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LABOR SEC'Y IN FAVOR OF LAND FOR SOLDIERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Colonization by returned soldiers and sailors of large tracts of land under the direction and with the aid of the federal government is recommended as a solution of many of the labor problems arising from demobilization by Secretary of Labor Wilson in his annual report. The government should in the opinion of Mr. Wilson establish and equip individual farms, which would be linked into community groups.

The war has demonstrated the patriotism and loyalty of American labor, the report says, and in the continuance of the "spirit of sacrifice" on the part of employer and employee shown during the war, Secretary Wilson believes "lies the hope for the further attainment and development during the days of peace of that democracy for which we have taken up arms."

Agricultural areas should be purchased by the federal government and added to the public domain to provide land for the carrying out of the proposed colonization program for returned members of the military forces, the report asserts. It is proposed that administration of the program be directed by a board consisting of the heads of the agriculture, interior and labor departments.

NO SOLDIERS TO BE SOLICITED IN RED CROSS DRIVE

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—No soldiers, sailors or children will be solicited to take out membership in the Red Cross when the membership drive is held December 16 to 23. These are specific instructions from the national headquarters to State Chairman Wilber E. Coman and State Manager H. E. Witham. Every solicitor engaged in the drive must observe this order.

Not all of the energy of the Red Cross has been expended in the countries of Europe. The Red Cross has been rendering invaluable service here at home, and in Oregon itself the organization is spending a large sum every week in offering relief to the dependents of American fighters and in furnishing clothing. There has been no advertising of this class of work for the Red Cross does not advertise its good works. It sees that there is a job to be done and it goes and does it.

As a matter of history it is known that the arrival of the Red Cross in Italy was the turning point of the war in that nation and was the first assurance the Italian soldiers and civilians had that America was in the game and coming to their assistance. The work of the Red Cross in Belgium is a story which cannot be told in one book, and the same is true of its relief work among the refugees of France, and now it is operating in Russia.

Membership is wanted by the Red Cross—big membership, the biggest of any organization in the world, for it is carrying on a world of work. This is why 50,000,000 members will be sought in the coming week throughout the land.

WILLOW SPRINGS

Russell Harris, who has been ill while on his turlough at home, has fully recovered and returned to Corvallis Monday morning. Wednesday morning Clarence Gresham arrived from Sweet Home, Oregon on an extended visit to his sisters, Mrs. Roy Nichols and Mrs. Earl Hart.

The usual Christmas entertainment held at the Willow Springs school house each year, has been given up. This will prove a great disappointment to many as it has always been a very enjoyable affair, but also there is no sickness in our own district, there is a great deal in the surrounding country and it is thought best not to encourage any large gatherings.

Miss Rose Jones has received word of the death of her youngest brother, Peter, on November 24th, at Star City, Canada. Miss Jones has an older brother who is just recovering from a severe attack of the influenza. William Thompson's severe cold has developed into the pneumonia, and the doctors thinking it advisable he was moved into the Dow hospital Monday. Altho he has not shown much improvement as yet, he is, at least, holding his own.

Prof. A. O. Frest of Portland, an old friend of the Joe Hoagland family, spent Saturday evening at the Hoagland home.

The Hugh Porter and the Hoagland families were dinner guests at the Floyd Eddings home at Gold Hill Sunday.

Private Irvin McKnight has just returned from Camp Lewis where the troops are being demobilized. He will be in charge of the Stone ranch while Mr. and Mrs. Stone are in California.

Mrs. L. A. Salade accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Theodore Hunt, and her small granddaughter to New York City where she expects to remain until spring. Miss Bender is taking a vacation and Dr. Salade is living at the Hotel Medford.

(Wednesday) morning, that Bent, Fredenburg while out riding found Gus Nichols of Lake Creek lying on the ground where his horse had either thrown him or had stumbled and caused him to fall off, in a semi-conscious state, near his place just below Butte Falls, and took him to his home. How badly he was hurt his parents did not seem to know, as all that they knew about it was the message over the phone.

Audley Meyer, son of Henry A. Meyer, of Lake Creek, came in this Wednesday morning on the Harbush jitney. He has received his discharge from the army at Camp Lewis and was met by his parents here.

