

**Editorial Snap Shots.**

We wish our readers a happy Christmas.

Had there been a cement sidewalk to the depot there would be no occasion for women to walk in the road and would have probably saved one life. It is up to the city as well as the county officials to see to this.

This is a period of "Watchful waiting" to see what the terms of peace are to be. It is hoped that President Wilson is holding Germany to a "strict accountability" for her ruthless warfare. That is what he said he would do.

Secretary Baker has changed his mind in regard to discharged soldiers retaining their uniforms. The boys are to retain them is the new ruling of the secretary, which is a right decision. Many discharged soldiers will keep their uniforms as a sacred relic of the war.

The doctors in Lane county as soon as they have a flu patient send to the Red Cross for a pneumonia jacket and make their patient wear it. It is claimed that it will keep the patient from getting cold and makes an even temperature. The Eugene Red Cross is supplying the pneumonia jackets free of cost.

The influenza, from all accounts, has doctors on the anxious seat, for there is a difference of opinion among them as to how the flu germ originates and operates. There must be flu waves, that roll over the country by the way some vicinities get over the disease only to be attacked by another wave.

Admiral von Tirpitz, former minister of the German navy and the man chiefly responsible for Germany's intensive submarine activities, fled from Germany as soon as the revolutionists took the reins. This need not surprise any one, for the war lords and junkers directly they thought there would be a hanging bee or a firing squad saved their necks and their hides by fleeing from Germany.

There is a good deal of horse sense in what Lloyd George, premier of England, said in his speech last week. "The first consideration in the minds of the allies will be the interest of the people upon whom the Germans have made war, and not the interest of the German people, who have made war and who have been guilty of that crime." That's it exactly. Make the Germans pay and not the allied countries for the cost of the war.

The Oregonian says: "Great Britain has had an election and will know the result in about two weeks. Americans would worry their heads off if they couldn't read the complete returns on the morning after." And, maybe that England is a little more democratic than the United States, for British soldiers in all the allied fronts and in different parts of the world are giving an opportunity to vote for a member of parliament. Hence the delay.

A news item from Washington says that the spruce production is to be investigated. What's the use? The airplane investigation wound up with a "whitewash", after proving that millions of dollars had been wasted. Those who have visited abandoned government spruce camps know of the enormous waste that is left in the woods. Maybe an investigation if properly and intelligently conducted, will give some idea as to what it cost the government to get out rived spruce will be useful information, and something the people should know.

With another five miles of hard surfaced road, the Three Rivers and Grand Ronde roads improved, Tillamook people will be able to get to the "outside world" in their flivvers summer and winter in less time than it takes to reach Portland on the railroad. This is a wonderful improvement, for it is only a few years since when this county was bottled up in the winter. Thanks to the good roads improvement, and when Tillamook has a hard surfaced road through the entire county, then, and not before, will we all fully realize what a great blessing the hard surfaced highway is to all parts of the county.

We are glad to know that there is a pronounced sentiment in Oregon for good roads in all parts of the state and that the State Legislature will discuss ways and means to procure more money for road building. Oregon is a long way behind California and Washington in this respect, we are sorry to say. If the State Legislature can provide a few more million dollars to be expended on the roads every year it will be a great benefit to Oregon. It is generally admitted that the State Highway Commission is doing good work, giving every part of the state a fair share of the money coming into its hands. Yet that is not all. It is building good permanent roads and the people are wanting more of them.

One very essential thing that the government does not appear to be taking much interest in, although it is one of the most vital questions that confront the working classes. It is the high cost of living, which the

government brought about by taking control. It took control of food stuffs and up went the price. It took control of the railroads, and up went the price for travel, and freight. It took control of the express companies and up went the price. It took control of a large number of products, and up went the price of merchandise, clothing and shoes, in fact every kind of merchandise took a tremendous jump in price on account of government control. It is about time the government got wise to the situation now that thousands of men are being thrown out of employment and who cannot obtain work.

