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The lying reports of shipyard fatalities have resulted in making public the real statistics of accidents, which prove that shipyards are relatively safer to work in than factories. One beneficial effect of the general German propaganda of lies has been to defeat its object by bringing out the truth.

A member of the British royal family is to marry a private, an orderly in the hospital where the royal bride has been acting as a nurse. The war is assisting love in leveling all ranks, as a match like this shows how democracy is going over the top.

When a woman begins to talk about a nobby "little" dress she saw at the swell store down town, her husband knows that preparations are being made to touch off a blast under his bank account.

It is said many women work in Scotch shipyards. The Scotch women have many peculiarities, one of which is they have a constitutional objection to anything necessary for the salvation of the country remaining undone if it is clearly up to them to grab hold.

When one recalls the terrible fate brought to the women and children of France and Belgium by the Kaiser's armies, there is grim humor in the advice of the physicians of the empress to her to avoid all worry and excitement.

Another reason why labor should be honored along with the fighter is that though the fighter takes a trifle more risk than the laborer, it must be a hundred times more fun killing Germans.

Hoover says food consumption was reduced 7 per cent in 1917. If that was all, then even the waste wasn't stopped.

It must have been Adam who discovered that it was much more pleasant to talk than to hoe the crops.

BIG RED CROSS DRIVE IS NOW ON

Everything is in readiness for the Red Cross membership drive, which began December 16 and ends December 22. Oregon is preparing once more to go over the top and the state machinery built up by State Manager H. E. Witham assisted in every county by the local chapters of the Red Cross, was set in motion last Monday morning.

There will be no future drives of the Red Cross for war funds. The present drive is for membership and it is the desire of the organization to have every man and woman in the Nation hold a membership in the great society which will go down into history as an unparalleled humanitarian institution. Throughout the nation it is the wish to enroll 50,000,000 members in the present drive. This is more than double the number listed in the Christmas roll call of 1917 (22,000,000), and it means that all who became members last year should renew their memberships and those who were overlooked at that time should join now.

The official preliminary was Red Cross Sunday, December 15, when every pulpit in Oregon delivered the message. This department has been arranged by Mrs. Scidie Orr-Dunbar, state secretary for the National Tuberculosis Association, which is co-operating with the Red Cross.

With the signing of the armistice, the work of the Red Cross has not ended. The Red Cross will continue its work abroad until the last of the American troops are returned home, and the society already has a big peace program to carry out, a program which will be as vital to the nation and its people as that conducted on the battle fields of Europe.

In money alone the help given by the Red Cross aggregated a total of \$6,000,000. The relief work of the Red Cross at home has been more widespread than the general public has any idea of. For instance, more than 300,000 families of American soldiers and sailors have been relieved of money troubles, legal difficulties and worries of all sorts by the protecting arm of the Red Cross. The expenditures for fighters families is now attaining a rate of \$1,000,000 a month. Twenty or more rush inquiries after the welfare of soldiers' families are cable wired from France every day by the Red Cross and at least 100 more are sent daily by mail.

The Red Cross does not give charity, but supplies that helpful neighborliness which is due every fighter from the entire American people.

Another work undertaken by the Red Cross for the transition from war to peace is the re-education of mutilated soldiers and non-combatants in trades, which will enable them to be self supporting.

"According to Hoyle."

Of the celebrated writer of treatises on games of chance, little is known save that he appears to have been born in 1762, and died in Cavendish square, London, August 29, 1799. He wrote on whist, piquet, quadrille and backgammon, and his name became so familiar as to be immortalized in the well-known proverb, "According to Hoyle." He was a barrister by profession, and was at one time registrar to the prerogative court. His treatise on whist, for which he received 1,000 pounds sterling, was published in 1743, and gained such popularity as to run through five editions in one year. He has even been called the inventor of the game, but this is a mistake, though we are indebted to him for introducing it to the public in a scientific manner. Hoyle is said to have given instructions in the game, especially among the gentlemen who frequented the Crown coffee house, for which his charge was a guinea a lesson.

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Surgeon-General's Official Telegram
Oregon Social Hygiene Society, 720 Selling Bldg., Portland.
A tabulation of one million reports first received from camp surgeons throughout the country shows that Oregon leads the country with a rate of fifty-nine hundredths of one per cent found to have venereal disease on arriving in camp. It is hoped that Oregon can continue vigorous measures in combating venereal diseases during the period of demobilization and thereafter.
RUPERT BLUE.

Oregon men, called to the colors during the greatest of all wars, were physically the cleanest in the entire United States Army.

Such is not the mere boast of any citizen of this state, backed only by a high sense of local pride, but it is the established record of the United States Army, communicated to the Oregon Social Hygiene Society by Rupert Blue, Surgeon-General, thus giving it the greatest possible weight. As will be seen by perusal of the foregoing telegram from Surgeon-General Blue, a tabulation of 1,000,000 of the first reports received from camp surgeons places Oregon in the lead with a rate of fifty-nine hundredths of one per cent (which means less than six men to the thousand), or, compared with another wire from him, this state's standing is but a fraction lower than 18 times ahead of the state with the highest per cent of infection, which was eight and nine-tenths per cent (eighty-nine men to the thousand).

This constitutes one of the grandest and proudest records of the whole war period and, great as has been this state's part in all patriotic endeavors, nothing could fill the hearts of its people with a higher degree of pride than the official acknowledgment from the National Capital that Oregon's men stood far and away above all others in clean manhood.

"That the work of the Oregon Social Hygiene Society, carried forward for but seven years, should produce such magnificent results, is a subject of the most gratifying kind to the entire Board," said Executive Secretary Cummins. "Every one of the men who have worked so hard to bring about the result regard this official notification from the Surgeon-General as a complete vindication of the program sought to be carried forward in this state. That the public will respond to sane, clear facts, rightly presented, is also demonstrated beyond doubt. Educators, who have assisted greatly in the work, may well feel that young men under their tutelage will absorb the benefit to be derived from information along physiological lines, rightly administered. Parents must now see plainly that their children should have the truth as to their physical beings and that, having this, untold good will result."

"Future generations, following, are bound to demonstrate the benefits of Oregon's clean manhood, as set forth officially," commented A. F. Flegel, president of the Society. "This record cannot be overestimated. It is a glorious achievement."

"The full significance of the official announcement from Dr. Blue is difficult to grasp," said Adolphe Wolfe, treasurer of the Society. "Dealing as it does with human life and morals, it is, in a larger sense, more important than many other achievements, not to detract one whit from any of them. At the outset, many good people doubted the ability of the Oregon Social Hygiene Society to accomplish worthwhile results. I think now, however, no further comment need be had. Surgeon-General Blue's telegram is sufficient."

Lieutenant-Colonel P. C. Field, division surgeon of the 91st Division at Camp Lewis, has officially credited the splendid record made by Oregon men to the educational work that has been and is being done by the Oregon Social Hygiene Society.

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