



LIBERTY, TRAT FILLS RETURNING TROOPS WITH JOY, AS VIEWED FROM THE AIR—Aside from their own mothers, there is another mother to American soldiers that stands silently in New York Bay, watching and waiting for her sons who are returning by the thousands, daily—the mother of Liberty.

CRITICISM IN REGARD TO SALEM-AURORA ROAD CONTRACTS EXPRESSED

Smith, Of Portland, Intimated That Paving Lobby In Legislature.

There is just a suspicion that some one is after the scalp of State Highway Engineer Nunn, although as yet the indications are so faint that it is not exactly known from whence the feeling comes.

At an impromptu meeting before the roads and highway committee held last evening there was considerable criticism in regard to the contracts recently let for road between Salem and Aurora and the price at which these contracts were let.

Eugene E. Smith, the labor representative from Portland, intimated pretty strongly that the road bond issues were being made to absorb a pretty heavy overhead cost for a state wide lobby.

Answering the inquiry as to whether the state highway commission had purchased a paving plant for the state, Representative Sheldon said that the commission had bought a plant six months ago from I. N. Day and that it never had been used but would probably be set up and worked on the Salem-Aurora road.

L. Stipp, an attorney from Oregon City, who is here as clerk of the consolidation committee, gave his opinion that the Salem-Aurora job was let at an excessive price. As to the remedy, he opined that it might be up to the state engineer. The commission he said, are not technical road men and they were at the mercy of the state engineer.

Stipp read a copy of part of the contract for the Salem-Aurora road contract showing wherein it would cost \$2.07 a square yard and declared that the same pavement had been laid by Clackamas county for \$1.23 a square yard. As a remedy for existing conditions he suggested that the state highway commission buy materials and let the construction by contract.

Specifications Rigid. The specifications for the Salem-

Aurora road, Mr. Stipp said, were more rigid and inflexible than the bitulitic specifications and that bidders could afford to bid on bitulitic and pay a royalty rather than be held down to the highway engineer's specifications.

Among those present at the session last evening were Senators Dimick, La Follette, Thomas, Lachmann, Strayer, Smith of Coos, Shanks, Pierce and Nicholas and Representatives Schobel, D. C. Lewis, Hughes, Haro, E. T. Smith of Portland, Sheldon and Woodson.

Representative Schobel read an agreement that had been signed by Highway Commissioners Benson and Adams at the time the campaign was on for the \$6,000,000 road bond issue, and declared that not a single one of the agreements had been lived up to by the commission. The agreement was that the commission would not add anything to a contract for maintenance, would not ask for a 10-year maintenance guarantee, and would ask counties to bid on road contracts.

There was an intimation by Mr. Schobel that the highway committee of the legislature had been staked as he could not get them to visit the New Era road, built by the commission and compare it with a road running between Oregon City and Portland, built by Clackamas county.

"We are not attacking the state highway commission," declared Eugene E. Smith, "but the conditions under which the commission is forced to work.

If these conditions were changed, I think we would get more roads for our money."

TO VISIT DEVASTATED REGIONS. Paris, Jan. 25.—President Wilson will make a one-day visit to the devastated regions Sunday, it was announced today. It is believed he will go to the Rheims district.

Automobile Becomes A General Utility. "Living as we are in an age when that which is new and wonderful to us today, is old and commonplace tomorrow, the majority of us are inclined to take too much for granted—to accept and utilize many comparatively recent innovations with little thought as to their full worth and with little effort to determine the full extent of their usefulness," says F. G. Delano of Salem Automobile Co., local dealer in Chevrolet passenger cars and trucks.

Stove Pipe Cleaner. It does not require such a keen-witted housewife to observe that when the various passages about the stove are free and open the fire burns much better and the oven is hotter.

Lightning Loves Chestnuts. Lightning shows a marked preference for chestnut trees, according to data based on reports submitted to the Department of Forestry by its foresters.

