What the Editors Say

Senator Strayer, of Baker county, expressed himself as in favor of cutting the automatic increase in bounties on coyotes, for the reason that the price of the pelts is so high that a man hunting these animals do very well without such a large wanty. He also said he does not favo. the 'professional hunter" plan, as the state could afford to hire but a small number, and it would be impossible for them to cover the territory as it is covered at present, when anyone can go out and hunt .- Oregon Voter.

There is something wrong when shipyards are discharging men while France and Norway are anxious to place contracts for ships to replace those destroyed by submarine warfare. Responsibility appears to rest with the shipping board, which is cancelling government orders and refuses permission to the yards to accept foreign contracts. There may be sound reasons behind the refusal, but as the number of unemployed is increasing and soldiers are daily being discharged from the army it would appear that there is danger of the good the board may believe may follow its policy being overbalanced by industrial depression.-Independ-

It is not generally understood that every man who entered the army service of the United States in the recent war against German Imperial government, and was discharged with a ten per cent disability or more is given an opportunity to prepare himself for a vocation at the expense of the government. He is given free tuition in any college or technical school he cares to attend and is paid \$65 per month, or his regular the larger, while he is securing his own independence? education. Whether it takes one year or four and whether he wants to be a plumber or a preacher, a lawyer or a bricklayer, is all the same to the government .- News Reporter.

The movement on foot to induce congress to authorize a year's pay for every man in the service would concert of nations. indeed be rather a nice way of expressing approval of the splendid loyalty of the men who rallied to the should not be thought of. Whatever you put the right people on the job. the army and navy cost they're worth it. Everyone should remember what carefully tucked away in their jeans you? the returned soldiers will not have any but the kindliest feeling for the government and Bolshevists allurements will fall on deaf ears .- Umpqua Valley News.

According to Provost Marshal General Crowder, out of 24,234,210 men who were registered in this country one man in each 29,000 of these who the hardest one to demobolize. registered for military service actually showed the white feather-or a false sentiment or by preverted ideas them. of their obligation to the government and of the method taken to raise a ent view of the situation when it to fight for the protection and the future peace and safety of the na- all about. tion. Once enrolled and called to take a definite stand, only a few were willing to play the part of which is a record that will be a ratio to his numbers. source of lasting pride and gratification.-Observer.

Self Determination at Home.

consolidated. It is the practical means ers. of accomplishing that result that will create contention. In 1914 an measure would have, permitted the twelve thousand dollars a year redaries co-terminous with those of the city of Portland. The remainder of and return to that simplicity and either set up as a new county or an- government. nexed to other counties. The amend-

The Legislature is now asked to clude the whole of Multnomah county within the boundaries of the city municipal corporations such as Port- prove the truth of the ancient adage all school districts, all road districts shall die by the sword. and other political organizations within the county would be merged. The drafting of a charter for the States Ambassador to Germany, 'The consolidated city would be left to a Kaiser ought not to be sent to St. commission of twenty-one members. Helena. That would be too dignified. and its adoption would be left to the And he should not be executed, for people of the city and county.

their present functions. The apparent for so much misery." difficulties of adjusting taxation are met by a grant of power to the con-

and to impose varying rates.

If the proposed measure falls short of fairness it is in the off-hand manner with which the desires of that portion of Multnomah county outside of Portland are denied practical expression. True enough, its residents the war and you can't stop it now have the right to vote on the amend- that the war is over. ment and later the right to vote on the charter, but they constitute an the nine-tenths who reside in Port- manifestation of partisan bias. land decree.

Possibly Multnomah County outjoin the city in one municipal gov- agents to the effect that it is expecternment. We do not know. But it ed to equalize conditions of labor in would seem to be the part of justice India, China, Japan and the United to give it a more important voice in States at the peace table leaves one the matter than is accorded by the wondering whether the orientals are amendment as now drawn.

tricts. It should dispense with dupli- hereafter. cations in paid offices and in cost and maintenance of public buildings.

Scraps of Paper.