Two bills are to be introduced in the next State Legislature to expedite litigation, and whether they will have the desired effect is somewhat doubtful. It is a notorious fact that too much time is wasted trying, and re-trying trivial cases with an unnecessary expense to the taxpayers. A number of these cases take as much time as more important cases, and for that reason they should not be permitted to appeal from one court to another, simply because an attorney will not abide by the decision and if he can induce his client to appeal the case. The Supreme Court and the Circuit Court could save considerable time by hurrying up their work and eliminating delays and getting started a little earlier in the morning, for there is no reason why circuit court cannot start at eight o'clock in the morning. It is not a question of requiring more circuit judges, but it is a question of saving time and expediting the long and unnecessary delays in trying cases.

The County Court should get busy right away and prepare to make as early a start in road work as possible. There is no sense in delaying the road work and poking along until next fall before the road work is finished. The County Court knows now exactly what money it will have for road work and there is no valid reason why the road work cannot be started early the coming spring and get through with most of it before the summer travel commences. If the County Court decides to lay several miles of hard surfaced road north of this city, as it should do, contracts should be called for as soon as possible. There is another reason why Tillamook County, as well as other counties in the state, should plan and carry out their road work as early as possible. It will give employment to a large number of men who will need employment during the reconstruction period, for the men thrown out of employment and discharged soldiers will have to be provided with work, and this is one way of meeting the labor conditions.

It is estimated that Germany will have to pay the allied countries \$116,640,000,000, the cost of the war. This is only a small sum considering the loss of life, those maimed for life and the terrible sufferings that the war inflicted upon the people of the world. Those who consider this too large a sum to impose upon Germany should remember that if that country had won the war, the indemnity and territory Germany would have imposed would have been such as to enslave the world. Germany was cruel, barbarous and blood thirsty in war and would have been more so if that country, and not the allies, had dictated the terms of peace. Do not forget or lose sight of these facts. No doubt German propaganda and the German language and pro-German newspapers will endeavor to intimidate President Wilson for the purpose of reducing the amount of the indemnity. If Germany succeeds in getting off by paying the cost of the war and the loss of Alsace-Lorraine and her colonies, it will get off easy. Germany should be made to pay for the sacrifice of life as well.

The reason that so many university professors lined up with the pro-Germans who opposed the war is not to be wondered at, for they embodied German culture through German propaganda. In the United States or were born and educated in alien countries. The government investigations have connected the names of a number of leading university professors with the pro-German movement in the United States. As this placed them in embarrassing positions and brings the universities they are connected with into bad repute, the state officials having charge of these institutions should do something to clear them of this bad reputation. That a number of universities were impregnated with disloyal professors seems to be the prevailing opinion, something should be done, by the state officials having charge of them to eliminate this bad reputation, for the universities should not be made to suffer on that account. There is a good many rumors going the rounds that some of the professors at the University of Oregon showed pro-German tendencies when the United States entered the war. This, we consider, is a matter that the state legislators should take cognizance of and investigate, when it meets next month, for the good name of the University of Oregon should not be connected with pro-Germans and disloyal professors who were reported to be German spies. The Universities need a few more professors with the ear marks of "made in the United States" and not "made in Germany."

