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100,000,000 DOLLARS—WHY?

Oregon, outside Portland, must subscribe \$400,000 of the \$100,000,000 emergency Red Cross war service fund during the week of June 18-25 in order to meet the expectations of President Wilson who has appealed to the nation for this fund.

Prompting the President's appeal are the thousands of Red Cross ambulances on the firing line that must be maintained. Other thousands of ambulances must be built and sent to the front. Forty-five base hospitals already have been established and their work must be supplemented with that of many more hospitals in order to treat the wounds and save the lives of thousands of soldiers, including our own home boys.

The force of Red Cross physicians and nurses must be greatly increased and kept on duty.

British, French and Belgian soldiers can be sent home when, under hospital care, they have commenced to recover from wounds or sickness, but for Uncle Sam's soldier boys convalescent hospitals must be built by the Red Cross.

Mothers and wives who have given up sons and husbands and who have no other support must be cared for by the Red Cross organization.

Vocational schools for soldiers incapacitated by wounds for ordinary work must be organized and financed.

From the front line trenches to the mothers left at home the Universal Service of Mercy must maintain a vast organization and spend tremendous sums in order to meet an almost overwhelming emergency growing out of United States participation in the World War. Nor can the work be delayed one day. Bullets will not wait on tardy dollars. The man who offers his life on the battlefield for the defense of his country must not be left to bear the burden alone.

Why does the government not finance this relief work? The question is often asked. The American Red Cross is ranked as a neutral, as long as it is maintained by private subscriptions. The administration of the Red Cross cannot be carried on as are the national naval and military operations. Relief work, also, must cut red tape, must be promptly ready for every emergency, must be governed by humanitarian principles and quick decisions and must not be hampered by the restrictions of governmental machinery. At the same time the Red Cross is the only relief agency formally authorized by the govern-

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ment. Its head is the President of the United States. Its accounts are audited by the war department. It is chartered by Congress. President Wilson declares:

"A large, well organized and efficient Red Cross is essential. It is both a patriotic and humane service that is rendered by every citizen who becomes a member of the American Red Cross."

Red Cross subscriptions need not be paid all at one time. One-fourth will be due July 1; one-fourth, August 4; one-fourth, September 1, and the balance, October 1.

A task as great as that of getting the subscriptions is to inform every man, woman and child of the purposes and emergency character of the campaign before Red Cross Week, as proclaimed by the President, which begins June 18. Community committees are urged to have a forceful speaker present at every gathering whether small or large. Newspapers are called on for liberal space. Ministers are asked to present the subject to their congregations. Let every patriotic citizen speak of the campaign to every other person he or she meets.

In this world war some must give their lives, others their money. No patriot at home could bear to think that a patriot bled to death on the battlefield because he or she failed to contribute his dollar to the Red Cross. You have no right to say you are patriotic unless you give your utmost in service, no matter what it may involve in personal sacrifice.

AMERICA'S HIGH DUTY.

(By John Sharp Williams, United States Senator from Mississippi.)

The United States has entered upon the great world conflict, which is to decide whether Democracy shall have a safe place in the sun on the earth, or not. There is hardly any duty higher than that which ought to actuate each citizen to help furnish a part of the money which will be necessary for that purpose.

It is true that a man may be able to lend his money out at 6, or 7, or 8, and in some places even 10 per cent, but he might well forego for the space of two or three years the higher rate of interest while he invested in 3-1-2 per cent bonds of the United States. His principal would be safe. The bonds are exempt from taxation, except the inheritance tax, and exchangeable for later bonds of a higher rate of interest if the United States during this war issues such, and are specifically freed from any war tax that may be levied.

Our men cannot get to France or Belgium in any considerable numbers for a year. The Government's money received from the subscriptions to bonds may get there by wire, the credit based upon it may, which is the same thing, and, after getting there takes the form of clothing and food, munitions, rifles and cannon, and may help our Allies to win. Next to the immediate duty of chasing submarines and sinking them wherever they can be found, thereby re-opening the avenues overseas for the world's commerce, there is nothing that can do so much good as lending the government your money. And even in that respect the man who subscribes to a bond, putting what ready money he can into it, has the satisfaction of knowing that his money has helped build a destroyer, or buy an armed yacht, which in its turn has destroyed a submarine.

The American people are not a money-loving people in the sense that a miser is. Their money getting takes more the form of a game, which is enjoyed because of its skill and the clash of wits, and their love of the possession of money is based more upon the use to which the money can be put in elevating themselves and their children and their neighbors and the community in which they live than upon the money itself, or the reputation of having it.

We are the wealthiest people in the world; this wealth ought now to serve the country. It will be a shameful thing that those who are not fit for military service should allow those who are fit to go to the front and be maimed and mangled, and perhaps killed, while they stay at home and refuse to do even so much as to loosen their purse strings.

(Editorial Note—Senator Williams of Mississippi was

the first member of either house of Congress to subscribe for Liberty Loan Bonds, investing several thousand dollars in them.)

TERMS OF A LIBERTY LOAN BOND.

Liberty loan bonds of the first issue of \$2,000,000,000 are to bear date of June 15, 1917, and to run for 30 years, except that the government reserves the right to pay them 15 years after date. If this right is not exercised by the government 15 years from date the bonds will run the full 30 years. These bonds bear interest at 3-1-2 per cent per annum, and the interest is payable semi-annually on the 15th day of December and the 15th day of June, in each year.

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