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WHAT THE EDITORS SAY.

Most of the newspapers will agree with the Oregonian that there are too many papers and the solution of the problem is to reduce the number. The only trouble is that each wants the other fellow to do the reducing and get out and leave a clear field.—Hillsboro Independent.

The hoodwinking of the German people by the military powers has passed from a pleasure to a grim necessity in order that the facts of the army losses and the disastrous retreats may not become known and an internal revolt result. As fasteners the high German commanders place the rulers of hell as saints in comparison.—Sheridan Sun.

The Kaiser does not mention Christ or quote from the New Testament. His code of morals is a Christless creed. A triumph for his scheme of government by force would be a return to the dark ages before the beginning of the Christian era. Can it be that the Kaiser is the "Anti Christ" mentioned in the New Testament prophecies, as some people believe?—Itemizer.

Speaking of peace casualties, Portland reports two killed and thirteen wounded in automobile accidents in the course of twenty four hours. If the list covering the whole United States for the same twenty-four hours were available it would probably exceed the greatest single casualty list yet sent over by General Pershing. Peace hath her victories no less than war—also her casualties.—Polk County Observer.

The Sentinel has frequently criticized Theodore Roosevelt, but it certainly admires the manner in which the Roosevelt family is supporting the government, and the spirit with which Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt received the news of the death of their son Quentin. Other boys, just as near and dear to other parents, will make the supreme sacrifice, and the parents at home have long prepared themselves to receive the news with the same spirit as that displayed by the former president and his wife.—Cottage Grove Sentinel.

Word comes from New Haven, Conn., of a common report that "any Irishman who takes out naturalization papers in this country will not be allowed to enter Ireland after the war, even to visit relatives." This is one of the many anti-English lies with which the Kaiserites in this country are trying to embitter our Irish citizens against our British allies. It need hardly be said that any Irishman who takes out naturalization papers becomes an American citizen and will be protected in his rights as an American citizen wherever he goes.—Umpqua Valley News.

Policing of highways is not a mere fanciful dream as some are wont to think, but a practical plan to minimize accidents on the public roads. State Highway Commissioner Benson endorses the plan and the county courts on the lower Columbia highway will appoint special road police. The speed maniac is a dangerous individual and he should be watched vigilantly. Violations of the traffic laws should be punished. Let more of the counties take up this matter of policing the main traveled highways within their borders and accidents will be materially decreased.—News Reporter.

Isn't there something that can be done to offset the loss to the city of so many of its citizens who are moving away? As a suggestion—establish a butter and cheese factory, a meat cannery, a tannery, a feed mill to make substitutes, a planing mill to turn out the finished lumber products. A painting and cleaning up crusade would help wonderfully. The business men with homes camouflaged with fallen down fences, rickety sidewalks and unsightly yards should be prosecuted and persecuted until they realize their delinquency in home and community pride.—Willamina Times.

A mother of five minor children was left a widow by an industrial accident and the industrial accident commission was paying her the maximum compensation of \$50 a month, which was \$30 for herself and \$4 for each child. She has remarried and the commission asked the attorney general for an opinion as to whether the commission should continue to pay \$4 for each of the children or \$6 for each child, which is the sum they are entitled to under the law when it does not exceed the maximum of \$50. The attorney general held that they should be paid \$6 per month each.—Telephone Register.

In an attempt to hamper the work of the food administration, stories are being circulated, particularly in rural localities, to the effect that while our people are being asked to save wheat the German prisoners in our internment camps are being lavishly fed on white bread, pastries, and cakes made wholly of wheat; that food is being purposely wasted by the prisoners; and that none of the food administration's rules of conservation are being obeyed. These stories are all untrue. All civilian German prisoners are being compelled to assist in the conservation of our food supplies. They are allowed only 1 1/2 pounds of wheat per person

each week. No waste is permitted. Their rations are sufficient to keep them well fed and healthy, and they are not subjected to any hardships, but neither are they indulged in any extravagances. In accordance with the provisions of The Hague convention, our prisoners of war receive the regular garrison ration of the United States army, no more or no less. This is the established practice of all civilized nations.—Umpqua Valley News.

Some people are of the opinion that the day of miracles is past but if some of these people would care to spend a few hours on pretty nearly any day, but especially on Sunday, along the highway between Bay City and Garibaldi, they might change their mind. That someone does not get killed on this road every day or so is one of the modern miracles. The county is doing much good work on the road in straightening out curves, easing grades and making fills, but this work cannot all be done in a day, certainly not up to the pace that cars are turning out to reckless and irresponsible drivers. The state speed limit is 25 miles, and while it is conservative enough on straight, level roads, it is too fast over most of the road along the beach. Where the cars only occupied by the reckless driver the proposition would not be quite so bad, but he usually has from one to four passengers to go along and see what a fine driver he is. It appears to be a continual flirtation with death.—Bay City Examiner.