There are too many reckless persons driving automobiles and on that

account it is a wonder that more persons are not killed. The fatal accident in Tillamook last week, comes under this head, and brings out the fact that pedestrians on the public roads are crowded off or run down if they do not get out of the way. The editor has had some little experience in noticing how some persons driving autos take little or no notice of pedestrians, crowding them off the hard surfaced road as though they had no right on the road. That was one reason why the young woman last week met a premature death, and it is a surprise to us that more pedestrians have not been killed by reckless auto drivers. It is not right, yet it is customary for pedestrians to give autos the right of way on public roads, brought about, no doubt, by auto drivers forcing pedestrians off the public roads, for when two autos and a pedestrian meet in the same place on a road the latter is always crowded off the road to avoid being run down or killed. It is a well known fact amongst auto drivers that you never know what the other fellow is going to do, and this applies to pedestrians. They never know whether auto drivers are going to turn out or run over them. The whole trouble is so many persons who drive autos think pedestrians have no rights, driving right ahead when they meet pedestrians and crowding them off the road. It is a serious matter to contend with, but now the public can see for themselves the risks pedestrians run by the fatal accident, it is about time that reckless road hogs, who think they have a right to hog the road, should be severely punished.

We have been hearing considerable discussion about President Wilson's 14 conditions of peace, some of which are so vague that no one can tell what they mean. The president, no doubt, will make them more plain when he meets with the representatives of the allied governments. What President Wilson's attitude will be in regard to making Germany pay the cost of the war is not known. England seems to have decided upon conditions of peace, which are embraced in only five points, as given to the world last week by Premier Lloyd George:

"First—As far as justice is concerned we have an absolute right to demand the whole cost of the war from Germany.  
 "Second—We proposed to demand the whole cost of the war from Germany.  
 "Third—When you come to the exacting of it, we must exact in such a way that it does not do more harm to the country that receives it than the country that is paying it.  
 "Fourth—The commission appointed by the British Cabinet believes that it can be done.  
 "Fifth—The allies are in exactly the same boat. We shall pour in our demands all together, and whatever they are they must come in front of the German war debt."  
 Each of these points are plain enough for anyone to understand, and is what John Bull will demand at the peace conference. It remains to be seen whether the president will accept them. It is safe to say that France, Belgium and Italy will.

Tillamook City and County, like a good many other places, undertook to grapple with the influenza situation by placing an embargo on public meetings, schools and churches, when the city and county should have strictly quarantined every person suffering with the influenza and kept them quarantined for a certain number of days before they were allowed out of the home. That is what should have been done, and in our judgment, would be more effective than the closing embargo. Too many persons, especially those having the disease in a light form, have been carrying the disease and other persons have been exposed and taken the disease. We have always considered the flu just as infectious as small pox and other infectious diseases and to cope with it successfully is to quarantine or take all patients to an infectious hospital. We are fully aware that there are differences of opinion, even amongst doctors, but the quarantine method, to our way of thinking, is the best way to cope with the disease. It is our opinion that the embargo should be lifted and a strict quarantine put on, and put on good and tight. From all indications the disease will be serious for the next twelve months, and people are coming down with the second time, and for that reason it is just as well to look at the situation from all standpoints and see if the disease can be cope with more satisfactory from quarantine than the embargo. And in closing we want to make this assertion, that thousands of persons are dying daily because they are not taking proper care of themselves and going out too soon. Use a little horse sense if you come down with the flu and go home and do to bed, keep as quiet as possible and don't run the risk of the undertaker getting you by getting up and going out too soon. But now for a strict quarantine in Tillamook county.

Oh, What A Change.

Before leaving the New Jersey state house for the White House, Gov. Woodrow Wilson announced that two things especially were going to characterize his administration, pitiless publicity and an open door to all comers at the White House. George Creel has long been furnishing the pitiless publicity, and fewer people are received at the White House than any previous administration in the nation's history. The newspaper correspondents have not been received since May, 1916, and for a full year President Wilson has not given audience to a single newspaper correspondent.

Red Cross Christmas Roll Call.