What shall it profit a nation to army pay, whichever happens to be help run the whole world and lose its

> The world is growing better. The McAdoo dollar dinners are disappearing from the railroad diners.

Now that Paderewski has become premier of Poland it ought to be in position to play a solo part in the

The richest man in the world can be bankrupted and the richest people colors. The expense of the thing in the world may be impoverished if

Yes, socialism is a cure all for would have happened if the boys had every social ill, but you haven't nonot responded to the call. With a ticed any socialists emigrating to little pocket money as a nest egg Russia, the Marxian heaven, have

> A few soldiers' and workmen's councils have been formed in this country but they are composed of soldiers who never fight and workmen who never work.

Four per cent of the Washington 'war workers' have been released under the selective draft act, only since the armistice was signed. The the seas. A league that goes no fur-1.200 actually refused to fight. Only army of job holders is going to be

The "National Civil Liberties Bustreak of yellow- when it came to reau" calls the "conscientious objecthe real test of patriotic duty. Of tors' the "lovers of future." They course there was slackers who tried probably love the future a good deal to dodge the registration, misled by a better than the future will love

Some exalted utterances are like a military force. Evidently, however, chapter in Revelations-to be intermost of these slackers took a differ- preted according to the reader's views, and therefore calculated to came to the real test of being willing satisfy everybody, with a baffling mystery as the finish as to what it is

The German bolsheviki continue to make about 90 per cent of the noise coward, or to exhibit a positive lack and get about ten per cent of the of patriotism. There were only 1,200 vote when elections are held. It is such out of a total enrollment of characteristic of the revolutionary more than twenty-four millions, radical that his noise is in inverse

Ray Stannard Baker, king of the muckrakers, has been appointed publicity agent of the American delegation to the Paris peace conference. There will be little opposition to This administration knows how to the general proposition that the gov- escape knocking; it puts the profesernments of the City of Portland and sional knockers on the public payroll County of Multnomah ought to be and immediately they become boost-

The number of cabinet officers who effort was made to pass an enabling have retired from office because they constitutional amendment. That couldn't live in Washington on people by initiative to create the city calls that they came into office on and county of Portland with boun- the platform declaration that it was now time to reduce the cost of living Multnomah county would have been economy benefitting a democratic

The Czar and his family slowly tortured to death by the Russian submit a new plan to the voters. The balsheviki and the German bolshevamendment now proposed would in- iki leaders shot and beaten to death by mobs are two spectacles which seem to cast some doubt upon the and county of Portland. Thus all the reality of civilization. But it does land, Gresham, Fairview, Troutdale, that they who live by the sword

James W. Gerard, former United that would make a martyr of him. Pending adoption of such a charter He should be escorted around the the several local boards, commissions world on a trip of exhibiton so that and eity councils would exercise people might see the man responsible

In the matter of preparedness for solidated municipality to classify ur- war Democratic statesmen remind stomach troubles. Try it.

ban and rural territory into zones one of the man who for the first time saw a railway train. Before the cars moved, he said: "You can't start'em" After it was under way and rushing into the distance, he commented: "You can't stop 'em." You couldn't start Democratic preparedness before

The New York Times, author of the infinitesmal fraction of the voters in editorial favoring peace without victhe state and approximately but one- tory on the basis of the Burian note, tenth of the voters in the county. says that before the war the Repub-They hold no balance of power or lican party was "eaten up with substantial voice in the purpose pacifism." It came nearly being eatplan. They are to be annexed to Port- en up at the polls in 1916 with the land regardless of their wishes, if pacifistic "he kept us out of war" Portland and the other counties of slogan, but that is the only scene in the state decree it, and they are to which the statement of the Times have the form of government that has any significance except as a

The story which comes across the side of Portland would be happy to Atlantic from the Presidential press going to be furnished dress suits or Consolidation ought to be of ad- the American wage earner is going vantage to both urban and rural dis- to be uniformed in a breech clot

"The status of Syria, Mesopotamia The larger saving would be Port- and Armenia hangs in an uncertain lands' but that of the remainder of balance." complains Secretary Redthe county would be worth while, field. The getleman, like some other But there is the new broadly accept- psychological statesmen, worries a ed principle of "self-determination" good deal more about what is going to be considered. It is not fully met to happen to Mesopotamia than what by a mere showing that the change is likely to occur in the United would be good for the overwhelmed States if it cannot be saved from the theories of the demagogues and the pedagogues.

