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COMMUNICATION.

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To the Editor

In your editorial of a few days ago condemning government ownership of railroads, you used about the same argument and method which all the opponents of that system do, comparing the cash earnings of the roads under government control with the income of the former private management, which is very unfair and misleading. When the government took over the roads it found nearly all of them in need of extensive repairs the owners of most of them had been too busy milking melons and trying to pay interest on watered stock they had issued to spend much money on the upkeep of their roads—watered stock and counterfeit money are twin brothers. Mr. McAdoo saw that there was no time for a huckstering policy, labor and material both of them scarce and dear, had to be rushed on the ground regardless of cost. One order alone included several hundred locomotives. It was a stupendous task and performed in time which in the exigencies existing was the sole criterion of success and if money was spent like water the result was compensatory. We all know that in a time like this mistakes are inevitable, agencies will be employed that are more or less inefficient or dishonest and this applies perhaps in a greater degree to the ship building branch and the sneer of "Hog Island" can be effectively discounted, for had we concluded to go "slow and sure" we might be fighting the Hun single-handed today. "Why smote vet not the giant as he reeled" would be asked then with even more reason than it was at the downfall of Poland. Look at the enormous amount of freight and passenger traffic for which the government receives nothing. Over four million men taken from their homes to training camps, provided there with food and military material, three million of them transported to Atlantic ports after training. Some of the papers have been gloating over the loss the government has sustained in the last two or three months, as usual they are careful to omit any credit for the transportation of half a million of returning soldiers to their homes all over the United States. How long would your vaunted private ownership stand up under this strain? Why they broke down three or four years ago trying to ship food and munitions to the European allies. They loaded their cars and ran them to the sea coast where they had no facilities for storage, and thus tied up freight facilities over the country. Factories had to stop for want of coal and from the far off north came the cry as it had for years, "Give us coal, we are suffering and some are dying for lack of fuel." During the last two years we have heard very little of such mishandling of freight. Your allusion to the P. & E. was likely designed to enlist local prejudice. While it is a matter of regret to us here that the road was discontinued, what would you say if you heard that the government was granting a bonus to a road in order to accommodate some small community, say in Texas—how eagerly you would seize it as a text to denounce government paternalism and hold it up as an illustration of what it would do if it owned the railroads. In Great Britain the war has taught them the necessity of government ownership. And if the government can handle the railroads under such enormous difficulties is it not reasonable to suppose that it can do it proportionately better under normal conditions.

J. H. LYNNARD, Table Rock, April 10.

Still Awarding Iron Crosses

COBLENZ, April 14.—Iron crosses are still being awarded to German soldiers in various parts of the country. Newspapers in the American occupied areas as well as those published in unoccupied Germany every few days carry notices to the effect that word has been received from the war ministry that a soldier has been awarded the iron cross for some act of gallantry during the war.

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BELGIANS PLAN A GREAT CEREMONIAL FOR THEIR DEAD

BRUSSELS, April 14.—It is planned to hold a combined memorial service for the numerous civilians, men, women and children, who, in no less dramatic circumstances than Edith Cavell, were shot by the Germans in Belgium during the occupation. It is intended to arrange a huge funeral procession of carriages, each representing a town or village where civilians were massacred. The carriages will be covered with the Belgian flag and escorted by the defenders of the Yser, and each will be preceded by a list of the names of the victims. At the same time the bodies of the most prominent among the dead will be transferred to a special mausoleum on the Place des Martyrs, where the victims of the revolution of 1830-31 lie. All the official bodies in Belgium and, it is expected, King Albert will take part in the procession, which will pass thru the main streets of the capital.

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But in taking this stand for non-partisanship, in issues of national importance, we believe Mr. McAdoo and other democratic leaders should not confine their attention to members of the opposition. Take the statements of A. Mitchell Palmer, the new attorney general, in New York Saturday night.

Attorney General Palmer took occasion to open the political campaign by declaring America's success in the war due largely to the achievements of the democratic party.

