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TOO MANY SILLY LECTURES.

It is undoubtedly true that many of the big men who are speaking to the American public are doing much good in the way of giving them a better understanding of the war, and awakening patriotism. At the same time it is undeniable that the greater part of those getting themselves before audiences are not doing any real good, and oftentimes much harm. Americans have an abnormal idea of telling the other fellow all about things they are poorly informed about themselves. The result is that in the multitudinous speakings a great amount of misinformation is handed out. We do not doubt the patriotism or the good intentions of this army of speakers but suggest that if most of them would engage in some practical work and abandon the lecture platform, the labor shortage would be lessened and the people spared an unnecessary infliction. As an illustration: The Oregonian Tuesday carried a story of talks made by Sergeant Joseph R. Hathaway, formerly with the first machine gun company of the Fourth Canadian Battalion and Dr. D. C. Tremaine of New York, to the men of the Peninsula Ship Building company, of Portland. These men, are represented as being in the National Service Section of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, and are sent over the country by that organization. One of these speakers, the Oregonian does not say which, among other information handed the workers, said: "We have about 1,500,000 men abroad now, but only 250,000 of them can be placed on the line, as four men are required in the rear to support each man at the front. Back of those in France we need nine men in America for each one there, and they must be of the same spirit and determination of the manhood that makes up our fighting army." A small calculation will show that if this statement is true, it will be impossible for America to put one million men in the actual fighting, and that all hope of superiority in numbers must be abandoned. According to this statement for every million men on the firing line there would be required 44,000,000 others either behind the lines in France or at home. There are not that many men in the United States, so that the number of men we could put on the firing line would necessarily be considered less than a million. Such statements are utterly silly, and calculated to do much more harm than good, and the quicker that kind of oratory is dispensed with in this country the better. Taking the men between 18 and 60 years of age, the United States has perhaps from 30,000,000 to 35,000,000, so that our utmost efforts would enable us to place on the firing line about 700,000 men. Great Britain has put ten times that many men in the service, and France with a population of less than two fifths of ours has placed more than 5,000,000 in the trenches.

Some day it will become public that there has been much profiteering in foodstuffs, and not by the retailers either, but by the big firms and corporations. When that time comes it will be a gloomy day for the profiteers. The profiteering is being done in the substitutes the food administration has asked the people to use, each of which as soon as the price of the thing for which they were to be substituted had been fixed, immediately advanced out of all proportion. As an illustration wheat from 1914 advanced in price 214 per cent, but flour only increased by 120 per cent. Corn during the same time advanced 144 per cent but corn meal increased 241 per cent. Apparently the big milling concerns are holding flour down, to a reasonable profit simply because they have to, but they are making it up by levying heavy toll on all substitutes.

He is a little calculation for the man who shaves himself. He knows that in shaving he scrapes over about half a square foot of cuticle, not counting that he scrapes off. There are in France 1,500,000 Americans practically all of whom shave. There are about 44,000 square feet in an acre so that the shaving of 88,000 men means the going over one acre of beard stubble. The figures show that one shave for the entire army would mean the shaving of a surface containing 18 acres. Some shave.

LADD & BUSH, Bankers
ALL THE THIRD LIBERTY BONDS ARE NOW HERE.
THOSE INTERESTED PLEASE CALL AT THE BANK

An exchange wants the Underwood tariff done away with or to use its own expression, "smashed", because brushes made in Japan are sold in this country for less than American workmen can make them. Evidently the editor is not feeling sufficiently the high cost of living and would like to see the American consumer pay still higher for everything he uses. Just at present the country is in need of every workman, and there is no especial need of fostering the brush and bristle industry by shutting out foreign products. It is quite possible before the war ends many of us will be satisfied to brush our clothes with the broom. The brushes are not worrying the American consumer half as much as getting the clothes to brush.

It is stated a plot against Lenin and Trotsky has been discovered in Moscow, and both of those brevet Huns are travelling around under extra guard. If they would be entirely safe they should live inside an armored tank so long as they remain in Russia. It will perhaps not be long until the same element that disposed of the German dictator will remove both these gentlemen from the scenes of their treachery and the betrayal of their country.

It is claimed the war gardens grown by the children have this year produced crops worth \$15,000,000. This is a fine showing and illustrates the value of small things. Besides growing that much foodstuff the little folks have also saved the country quite a sum in the way of transportation, supplying the local consumer to the extent of their products as the greater part of them were used at home.

Lloyd George says: "Hold Fast." He puts it tersely: "To stop short of victory for this cause would be to compromise the future of mankind. We cannot seek to escape the horrors of war for ourselves by laying them up for our children." He has put the whole case in a few words, and the civilized world will indorse his position.

The house ways and means committee has decided to place the income surtax on incomes above \$5,000,000 a year at 75 per cent instead of 72 per cent. This is a hard blow to most folks, but patriotism will impel us to stand for it without demur.