For Christmas, a membership in the Red Cross is a suitable and seasonable gift. The Red Cross is not being demoralized by the termination of the war. Its work is going forward, backed by the American people. There will come disasters and other big events which will make the use of the Red Cross necessary. The organization is prepared to offer this service on call, but it wants the spirit of America behind it and to obtain this spirit it is necessary to have the American people enroll as members. That is why the Red Cross membership drive is being held this week.  
 This campaign has nothing to do with funds. It is not to raise money. It wants members and it wants every adult as a member. The dues are one dollar a year and you enroll only once. Throughout the country the plan is to enroll 50,000,000 people. Last year the membership drive netted 22,000,000. That means that this drive must produce twice as many as a year ago. On this basis, Oregon, if it is to maintain its record for patriotic purposes, must enroll something like 500,000 members. This, however, is not the quota for the state, for there are no quotas in the campaign. It gives an idea, nevertheless, of what Oregon should produce if the plan of "Universal Membership" is carried out to the last analysis.  
 "Where's your button" is being asked in Oregon this week. The person who enrolls and wears the button will not be solicited a second time. "Join" is the one word slogan which has been plastered over the landscape of the Beaver state.  
 As indicating the economy with which the Red Cross is administered it may be stated that only two cents out of each dollar of the millions appropriated have been needed to operate the Red Cross. For each dollar contributed by the American people for war relief work, more than one dollar and one cent is expended for that purpose, the extra cent being provided by interest, on the funds. The funds of the organization are checked and audited by the government authorities. In the past 11 months more than \$300,000,000 has been given to the Red Cross by the American people. This is the largest sum ever handed over to any organization for humanitarian purposes and that the Red Cross has faithfully carried out its mission is attested by the record it has achieved in all parts of the world.  
 War ending does not end the endeavor of the Red Cross. Remember the Halifax explosion, the San Francisco earthquake, the Titanic disaster, the Dayton flood, the Triangle Waist Co. fire, the Perth Amboy explosion, the Golvetson flood. All of these found the Red Cross prepared for duty.  
 So far as known, the Red Cross will make no future drives for war funds. It wants a large membership, because the membership will enable it to continue operating. One dollar or one person cannot do much in relieving distress, but when the dollar and the person are merged in the Red Cross, they become important factors.  
 It is the hope of the campaign managers that Oregon will not fall down on this appeal. A year ago Oregon was the banner state in the union for producing Red Cross memberships and it is the wish to keep

vision as soon as possible to pave the road to Bay City, and although that part of the county is not receiving any direct benefit from the State Highway Commission, it would be indirectly if more of the county road fund was expended in that direction for hard surfacing. We base our contention on the fact that the south part of the county has, thus far, been benefited most by the State Highway Commission, to the extent of ten miles of hard surfaced road and eight miles of macadam on the Three Rivers road, which, when completed next year, will mean \$300,000 the county has received from the Highway Commission in road work. We would not for one moment say anything in opposition to these improvements, for they are a benefit to all parts of the county in the plan to give the county a hardsurfaced highway from Clatsop County to Yamhill County. But we are inclined to think if the County Court would plan to pave the road to Bay City, doing part of the work this year, it would create a better feeling and would be the right thing to do. We felt a little disappointed when the county budget did not provide for a certain amount of hardsurfaced road in road district No. 1 next year. Longer this is delayed the longer it will be before the Nehalem country obtains hard surfaced roads.

A Bad Muss.

The government has "knocked" the wooden ship building industry in the northwest, and is boosting the steel ship industry in the East, and as usual the Democratic administration is discriminating. It was a bad knock out blow that the administration gave the wood ship building industry when it cancelled a number of contracts, notwithstanding that it will throw thousands of men out of employment at a time when work cannot be obtained elsewhere. The Oregonian hits the nail on the head when it makes these pertinent remarks:

Action of the United States Shipping Board in cancelling contracts for wood ships by wholesale in East, South and West is wholly consistent with its treatment of the wood ship industry. It invaded an industry that was growing and thriving on the Pacific Coast through private initiative on private contracts, seized all the plants and all the ships on the ways, obtained the willing co-operation of the owners by an appeal to their patriotism, loaded them with contracts to build ships of bad design, disorganized and demoralized their workmen with its labor policy, made failures with some vessels adapted to Eastern and Southern lumber and thus gave all wood ships a bad name without discriminating. Having wrought all the mischief, the board now conceals its contracts, leaves the shipbuilders with a vast quantity of material on their hands, much of it ill adapted to Pacific coast types, and turns the industry loose to shift for itself. This is Prussianism as practiced by the United States Government.

