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"I pledge allegiance to my Flag, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All."

### FIGHTING OURSELVES.

With the I. W. W. activities, the peace at any price propagandist traitors, the strikes in industrial plants, the products of which the government is in urgent need and the outrageous high prices being manipulated by food speculators, it seems to us that a disension and unhealthy spirit is being created in America which threatens the very existence of our government. Our soldier boys are at the front facing the enemy, and they have gone there willingly to uphold the honor of the flag and protect us. They are fighting for us and we at home are also fighting—but fighting ourselves. Capital generally is insisting on and obtaining unreasonable profits, and labor realizing this, in many instances have made unreasonable demands. The food speculator is getting in his sting by hoarding the food supplies and exacting exorbitant prices. All of these matters combined have created an internal situation which is most difficult for the government to solve. We have sent our soldier boys across the seas, others have been sent to camps on the Atlantic coast for further training and early service in France, and only Wednesday we bade farewell to twenty Columbia county boys who go to join the ranks. We must back these men; they must know and feel that while they have their faces to the enemy, we at home are squarely behind them; behind them until victory is ours. If they

know this they will be encouraged and strength added to their efforts. On the other hand if they know we are fighting ourselves in our own land, they will become discouraged. Our enemies will be quick to take advantage of this fact. When England first became involved in this world's war that nation had the same situation to face and thousands of lives were lost and valuable advantage also lost before the folks at home awoke to the realization of their duty to the boys at the front. It must not be so with us. England's experience should be an object lesson. We must win this war quickly and restore peace for all time to come, but it cannot be done as long as we fight ourselves. Columbia county is a patriotic county and many of her sons are now in the service and others will go. We must not let them suffer on our account. The county and this community can and must set an example of loyalty and patriotism that will spread to other communities throughout the state and then other states will follow our example. We citizens at home have our duty plainly before us and we must perform that duty, for our own sake and for those who have gone to fight for us. We must not allow our ship to go upon the rocks.

### "KULTUR" AND BARBARISM.

When the results of Prussian "kultur" are compared with the conduct of the "unspeakable Turk" there appears to be very little room for preference between them.

The savagery and cruelty of the original Hun have not been materially subordinated by the work of civilization upon his posterity. History charges no more ruthless cruelty against the hordes that overran Europe so long ago than is evident in the conduct of their successors of today.

The murder of innocent people on the high seas, the unspeakable outrages perpetrated against women and children in France and Belgium whenever they have fallen into the hands of the invaders, the torture, starvation and miserable death meted out to thousands who were carried off into slavery, the commandeering of the women and girls of captured territory to minister to the lust of the German army, the crucifying of a cat on the cross in a church and of a child on the wall of a ruined cottage; the destruction of every building, every orchard, everything of utility which they could not carry off when they retreated, the unspeakable wan-

ton defilement of walls and the little that remained of homes, all stamped the modern Hun as no whit more civilized than his ancestors as portrayed by the earliest history we have of them.

The difference between these Europeans and the Turks who have strewn the soil of Syria and Armenia with the corpses of innocent it would be difficult to discern without the aid of the most powerful microscope. And in the conduct of the two governments in regard to promises and the most solemn treaties the parallel still holds apace.—Oregon Register.

### A LOYAL FOREIGN BORN.

At a dinner given by the American Bar Association in honor of Elihu Root, who recently returned from Russia, Chief Justice Andrew A. Bruce of the supreme court of North Dakota was the principal speaker. His speech aroused the enthusiasm and patriotism of the lawyers present and his speech as a whole was one ringing with patriotism and love of his adopted country. He said:

"I speak from the viewpoint of the foreign born. I, and millions of others like me, came to this country alone and without friends. We sponged on all America had, her free lands, her free schools, and above all her spirit of open hearted comradeship. She owed us nothing, but she gave us all. We swore allegiance to her flag; her Constitution and her laws. We would be miscreants, perjurers and curs if in the hour of her need we counseled with her enemies and were disloyal to her cause."

There are many other foreign born American citizens whose hearts and thoughts are with and for the interest of the country whose flag has given them freedom and protection.

On top of the shipyard strike, the high price of salmon and the waste of this valuable food fish, has come the announcement that A. E. Lafferty will again run for congress. Portland does not deserve all of these agonies at the same time. It is evident that Lafferty cannot be so easily disposed of as the fish which were thrown overboard.

Pacifists must read with a lot of satisfaction such twaddle as this from the Berlin Morgenpost: "In America the peace propaganda grows from day to day, arousing whole classes of the population against one another." What is that but giving aid and comfort to the enemy?

### MORE FOREST BATTALIONS AUTHORIZED

The formation of a second "Forest" regiment comprising ten battalions and composed of lumbermen and woodworkers, who will go to France and get out of the forests materials for the use of the American, French and British armies, has just been authorized by the war department. Two battalions are to be raised at once with the active aid of the forest service of the department of agriculture. It is expected that the remaining eight battalions will be called for in a short time. Nine "service" battalions, made up of laborers who will be used in connection with the forest regiment, have also been authorized and two battalions have been ordered raised at once.

In order to provide for further contingencies it has been decided to commission at the present time enough officers for other battalions yet to be raised. Those men not needed now will be placed on the reserve, and will be called as the other units are formed. According to the present plan, 50 per cent of the officers will be sawmill and logging operators, 25 per cent will be technical foresters, and 25 per cent will be men with military training. A number of the graduates of the engineer camps have been selected for service with the new units.

A considerable number of captains and lieutenants are to be selected in the immediate future. The minimum age limit for commissioned officers has been set at 31.

A first regiment of woodsmen numbering about 1,200 men and designated as the Tenth Engineers (Forest) has already been recruited and assembled and is now being trained at American University, D. C. This regiment was raised at the request of the British government to undertake the production in France of cross-ties, bridge, trench and construction timbers, mine props, lumber, and other forms of wood required in connection with its military operations. The landing of the American expeditionary force has made necessary similar provision for their needs, while the French military authorities have indicated that some of the work incidental to their operations might be taken over by woodsmen from this country. Decision to raise the new and much larger force has followed a study of the field of possible usefulness to the allied cause, made by American foresters attached to General Pershing's staff.

Each of the ten battalions of the second regiment will comprise three companies of 250 men each, and will be under the command of its own major. The regiment will be made up of volunteers. Applicants must be white and between the ages of 18 and 40. Skilled lumberjacks, portable mill operators, tie cutters, logging teamsters, camp cooks, millwrights, and charcoal burners are among the classes of men desired.

For the "service" battalions both negro and white laborers will be enlisted.

**NOTICE TO BUILD SIDEWALKS**  
Notice is hereby given that on September 24, 1917, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock P. M., the City Council of the city of St. Helens, Oregon, will receive sealed bids for the construction of a sidewalk along the east side of Oak street in block 34 in front of the following named lots in block 34, to-wit: lots 12, 13, 14, 15, 18 and 19, in accordance with the plans and specifications of the engineer of the City of St. Helens, Oregon, for the construction of said sidewalk now on file and in the office of the City Recorder of said city.

Said bids shall be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of ten per cent of the sum bid, running to the mayor of said city. The common council of said city reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

E. E. QUICK,  
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In the matter of the estate of William M. Ross, Deceased.

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