Of a total of about 2,000 trees struck by lightning in the state forests in the

Chevrolet advertisement featuring the Chevrolet logo, a photo of a Chevrolet 490-5-Passenger car, and text: 'Chevrolet 490--5-Passenger \$845. Guaranteed and backed up by the Strongest Automobile Organization in the world. GENERAL MOTORS. This fact coupled with our complete stock of parts. Every piece and part of the Chevrolet—and service is your insurance as to quality, economy and reliability. The world's lowest priced electrically equipped automobile. SALEM AUTOMOBILE CO. F. G. DELANO 246 State St. till March 1st. then 151 North High Street. Distributors of Chevrolet and Scripps-Booth Automobiles and Republic Tires Phone 97.'

Health Officer Claims Much Success For Masks In Frisco

San Francisco, Jan. 25.—Influenza cases, reported yesterday totalled 85, showing a steady decrease in the epidemic here. Deaths reported numbered twenty.

Dr. Haasler, health officer, is highly optimistic over the success of the influenza masks. The crowded conditions of hospitals has been greatly relieved.

Dr. Haasler credited to the masks the fact that there were only 85 cases yesterday against 538 cases nine days ago.

Famine Bill Conferees To Be Opnointed Monday

Washington, Jan. 25.—House conferees on the \$100,000,000 famine fund bill will be appointed Monday. An effort will be made to hasten final enactment of the measure already greatly delayed by the senate fight. Senate conferees named are Martin, Virginia; Overman, North Carolina; and Warren, Wyoming.

Will Arrest Doctors Who Failed To Report 'Flu' Cases

Portland, Or., Jan. 25.—Eight doctors, among the most prominent in Portland, will be arrested for alleged violation of the state law in that they failed to report influenza cases.

Warrants are being prepared for service this afternoon.

Dr. E. A. Sommer, head of the consolidated health committee, who makes the complaints, declared he discovered eight statements of doctors certifying to deaths due to the flu and that not one of the cases had been reported as required by law.

Arrests of Christian Scientists and other healers, who, it is said, failed to report similar cases, will follow.

PHOTO RESTRICTIONS OFF.

Washington, Jan. 25.—All photographic restrictions within the American army zone have been removed, it was officially announced by Captain William Moore, in charge of the pictorial section of the staff.

Rochambeau, Several Days Overdue, Arrives In N. Y.

New York, Jan. 25.—The French liner Rochambeau, several days overdue, arrived here today with American troops aboard. The troops were part of the 337th field artillery, including seven officers and 728 men, and part of the 339th field artillery, including 10 officers and 533 men. They were trained at Camp Dodge, Ia., and were from Iowa, Kansas and Minnesota.

All expressed regret that they arrived in France too late for the fighting.

MAY REMAIN TEMPORARILY.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Soldiers who would be jobless if turned out of the army can remain in the service temporarily upon their own request, according to war orders just issued. This does not permit them to remain any considerable time.

JOURNAL WANT ADS PAY

United States Tires advertisement for Quack's tires. Text: 'United States Tires. Guaranteed 3,500--10,000 Miles. QUACK'S 66. We Adjust Them. A Shop With Experts. Salem's Real Accessorie Store. 219 North Commercial. OUR SERVICE CAR IS FOR YOU.'

Portrait of Leon Trotsky with caption: 'Leon Trotsky. Dictator of Russia.'

A BIT OF POPULAR SCIENCE. Odd Things In Scientific Circles. By A. Scientist. Worms Build Dike. Houlbert and Galaina, is that myriads of small, those little sea worms which encase themselves in stony shells and are so often found upon the shells of oysters, are building a dike across the entrance to the bay, and behind this dike the sand is piling up with every tide. It is estimated that this dike is now nearly two miles wide and from 15 to 18 feet deep. Fruit-Washing Pan. Among the novelties recently added to the number of culinary conveniences is a fruit-washing implement that has been recently patented. It is designed for use with grapes, plums and berries, which it is necessary to wash rather thoroughly in order to rid them of dust and insects. The presence of the latter is not always to be observed except by the most careful and minute scrutiny, but their presence is made disagreeably manifest soon after reaching the mouth. The most effective way of getting rid of these is by means of a rather strong stream of water, and this new utensil is designed for this especial purpose. The pan is so shaped that the fruit contained therein is well turned over and every part subjected to the action of the water, which is then allowed to flow off through suitable holes provided. Breaks Steel Bars. A process for producing a quick and clean break upon steel bars has been recently invented in France by M. Bellanger. A steel bar is submitted, at one or several points around the line where it is to be broken, to the action of an oxy-