The established yards had their men graded according to skill and were paying good wages when demands for more wages came with the rise of war prices and the scarcity of labor. The strike of 1917 might have been averted by prompt action of the Government to adjust wages, but this was not taken until the industry had been tied up for weeks, with Pehring calling still for that bridge of ships. When action was taken, several degrees of skill were ignored, \$4 men were paid as much as \$6 and \$7 men and the half-skilled men loafed on the "soft things" while the skilled men got even by doing only \$4 worth of work because he got no money for his superior skill. Cost of vessels was thus run up beyond the ability of shipbuilders to get private contracts when the certain prospect is that ocean freight must fall and that value of tonnage must fall with it.  
 "Having disorganized the industry and having extended the bad reputation of the Ferris and Hough ships to any wood ships, wherever built, the Shipping Board turns the industry out on the world with permission to get all the private contracts it can find. This is the reward of rallying to support of the country in time of war. It is also an example of government operation of industry in actual practice. The wood ship industry will survive the blow and thrive, but its worst handicap will be the sudden stimulus it received from government contracts, which were as suddenly withdrawn."

What Would You Think?

Governors of eight southern states have issued a proclamation asking holders of cotton, now mostly speculators, by the way—to hold cotton for 35c. per pound and urging a smaller acreage next year. Suppose eight governors of northern states were to issue a proclamation urging the holders of corn to hold it for \$3.50 a bushel.—a corresponding

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this reputation. The drive can only be a success by everyone taking a personal interest in it. A heart and a dollar will give any man or woman a membership in the Red Cross.  
 The drive closes December 23rd. There will be no memberships available on Christmas. They must be secured before that time. Have Santa Clause place one in your stocking and then you can answer "where" when asked "Where's your button?"

Jeffersonian Simplicity.

When President Wilson first ran for the presidency in 1912, the platform upon which he was elected declared for "a return to that simplicity and economy befitting a democratic administration." There was entirely too much flub dub at the White House, so to speak, and it was costing as much to run the government a year as it now costs to run it a couple of weeks.

President Wilson and his "entourage" went to Europe as the exclusive occupants of a high vessel with a crew of twelve hundred. Here are a few of the accompaniments:  
 A famous hotel chef and twenty-four cullinary assistants.  
 Two brass bands, of forty pieces, and George Creel.  
 A convoy of battleships and destroyers.  
 An escort of airplanes and dirigibles into and out of harbors.  
 A selected corps of telegraphers.  
 A large corps of college professors, political economists, etc. etc.

McAdoo is a Quitter.

The Philadelphia North American bluntly calls Secretary McAdoo "the quitter" in an editorial from which is quoted: "The Secretary goes out of his way to impress upon the public that his services to the nation has been performed at serious financial loss to himself. The emphasis may have been used in order to discredit reports that he had not suffered heavily in this respect. One un-doubted merit of his statement is that it does not invite admiration on the pretence that the decision is an act of patriotic self-sacrifice. Mr. McAdoo does not invoke the lofty sentiments which he urged upon his countrymen in his eloquent appeals to stand by the government at any cost. And now, while a million young Americans are to continue at their posts of duty abroad for \$30 a month and up, the Secretary coolly announces that he cannot afford to serve the nation at \$12,000 a year, and must abandon his work at a crucial time in order to make money. From any other member of the cabinet, or at a less troublous period in the nation's history, Mr. McAdoo's decision would have no ominous meaning. But coming from him, and in view of the responsibilities committed to his care, it reveals a concept of public duty which reflects upon him and will go further to confirm the belief that personal interests, and not public service, control the whole administration."

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