursued by our troops. Hope have more prisoners." At headquarters messages were coming from every place, asking for permission to go on farther.

It was essential that the line should be kept straight, and in some instances it was necessary for the lines to hold back until adjoining units could come up.

It is the greatest pursuit of Boches the Americans have yet engaged in. Enormous numbers of prisoners have been taken. It is impossible to estimate how many.

America airplanes, flying above the lines, fought the Boches above, while the doughboys and machine gunners fought them below. Aerial observers dashed through the clouds and others carried back messages.

The surprise was not only complete, but this concentrating for the

Attack was unusually rapid. Field guns were loaded on trucks and these were rushed to the lines. The horses were carried up the same way.

Lines of trucks carrying six or eight horses apiece have been hurried up the last twenty-four hours.

The German artillery resistance was feeble until 7 o'clock. Then their guns opened up, but the American guns had advanced too far for the enemy guns to stop them.

Torcy was captured in fifteen minutes. Belleau fell at 8:20 and Givray half an hour later.

The greatest force of Americans which has yet participated in the single engagement is advancing with the French in this offensive, which was launched at 4:30 this morning.

Eight German cannon were captured by the French and Americans at Courchamps.

Latest reports say that the advance continues everywhere.

The towns named in the dispatch above cover over seven miles. Belleau is five miles northwest of Chateau-Thierry. Torcy is half a mile west of Belleau, Licly-Clignon is a mile north of Torcy, Vimly is three miles west of Torcy, Hautesveines is two miles northward, St. Gengoulph is three miles northwest, Courchamps is a mile and a half north, and Givray is a mile east, Dammard is two miles and a half north and west of St. Gengoulph.

With the British Army in France.

While the French and Americans are counter-attacking in the Marne country the British are not idle here. East of Amiens an attack by Australian troops gained a third of a mile on a 2,000-yard front. Thirty-four prisoners were taken.

Fourteen German airplanes were brought down by British airmen and six hostile balloons were destroyed. Nine British machines were lost. Successful bombing operations were carried on.

Australian troops in the local enterprise in the neighborhood of Villers-Bretonnax succeeded in advancing our lines on a front of more than a mile last night, taking two field guns and some prisoners, and four machine guns.

WHAT SOME WOULD DO WITH THE KAISER.

The following little articles were written by men who belong to the Royal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen on what they think should be done to the Kaiser:

Portland, Ore.—"He should be buried alive in an ant hill up to his chin and have his mouth filled with honey."—Private in the Signal Corps.

Tukwila, Wash.—"I would gather together the Kaiser, the Crown Prince and all the other Princes, and set them down at the uttermost ends of the earth. And every night they should dream of the land whence they came. In their dreams, from out of the mists of No Man's Land, there would rise legions of grinning skeletons and march slowly by. From nearby lands would come spectres of the ravished women, the little children, some walking in darkness, and others with handless arms uplifted. From the fullness of my heart it is with such things as these that I would provide food for their thoughts so that, until the end of all time, in their waking hours they might think and think, and—"

South Bend, Wash.—"What to do with the Kaiser? That is easy. Sterilize the whole breed. Put him in a riveted steel cage with no door, just bars, and exhibit him over the world, then give him to the Belgians. Show the Germans what a free country is like, then call an election for the men and women in Germany to see if they want that kind of government; if they do, boycott the nation, have nothing to do with them, and I will guarantee they will be tame afterward. They got their money to carry out this war from trade in Christmas toys and mostly trash that we should have made ourselves."

Lakeside, Ore.—"My punishment for the Kaiser would be to send him out to a certain camp in the Coos Bay district to 'bull cook' the rest of his life."

Whooping Cough

In this disease it is important that the cough be kept loose and expectoration easy, which can be done by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. P. H. Martin, Peru, Ind., writes: "My two daughters had whooping cough. I gave them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it worked like a charm."

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PECULIARITY OF LOST HAND

That He Should Be Able to Feel It Alternately Open and Close Puzzles Soldier.

A British soldier writes: Most people, I think, know that when a person has lost a limb, that person still retains the "sense," or feeling, of the missing limb. As a case in point, I might mention that a friend of mine, who had lost a leg in the war, in an unthinking moment took a step on the missing leg and came to grief. I myself had the misfortune to lose my left hand on the Messines ridge last June, and all the pain I have suffered from the wound has been in the hand which I no longer possess. Now, the peculiarity of it all is that on alternate days the fingers of the missing hand open and close; that is to say, yesterday they were closed; today they are open. Tomorrow they will be closed again. Can this be explained? This change takes place during sleep, and once or twice, on restless nights, I have actually felt the change taking place. I was left-handed, and during the attack I carried my revolver in the missing hand. When the fingers are closed they are exactly in the same position as if they were still grasping the revolver. That I can understand, but why should they open on alternate days? The only explanation I can offer is that what remains of the hand after I was wounded was amputated exactly twenty-four hours later. Also, I was wounded somewhere about 4 o'clock in the morning, and was operated on about the same time the following morning, and the opening and closing of the fingers takes place about this time.

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