

What the Editors Say.

There are a good many plans for winning the war, and the following is likely as feasible as any other: An Ohio man has proposed to the war department a plan which he feels sure would put Germany out of business. He proposes that aviators be sent over Germany dropping not bombs, but potato bugs in Germany, that the potato is essential to the life of the country, and if his plan is adopted it means defeat for the kaiser.—Telephone Register.

Every postal employe in the United States has been instructed to take an active part in the campaign for the sale of war savings stamps. In order to reach the desired sales mark of \$2,000,000,000 by January 1, 1919, it will be necessary to sell sufficient stamps to average \$16.50 for each man, woman and child in the country.—Itemizer.

Until recently our railroad managers put in most of their time appearing before commissions instead of managing transportation. At present our shipbuilding executives have to put in most of their time at Washington, wrestling with the U. S. Shipbuilding Board. There are probably fifty Pacific Coast shipbuilding executives in Washington now. The time and energies of these men are needed sorely at their plants here on the Coast. Probably the government officials realize this as thoroughly as anyone else. The situation merely illustrates the difficulties of conducting vast business enterprises on an emergency basis while hampered by all manner of government restrictions.—Oregon Voter.

The declaration of war against Austria was largely a matter of form, for as a matter of fact during the last nine months we have been as much at war with that country as we have with Germany. It is well known that for war purposes boundary lines between Germany and Austria have been eliminated and the latter country is as much dominated as Prussianism as states of the German empire and we are to use our military forces against armies commanded by Prussian generals the rank and file of our foes is bound to include many Austrians. It must be remembered also that for three years we have had the same cause for war with Austria that we have had with Germany, for the activities of the Austrian embassy under the direction of Ambassador Dumba were equal to those of the German under Von Bernstorff. Both initiated a campaign of destruction and frightfulness against a country with which the nations represented were on friendly terms, and discloses as a result of secret service activities on the part of the United States have shown that while pretending friendliness they were leaving no stone unturned which might later embarrass this country when it entered the war. It may be that the knowledge that Austria is already beaten and with the support of Germany removed would collapse has heretofore prevented the United States from making the formal declaration now made, but whether or not we ever actually meet Austrian troops in battle the statistics of that country is clearly defined as an open instead of a secret foe.—Independent.

Lending to Other Nations.

The United States has loaned to other nations engaged in war with Germany something over three billion dollars, taking for the sums advanced the obligations of such nations, bearing the same interest and maturing at the same time as the Liberty loan bonds.

The wisdom of this policy is beyond question. By strengthening these nations and making them as powerful and as effective as possible we are greatly aiding in the shortening of the struggle; we are doing much to insure an ultimate victory. We are doing only that which is our duty to do toward our allies in this tremendous war against an autocracy which would debase and enslave all nations and all men.

The fact that if we did not advance this money much of the work which the allies are doing would have to be done with American money and American men establishes clearly the intelligence and wisdom of our policy.

There is work to be done which requires the expenditure of blood and treasure. In making these money advances to Great Britain, France, Italy and other nations we are lending money which will be returned to us, instead of spending sums possible greater, with no hope of return. In addition we are saving the lives of American soldiers.

No policy the American government has pursued is wiser or more truly economical and patriotic.—Umpqua Valley News.

Germany's Last Colony Gone.

The British general staff must have felt notably relieved when it was able to announce recently that the last of the enemy forces in German East Africa had been disposed of and the territory completely occupied by entente commands. This, the last of Germany's colonies to resist invasion, was one of the least of the minor theatres of war, but it had given the English trouble out of all proportion to its bearing on the main issue of the conflict.

The German forces in East Africa were small, but thoroughly trained and fully equipped, and they were commanded by a most able and resourceful general, Von Lettow, who time and time again when he appeared to be completely cornered by British, Belgians and Portuguese columns, managed to break through and resume guerrilla warfare. The British South African troops and the European soldiers suffered severely from tropical diseases and from the hardships of trailing the elusive German detachments, composed mostly of Arabs and natives, through the jungles. The subjugation of the last German province took vastly more time than any of the English leaders had anticipated.

Still, it was a necessary task. So long as the Germans could keep mobile forces in the field, they could harass the neighboring colonies of England, Belgium and Portugal, and could divert from the fields of Europe large number of entente soldiers. Only by making a clean sweep could the allied forces hope to keep this part of Africa from continuing to be a sore spot.

German East Africa was the largest and most valuable of Germany's overseas possessions. It is larger by 180,000 square miles than German in Europe, and its natural resources are very large and very remunerative. It will be an important asset to the entente allies in case peace negotiations are based to any extent on territorial bargaining.—Spokesman Review.

Red Cross in Oregon.

(By Orton E. Goodwin.)

Next to the war, there is one subject just now that has the center of the stage in Oregon—The American Red Cross. It's not a society, a club, or an organization. There is just one of its kind, and it was incorporated by act of Congress. Perhaps, too, the Red Cross for another week will rank even with the war in public interest.

And why not? The Red Cross is the greatest corporation in the world. The little section of it monopolized by Oregon employes far more people than any Oregon corporation.

The mind revolts—sometimes—at statistics, yet one cannot study the Red Cross without statistics. In Oregon there are more people working under the Red Cross, and not paid even a "dollar a year" for their services, than seems creditable. And that statement fails to include the certainly 5,000 probably nearer 10,000, that will be enlisted under the membership campaign banner week.

