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A TIMELY TOAST

Here's to the Blue of the wind-swept North!
 When we meet on the fields of France,
 May the spirit of Grant be with you all
 As the sons of the North advance.

Here's to the Gray of the sunkissed South!
 When we meet on the fields of France,
 May the spirit of Lee be with you all
 As the sons the South advance.

Here's to the Blue and the Gray as one!
 When we meet on the fields of France,
 May the spirit of God be with us all
 As the Sons of the Flag advance.

MANY BLESSINGS TO RESULT

One good result of the war is going to be that this country will be purged of its last pro-German, bolshevik, anarchist and pacifist. The goats are to be separated from the sheep and disposed of; their days are numbered. When the war finally ends, the Huns abroad will have been annihilated and those at home will have been made, either by reason or coercion, into good, loyal Americans. Yea, it is indeed a great work that is ahead. It is the greatness of the work that gives us the inspiration for it. If this were a sordid war of conquest, as it is to the Huns, we would not be in it, and anyway we couldn't put into it the noble spirit we do. But it is a conflict for eternal principles; it a contest not primarily for selfish ends but for the benefit of all mankind, for all time.

It is a great war for us for the reason that it involves renunciation and self-sacrifice—and you will find that everything that is really great does involve renunciation and self-sacrifice. Our American boys are rising to this great occasion. Thousands of them who in times of peace were almost worthless—loafing around with nothing to interest or occupy them—are already proving heroes; they are discovering the great truth that there is nothing else so fine as living for others and if necessary dying for them.

It is impossible to get more than a faint idea of the great benefits that are to come from this war, but we can begin to observe some of them. War is not a thing that this country would have sought or welcomed but there is now no doubt that it was the only thing that could clear the atmosphere and prepare the way for the great era of progress that is in store for the world.

MAIL FOR OUR BOYS

Many of our readers are no doubt perplexed regarding the course they should pursue in sending mail or other matter to our soldier and sailor boys who are abroad. Compliance with the following information will clear up matters for many people:

Same postage rates and conditions apply to mail matter addressed to soldiers, sailors, marines and others, including civilians, connected with U. S. expeditionary force in Europe as would apply to such matter if addressed for delivery in U. S., except that parcel-post matter cannot be insured or sent C. O. D. Important papers which can be duplicated may be registered but no indemnity will be paid for loss of registered mail. Postal officials advise that mail for members of U. S. expeditionary forces in Europe should be addressed as follows: (1) Name of addressee; (2) official designation of unit or organization to which addressee belongs; (3) words, "American Expeditionary Forces." Under no circumstances should location or station of a military organization be included in address on mail for any member of such forces. To insure expeditious handling and prompt delivery mail matter for men in military service in Europe should be securely packed and wrapped, fully and plainly addressed as indicated above and proper postage should be prepaid on it. To this end it is suggested that senders of such mail hand it in at local postoffice in order that it may be weighed, rated and have proper amount of postage affixed before senders leave office.

POLITE, FAIR, AND HELPFUL

Courtesy, square dealing, and service are required by the Internal Revenue Bureau of its thousands of employees who are aiding in the collection of war revenues. A manual has been sent out for their use with the purpose of making as pleasant as possible the task of the American citizen to find out what his Federal taxes are and how to pay them.

The internal-revenue officers are instructed to inform the taxpayer of all his rights, to require of him not 1 cent more than the law demands, while at the same time securing for the Government all that justly is due it.

It is estimated that 7,000,000 American citizens will pay income taxes this year—a great increase from the few hundred thousand heretofore paying such taxes.

The work of estimating and collecting taxes from a great number of citizens is one of great magnitude, and that it should be done fairly and without friction is an achievement worth much effort.