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CONTINUED DELAYS.

Although it has been nearly three months since fighting in the world war ceased, there are thousands of fathers and mothers in this country who do not know whether their son in the army are dead or alive. The casualty lists are being published yet and nearly every day fresh evidence is furnished to demonstrate how the war department and the postoffice department have bungled the job of reporting casualties and keeping the soldiers in touch with their families.

There is another feature of this affair which shows how slow the reports are in getting to the people. Many names are appearing in the casualty lists of soldiers who have regained their health and returned home. Some of them are not entirely well but they are nearly so. They were able to cross the ocean and the American continent and have been here for several weeks. Yet their names are just being published. An instance of this kind happened in the case of A. W. Metzger of Gresham.

On the other hand there are men who were reported dead months ago and for whom memorial services were held who have reached home to bring joy, and in some instances, consternation. Already there have been reports of modern Enoch Ardens. An Indiana soldier who was reported dead through official sources, passed through his home town on his way to a demobilization camp and took advantage of the chance to drop a letter from the troop train. He had heard nothing from his family for several months.

Men are writing home to say that practically none of the letters mailed to them was reviewed. Soldiers who have returned from abroad say it was the custom to have a salvage pile for parcels. If the man to whom the parcel was addressed could not be readily located the parcel went into the salvage pile and was later sold by one of the war auxiliaries. Some instances have been reported relative to soldiers buying the packages addressed to themselves.

Both the war department and the postoffice department have explained, but their explanations throw no light on the situation. The casualty lists and the mails have been sadly mishandled. Somebody is to blame for all this. The American people are forgiving, and they are quick to forget, but they will insist on the fixing of blame for the thousands of mistakes made since the soldiers left home.

The inquisitive subscriber wants to know. He asks: "What doth it profit a nation to democratize the whole world and bolshevik its own postal service?" For once we are unable to answer.

It is said the government controlled railroad "revolving fund" will need \$750,000,000 more this year. That fund is revolving too blamed fast. Put it on a slow pulley.

## FARM COMPENSATIONS.

Much has been said for and against Mr. Alderson's school consolidation bill. Whatever may be its defects it has one fine feature in the social, recreational and educational advantages offered that are now lacking in many rural communities.

There is much to be said for the encouragement of the farmers that has not been said. Mr. Alderson's bill implies much that is not said in just so many words, but the meaning is clear. It means progress in everything that pertains to rural life. In the matter of farm living and farm wages—for instance:

While workers in the cities have made great progress in the movement for better wages, shorter working hours and better living conditions for themselves and their families, the rural worker is still the lowest paid of laborers, although his work is more arduous and his hours are the most limited. So in trying to better his condition through the means of a better education and more pleasure in the recreational centers, he is somewhat compensated. And in making labor programs and school programs for the reconstruction period, the farmer and farm laborer should not be ignored, as he has been heretofore for the most part.

It is no wonder that farm labor is scarce and the cities are overcrowded. The relative supply of labor for the farm and for the city's industries has an important bearing on the cost of living. The farm laborer should be encouraged to stay in the country by better agencies designed to give him and his family more social, recreational and educational advantages. He is engaged in the most vital industry of the nation. When the farmer quits entirely the rest of the workers will go naked and hungry.

Improving the condition of the farmer is a matter that should be of interest to all the people, and bringing about better conditions is the aim of the measure that has been so widely discussed. A careful perusal of the bill as published in the Outlook last Friday will reveal this to even the most obtuse mind that is not influenced by ulterior motives.

Butter came down to 48 cents with a dull, sickening thud in Portland last Friday. What's the trouble with the butter board down there. Gresham can tell them how to hold the gouge up to the highwater mark at all times. The saving on three rolls of butter will pay carfare to Portland and back, besides giving one an opportunity to make a day's wages on other things.

Juvenal, the Roman poet said, "revenge is the weak pleasure of a little and narrow mind." He didn't have an automobile and probably never knew what it was to have as many carrots as he wanted, but he reeled off a whole mouthful when he made that observation on revenge.

One of the army camp newspapers advises all soldiers to stand together in the future. If they will do that and vote the republican ticket there will be floods of cream and tidal waves of honey for the whole world, and it may be possible to unload all the expense or the democrats.

Sister, let your husband get up tomorrow morning and be truthfully able to say: "I am confident my wife has taken the thrift idea very seriously, as I went to bed last night with \$1.50 in my pocket and this morning it is gone."

Ex-congressman Lafferty is a fugitive from Oregon justice. He will probably blame the people of Multnomah county for not keeping him away from temptation here by not sending him to Washington again.

The groundhog beat thrift day to it by 24 hours, but the sun didn't show itself on Sunday and we can save up enough on fuel to start a thrift account right away.

As another evidence of the economic bughousness prevalent in government circles, soldiers are being retained in the army until they can find a job. In other words, with the world short of everything it needs, in a degree never before approximated, a vast amount of potential energy will be held inoperative simply because our military economists haven't the sense of an army mule which would start something moving with his hind feet and not worry his brains about it a little bit.

