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THE NEW ARMY.

We are now approaching a very interesting period in
the draft of the new army. The men are reporting for
physical examination before the exemption boards. This
is a very important and responsible work. The nation
needs young men for its army; some of the men it can-
not spare from home. If we pass through this period
without friction we shall be lucky. There is bound to
be criticism against those who do not go to the front, no
matter what the reasons are. There is certain to be
charges of favoritism. The work should be done thor-
oughly and speedily by the exemption boards and fairly
too; but the exemption board should remember that men
drafted were done so fairly in a national lottery; and that
for every man exempted another man must take his place
and be sent to the front. No man should be exempted
unless there are reasons for it of supreme importance.

A REAL AMERICAN.

When his number 258 was drawn first, C. M. Bradshaw
of Greenville, Mississippi, telegraphed to the Secretary
"Thanks for drawing 258. That's me."
This is an answer worthy of being recorded in his-
tory like "We have met the enemy and they are ours."
It is the remark of a typical American, not of the spine-
less variety.

LEAVE IT TO HOOVER.

After a long delay in which the friends of the Kaiser
in the United States Senate again went down to defeat
with colors defiantly flying, the food control bill has
passed and will become a law. It has taken us four
months to do a thing which should have been done in the
first weeks of the war. But let us be thankful that it is
done at last. The days of obstruction are over and now
Mr. Hoover will be able to do something for the coun-
try. There are three problems before him: First, to meet
the needs of the American army; second, to meet the
needs of the Allies, and third, to do something to save the
American consumer from extortion. It has not rested
well with the American people that prices on many ar-
ticles abroad were cheaper than the same articles at home.
The way to win the war is not to drive the consumer into
despair and desperation. We are putting most of the
taxes on the consumer; we must not destroy his paying
and his buying power, because he is the one factor that
will finance the war. Now that the food control bill has

passed we will "leave it to Hoover". There are many
things we would be glad if Congress would leave to such
able and patriotic men.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Office May Seek The Man.

The Heppner Herald this week suggests E. E. Brodie,
ex-president of the Oregon State Editorial association, for
secretary of state. Entirely without suggestion on his
part, this proposed candidacy was the subject of consid-
erable discussion among the newspaper boys at the recent
editorial association, and it was the opinion of all those
who made any comment that no better man could be
picked for the job.

The editor of The Sentinel has been in a position to
become pretty well acquainted with Brodie and his work
and can say, without reservation, that he is in every way
fitted for the job.

Brodie has made a success of a large business of his
own and as president of the editorial association made a
success of the business of others. He has a superabund-
ance of energy to go with the other necessary qualifi-
cations.

The Sentinel understands that the present secretary of
state is constitutionally ineligible for another term. This
then, is the psychological moment to bring forward a man
like Brodie, who will maintain the splendid precedents
of the office.—Cottage Grove Sentinel.

Punishment.

Our people have not yet learned the terrible lessons of
war or begun faintly to realize what war, bad enough when
conducted under the rules of international law, becomes
when carried on against a brutal, murderous foe, which
has resurrected the terrible frightfulness of the savage
centuries. The English have learned these lessons and
seen the terrible sights, violations, mutilations, murders
inflicted by a conscienceless enemy. Sir Gilbert Parker
refers to these, and concludes:

"The man who brought about this war will never be
punished adequately—and no torture of the Inquisition
would be sufficient for his punishment.

"The people who brought it about will pay a terrible
price.

"They have paid it!

"They will continue to pay it!

"But the price that they pay, guilty, is as nothing to
what the Allies pay, innocent. You people of America
would not be in this war if you believed the Allies were
guilty. You are in this war because you have seen that
Prussian militarism is a menace to the well-being of the
world and the freedom of all people."—The Bache Review,
New York.

Society and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Miller of Cove are in
town today.

Robert Pattison went to Portland
last night.

C. R. Eberhard went to Enterprise
this morning.

Mrs. J. J. Carr went to Portland
last night for a week or ten days.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Sion
of Perry a ten pound son on July 22.

Mrs. C. D. Emahiser left last
night for Kemmerer, Wyo. and Salt
Lake.

Cory Waldruff, freight brakman of
the O. W. went to Minam this morn-
ing for fish.

Mr. Wm. Miller and family left
Salem yesterday for the trip home by
auto.

Mrs. E. E. Beatty and children and
Miss Hazel Williams have returned
from Seaside.

Centardo Baccini, who was operated
on for his tonsils, is having quite a
severe attack.

Engineer Frank Pike went to
Minam this morning on his vacation
and fishing trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Siegrist and
son returned last night from their
auto trip. They report a fine time.

Mrs. Frank Woods and son Jack of
Baker are here visiting her mother
Mrs. Harry Swarts.

Miss Alma Cates went to Pendleton
this morning on No. 17 for a few days'
visit with friends.

Joe Carr has ordered, a pair of
shoes made-to-order. He says he can't
find a pair of shoes in town that are
his size.

Miss Gladys Winters has accepted a
position at the soda fountain in Put-
man's Drug Store until the opening of
school.

Blaine Burton, a business man of
Pendleton, who has been at Hot Lake
passed through here on his way to
Wallawa Lake to spend the remainder
of his vacation there.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Hug, also Mrs.
John Riggs, motored in yesterday to
see Mary Pickford in "The Little
American."

