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SOLDIERS OF THE SEA.

THE week of June 10 to 16 has been named "Marine Corps Week" and a special effort will be made all over the United States to recruit the marine corps to war time strength.

The marine corps is a fine democratic body of men, promotion in which rests on actual merit, without the handicap of a hall-mark. Marines are not a part of the army, altho they perform military duty.

The history of the marine corps is an honorable one. Organized in 1775, it gallantly served thru the Revolutionary war and every other struggle in which the nation has been involved.

There are no better soldiers in the world than those in the United States marine corps, familiarly known as soldiers of the sea. They have won their place by their splendid bearing, courage and bravery, always among the first, and often the first, to land whenever the country needs trained armed men.

Four thousand recruits to the marine corps are needed at once to bring the corps up to the strength lately authorized by congress. It is hoped to enlist this number the coming week.

THE REAL BATTLEGROUND.

IT IS NOT unlikely that those who are fighting the saloon may be fooled by "signs of victory" in the maps showing dry territory.

Putting the saloons out of business isn't a question of merely capturing land areas. White "territory" shown on prohibition maps usually represents farm lands, while black areas represent congested populations.

The problem of the saloon is intensely human—it has to do with men and women, and most of those who live in unconquered territory live in cities which do not cover much land area.

Only about 20 per cent of the population in dry states live in cities. Whereas in the wettest states in this country about 75 per cent live in the cities.

One-fourth of all the people in the United States living in wet territory live in six cities—New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Boston and Cleveland. One-half the people in licensed territory live in four states—New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and New Jersey.

The fight against the saloon had its origin in the country. It was the outgrowth of religious revivals. The farmer of today inherits the hatred of his forefathers for the saloon and he hits the saloon a solar-plexus blow every time he gets a chance.

But it's different in the city. The city is the stronghold of the saloon. And those who would destroy the saloon will have to understand that they can't fight the saloon in big industrial towns with an elaborated rural program.

It's true that here and there saloons have been closed in some big towns, but usually this has been due to the votes of the country constituency.

It is in the industrial city and state that the last big battle on the liquor question will be fought out. And it is here that the opposing forces are arraying themselves. In the last analysis the workingmen of this country will say whether the nation shall go "dry."

It is possible that the constitutional amendment for which the anti-saloon forces are fighting will close the saloons of the nation without the consent of the great masses of people living in the great industrial centers.

It may be that the exigencies of the war may bring national prohibition—but it must be remembered that any sumptuary legislation enacted against the desires and wishes of a large proportion of the populace is hard to enforce—and that the more effective and better way is the present gradual and steady growth of prohibition sentiment which is slowly sweeping the country—the dry nation being a matter of evolution rather than revolution.

At the Churches

St. Mark's Episcopal. Corner North Oakdale and Fifth St. 8 a. m., holy communion. 10 a. m., Sunday school. 11 a. m., Morning prayer. 8 p. m., Evening prayer.

Catholic Church. South Oakdale avenue. First mass Sunday at 8 a. m. Second mass, at 10:30 a. m. Benediction at 4:30 p. m. No evening services.

Free Methodist. The public is cordially invited to the services of the Free Methodist church, at the corner of Tenth and Jay streets.

Oakdale Avenue Methodist. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., subject "Liberty of the Gospel."

First Church of Christ, Scientist. Branch of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts.

First Methodist Episcopal. Dr. J. C. Rollins, pastor. The Sunday services during the summer months will be brief and helpful, always thought provoking and stimulating.

First Baptist Church. "A Live Church With a Cordial Welcome." The Baptist church extends a cordial invitation to all persons, who are not under obligation to go elsewhere, to attend and have part in their services.

Services for Sunday, June 3, begin with the Bible school, which meets at 9:45. Mrs. Davis, the superintendent, is urging that all members of the school try to come on time.

The Epworth League chapters meet at 6:45. All young people are invited.

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The Young People's devotional service begins promptly at 7 o'clock Sunday evening. Topic, "Sins of the Mind." Leader, Mrs. E. E. Wilson.

