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JUST AMERICANS

Occasionally a man rises and makes a remark that echoes down the ages.
 "I speak not as a Democrat but as an American."
 This is one of those remarks that will keep the memory of Senator Chamberlain alive in American history.
 Senator Chamberlain, when he said it, was addressing the National Security league upon an important national subject, universal military training, which he advocates and urges.
 It is a matter of pleasure and pride that our senior Oregon senator has stepped into a position of national prominence, that he occupies important positions on Senate committees and that he has the courage and the daring to be a senator and not a mere puppet in these lively times. No one doubts Senator Chamberlain's patriotism or his wisdom.
 His bill for a minister of munitions should be passed. His bill for a war council should be adopted immediately. Senator Chamberlain wants the war conducted with vigor and efficiency. That is what the country wants, too. His bills will help the President in his enormous task.

The Observer speaks as an American, too. These are the days when there are no Democrats, no Republicans, no Progressives, no Socialists—just red-blooded Americans.

A WAR MEASURE

Industrial America was surprised and shocked at Fuel Administrator Garfield's order closing certain industries. But soon recovered and received it gracefully when it was discovered that it was an important war measure. In this great war game, ships must be kept moving. Without prompt movement of ships, the cause of the Allies will be lost. They must be unloaded and dispatched promptly. Ships were tied up on account of lack of coal there. It was up to Garfield to get the coal there. His fuel order was the result. If he had clearly explained the reasons for his action at the start, had taken the business world into his confidence, no confusion would have resulted. Upon such important matters the American people are entitled to know the reasons. It will not do to keep them in the dark.

STRAWS

All is not peaceful and quiet in the interior of Germany and Austria-Hungary. Rumbblings are coming to the surface. Of course, things may not be as serious as we think. The wish is father to the thought, and we naturally read with interest about every riot, every revolt of soldiers, every desertion from the army. But these are stars which show which way the wind is blowing. Slowly but surely the power of the Central Powers will crumble, and then the collapse will come. When, no one knows. There will be battles and big battles; of the final victory of the United States and the Allies there can be no doubt.

Everyone will have a chance to dance tonight for the Red Cross.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Call for Books

The libraries are still calling for good books for the soldiers. If everyone would contribute the books he owns but does not read and never will read, the call would be not for books but for a lot of big buildings in which to house them.—Oregonian.

Do Not Neglect the Gardens

It would be a serious mistake to neglect the war garden in 1918, and the state campaign proposed by the Oregon Agricultural College deserves encouragement. Not only well-doing, but persistence in well-doing, will be needed in every department to win the war.—Oregonian.

STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC
 Director General of Railroads
 Interstate Commerce Commission
 Building, Washington

The movement of coal, food and other vital necessities is being seriously hampered by the congestion of loaded freight cars at important cities and terminals throughout the country. The congestion is particularly serious in the railroad terminals at the port of New York. Unless freight is promptly removed by consignees from cars at terminals and from railroad stations, it will be impossible to relieve the present situation. Railroad cars cannot be used for warehouse purposes without grave injury to the American people. Railroad cars must be kept moving and they must be utilized to their maximum capacity if the demands of the people for the necessities of

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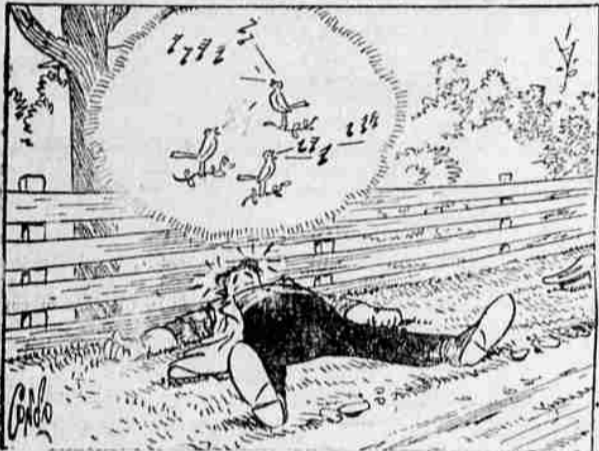
This is a suggestion for prompt action.

Member Federal Reserve System

La Grande National Bank

Julia B. Smith

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The business of the American Red Cross is "to aid in the prevention and alleviation of human suffering in times of peace and war." It is an organization organized to supply the medical services of armies in time of war. When the American National Red Cross, by act of the United States Congress, approved January 5, 1905, was incorporated and placed under government supervision, its purpose—in addition to its duties in times of war—were declared to be: "to continue and carry on a system of national and international relief in time of peace and apply the same in alleviating the sufferings caused by pestilence, famine, fire, floods and other national calamities." This organization has therefore a great work to do at all times; for there is always human suffering to be alleviated, but now that the world is racked with war, its work is tremendous, and it is doing it in a way that should make every man, woman or child who belongs to the Red Cross proud to be a member. It is the only hope of thousands suffering from cold, hunger, and despair. It is the instrument by which each one of us may make his or her own contribution to the innocent victims of the war.

No one can start the new year in a better way than by joining the Red Cross and by aiding in the campaign for new members. In time of war the Red Cross cannot handle their activities through national committees. They undertake to raise and collect

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life and of the Army and Navy for essential munitions and supplies are to be met. It is an imperative duty of the hour for every citizen to do his utmost to move freight from cars and from railroad stations immediately upon its arrival.

Under the new demurrage order just issued, heavy charges for detention of freight cars will go into effect on and after January 21. The whole nation should unite in a supreme effort to clear up the congestion at terminals before the demurrage order goes into effect and to keep it cleared up thereafter.

I wish to appeal to the people of the United States to make the week beginning January 21 as "Freight Moving Week" and I earnestly request the Governors of the various States, the Public Utilities Commissioners, the Mayors of cities and towns, the State Councils of National Defense, the Federal and State Food and Fuel Administrators, the Chambers of Commerce, and other business organizations, business men and shippers generally, trucking companies and all railroad employees concerned to organize locally and to make a supreme effort during the week to unload freight cars, to remove freight from railroad stations and to clear the decks for a more efficient operation of the railroads of the country.

An earnest and united pull all along the line will achieve wonders in this direction. We can help ourselves and relieve an immense amount of suffering if we attack the problem vigorously and in the true spirit of cooperation.

W. G. McADOO,
 Director General of Railroads.

HOME GOLD, JOHN D., JR., GOES SLEIGH-RIDING



Above, the latest snapshot of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. John didn't say so, but he's probably out sleigh riding to keep warm. His name was cleared the other day, because he couldn't get any oil heaters from the Rockefeller's own Little Standard Oil Co. His private heating plant shut down for lack of coal and the junior Rockefeller S.O. a real Standard oil for heaters. But the S.O. was out of 'em. So John had to "go visiting" at his father's home at Pocantico Hills.

Harrisburg—Farmers here working hard for new flour mill.
 Heppner—Lexington State Bank to build new home.
 Eugene—New bridge over mill race being constructed.
 Toledo—Logging camp to start here. Logging railroad may be built to tidewater on Siletz river soon.
 Evens—Elevator and creamery plant may be located here.

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