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**UNCLE SAM'S TREMENDOUS BUSINESS.**

Uncle Sam's tremendous war business has already begun to move and is the principal reason behind the concerted campaign undertaken by the railroads to induce the shippers not to waste an inch of car space. Estimates by the New York Journal of Commerce indicate that 64,000 freight cars will be needed to haul construction materials to the 16 cantonments which will house the new American army. This does not include cars that will be needed to move troops nor the 3,500 to 5,000 workmen who will be attached to each military city. Then, too, it must be remembered that many of these cantonments will be located where no terminal railroad facilities exist, and these will have to be constructed before work on the cantonments themselves can start.

Figures given out by the War Department indicate the tremendous burden that will be placed upon the railroads. Concrete work in each cantonment is estimated to require 4700 barrels of cement, 1400 cubic yards of sand, 2500 cubic yards of broken stone or screened gravel, 2500 kegs of nails, 5,600,000 board feet of boards, 7,800,000 board feet of dimensioned stuff, 177,000 feet of 4x4 inch timber, 2,800,000 feet of flooring, 1,200,000 feet of siding and 1,400,000 feet of matched boards. These figures vary in the Northern and Southern states to allow for climatic adaptations. The northern states will require more lumber than given above.

Estimates of the total requirements of electrical equipment for the sixteen military cities amounts to 20,800,000 feet of insulated wire, 260,000 feet of lamp cord, 125,000 key sockets, and about the same number of shades; 150,000 cleat receptacles, 22,000 snap switches, 27,800 combined switches and plug cut-outs; 75,000 plug fuses; 3,000,000 pairs of unglazed porcelain tubes, about 7,000,000 1-4 to 2-1-4 inch wood screws; 9,600 pounds of friction tape, 4,000 pounds of solder; and other items on a similar scale.

In order to extinguish fire in these cantonments about 8300 fire extinguishers, 5000 water casks, 120,000 water pails, and 380,000 feet of hose will be on hand.

The plumbing calls for about 1,600,000 feet of pipe, 40,000 closets and tanks; 30,000 shower bath heads, and tremendous quantities of pipe fittings, sinks, boilers, etc.

Bear in mind that while the railroads are hauling all this load for the government over tracks and into terminals that they have been compelled in many cases to build especially for the purpose, all the factories of the country must be kept supplied with fuel and raw materials, the huge crops must be moved to market, and the greatest industrial traffic the country has ever known kept moving

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Patriotism of the American people will have to be indicated by making maximum use of freight cars in the future. Perhaps the greatest economic waste of today is in failure to utilize freight car capacity. Averages show that but 43 per cent of car space is used. Increased loading is an obvious necessity if the government is to be supported properly. All this big business spells general prosperity.

**THE STRIVING COUNTS.**

After all what we expect of Christianity is that it shall affect the daily lives of its followers. The world itself is not so much concerned with the question of the future life as it is with the character of the people living on it. The question of the success or the failure of Christianity will depend not so much as to whether certain forms of religion are followed as to whether the precept of Jesus Christ, "Love Thy Neighbor as Yourself" has sunk into the minds and lives of its professors. We believe that such is the case. We believe that all but a few conscientiously make the effort to follow Jesus Christ. True the flesh is weak, few succeed, but the great thing is the striving, the struggle to be better. 'Tis better to have tried and lost, than never to have tried at all.

"Let every freight car do the work of two," is a good slogan like making two blades of grass grow where only one grew before.

The test of real forbearance and real patriotism will now come to the Prohibitionists. Will they still support the President loyally since he is opposing total and drastic prohibition?

The state highway commission is driving ahead. The counties which help themselves will get help.

"Speed 'Em Up" would be a good motto for Congress.

**EDITORIAL COMMENT.**

**Who Knows?**

Virginia Arnold, who was in Oregon two years ago to fight Senator Chamberlain, professedly in the interests of suffrage, was among those arrested in Washington for unpatriotic work yesterday.

As to why the White House pickets have persisted in their semi-treasonable stunts there is mystery. There was mystery as to why the so-called congressional union sent Miss Arnold and others to Oregon two years ago, having according to their own announcement the sum of \$15,000 to expend in opposition to our senior senator. Their work then was not good politics for Mr. Booth; it was not good politics from the standpoint of suffrage for Oregon was in the suffrage column and Senator Chamberlain had been a life long supporter of the cause in this state and in Congress.

Is it possible the explanation of the suffragette campaign against Chamberlain two years ago lay in the fact some force, foreign or American, wished him defeated because he was chairman of the Senate committee on military affairs and committed to a program of preparedness by this country, including compulsory military service if it should seem necessary?

Who knows but the money used against our senator in 1914 came from German sources; who knows but the suffragette pickets at Washington are the dupes of parties who strive not to advance the suffrage but to hamper our

government in its war program by raising all the hell possible?

Stranger things than this have happened in connection with the present war.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

**Away With Daydreams.**

There will be no early cessation of war. There is not likely to be discovered any miraculous device to destroy the submarine. Germany will not be starved into submission. It will probably be a long time before Russia becomes an efficient force in the struggle. The real war is perhaps just beginning. England and America must meet the onslaught.—Pendleton Tribune.

**Good Sidewalks.**

A great deal is said and needs to be said about good roads. But one seldom hears of many campaigns for good sidewalks. And yet for every man using the road, there are half a dozen who use the walks. These are the great democratic thoroughfares, over which the toilers of life pass every day. If these walks are rough, walking becomes wearisome and a burden and a town is made to seem slow and unprogressive.—Pendleton Tribune.

**To The President.**

We have fought you, Mr. Wilson, just as hard as e'er we could;

We have lined our pens against you and we've told you where we stood;

We have criticized your actions, and we've tied a lot of hay for to trip you and to grip you, as you've run along your way;

We've opposed your re-election, and we've jested now and then

On the subject of your doings and the products of your pen;

But we want to tell you now sir, in this moment full of dole. We are with you—yes, we're with you! We are with you heart and soul!

And the past, sir, is forgotten, just as though it hadn't been—

Just as 'twere a bit of writing on a slate washed wholly clean;

All the things we depreciated, all the things we didn't like,

They have vanished from our vision like a pacifist on a strike;

A remembrance of your "waiting" and its brother "watchfulness"

Has gone tumbling to the discard in this moment of your stress;

And we want to tell you now, sir, when you come to call the roll,

You will find that we are with you—yes, we're with you heart and soul!

There's no Elephant or Donkey on the Yankee pike today. And the Bull Moose stops his bullying on the broad starry way;

All the animals of party in our over-varied zoo

Are united Mr. Wilson and are standing back of you;

From the sands of San Diego to the rocky cliffs of Maine. From Atlantic to Pacific, out and back and back again;

So here's to you, Prexy Wilson, may God speed you to the goal!

We are with you—yes, we're with you! We are with you heart and soul!

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