Several of our citizens claim that they heard, and some say that they saw the flying machine as it passed over here about 11 o'clock this morning.

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Fallen for Freedom

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary force:
 Killed in action, 63; died of disease, 92; wounded severely, 378; wounded slightly, 807; missing in action, 56. Total, 2,165.
 Killed in action—Sergt. Waldo E. Caulfield, Oregon City, Ore.; Sergt. Peter N. Peterson, Newman, Cal.; Private Matthew J. Spears, Redding, Cal.
 Wounded severely: Capt. Floyd B. Lewis, Salem, Ore.; Sergt. Leo Dickman, Madras, Cal.; Private Robt. H. Adams, Blythe, Cal.; Wagoner Edward T. Sullivan, Berkeley, Cal.
 Returned to duty previously reported killed in action: Private Donald Lewis, Lathair, Mont.
 Wounded severely in action previously reported missing in action: Private John James, Helena, Mont.
 Wounded slightly previously reported missing in action: Privates Richard W. McIntosh, Newport, Wn.; Peter J. Poncelet, Ekalaka, Mont.

FREEDOM OF THE SEAS

Conflicting Definitions by Leading Military Critics, Naval Critics and Publicists of England.

(By Admiral Lord Bessford.)
 The British fleet insured victory. Without the British fleet the whole world would be under the domination of Germany.

The German view of freedom of the seas would parallel their view of freedom on land. Before the war America objected to some of the principles of our blockade, directly it entered the war, it adopted the same methods and helped us.

The league of nations is to counterpoise to command of the seas by the British fleet. The British empire will never consent to give up command of the seas, but gladly would welcome the assistance of English speaking nations to retain that command.

(By H. G. Wells.)
 Freedom of the seas means a guarantee by the league of nations of transit without discrimination in freights and fares over all seas and international routes, free of discriminations and extortions by particular nations or combines or private owners and transit companies.

(By Bernard Shaw.)
 Freedom of the seas means that if you seize contraband of war you pay for it and all incidental damage; all that all nations have international law guaranteed the right of way over all indispensable marine highways.

(By Lt.-Col. Repington.)
 I have not the slightest idea of what freedom of the seas means, nor have I met anyone who can tell me.

(By A. H. Pollen, Distinguished Naval Critic.)
 Germany was defeated largely because at the last she was effectively besieged by sea. Had neutrals been free to supply her, the war might have continued another year. Had all supplies, especially from America, been stopped from the first, it would have been over long ago. Non-combatant trading with Germany has cost Europe and America millions of lives and \$50,000,000,000. If this is freedom of the seas it has been a costly luxury.

(By Archibald Hurd, Naval Critic of the Daily Telegraph.)
 In war, as recent events have shown effective freedom of the seas, as of the world, demands maintenance of ancient sea rights which have repeatedly proved to be the salvation of civilization. Philip II of Spain, Napoleon and the Kaiser were defeated and the American union was saved thereby in the civil war. Abolition of the blockade of contraband would reduce the value of sea power 75 per cent, because it would enable great continental armies to be sustained almost indefinitely. The sea control of the land and so-called freedom of the seas means military autocracy by land.

(By A. G. Gardiner, Editor of the Daily News.)
 Freedom of the seas is universal and unqualified in peace times. In case of dispute between nations, if one nation rejects arbitration and the decision of the league of nations, and declares war, it will be denied the use of the seas, while its opponent will have such use safeguarded.

(By Col. J. C. Wedgwood, M. P.)
 Freedom of the seas means abolition of the right of capture or destruction of private property at sea in war time and no discrimination at ports between the different flags in peace time. Submarines alter the old situation, but, always as a liberal, I support President Wilson.

(By Ralph D. Blenheim, Editor of the Daily Express.)
 Until you abolish war, there can be no such thing as freedom of the seas.

(By John St. Lee Strachey, Editor of the Spectator.)
 Freedom of the seas means a sea freed, by vigilant policing, from thieves and murderers, just as freedom of transport means a road free from similar pests. An example is the action of the United States in the civil war, and by Great Britain plus America now. The German version of freedom of the seas means sinking without trace.