A terrific hot wave is sweeping over the east, and in the corn belt is doing much damage. The weather bureau gives no promise of relief in the near future, but a few days of it will be plenty, and that is as long as it generally lasts.

Siberia, it is stated, intends in the near future to declare war on the soviet government of Russia, which is the same as declaring war on Germany. This will simplify the aiding of that part of Russia by the allies.

Rippling Rhymes

by Walt Mason

THE FLIES.

The pesky flies, in endless herds, have put me on the blink; I cannot find the proper words to tell just what I think. I wonder if the swat crusade has thinned their ranks at all; I wonder if it really paid to smash them on the wall? For long sad years we've fought the flies in every way we knew; we've soaked the brutes between the eyes, and poisoned quite a few. We've blown for swatters hard earned mon that should have gone for pies, and now that all the toil is done, have we thinned out the flies? We've caught them in a patent cage, we've crushed them in their tracks, and often, in a seething rage, we've slain them with an ax. We've slugged them on the cellar stairs and on the pantry shelves; we've punished them with clubs and chairs until we sprained ourselves. We have beset the paths they trod with pitfall and with gin, and spread our tanglefoot abroad to rope the blamed things in. And was our labor thrown away, our anguish all in vain? The flies seem just as thick today, as hopelessly insane. Around me countless legions rise, and buzz and scoot and hum; I counted nineteen million flies, and still new legions come. And I suppose they'll still be thick until there comes a frost. For sale: A brand new swatting stick, at less than half its cost.

Cattie Market Strong For Close Of Week
North Portland, Aug. 7.—The receipts of cattle at the North Portland market for the week to date is approximately 1200 head. The cattle market for the week opened strong for all grades, the better grades however were in demand and some cases showed an advance over previous prices. The cattle market is steady at following quotations: Prime steers \$11.75-12.75; good to choice steers \$10.75-11.75; medium to good steers \$9.50-10.75; fair to medium steers \$8.50-9.50; common to fair steers \$5.00-8.50; choice cows and heifers \$8-9; medium to good cows and heifers \$6.75-8; fair to medium cows and heifers \$5-6; canners \$3-5; bulls \$5.50-7.50 calves \$8.50-11.50; stockers and feeders \$6-8.

FOUR AUTOISTS KILLED
Racine, Wis., Aug. 7.—Four were killed almost instantly late Tuesday when Hjorth's car was struck by a Chicago and North Shore electric train on a crossing near here. The automobile was splintered. Mrs. Hjorth, their daughter, Johanna, aged 11, and Private Christian Hjorth of Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga., were instantly killed. The driver died shortly afterward.

SUNNYSIDE

Mrs. Walter Reynolds and Mrs. Raymond Titus were hostesses for an all day Red Cross meeting at Mrs. Reynolds home. The auxiliary had not had regular meetings during the Loganberry harvest and so there has been two all day meetings. The day was spent with the usual sewing with a business meeting at the close of the session. The ladies present were Mrs. G. H. Taylor, Mrs. G. T. Heckart, Mrs. D. S. Pearson, Miss Dorothy Taylor, Mrs. S. Newby, Mrs. Raymond Titus, Mrs. Walter Reynolds, Esther and Ray Heckart and Isabelle Taylor, Mrs. D. S. Hildebrand and Mrs. E. J. Heckart were guests.

HAZEL GREEN NOTES

(Capital Journal Special Service) Hazel Green, Or., Aug. 7.—Peter Zuercher and family of Hillsboro spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. P. Hazelbacher. The men were schoolmates in Switzerland and had not seen each other for nearly forty years.


STAYTON NEWS

(Capital Journal Special Service) Stayton, Or., Aug. 7.—Mrs. Phoebe Boyd, who has been visiting at A. Hill's has gone to Warrenton to visit relatives.

Another Shipyard At Newport Beach
Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 7.—The Popshippbuilding corporation, recently organized here, today announced the purchase of a 30-acre site for its shipyard at Newport Beach. A contract for dredging a channel at the site has been entered into and the company proposes to invest half a million dollars in building its plant.

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The Woman Who Changed

By JANE PHELPS

MOTHERHOOD.

CHAPTER CXLIX.
For the next two years my life went on in about the same way. I continually tried to improve myself, to make of myself a well-rounded woman. It is wonderful what one can accomplish with determination. I kept up my music, even studied harder than ever I had before, as it was one of the means of keeping George at home. He had not changed in regard to remaining out, or rather in going out evenings. Seldom did he remain at home unless we were entertaining. But I no longer worried either him or myself about it. I had made up my mind I could not change him in that regard. He would not have his liberty curtailed now, goings and comings questioned now, any more than when we were first married. But he also never questioned me. Not that it was necessary. I was only too glad to have him listen while I recounted all I had done; where I had been, and with whom.

HELEN WORRIES OVER THE CHILDREN.

I was so rushed getting off that I scarcely had time to worry. But no sooner were we on the train than I commended.

THE WIFE

By Jane Phelps
Begins Friday