"The magnificent courage of our two millions on the western front would have led to disaster," he proclaimed, "without the laws passed by the democratic administration."

In other words we have a leader of the democratic party soberly asserting that not the bravery of our troops, not the leadership of our generals, not the superb support of the American people at home, who flew to the support of their country, regardless of every consideration, but whole hearted and unselfish devotion to their country, but partisan legislation was chiefly responsible for the victory which the people of the country are now called upon to celebrate.

A more extreme example of partisanship, a more impertinent repudiation of the spirit to which Mr. McAdoo appealed, could not be imagined than this absurd and unworthy attempt to make political capital out of a triumph to which republicans like General Pershing certainly contributed as much as did democrats like Attorney General Palmer.

We have no patience with political-partisanship which opposes an essential world arrangement like the League of Nations, merely because it happens to be advanced by the leader of one party rather than another. But we have less patience with political partisanship, which at the very time it appeals for non-partisan support, allows one of its leaders, to do what Attorney General Palmer did in New York Saturday night.

By all means let us keep partisanship from the Victory loan, from the League of Nations, but even more important let us keep it from the war, which has been so gloriously won by the American people, regardless of party.

In short, if we are to have non-partisanship, let's have it in good faith, from both parties alike, or else, mutually agree that partisanship is essential, and every issue of national importance must be fought out on party lines.

Republicans like former President Taft have set an example for one party, now let democrats like Attorney General Palmer set an example for the other.

"Three cheers for the income tax law and democratic legislation!" With that rousing call to arms did our gallant Yanks drive the kaiser to Holland and the Hun hordes to the Rhine, according to our latest democratic historian, one A. Mitchell Palmer.

Another sign the war is over. Jess Willard is going to fight.

SPRUCE BOXES NOW IN GREAT DEMAND THRU OUT EAST

PORTLAND, April 14.—A campaign was opened here today by F. W. Lane, in the officers of the West Coast Lumbermen's association here, to secure the affiliation of the box manufacturers of western Oregon and western Washington in the proposed box branch of the association.

It is estimated that the spruce and hemlock box factories of Oregon and Washington cut nearly 400,000,000 feet of box shooks annually. Lane hopes to secure a representation of at least 200,000,000 feet of this production in the new organization. On that basis, it is figured, the box branch would be self sustaining.

Spruce box material now is in such heavy demand throughout the east that the price is advancing steadily. A meeting of lumbermen from all parts of Oregon and Washington will be held in Portland on Thursday, May 1, when Roger E. Simmons, and John R. Walker, two of the trade commissioners sent to Europe by the United States department of commerce a few years ago, will make reports.

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METHODISTS START TONIGHT TO PRAY FOR CASH AID

Can a great financial campaign be won by prayer? More than 1,000,000 Methodists begin tonight a week of prayer; not only in Medford, but in every city in America.

In every church in Methodism "Prayer" was the main topic yesterday. In every Methodist church there were distributed pamphlets, 8,000,000 in all, on "Victory Through Prayer" and "What Would Happen if Millions Prayed."

All of which was preliminary to what might be termed a gigantic prayer barrage preceding the intensive financial drive of the Methodist centenary, set for May 18-25.

Sunday schools, Epworth league chapters, minute men and members of churches are participating in an organized prayer effort.

On Easter-Sunday Methodism expects to have enrolled in the fellowship of intercession 1,000,000 persons pledged and signed to indulge in daily prayer thereafter for the success of the centenary. These pledges will be collected next Sunday in Methodist churches as one feature of Easter Sunday. These 1,000,000 intercessors are to be urged to devote a few moments at noon wherever they may be for prayer for the success of the Methodist centenary.

W. E. Doughty, a New York man, is head of this prayer army. Promptly at noon in his offices a bell tans and all stenographers and filing clerks cease their work for a moment's prayer. Doughty has already enlisted members of 22 denominations in his prayer army which is now past the 300,000 mark. On Easter Sunday he expects to have 1,000,000 Methodists alone enrolled.

