## Editorial Page of The Capital Journal

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 THE QUALITY OF MERCY

If a Prussian is capable of shame how must that of barded and killed or injured more than 100 Red Cros nurses, patients and attendants yesterday, and being downed and wounded was taken into this same hospital his wounds dressed and he treated like a human being His assistant was also wounded and he too was carea
for. It seems sometime that the spirit of forgiveness ca be carried too far. One cannot be expected to forgive mad dog or a rattle snake that threatens the lives of others, and the Hun belongs in a class with these for he
is both rabid and poisonous. And yet the Red Cross, representing the spirit of Mercy has found nothing yet all the cruelties of the most cruel war ever waged, that has caused it to hesitate a moment in its mission, to re lieve distress and take care of the sick, the wounded, the helpless. It is the strongest inducement yet offered, this
one incident, to cause a fellow to dig deep into his pockets one incident, to cause a fellow to dig deep into his pockets
to maintain this army of Mercy. Shapespeare must have had the Red Cross in mind when he wrote:
"The quality of Mercy is not strained;
It falleth as the gentle dew from heaven
And blesseth both alike.
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes."
Holland is afraid of Germany and is putting up a bold front to this country. She refuses to re-charter ships whose charters have expired, and this government refuses to allow these ships to load up with foodstuffs and sail for Holland, where perhaps quite a large portion of the cargoes would go to feed Germans. If Holland wants to make serious trouble for herself all she has to do is to take sides against the United. States. She is short of foodstuffs now and depends entirely on this country for them. Besides Germany refuses to grant her safe con-
duct for grainladen ships from this country even though duct for grainladen ships from this country even though
these ships belong to Holland. Apparently this latest move is made in the seeking an excuse under which Ger many might be given a new base on Holland shores for war with the allies, and this of all things Holland canwar with th.

The Italian flag flies over the public buildings in the United States today in honor of it being the third anlook the tremendous importance of this action. When the kaiser started too rum pumuck on the world, , taly was hy kaiser started to run amuck on the wornd, thaly was by
treaty tied up with Germany and Austria. When the war treaty tied up with Germany and Austria. When the war
troke however, Italy took the position that the aliance troke however, ttay took the position that the alilance
was only for defense, and that Germany was not waging ten months Italy remained neutral, and when she finally tecided three years ago today to throw her influence and her power into the scales on the side of a world democracy, she gave the kaiser's plans their hardest blow. It is ar
record of which taly may well feel proud, and one for record of which 1 taly may well feel proud, and
which generations to come will reverence her.

The Oregonian this morning gives Ryan a lead of 252 Journal gives Hoff a plurality of 68 , With this wide Journal gives Hoff a plurality of 68 . With this wide
divergence and the self evident fact that one or the other is wrong, there seems no way of clearing the matter up until the official count is made at the secretary of state's office. The same papers give results on the Public
Service Commission race, the former as Williams lead ing Miller by 849 and the latter gives the lead as 1129 . However, there seems no doubt but Miller is beaten. This is one of the surprises of the election.

With the abandoning of Zeebrugge and Ostend as Uboat bases the submarines are badly handicapped, and much the harder. With the submarines made largely inactive the Germans will soon Iose confidence in the ahility otherwise.

## LADD \& BUCH, Rankers

Second Installment of Twenty Per Cent on Third
Liberty Bonds will be due May or a18.

## During the first ten days of this month 90,000 Amer-

 ican soldiers were sent across the ocean. With 9,000 a day going over to face the kaiser's big armies the latterwill soon be outnumbered. When this condition material will soon be outnumbered. When this condition material-
izes it will be all off with the junkers, for man for man izes it will be all off with the junkers, for man for man, the American soldier is, anyway the equal of any on
earth. More than that he, of all those in the fighting, is earth. More than that he, of all those in the fighting, is
fresh and full of fight. He is a soldier who is educated, fresh and full of fight. He is a soldier who is educated,
knows just what he is fighting for, what the Prussian system would do toward wrecking civilization, and besides knows that behind him is every dollar of the richest country on earth and a united people $100,000,000$ strong that will send yet other millions to help him if such help is needed. Besides this his presence, heartens the soldiers of other nations who have been facing the Huns for nearly four years. The fact that this great nation is
with them doubles their determination to with them doubles their determination to win, and re moves from them the fear that hunger may join forces
with the enemy and against them. The voluntary going on short bread rations by the American people was one of the finest things recorded in history. It showed our
allies how determined were the American people to win allies how determined were the American people to win
the war, and it showed the sneering Prussian who contemptuously referred to the Ameering Prussian who col as soldiers, and America's influence as small, that he had freemen. He could not understand that any government could be strong that was not patterned after govat of Germany. He could not believe that a whole nation would only through the coercion of a military system. Ger-
ont many now realizes something of the strength of the United States and of its determination to keep sending ver all opposition until there are enough of them to sweep Charles Caldwell, member of the military committee yesterday gave the House figures showing that by June first we will have a million men in France and a total of over two million in our armies, which means another million ready to go across as fast as ships can be provided for them.
Charles M. Schwab, director general of government Unip building, says "more ships are being built in the
United States than the submarines can possibly sink" if this is true, the ship shortage should grow rapidly les or England is building many vessels and so is Japan. A east a million and a half tons a year should be added to he available ships, if the building in the United State nly keeps even with the submarine sinkings. This make he war situation seem far more cheerful as the really most dangerous feature of all was the ship shortage which if kept up or increased, would diminish our powe o send troops to France or to maintain ever increasing rmies. Ships and more ships has been the cry and now it seems we are getting them in ever increasing numbers

## Rippling Rhymes

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THE VALID REASON
The men who deal in salted mines once
 found in me an easy mark; they sought me by my trees and vines, and left my walle
stripped and stark. And agents for the works of Pope, of Scott and Moore an Bertha Clay, were wont to hand me fli
flam dope, and bear my hard-earned flam dope, and bear my hard-earned 1
away. And people often passed the hat, build a home for jilted dames; I lacked the their threadbare games. The agents still are running loose, they seek my cottage every day; but now I have a good excuse,
and shoo them from my door away. I say them, "In normal times I'd buy your junk and make n uily in days of yore. Id gladly buy a ton of beots, d go in for mining, strong, but I must use my change gadzooks, to help the Red Cross cause along. Id gayly hy your duplex lamps, your patent substitute for lard but every month I buy thrift stamps, and paste them on a
printed card. I hate to turn you down like sin I'd like o gladden all your days, but I must help the allies win with all the coin that I can raise." No odds how tired the agents feel, they do not paw the ground or swear: there is no come-back to my spiel; it stops all argument right there.

## Mine Owner Objects to


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 All our Shoes in stock will be reduced from 75 c to $\$ 1.50$ per pair for balance of this month. Buckingham and Hecht Army Shoes $\$ 4.95$ and $\$ 5.75$ per pair.

## FOR THE LADIES

Keith Konquerer Shoes sell in Portland from $\$ 10$ to $\$ 11$, but we sell them regular at $\$ 9$, in order to introduce these Shoes to the Ladies of Salem, we will make them special at $\$ 8.25$. We guarantee these Shoes to outwear all others on the market at any price.


Ugly, Unsightly Pimples
Are Signals of Bad Blood



Helpful Hints on Banking WHAT IS AN "OVERDRAFT"
This is the drawing of a check for more money than one has on deposit at the bank, henor such why the bank is not permitted to out of ten times check. Overdratss arise nine néss upon the part of the deposits and withdrawals. Therefore such an occurrance does not add to one's business prestige.
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