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COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor:

May I be permitted to take up the
cudgel for Medford's kids? Yes even
for the cake smeared urchin who ate
seven dishes of perfectly good cream.
I will admit he's rather forward if
you want me, but just now when
we are vying with each other in our
efforts to praise his older brothers,
and some of them are precious little
older, we must remember that it was
the same spirit of butting in that
took Buck over the top when human-
ity called.

The event of Monday night was in-
tended, and proved to be a real
homecoming celebration, and it is
safe to say that five thousand people
never before congregated where
everyone was so well satisfied with
conditions.

If the boys were a trifle disconcert-
ed on the dancing floor on account
of lack of room, they wear a polite
bunch and never showed it once.
Sometimes it was noticeable that one
of them seemed fearful lest his fair
partner get trampled upon, and he
would hold her just a trifle closer
to his manly bosom, but if unable
to converse aloud, he could make
himself understood, having been in
France, he knew how to use both
eyes and the good right arm.

My heart goes out to the good peo-
ple who spent their time and exhaust-
ed their patience in trying to keep
the small boys from falling in the
ice cream or choking on honest-to-
goodness cake, but we must submit
that the affair would have been in-
complete without them.

Both Susie and Johnny may have
fallen down on grammar next day,
but they are a long way ahead on
Americanism. Messrs. Wilson and
Taft are doing wonders for peace,
and at that we may need the younger
set, for the Kaiser spirit is not yet
banished.

We owe it to the boys to bring
them home from the trenches, men-
tally, as well as physically, and noth-
ing will do as much as to allow the
children to fuss 'em a little, and
bring their minds back from the hell
of the trenches, and gas on no man's
land. They lived wonderful lives
abroad and won both medals and
hearts for bravery, but on their home
coming nothing sounded so good to
them as the Medford high school yell.
A DAD.

To the Editor: If you happen to
have any spare space in any of your
issues of the near future, I would
respectfully ask that you print what
I have to say in regard to the attack
made in one of your recent issues by
some one signing as a Mother, but
not nerve enough to sign her name.

As far as her being a mother she
hasn't anything on a snake or a cow
or hog or anything else of the fem-
inine gender for they too can become
a certain kind of a mother and then
all they need is a good caretaker to
kick their offspring around or do as
they please with them, but the real
mother, as I see them, is like several
I saw at the entertainment the other
night for our boys with their hus-
band in uniform with his stripes and
other proud markings on his left
arm and his baby on his other march-
ing to a comfortable seat to partake
of some of the things he had not seen
lately. Or one who had her children
with her that they might realize that
their mothers were true when they
kept telling them as soon as the boys
got home they could have all the
cake they wanted and then baked
enough herself that she was sure
they did.

She hasn't my ideas about such
things and I cannot resist to let her
know it either and I would like to
see her have the nerve to print her
name that these children whom she
would not have at public entertain-
ments could watch her and see if
they march off with our next Com-
pany 7, if need be, or will be taken
off in the draft.

It is perfectly ridiculous to go to
the different public schools and ask
each and every child to bring a cake
and tell them that those who do will
be marked with a red ribbon and
those that do not will be marked
with a black one or none at all so
that the other children may laugh
and make fun, then after they bring

STANDPATTERS IN SADDLE

REACTIONARIES are to be in full control of the
next congress. Penrose, Lodge and Snoot will control
the senate while we have Nicholas Longworth's word for
it that the republican steam-roller tactics in the house are
"worse than Cannonism." He adds: "Our progress has
been backward—to the days of so-called Cannonism and
then some. This sort of leadership is not what the re-
publicans of the country have a right to expect."

But it is what they are going to get. The stand-patter,
like the Bourbon, is a bone-head, who never learns and
never forgets. His vision is limited to his own narrow
horizon. He cannot sense what the people desire. This
was shown plainly enough in 1912 when he defied pro-
gressiveism ignored the demand of the rank and file of
the republicans for Roosevelt and sacrificed his party to
personal ends.

Penrose as chairman of the senate committee on fi-
nance will control the finances of the government. Con-
cerning his ability, Gifford Pinchot, a fellow republican,
says "while Penrose in 22 years of service in the senate,
has made himself the most consistent and conspicuous
servant of special privilege and opponent of the common
welfare in our national life, not a single piece of construc-
tive legislation bears his name."

The democrats gave the republicans a representation
of nine republicans to twelve democrats on house com-
mittees. The republicans have given the democrats rep-
resentation of eight democrats to thirteen republicans—an
inkling of the fair play that is to govern.

If the stand-patters are foolish enough to ignore the
wishes of the country and make the non-partisan issue of
a league of nations a party issue and use their congress-
ional majority to defeat it, they will kill the party—but
it would be like them.

REIMBURSING CHROME MINERS.