Sunday evening services are especially interesting and helpful. Practical and timely topics are discussed. Subject for Sunday night, "Naboth's Vineyard, or the Sin of Covetousness."

A number of persons have been added to the chorus choir, which means that the Baptist church will have the largest chorus choir in the city.

Familiar hymns will be sung, so that the entire congregation may have part in the music. Special music also. Frederick W. Carstens, pastor.

First Presbyterian. Main Street at the city park. A cool church in summer, with a warm welcome.

At 11 a. m., anniversary services commemorating the beginning of Rev. Hogg's pastorate one year ago. Rev. Dr. A. H. Heminger, a recently returned missionary from West Africa will give a lecture on Africa illustrated with 200 views.

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FALSE REPORTS OF NAVAL BATTLES PART OF PLOT

WASHINGTON, June 9.—Widely circulated false reports of naval battles and disasters to American and entente forces have reached the point where Secretary Daniels has concluded that they are the result of an organized conspiracy to alarm and distress the American people.

Today the secretary issued the following statement:

"The country is being poisoned by rumors of battle and disaster that are without the slightest foundation.

"Among the most persistent of these false reports is one that a naval engagement has taken place between the German fleets and the combined fleets of England and the United States and that in this battle 60 English and American ships were sunk or disabled, two of the number being the Pennsylvania and the Texas.

"No such engagement has taken place. The American fleet has not been in action. No ship has been lost. The declared policy of the navy department is one of absolute openness. If disaster comes no effort will be made to minimize it. The people of the United States are asked to trust in this pledge and to aid in stamping out this campaign of rumor that is so plainly the product of disloyalty."

TODAY'S MARKETS

Portland Livestock. PORTLAND, June 9.—Hogs steady. Receipts 277. Prime heavy, \$15.25@15.35; prime light, \$15.10@15.25;

Cattle, steady; receipts 491. Steers, prime light, \$9.75@10.25; prime heavy, \$9.50@10; good, \$9@9.25;

Portland Butter. PORTLAND, June 9.—Butter firm. No trading. Cash bids 2 to 4c higher. Bluestem, \$2.61; fortyfold, \$2.56;

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Copper Market. NEW YORK, June 9.—Altho no active demand has developed, the copper market has shown continued firmness during the week and rather a better inquiry was reported for the last quarter.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC SEIZES SUGAR STOCKS. BUENOS AIRES, June 9.—The government today issued a decree for the seizure of all stocks of sugar held in government warehouses and for the purchase abroad of sugar to an amount of 40,000 tons.

SPEAKER LEADING LEAGUE BATSMEN

CHICAGO, June 9.—Ty Cobb is back in his old time batting form. The celebrated Georgian, according to an official averages, released today, has jumped from seventh to third place in the list of American league batters.

Chapman of Cleveland increased his lead as the premier sacrifice hitter and base stealer, having thirty sacrifice hits to his credit and fifteen thefts.

With an average of 247 Burns of New York and Roush of Cincinnati are tied for batting honors among the regulars in the National league.

CRATER LAKE PARK FUNDS PROVIDED

WASHINGTON, June 9.—The passage of the sundry civil bill by the house Thursday will make available, as soon as the bill is signed by the president, appropriations for continuing the work this year on the Portland public buildings, together with appropriations for reclamation projects on Indian reservations and in Crater Lake park, as heretofore provided.

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will give a lecture on Africa illustrated with 200 views. He has many curios from Africa. Don't fail to hear him. Music by Andrews chorus choir. Soloist, Miss Frances Davidson and Miss Willa Howard. Every member of the church is urged to be present. Children will be baptized at the morning service.

Bevo A BEVERAGE for the boys in khaki. Bevo is a great favorite in the Army Canteens, where none but pure, soft drinks may be sold. After drill or march, you are sure to see a long line of hot and dusty-throated soldier boys making a bee-line for Bevo.

The Electrically Equipped House. To you to whom the word "Electricity" means only the lighting of your home comes this message: You have only started. Electric service increases home comforts. Look upon electricity as a regular household commodity and get the most out of it.