(By General F. B. Maurice, former British Director of Operations.)
 The difficulty in freedom of the seas lies in its application to war. There is no restriction of navigation in peace. It has been suggested that it will be impossible to legislate satisfactorily for war, in which the unexpected is the rule. The methods of warfare change rapidly with mechanical developments. Therefore no government is willing to bind its country indefinitely.

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REPLY OF CHILE AND PERU IS FRIENDLY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Chile and Peru have replied in friendly tones to the tentative note of the United States urging upon them the supreme importance of maintaining amicably their controversy over the territories of Tacna and Arica and tendering the aid of the United States alone or in conjunction with other American states.
 Peru indicated a wish that the good offices of the United States might be employed to bring about a settlement, while the Chilean government contented itself with expressing appreciation of the spirit of the offer.

MISS BESLER MOST PROPOSED-TO GIRL IN ALL FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 13.—Miss Helen Besler, daughter of the president of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, is probably the most proposed-to girl in France today. It all came about because one night in one of the American camps she ran out of "encurets," and sang a little nursery song called, "If No-One Ever Marries Me." It goes like this:
 "If no-one ever marries me,
 And I don't see why they should,
 For Nurse says I am not pretty,
 And I'm seldom very good—"
 The dreadful fate of the little girl in the song was to buy a rabbit-hutch and live all alone in a little wood. But the American soldiers saw no reason why Miss Besler, who is pretty and "petite" and a typical American girl, should have a similar lot. After they had given her the three cheers and a cheer with which they usually thank the Y. M. C. A. entertainers, they hesitated a moment and then added a purely personal message.

"Barkis is willin'" called the A. E. F. as one man.
 Since then the incident has been repeated in every American camp Miss Besler has visited. No censor would allow an estimate of the number of proposals she received in that way to pass.

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Of Utmost Importance That She Have Every Care.
 The expectant mother's physical comfort should be our first thought, and all about her should see to it that her preparation for baby's coming be complete.
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 Medford, Oregon, Jan 13, 1917
 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
 This is to certify that I, the undersigned, had very severe stomach trouble and had been bothered for several years and last August was not expected to live, and hearing of Gem Chung (whose Herb Store is at 214 South Front street, Medford) I decided to get herbs for my stomach trouble, and I started to feeling better as soon as I used them and today am a well man and can heartily recommend anyone afflicted as I was to see Gem Chung and try his Herbs.
 (Signed) W. R. JOHNSON,
 Witnesses:
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 S. B. Holmes, Eagle Point,
 Wm. Lewis, Eagle Point,
 W. L. Childroth, Eagle Point,
 C. E. Moore, Eagle Point,
 J. V. McIntyre, Eagle Point,
 Geo. B. Von der Hellen, Eagle Point,
 Thos. E. Nichols, Eagle Point.

Meet forms uric acid which exerts and overworks the kidneys in their efforts to filter it from the system. Regular eaters of meat must filter the kidneys occasionally. You must relieve them like you relieve your bowels; removing all the acids, waste and poison, also you feel a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sour, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment; the channels often get irritated, obliging you to get up two or three times during the night.
 To neutralize these irritating acids and flush off the body's urinous waste get about four ounces of **Jad Salts** from any pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will not act fine and bladder disorders disappear. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys and stop bladder irritation. **Jad Salts** is luxurious; harmless and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which millions of men and women take now and then, thus avoiding serious kidney and bladder diseases.

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ENGLISH CHAMP BANTAM BEATEN BY PAL MOORE

LONDON, Thursday, Dec. 12.—American boxers won five finals in the lightweight division in the closing bouts of the inter-allied boxing tournament here tonight. The American army team added four points to its total, while the American navy's total was advanced three. The final standings of the American teams were:
 Army, 39; Navy, 32.
 The British army led with 50 points.

While the American army team failed to equal the points piled up by the British army earlier in the tournament, the surprise of the meeting was the defeat of Jimmy Wilde, the English bantamweight champion, by Pal Moore of Memphis, fighting with the American navy.

Cal Delaney of Detroit, American navy, was defeated by Sergeant Johnnie Basham, British army champion welterweight of Great Britain in the finals.
 The tournament was held in beautiful Albert hall. The Americans were unaccustomed to the British rules, frequent warnings from the referee outside of the ring being necessary.