> people in the United States, it would ping losses. be well to vote millions to feed the hungry in other lands. Meanwhile so expending millions as to hoist the price of foodstuffs in the United States may be a good way to stop bolshevism in Europe, but it would not seem to be the best way to halt it in the United States, a country in which it used to be fashionable for American statesmen to take some incidental interest.

The authors of some state papers ought to be required, after reading their reading, to state what it is all about, if anything. Secretary Redfield expresses the hope that the United States will not play the 'hog' after the war. Under the Underwood tariff law and administration by economic rainbow chasers like Mr. Redfield, the part for which we are going to cast after the war is not SITUATION IN NORTH that of the hog but of the goat.

"If England retains her great fleet and I have no idea she will relinquish it," Senator Reed continued. 'I want the United States to be in a position of sefety. If our navy had been three times as large I believe Germany would never ordered us off tremely critical. ther than to agree that certain things are proper and certain things improper will meet with no opposition, but a league with power to combine and enforce degrees upon a single nation is one that I believe the American people will repudiate.'

There were three million wage earners out of work in the United States before the war began under the existing tariff law, which foster foreign and discourage domestic peace-time production and employment, and there will be four or five million men out of work under the normal operations of the law if it is not repealed, before 1920, because while we have turned our attention to war production the alien producer has grabbed our markets. The alleged statesmen who overlook the overshadowing fact are showing wind from which this country may reap the whirlwind.

The Senate has passed the Carlin judicial ripper bill, raising the salar es of district and circuit federal judges and given the President power to deprive any such judge over seventy years of age the right to perform the duties of his office. The primary purpose of the bill was to bring about the removal of a number of Republican federal judges, especially in the south, and secure for deserving democrats appoints to the subordinate office of the court. Democratic candidates for federal judge under this ripper bill are already active in North Carlonia and Vir-

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ALLIED ASPIRATIONS ARE TAKING FORM

Claims of Different Nations Must Be Adjusted Over Peace Table.

Paris.-The delegates of the five great powers are now in a position to compare clearly their own aspirations and those of all their allied friends, and to see the differences that must be reconciled.

France wants, first of all, Alsace-Lorraine unconditionally, and the right to discuss and ultimately to fix the French frontiers in their relation to the Rhine.

The French bill for reparation is not yet complete, but it has been announced in the chamber of deputies that it will be about 66,000,000,000

Great Britain's delegation believes that a society of nations is desirable and obtainable, and that it must be established by the present peace conference. Britain will take mandatory power over the German islands south of the equator for Australia and over southwest Africa for the Union of South Africa. She will also have the mandate of German East Africa and some parts of Arabia and she has particular claims in this respect over Mesopotamia. Great Britain will enter a pool with the other allies in the matter of indemnities, especially rep-Whenever there are no hungry aration for air raid damages and ship-

> Italy asks for the Trentino as far as the Brenner Pass, including the whole of southern Tyrol; Trieste, Istria. Fiume, Zara, Sebenico, the larger part of the Dalmatian islands. Avlona and its hinterland, and a protectorate over Albania.

Territorial connection in the Balkans are complicated and present difficult problems.

Belgium asks that her reparation for damages wrought by Germany shall be the first lien upon German assets to the extent of at least 15,000,-000,000 francs or up to a much larger sum if Germany does not return the machinery and the materials taken from Belgium.

RUSSIA IS CRITICAL

Washington.-The situation in the Archangel district is regarded by military officers in northern Russia as ex-

Reports that the Bolshevik forces by some officers to mean that this equipment had been supplied through German sources, notwithstanding the terms of the armistice, and if this was established as a fact it was intimated that drastic action against the Germans would be taken by Marshal Foch.