Mrs. Mable Robbins, who will teach
the first primary at Cove this winter,
motored over there yesterday return-
ing this morning.

Mrs. C. D. Emahiser left last
for Wyoming for a month's visit with
friends and relatives.

Mrs. C. M. Hutchison went to her
home in Kamela this morning after
visiting friends here.

Mrs. E. Pollack's mother, Mrs.
Schwaiger arrived last night from
North Platte, Neb. Also Mrs. Pollack's
nephew, Victor Schwaiger.

Morris Eden, of the Medical Dept.
of the U. S. Army went out on the
branch line this morning.

About twenty laborers went to Vin-
cent this morning to enter the employ
of the Geo. Palmer Co. there.

County Judge Phy and County
Treasurer Frawley went to North
Powder today on county business.

Mrs. J. F. Bingham and infant son
are home from the hospital both
mother and babe are doing nicely.

Mr. W. M. Morse of the Oregonian
is in town today. He reported a very
successful trip on the branch line.

Miss Dorothy Krouse went to Port-
land this morning to spend about
three weeks with her grandmother.

Howard Trull is giving the cigar
store men of the city instructions
not to sell his "big" son any cigar-
ettes.

Mrs. F. A. Bidwell and party motored
in from Union this morning and
are visiting the M. L. McCormick
family.

A number of the Sisters of the St.
Francis from La Grande and Baker
went to Pendleton this morning to
attend the Retreat.

Supt. Bollons and Agt. Keeney of
the O. W. R. & N. Co. went to Minam
yesterday in the former's private car.
They will return this evening.



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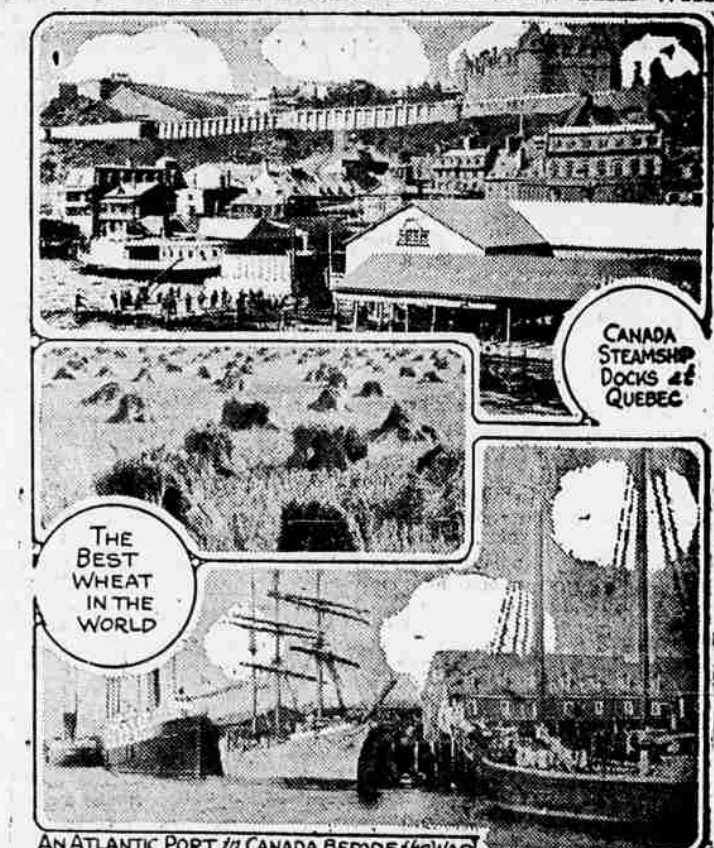
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nationhood and consciousness of national
strength from her participation
in the war, but is also aiming at
a western British Empire, second in
size only to Russia and with a range
of climate and a variety of products
to rival the United States, is the
opinion of a writer in By Water
magazine published in Montreal,
urging Canadians to study the trade
future of Canada in the West Indies.
The Greater Canada of which he
writes, would include all the British
possessions of the western hemi-
sphere.

England is said to regard this for-
mation of a new "imperial unit" with
favor, as a measure of protection to
her outlying possessions in the
scheme of Imperial federation which
is being freely discussed in London.
Canada has earned the right to con-
sideration in any plan affecting the
empire, or her future trade develop-
ment. The West Indies are favor-
able to such a union, even if it should
be, in the end, no more than a cus-
toms union, for the political protec-

tion it will afford in the scramble for
trade after the war, and because it
offers them a preferential market
for their products and the entrance
duty-free of Canadian wheat, veg-
etables and manufactured articles.
Lt. Col. John S. Dennis, who has had
a great part in the national develop-
ment of Canada, says: "Expansion
of Canadian trade will go hand-in-
hand with expansion of Canadian
industry, and Canada with her vast
wealth of natural resources must be-
come a powerful factor in world
trade."

There has always been a close
feeling of relationship between Can-
ada and the West Indies. Halifax has
had direct cable communication with
the West Indies for many years, and
since 1880 one of the important divi-
sions of the Canada Steamship Lines
Limited, has operated a good-sized
fleet of steamers in the trade. It is
said the Canadian government is
considering offering a subsidy to en-
courage the building of a merchant
marine, with an eye to the Bermuda
trade.

Supporting the Government

This is a time for every citizen to support the
United States Government and many are doing so
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