Cardinal Mercier to Visit U. S. A. PARIS, April 14.—Cardinal Mercier, the primate of Belgium, has informed the American congressmen who are visiting Brussels that he would visit the United States next October.

The weather records show that April 13th has always been a bad frost period for the valley, five hard frosts in the past eight years occurring on this date or close to it. Most orchardists reported this morning that some loss had been sustained but the fruit is so heavily set this year that it is not believed the crop as a whole will be materially reduced.

The pears of the valley, except the Winter Nellis and Bose, were in just the right condition to be injured and it was generally feared that many blossoms were nipped. The apple blossoms will soon be out in full bloom forming an additional source of worry for the orchardists.

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THE ITCHING AND STING OF BLAZING, FIERY ECZEMA

Seems Like the Skin is on Fire. There is a harassing discomfort caused by Eczema that almost becomes a torture. The itching is almost unbearable, and the skin seems on fire with the burning irritation.

A cure from local applications of salves and ointments is impossible, because such treatment can only allay the pain temporarily. The disease can only be reached by going deep down to its source.

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APRIL 13TH PROVES USUAL FROST JINX DAMAGE UNKNOWN

There was a bad frost this morning with a minimum temperature of 26 in Medford and two degrees lower in some other parts of the valley, but the damage will not be known until late this afternoon or Tuesday. Today's frost it is thought was worse than the previous one of last week when the lowest temperature was about the same, but little damage done.

There was general smudging this morning as every one on the streets between 6:30 and 8 o'clock well knew, for the smoke centered over Medford and formed such a pall of darkness that one could not distinguish objects 200 feet away. The sun looked thru this darkness like a red ball of fire.

Frost expert Young had predicted Sunday night that the temperature would at least go as low as 28 degrees and word was given out to the orchardists to begin smudging when the temperature reached 29 or 28. Smudging began about 4:30 a. m., when the temperature stood at 28 degrees in Medford, and two hours later the mercury had fallen to 26 and remained at that period for from 15 to 25 minutes, when it gradually began to warm up. However, it was still cold at 8 o'clock with a temperature around 30. Then the sun came out stronger.

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ALLENBY REPORTS QUIET RESTORED THROUGH EGYPT

CAIRO, April 12.—An official statement issued at the headquarters of General Allenby, special high commissioner for Egypt and the Sudan, today reads: "Since noon yesterday quiet has prevailed throughout Egypt. An attempt on Thursday to tamper with a railway resulted in five arrests, while attempts to interfere with telegraphic communication resulted in the village of Beni Senbil being surrounded and given three days in which to produce the guilty persons. On Friday two rioters were killed and one was wounded when they were caught cutting telephone wires near Quesna. "Four hundred persons have been arrested in connection with recent rioting.

"Apart from collisions with mobs on April 8, 9, 10 and 11, four officers and 15 men have been killed through attacks on individuals. The police report the civil casualties for the 24 hours ending at noon on Friday as being three killed and 15 wounded."

Some Medford Kidney Sufferers Get Little Rest or Comfort. There is little sleep, little rest, little peace for many a sufferer from kidney trouble. Life is one continual round of pain. You can't rest at night when there's kidney backache. You suffer twinges and "stabs" of pain, annoying urinary disorders, lameness and nervousness. You can't be comfortable at work with darting pains and blinding dizzy spells. Neglect these ailments and serious trouble may follow. Begin using Doan's Kidney Pills at the first sign of disorder. Thousands have testified to their merit. Medford readers will find convincing proof in the following testimony:

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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 Gim 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 Gim Chung and try his Herbs.

(Signed) W. E. JOHNSON, Witness: M. A. Anderson, Medford S. B. Holmes, Eagle Point, Wm. Lewis, Eagle Point, W. L. Childreth, Eagle Point, C. E. Moore, Eagle Point, J. V. McIntyre, Eagle Point, Geo. B. Van der Hallen, Eagle Point, Thos. E. Nichols, Eagle Point.

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