Available figures obtained by war department officials show that the British force in the region of the north is approximately 6000, American 4500. French 1500, loyal Russians under British officers 1200 and 1000 other soldiers of one of the smaller allied

PERSHING DENIES REPORTS

American Soldiers Not Responsible For Crime Wave in Paris.

Washington.-Reports that American soldiers are responsible for a orime wave in Paris are flatiy denied expected to be the average force durby General Pershing in a cablegram to ing the year. Secretary of War Baker. "Full refutation of the charges cannot be put too strongly before the American people," the American commander stated.

General Pershing's cablegram was sent in response to inquiries by the war department, following sensational charges, published in the Paris Matin, support of 25,000 striking metal trades that American soldiers were responsible for an appalling number of murders and robberies in the French capital. Press dispatches since that time that given in the Macy federal wage have stated that these depredations adjustment award had been refused. were committed by Apaches wearing American uniforms.

Government Insurance Convertible

Washington. - Conditions under which soldiers or sailors now holding government life insurance may convert these policies within five years into other forms were aunounced by Colonel Henry D. Lindsley, of the war risk insurance bureau. Rates will be made public soon.

Ukraine Prepares Attack on Rumans. London.-Ukrainian troops are preparing to attack Roumania, which is said to have mobilized its forces to meet the assault, according to Copenhagen advices to the Mail.

U. S. Army May Leave Russia.

Paris.-The United States, supported by Great Britain, has submitted to France a proposal for immediate with ter, prohibited during the war, will drawal of all troops from Russia, it be permitted under an order issued was learned from authoritative source by the war trade board.

MRS. McCORMICK



Mrs. Medill McCormick, wife of the senator-elect from Illinois, named chairman of the Republican women's national executive committee.

BAR AGAINST FOOD EXPORTS REMOVED CARL HABERLACH

Washington .- The most sweeping re moval of restrictions upon the exportation of foodstuffs made since the signing of the armistice was announced by the war trade board.

Commodities removed from the export conservation list were barley, corn and rye, including flour and meal made from these grains, oats and oat products, brewers' grains, bran and middlings, beans, dried and split peas, sugar and hydrogenated cotton seed oil.

These articles constituted a majority of the food items on the restricted list and their removal is effective immediately.

Attention was called to the fact that wheat and wheat flour remain on the restricted list. There was no indication when the embargo on those commodities would be removed, but it was said that it probably would remain in force until the government's agreement with the farmers for a maximum price on the 1919 wheat crop had expired.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Nat C. Goodwin, the actor, died at a botel in New York after a brief illness. Czech troops have occupted Austrian Silesia, having defeated the Poles, according to information from Vienna. Austin Dowling, bishop of Des Moines, has been named archbishop of St. Paul, succeeding the late John

men and women are idle in the United Kingdom and Ireland because of

strikes in various trades. Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of President Wilson, according to the Etoile Belge, is suffering from an attack of influenza in Brussels. She is confined to her room in the American legation.

Official tables of major battle casualties of the American forces in France, made public by General March, chief of staff, show that approximately 10,000 men remained wholly unaccounted for nearly three months after the ending of hostilities.

An army of 500,000 men was unanimously decided on by the house military committee as the basis for determining the appropriation for army pay for the year beginning next July. Committee members said the number was

All Seattle Industry is Threatened. Seattle.-A city-wide strike of the majority of 152 labor organizations. involving the greater part of 70,000 workers, was scheduled to begin on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, in workmen, who left the shipyards and contract shops here January 21 after their demands for higher pay than

Warrant Out for Dietz. Spokane, Wash .- A warrant for the arrest of William ("Lonestar") Dietz,

football coach, who was indicted by the federal grand jury for alleged falsification of his questionnaire, was issued in federal court.

British and French Take Turk Rails. Washington. - The British and French have taken control of the railroads in Asiatic and European Turkey. according to messages from Constanti-

German Troops Attack Poles. Zurich.-German troops have attacked the Poles at several points along the eastern frontier, capturing Grunthal, Wunshein and Grossamokli.

Butter Exports Now Allowed. Washington.-Exportations of but-

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