Many of the Americans had never seen a real prize before, but tonight they heard a word of praise from Prince Albert as he bestowed individual medals on the winners and the royal trophy on the British army team.
 Final standings included: Royal air force 32 1/2; Royal navy 32 1/2; American navy 32; Australia 28; New Zealand 14 1/2; South Africa 10 1/2 and Canada 7 1/2.

The result of the Pal Moore-Jimmy Wilde contest has aroused much discussion and efforts have been begun to match Moore with the English bantamweight champion in a contest of 15 rounds.

FRENCH MARINES ARE WELCOMED IN ODESSA

PARIS, Dec. 13.—French marines have entered Odessa, Russia, and have received a cordial welcome from the people there, according to the Matin. Detachments have occupied the wireless station and expelled German soldiers from all military posts. The newspaper says that the fortress and city of Sebastopol have been cleared of German soldiers who were causing disorders; it is alleged, with the connivance of the Bolsheviks.

AGATE ITEMS

Miss Nova Cox is visiting with her sister in Portland.
 Thomas McGraw and family have moved to Hill, Calif. where Mr. McGraw has secured a position in the box factory.
 A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clark Collins, Dec. 2. Mrs. Collins is staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watt Beebe while Mr. Collins is in the army, being stationed at Camp Lewis.
 Several of the school children are not attending school on account of sickness.
 Mr. and Mrs. Cox are being visited by their daughter Rose, whose home is at Pendleton, Ore.

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS

Among the many callers last Saturday, whose names I didn't mention was William Martin of Trail, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Spruce of Brownsboro. They brought in a load of grain for Brownsboro. Floyd Charley of Brownsboro and Mrs. Richard Myrva and son of Big Butte.

Saturday night Miss Edwina Howett, advance agent for the War in Europe and vaudeville company, came in and spent the night at the Sunnyside and Sunday morning went to see our mayor, Mr. John M. Nichols, with regard to giving an entertainment here, but he at once informed her that the ban was still on and would be as long as there was any danger of the spread of the Spanish influenza, so she employed Harry Lewis, the present jitney driver to take her to Central Point that afternoon.

Owing to William Lewis, the regular jitney driver, having the flu, his brother Harry is filling his place in that capacity.

Frank Smith was an early caller Sunday morning and Miss Ella Beiford, the lady who has charge of what is known as the Stewart farm northeast of our town, was one of the diners at the Sunnyside Sunday, and later in the day George Adamson, the man who is engaged in hauling manganese from the mine to this side of the "Charley Hill" by teams, came in for dinner and reported that that day he had gone to the mine with his truck and that just this side of Lake Creek he had broke a casing on his truck and had to leave it and come out to try to get the superintendent of the mine on the phone. On Sunday our phone office is not open only from 10 to 12 a. m. and from 3 to 5 p. m. and so he came on here to await results. He finally got him on the phone but I have not heard the result.

Owing to the sickness of the mail contractor on the E. P. and Persist route we are having all kinds of trouble all along the route. Monday there was no one to carry the mail from here as the mail team was somewhere on the route between here and Persist and on Monday, late in the afternoon Mr. George Adamson, the same man just referred to as having trouble with his truck, started to take the mail to Persist, with the understanding that he would try to get as far as Trail that night and the next day, Tuesday, go on to Persist and return to this post office Tuesday night, but this Wednesday morning, at 10 o'clock, he had not arrived.

J. J. Skinner, who is one of the electricians in the employ of the C. & O. P. Co., came out Monday to put in a meter in the pump house for Mrs. Howlett and while here wired up and put in an electric light in the pump house for her. He and Mr. T. F. McCabe, Mr. G. M. Loomis of Medford, J. D. Welch, a cattle and sheep buyer of Portland, A. M. Gay and Sherman Woolley, were here for dinner and while here Mr. Gay gave me one dollar to pay for two months subscription to the Daily Mail Tribune.

Monday night Mr. L. J. Howard of Oakland, Ore., spent the night with us. He is looking for a suitable place to start a turkey ranch and says that he likes the climate here much better than he does around Oakland. He seems to think that if he could secure a place on one of these deserts either north, south or west of us, that it would be an ideal place for that business.

George Trusty, who has been in a hospital in Ashland for some time, was with us Tuesday for dinner. Word came over the phone this

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