Three thousand women pass all their spare time, and many of them their whole time, making bandages, hospital supplies, knitting, etc., for the Red Cross—and please don't forget that the Portland surgical dressing workroom last month shipped more hospital supplies by far than any other city work room in the United States, size and population not considered. Several hundred more donate their entire time to chapter, branch and auxiliary work; others are affiliated with the civilian relief bureau—taking of dependents, of soldiers, doctors and nurses conduct Red Cross classes—2,000 Oregonians graduated from such classes in the last six months.

There are 23 chapters of the Red Cross in Oregon and about 250 branches and auxiliaries is concluded. Today they are approximately 30,000 members in Oregon. Tomorrow, or correctly speaking, Christmas Day, the total is expected to be around 250,000.

Oregon was the first state in the Union to complete its Red Cross Christmas package quota for soldiers and sailors, and Portland the first city; it was Portland and Albany that compelled Secretary Daniels to retract his ill-advised statement that the women knitters of the country were too, er—"sentimental." It was Oregon that campaigned against slanders and detractors of the Red Cross—and shut their mouths, too.

The Portland chapter is but an example of the way we, as Oregonians have "taken up" Red Cross—or did the Red Cross take us up? With its volunteer staff, which extends even to stenographers and telephone aides, it is doing work at a cost for overhead of only \$300 a month, that would cost a private corporation at least \$6,000 a month—and that, of course, does not include the thousands of willing workers in the ranks.

Should you join the Red Cross? Well you could hardly spend one dollar a year better!

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DEALING IN STOCKS.

Know What You Are Buying Before Investing Your Money.

We hear of fortunes quickly made in Wall street, of miners who have accumulated enormous wealth by a lucky strike, of inventors that have made inventors rich. But how many of these instances are there? Just a few, while countless thousands and hundreds of thousands have lost everything in unsuccessful ventures.

The prosperous, successful man or woman is the one who buys with knowledge of what he or she is buying, whether it be a piece of beef, a dozen eggs, a horse, a house or stocks and bonds.

Money has been made in Wall street and will continue to be made. Those who buy stocks when they sell low and sell them when they advance must make money. The operation is no different from buying a house or a farm at a bargain and selling it at a profit. But one should exercise just as much care in one transaction as in the other.

Have nothing to do with those who offer glittering opportunities to get rich quickly. This will save your money. It may sound very nice to say that one owns a thousand shares of a gold, silver or copper mine with a par value of \$10,000 and that cost the holder only \$50 or \$100. But what use is such a certificate unless it has real value? Better put the \$50 or \$100 in one share of a dividend paying stock and be satisfied with moderate returns and a moderate profit on any advance the stock may enjoy.—Leslie's Weekly.

HOLES IN MACARONI.

Did You Ever Wonder How the Dough Was Put Around Them?

Haven't you often asked, "How do they get the holes in macaroni?" Yes, you undoubtedly have, and unless you have visited a macaroni factory you are probably still in doubt. Interesting methods are employed in bringing this food into the form in which it is placed before the public.

After the dough has been well mixed and kneaded in a powerful machine it is ready to form into macaroni, which is of a tube shape about one-fourth inch in diameter, or spaghetti, which is a solid stick shape of about one-eighth inch in diameter. This is done by forcing the dough under hydraulic pressure through a cylinder with a flat circular bronze die or mold at the bottom. The macaroni die is full of holes about one-fourth inch in diameter, and each hole has a small pin in the center of it, which is attached to one side of the hole. This pin forms the hole in the macaroni and divides the dough on one side as it starts through the hole, but before the dough reaches the end of the hole the divided side comes together and remains so, making a perfect tube. The spaghetti die contains only plain holes about one-eighth inch in diameter arranged in groups. When macaroni and spaghetti come from the presses or cylinders they are cut into certain lengths, the length depending upon whether the curing or drying is to be done on trays or by hanging over rods.—Exchange.

Here Are Two Kinds of Education. In an article called "Increase Your Driving Power" in the American Magazine a writer says:

"Horace Taft, a brother of the former president, once told me that he never considered a man as educated just because he could talk a long time and answer a lot of questions about a given subject, but that he did consider him as educated if set down before some hard, unknown subject or task he could in two hours make something out of it. Judge Daly, brother of Augustin Daly, once told me that he and his brother at the ages of twelve and fourteen years were left as the sole supporters of their widowed mother. 'That,' the judge said, 'I consider about as good an education as a boy can be given.'"

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Our Platinum Product.

The United States produces platinum as a byproduct of copper refineries and also from most of the placer gold mines of the western slopes. Its occurrence there is very widespread, being found along the entire west coast, from Alaska to California. Except in a very few localities, however, it is found in such small quantities that its recovery save as a byproduct is not profitable.—Exchange.

Holy Land Earthquakes.

Earthquakes more or less violent have been of frequent occurrence in Palestine. One of the most violent occurred in the reign of Uzziah. This was connected by Josephus with the sacrilege and punishment of that monarch.

Innocence.

Father (to rebellious five-year-old)—Don't tell me you won't. Daughter—Well, papa, what must I say when I mean I won't?—Topeka Capital.

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