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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1919.

OREGON WEATHER
 + Fair in west portion, warm +
 + east-portion; gentle easterly +
 + winds.

NAVAL OFFICERS PAY
 It develops that the personnel of the big fleet sent to the Pacific is shot to pieces. There are hardly enough men to handle the vessels on a peace basis, not to mention a war basis, and the recruiting is slow and unsatisfactory.
 The fault appears to be simply this—the navy cannot compete with private industry in obtaining men.
 Naval officers by the score have given in their resignations, and are pledging to have them accepted, because they cannot live on their pay. Every married officer is obliged to maintain two establishments, paying his expenses on shipboard as well as the expenses of his family ashore. The salary scale is said to be much too low to allow for this with present prices, and is also much lower than the present earning power in other occupations of men qualified for naval commissions.
 It is the same with enlisted men. The navy is having special difficulty in keeping its skilled mechanics. There is nothing surprising about this when the men's pay is considered. Shipwrights designated as "first class seamen" are paid \$35.50 a month, when they can get several times that much in private shipbuilding plants. Even skilled mechanics in the positions of "first class petty officers" are paid at the rate of \$66.50 a month for shipfitters, \$61 for electricians, \$61 for blacksmiths, \$55.50 for carpenters, \$52 for painters, etc. They have their own living, to be sure; but all of them find more profitable employment elsewhere, on merchant ships or in the communities they come from.
 What is to be done about it? It is another manifestation of the grievous rise in the cost of living. It looks as if the navy payroll will have to be revised upward. That would cost a lot of money, and add its weight to the forces boosting the living expenses of the general public.

Above all—keep cheerful.
 It will be observed that there are two general policies recommended in addition to avoiding contact with possible flu victims. One is good personal hygiene and the other is good personal psychology.
 The whole matter can be boiled down to a few words: Dodge germs, keep clean and don't be afraid.

PIGS AND PORK
 While live hogs have declined from \$23.90 to \$16.50 per hundred-weight since the middle of July, writes a markets editor, "consumers are now paying almost as much as they did in July for pork chops, loins and bacon.
 Here is a drop of more than 30 per cent in the price of live hogs in two months, with the price still tending downward. There has been a drop in wholesale prices, too, though not in proportion to the price of the animals on the hoof. Retail prices have scarcely been affected, in most sections.
 Surely, in a properly conducted industry, a 30 per cent drop in the price paid the producer of hogs should reduce retail prices, by a similar percentage. The effect should be felt quickly in fresh pork. If chops, for example, were selling in July at 50 cents a pound, a mere consumer would expect them to sell around 35 cents now.

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COMING EVENTS

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