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"Lot us have faith that rizht makes might, and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our daty as we understand it."-Abraham Lincoln.

## Oregon Welcomes Mitchell

Militant "Billy" Mitchell Arouses Interest And Appreciation Of Oregonians

Kidnaped from the Shasta Limited at Hornbrook, California, Saturday, by a roistering crew of Grants Pass Cavemen, Colonel "Billy" Mitchell, recently deposed head of the United States air service, was given his choice of being initiated into the Caveman order or suffering death.
"Id rather be killed," the militant colonel is reported as saying, following his sally with more good-natured banter that threatened to break up the initiation.
"I'd rather be killed," uttered this time in pure humor, is, nevertheless, a significant phrase typifying the man. Believing the ultimate safety of the country to be endangered through incompetent management of the nation's air forces, Mitchell, then a brigadier general, risked the loss of his position and prestige, even honor and possible imprisonment, that the country might have a chance to weigh the facts concerning its power in the air.

No one can doubt that were Colonel Mitchell ever confronted with the choice of death rather than dishonor, or death rather than see his country harmed, bis, choice for heroic sacrifice would be instant.

America has never lacked, and yet has always need for, men of the stuff of which Colonel Mitchell is made. They are its Nathan Hales, its Stephen Decaturs, and its Richard Hobsons. More specifically, Colonel Mitchell is for the air forces what Admiral Sims was for the navy in the recent war-the "stormy petrel" whose daring criticisms of higher authority forced swivel-chair war makers in Washington to face the facts of a dangerous situation.

Hats off to Colonel "Billy" Mitchell. Oregon will listen to what he has to say.

## England's Agony

Both Sides Feel Empire Lives

The great strike in England, matching in industry the fateful moments of the war's start in 1914, seems the work of organizers of in ternational ability. Like the moves of the governments during the war, the strikers in gradually putting on pressure to strangle industry, communication and transportation reveal the work of traineed staffs of executives.

But balanced against this is the counter strategy by which the government plans to distribute food, keep the mails moving and issue news by radio, just beginning to show.

Joined as they are in the strife, both sides maintain their loyalty to England and assert their belief that the thousand year old govern ment will continue to function.

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