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SHALL RED CROSS WORK BE COMPULSORY? There are not enough Red Cross workers in Salem Other towns and cities report a similar shortage. Appeal to patriotism seem to have little effect; those best able to work are apparently not inclined to voluntarily answer
the call to back up the soldiers who are fighting in the call
Many women are doing faithful work and among hese is a large percentage of those least able to answer the call. In a city like Salem hundreds of young women with little or nothing to do at
Red Cross work rooms at all.
This condition leads to the
work must be depended upion to supply the Red Cross hospitals and certain other needs and comforts of the soldiers communities must take more drastic action to impress the slackers; women might be registered just as means and ability to work. If such a course cannot be taken without legal enactment such enactment should not be postponed by congress. If all were compelled to do urdensome. Now all the work of patriotism and merey if falling upon a comparatively few who are being ove vorked, as well as worried, because the community's allotment is not promptly filled.
We must realize that the country is at war--a war that that one kind of slacker is just about as bad as another It is a veritable melting pot in which true Americanism thing in her power to help the nation in its peril is not fit to be the mother, sister or sweetheart of an American citizen or American soldier.
The more we read the fool speeches made by senators ke Ledge, Fall, Brandegee, McCumber and many others we cannot but realize how fortunate the country is at this time in having a level-headed man like President Wilson
at the head of affairs. It is really too bad that he cannot end both houses of congress home and keep them there where they can do no harm until after the war is over Of course the president generally gets what he wants in the end from the legislative body, but it must requir much of his time and cause him much worry to keep this he extent that the nation's interests or nemselves to Lodge, Fall. Sherman and Brandegee especially are mem ers of the senate who ought to be muzzled in the interes f national defense.

## Rippling Rhymes

 German army cannot win. Whatever Hindenburg ma o, and however the kaiser may boast, Von Kuehr to th defensive. The German government's sole purpose now is to save what it can from the wreck of the war. That is why Von Kuehlmann uses vague generalities about'historic boundaries" in describing Germany's peace terms.

ROAD BUILDING POSTPONED
Most of us want good roads and had looked forward o considerable permanent improvement work this yea The government, however, is not encouraging the build ing of roads beyond the ordinary repair work, at this time. The reason for this policy is
is in a hard, stern struggle with resources in men and money are being cign foe; all it as fast as it is possible in pursuance of a called into play efficiency. To employ large forces in the building and paving of roads would naturally conflict with this policy Labor is scarce and materials extremely high, making the cost of road-building almost prohibitive and its irogress slow. Contractors on jobs already under way are having no end of difficulty.
After the war is over thousands of men will return
tome to find employment. If Oregon has aecumulated lome to find employment. If Oregon has accumulate some millions of road money it might go a long way
ward providing employment and assist in the re-adjus ward providing employment and assist in the
ment or business and astry to a normal basis. road-building program of the state highway commission has been curtailed by lack of government co-operation.

Germen prisoners say that they are told that Hinden burg's armies have captured New York and are march ing on Philadelphia. That the Germans have possessio of any cities over here, except Chicago
really interesting news to Americans.

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charge the foe; but nothing is eternal in this punk world below; some day when we are snooping around with spirits drooping,
fair peace will come kerwhooping, and end the reign of woe. They're shooting and they're blasting, as they have done
years; but nothing's everlasting in this years; but nothing's everlasting in this, th ended, the piffling and the splendid, when father Time has wended,
row, and comfort is denied. but with sor tomorrow all wool and three foet wide eeting; the trials we are meeting some fine thing are ave died. I'm glad the world keeps shifting until will perplext; I'm glad we're always drifting from one thin Monday next; I'm glad that every Sunday is followed by a Monday, that I am happy one day, the next day sorely
vext. So let us all endeavor to keep traight; the war won't last forever, and thets smiles on as fate; some morning we'll awaken to see the daylight breakin' upon a world forsaken by every war lord skate.

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