The enthusiasm over the achievements of the American troops in France was not the result of surprise but merely because they had done what we all knew they would do when given a chance. The hardest fighters in history are the peaceful men who do not hunt trouble but meet it when it comes, and Americans are of that type. This fact was overlooked by the German war lords, just as they overlooked many other important facts, and they were due to have an unpleasant awakening. Because we had no army and because their own army had only been created by training of the individual from childhood they would not face the fact that other people might have other and better methods. Even after England's "contemptible little army", as they dubbed it, expanded into a mighty force that crumpled up their perfect machine they were blind. The German people were told that America was a money grabbing nation and would not fight, and even should it fight it had nothing but men and men were not armies. They were told to look at Russia as an example of what would happen to America, blindly ignoring the vast difference between the Russian serf ground down by centuries of oppression and the American freeman. The first million Yankees in France have given them a foretaste of what they may expect later, and what is more important, the German nation is bound to learn the truth. They were told that the Americans in France were but a handful and could not fight, but they are bound to learn how that handful chased their shock troops from the positions gained at the expense of vast losses a few days before. If there was a surprise it was not on this side of the ocean.—Hillsboro Independent.

Road Improvement Completed.

The work on the Bellevue extension of the paved road east of Sheridan was completed Tuesday and now extends from Sheridan to a point 1100 feet the other side of Bellevue. The work was done by the state with J. M. Baker in charge and was commenced May 9th, since which time the work has been steadily kept going with the labor that could be supplied. Under Mr. Baker's supervision the work has progressed without friction and in the management he has shown himself familiar with every detail and a dollars' worth of road has been received for every dollar expended. Mr. Baker had nine years experience in road work in Tillamook county and came from that county to take charge of the work here. From Sheridan he goes to Ashland to superintend the state highway work now being put in there.—Sheridan Sun.

Newspapers and the War.

The war affects all lines of productive business, and newspapers are not exempt from this influence. Readers have noticed the announcement of the federal regulations to which newspapers are giving prominence. Not all may understand the why and wherefore of that which is to be carried out. The changes are inaugurated at the request of the war industries board in order to conserve the supply of paper, and they will be cheerfully complied with.

The reader is to be affected to a degree by the discontinuance of the return of unsold copies. Under that rule newsdealers will not buy more copies than they feel sure of selling. This puts the reader under the necessity of ordering the paper he desires, either from the publication office or from his newsdealer, least he fail to find it on the newsstands. Such is the desirable and time-honored way of taking a paper in order to be sure of getting it, the method that is practiced by people having a favorite newspaper. It is the sensible and businesslike way of doing, the

established habit of most readers of the Republican.

Other regulations affect the publication offices of newspapers, and are of no direct concern to the reader. The new order of things is to go into effect next Monday. The government board made choice between cutting off unnecessary copies of all newspapers or restricting their size. Viewed from the standpoint of the reader the action taken best protects his interests.—Springfield Republican.

Another Road to Berlin.

All roads once lead to Rome, and more than one road may lead to Berlin. Italy's success on the Plave has put Austria on the defensive for the rest of the year probably, and it has possibly inspired the allied offensive in Albania. For now that one man commands the allied armies, the war game is likely to be played as a whole and on every front. Germany's game has been to eliminate one enemy country after another. She has put out of the fight Russia, Serbia, and Rumania, and has thus been able to concentrate her strength in France. But there are indications that we have determined to force her to fight for what she had assumed to be her own, and for what we had almost ceased to fight. We are going to help Russia to her feet and to her senses, and that will mean that Germany must turn her attention to that quarter again and divide her forces.

Even more quickly would she be affected by successful operations in the Balkans. There is a shorter, though possibly more bloody road to victory through Serbia and Rumania. If the allied forces there should become so strong as to threaten the Bulgarians and Turks with defeat, Germany must go to the rescue, because disaster in the Balkans means disaster in Germany and Austria. We imagine that this change of Allied policy is viewed with no little disquietude in Berlin. It is playing the game just in the way Berlin does not want it played.—Baltimore Sun.

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Trading With the Enemy Enactment Prohibits Payments to Other Than Government.

The general public is not likely very much informed concerning the broadness as well as the minuteness of "The Trading with the Enemy Act" of congress and the president's proclamation thereunder. Fire insurance comes very decidedly under these trade prohibitions to the end that no "enemy" may benefit from any policy which may possibly be issued directly, or with a "loss payable" clause, or covering in any manner any interest. Claims under such policy must be accounted for by the company issuing it to the Alien Property Custodian at Washington. So it is that in case of insurance and in other cases, the "enemy" is double crossed by this act.

It covers a heavy penalized prohibition, except under special Presidential license, of every form of business dealing, directly or indirectly, with the "enemy or ally enemy" or with, to, for, account of, or on behalf of any person or corporation where there is reasonable cause for belief that such in any manner represents any sort of interest of such "enemy".

Citizens or subjects of enemy or ally nations are not for that reason "enemies", unless there are other facts like being "listed", interned, etc., and the same is true of such residing outside of the United States, not in enemy territory or doing business therein.

The act includes of whatever nationality, even citizens of the United States, who are choosing to reside in enemy countries, or territory occupied by enemy military or naval forces; also any person of any nationality, wherever residing, who is doing business within such enemy territory; so, too, as to corporations created by other nations than the United States, doing business in such territory.

In case of incorporated firms or co-partnerships, one or more members coming within the definition of an "enemy" applies against trade with the firm or partnership as well as with the "enemy" members.

These brief mentions will somewhat indicate the considerable inclusiveness of the act, which may be enlarged by future proclamations of our president.

What's the Matter With Wheeler?

Rollie Watson says that the speed limit signs in Wheeler are a joke. He declares a man can hardly drive over our streets fast enough to make the speedometer work and keep his clothes on. He tried to find out who the mayor of the city was but the Reporter refused to tell. We do not even know who is on the city council.—Wheeler Reporter.

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