THROUGH the efforts of Senator Chamberlain, the
chrome miners of Southern Oregon and Northern
California will be reimbursed for their outlay made at the
instance of the government in developing minerals needed
during the war. It required a long, hard fight in congress
to push the measure through before adjournment but
"Our George" made a long and vigorous fight for the
miners, both before the committees and in the senate and
as one of the conferees, held up the bill the miners inter-
ests were protected.

The salient features of the Chamberlain bill, which was
signed by the president before his departure, provide an
appropriation of \$8,500,000 for the payment of losses sus-
tained in the development of chrome and manganese ore
deposits in compliance with requests of the government to
supply urgent war needs. Claims must be filed within
three months, so miners must lose no time in presenting
them to the secretary of the interior, who is authorized to
adjust, liquidate and pay them, as he shall determine just.

No claims will be paid unless the expenditures were
made in good faith on property which contained chrome in
sufficient quantities to be of commercial importance, and
these investments must have been made during the actual
period of the war—April 6, 1917 to November 12, 1918, in-
legitimate attempts to produce—no profits being allowed
and no speculative investments recognized. The govern-
ment retains the right of recovery on fraudulent settle-
ments and in determining the net losses, the values of
ores on hand and salvage of plant must be considered.

them to think that she would that
they be informed that their mothers
were to bake those cakes that these
mothers like her might get a good
filling of some home-made cake that
she never had a chance to get at
home, because she does not know
how to bake or looses her cook too
often and the maid who cares for her
children, while she gads, cannot bake
either, so they are without home
cooking.

I think my sentiments however
poorly expressed will meet the ap-
proval of most of the mothers of this
or any other city unless they are of
the Sears, Roebuck Co. type who have
been doing a nice business in our
valley lately.
ROBERT H. ("BOB") BOYL.

**BRITISH NAVY RULES
CASPIAN SEA**

LONDON, March 8.—Naval forces
under British command now dominate
the situation in the Caspian sea, ac-
cording to official information se-
cured by Reuter's limited.

For some months past there have
been British naval forces on this sea
the official account states. They were
originally sent to check the Bolshe-
viki. This naval force seized certain
armed steamers which now are man-
ned by Russian crews which marched
up by land from Mesopotamia with
a British force as a nucleus.

The original Russian flotilla in the
Caspian, consisting of two submarines,
two dispatch vessels and three steam-
ers also have just been taken over by
the British-Russian naval forces.

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**CANADIAN TROOPS
RIOT IN BRITAIN**

LONDON, March 7.—An official
statement issued by Canadian mili-
tary headquarters in reference to
rioting in Kimmel park says it is re-
gretted that some of the accounts of
the fighting, in which Canadian sol-
diers took part, exaggerated the se-
riousness of the incident, but gives no
details of what happened.

It is explained the lack of shipping
facilities to take Canadian soldiers
back home is due partly to strikes,
and it is said that the dissatisfaction
of the soldiers over alleged preferential
treatment in embarkations may be
attributed to the fact that the men
have been divided into sections ac-
cording to the Canadian military dis-
tricts from which they came. By this
means some shorter service men were
sent home ahead of some who had
been under arms for a longer period.
A special court of inquiry has been
ordered to conduct an investigation.

**FISHER CHOICE OF
BRITISH ENVOY TO U. S.**

London, March 8.—H. A. L. Fisher,
minister of education, probably will
be appointed British ambassador to
Washington, according to the nation.
Herbert Albert Laurens Fisher was
born in London in 1865. He was a
Lowell lecturer at Harvard Univer-
sity in 1909. In 1913 he was ap-
pointed a member of the government
committee on alleged German out-
rages. He was given the portfolio of
the ministry of education January,
1919 in Premier Lloyd George's cab-
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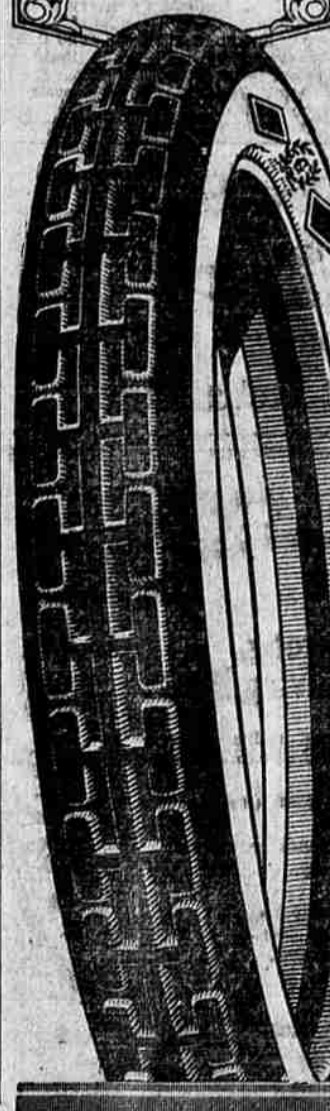
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