A great man is about to come out of Goldendale, Washington. He writes to the Oregonian that two young men were "pocwed" and arrested there for stealing. Anyone has free license to coin new words or phrases, now that Roosevelt is gone, but we should like to see the blue prints, plans and specifications before using them in this colyum of enlightenment and rare wisdom. What is "pocwed," anyway?

The spoiling of \$500 worth of cold storage smelt in Portland, that was put away last spring, reveals the source of the "first run" that people have been paying 15 cents a pound for. The fish probably came down from the Sandy river, and it is a wonder that some profiteer didn't peddle them out to the people in this vicinity, as was done a few years ago.

They say former King Manuel wants to regain the throne of Portugal. If Manuel is getting three square meals a day in London he would better stay there, or else come to Gresham and get a job at the cannery. Portuguese thrones are not upholstered with elderdown at this time.

With spring greens just around the corner no one seems to care whether the wheat crop will bring \$2.20 a bushel or not. With corned beef, salt pork, cabbage and beans, the kale patch will help out in almost any emergency.

It is said the young Prince of Wales danced with an American Red Cross girl at Coblenz. A young sprig of royalty with such democracy as that in his system ought to be filling that vacancy in the Oregon legislature.

Senator Chamberlain says that if he runs again he will run as a democrat. / Too bad, George, but why stay with a sinking ship? Also, why not come over to the side that has always elected you.

The earth has work for all from whom the eighteenth amendment takes jobs. There is work for all who love the sunshine and don't object to the smell of the cows.

If you are thinking of spending a V spot on a theater party or next Sunday's dinner, stop, count five and invest the five bucks in a W. S. S. This is thrift week.

The Chinese are just now having their new year, which shows how slow they are. Americans are beginning to advise "do your shopping early" again.

The only bar in the scheme to make republics of the nations of the old country is to find someone who will fall for the job of vice president.

We don't imagine that the peace envoys will allow Germany to throw any monkey wrenches into the machinery at Versailles.

Lillian Russell says she went back to the stage because she is broke. No wonder, she married an editor the last time.

The remaining state legislatures will probably move to make it unanimous now that 36 have beaten them to it.

Nat Goodwin, the much-married actor, managed to live through five divorces, but the influenza got him.

## SOLDIER WITHOUT MONEY FOR PAPER

Mrs. J. W. Hendricks received the following letter on Saturday, written by her son Curtis to his brother Robert. The mother writes concerning the conditions revealed, that it is a cause for shame on the part of the authorities, when a boy who has fought so manfully cannot get enough pay to buy writing material. His parents have sent him money but through being transferred he gets no mail. The letter follows:

Arthannay, France, Dec. 29, 1918.  
My dear Brother:—It has been some time since you last heard from me, but I assure you it was through no fault of mine. Since I left the hospital I have not had enough paper to write to mother, and you know I should write to her first. I suppose you are sorry you did not get to the front, but let me tell you that you are far better off that you did not see the terrible sights, and go through the horrible experiences that I have gone through, it but in one way I am glad that I did go through it.

As you probably know I have been transferred to Co. F 319th Infantry 80th Division. I joined them at Revigny near Bar Le Duc, from where we marched seven days to where we are now. Arthannay is a small town about nine kilos from the nearest railroad.

Thanksgiving we had reveille at 3:45, breakfast at 4 and were on the road shortly before 5. We marched all day through a heavy rain, without any dinner, and were billeted in a wet barn that night, so you see holidays don't amount to much in the army. Last Christmas we had no dinner, and New Years marched up a long hill at LaHavre.

I may as well tell that I have been in three drives—Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel, and in the Argonne Forrest, about 16 kilos from Verdun.

When you get this we probably will be in some other town, perhaps a base port, and maybe on board a ship, at least let us hope so. It is very cold here now and as we are quartered in a barn you can imagine how comfortable it is.

I will close for the present. Write often. Your loving brother,  
CURTIS.

A great many persons are going into training for learning how to drink cider.

Latest news from the peace congress: "Wilson, that's all."

Great men are known by the company they don't keep.

## BAPTIST DOC STICKS AND IS DECORATED



"Baptist Doc" Clifford proved to the U. S. "devil dog" marines that a man could think spiritual things and still fight like a wildcat with a material enemy. Doc was one of the three Y. M. C. A. oversea workers to win the Croix de Guerre, for sticking when it was hottest. Then the "devil dogs" decorated Doc.

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### PIGS

FOR SALE—Jersey Duroc boar and sow. C. H. Sloop, phone 76x. tt

WANTED—To locate a registered Duroc boar. Services only. R. F. Walters, Gresham. 98

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### MISCELLANEOUS

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H. W. Snashall, president of the Farmers Mutual Fire Relief Association, reports the association has broken all former records in 1917. The annual statement shows 383 new members gained, 17 fire losses paid, aggregating \$4911; \$1,036,677 of insurance written, one assessment levied, and \$700 invested in liberty bonds during the year. The association is entering its 14th year, and has over 4000 members carrying \$4,250,000 insurance. It has made an annual saving of over 50 per cent to its members. At the annual meeting in January Andrew Brugger of Gresham was re-elected director for the ninth year. Farmers desiring to join may obtain information from H. W. Snashall, Gresham, R. A., or Herman Loeding, secretary, 409 Stock Exchange Bldg., Portland.—Adv.



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