

# Following Our Nation's Lead



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**O**UR OWN UNITED STATES first showed her interest and desire to aid the Allies by subscribing an immense loan. By this trust, by this granting of credit a feeling of confidence and friendliness has been established—a mutual understanding that years cannot eradicate.

**Between business concerns, credit is very old—  
—in fact, it is almost as old as the business itself.**

Credit is merely business faith between men—faith in the assumption that both parties will play fair.

This store has used the credit system for years in the past, each year strengthening its policy of fair dealing and courtesy to every one—each year adding to its list of customers and friends—until now it can count hundreds of charge accounts, both in and out of La Grande.

Credit between a business house and an individual has grown in these thirty years until personal credit is now applied not only to the purchase of everything for the home, but even the home itself. It has made comfort and luxury possible in all the millions of homes throughout America, which otherwise would have been the barest of homes with the most meager of pleasures.

From the furnishing of the home has come the next step up—that of buying clothing for the entire family on personal credit. Today the individual walks into our store and uses his credit in exactly the same way as any business concern walks into its

bank or into the manufacturing market and uses its business credit. Everyone who deals with us has that confidence of fair dealing—that confidence of surety and trust that years of honest endeavor have established.

We are proud—proud of the fact that we have taken the lead among credit and even specialty stores of the city—proud of the fact that the quality of our merchandise is the highest to be found anywhere—proud that our styles in many instances surpass any shown in the city—proud that we are able to offer this friendly personal credit—this pact between our customers and ourselves that merits their friendship and good will.

Do you know that we do an immense cash business—and that no reduction is allowed simply because we charge nothing extra for credit? Our credit is an added service that has brought us trade and holds trade for us. No red tape—no old form leases or contracts to sign—simply a friendly, trustful understanding and agreement.

Hundreds of people have thirty-day charge accounts with us—others pay by the month—others semi-monthly—and still others by the week—each person decides for himself which way would be the more convenient.

The credit between nations that is established for mutual benefit—is that same credit that we offer you, in a lesser way—a clean, straightforward business proposition open to those who wish to take advantage of it—same, sensible and convenient.

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## WHAT A SOCIALIST WANTS

Victor Berger, Socialist candidate for United States senator from Wisconsin, announces in his platform that if elected he will demand and work for an immediate, general and permanent peace; the passage of a resolution by congress directing the president to summon the warring countries to an immediate armistice and peace conference; and the withdrawal of American troops from Europe to procure absolute security for this country. He demands various other things, but the foregoing is the gist of his platform.

Since he has spoken his aims thus freely, there ought to be no doubt in the mind of anyone as to what Milwaukee's leading Socialist wants.

As to these desires the Eugene Register comments very pointedly that only a few short weeks ago, the Russian Bolsheviks also announced that they would demand and work for an immediate, general and permanent peace and that they would summon the warring countries to an immediate armistice and peace conference. Subsequently they announced that they would withdraw the Russian

armies from the fighting fronts and a little later they promulgated a general demobilization order. Aside from the trifling difference that the Bolsheviks enjoyed, at least temporarily, the power to do as they chose whereas Mr. Berger is merely abusing the liberality of the most liberal country on earth, the two proposals are identical. Because the Bolsheviks were able to do what Socialist Berger wants to do, Russia lies prostrate and helpless in the grip of the kaiser. Vast areas of her territory are to be torn bodily away from her, and their inhabitants are to be given over to the peculiarly horrible fate that awaits those who live in regions "colonized" by Germany. Russia's ports are to be taken away and she is to be compelled to pay commercial tribute perpetually as a vassal of Germany.

So it is perfectly easy to see what Mr. Berger desires for the country that has given him a home and enabled him to reach a station in life where he can aspire to the high office of United States senator.

## SHOE REQUIREMENTS ARE HEAVY

General Pershing has requested shipment of 18,590 pairs of shoes for each 25,000 men monthly, which is approximately nine pairs of shoes per man per year. This quantity is in excess of actual consumption and is being used to build up a reserve for all troops in France. When such a supply is accumulated the quantities per man will be reduced.

The quartermaster general's department now has on

hand and due on outstanding contracts 7,564,000 field shoes and 7,873,000 marching shoes. It will be necessary to secure more than a million additional shoes during the year.

## NAVAL ENLISTMENTS CALLED FOR

Enlistment in the naval service has been reopened at the United States naval training camp, Seattle. Any citizen between 18 and 35 is eligible. Recruits will receive a thorough course in naval instruction, said course averaging about four months.

This camp is regarded by naval officers as having the best all round combination of advantages of any naval training camp in the country. It is located on the grounds of the University of Washington and fronts on Lakes Washington and Union. All the facilities of the university are available for instruction.

In connection with the station is the U. S. S. Princeton, used for ship training. It is found that men who are trained at this camp have decided advantage when going to sea by reason of special knowledge gained while under instruction there and many of them are rapidly promoted.

## Elgin Nurse Volunteers

ELGIN, March 6.—(Special.)—Monday evening the program given at the Gem theatre was for the benefit of the local Red Cross. The show was well attended and all present enjoyed the special numbers which were a triumph solo by Chris Mays and a vocal solo by Mrs. Stafford. Both numbers were called upon for encores.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hart of La Grande returned Sunday morning from a visit to this city last Saturday and Sunday.

Word received from Zeno Weiss, a young man who enlisted several weeks ago, states that he is now on his way to a camp in Georgia and that he is progressing well in every respect.

Superintendent A. E. Clawson of Elgin returned Sunday morning from the county institute of the teachers which was held in La Grande Saturday.

Miss Ruth Hallgarth, a teacher of the Elgin schools, suffered from an attack of severe cold and in spite last week but is now able to return to her school.

The Red Cross will give a tea at Mrs. Wm. Russell's Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hug returned from an extended visit through the Willamette valley last Monday morn-

ing. Elgin friends are glad to see them home again.

Mrs. Clay Reinhart arrived in Elgin last Monday to visit at the home of her father, Mr. J. A. Masterson.

A letter from Mr. G. R. Burtmore who was formerly a druggist in Elgin states that he is now located in La Jolla, California, and that he will remain there permanently.

Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Whiting visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Deaham last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hug have moved upon their ranch on Pumpkin Ridge for the summer.

Mrs. Sadie McNaughten, an old resident of Elgin, returned last week from a visit with her daughters in Idaho.

Mrs. McNaughten states that Miss Ethel, a graduate nurse, has offered her services abroad and hopes to be given a position in the foreign fields soon. Miss McNaughten was a graduate of the Elgin high school and is well known in the surrounding country. The Elgin people wish her the best possible progress.

Mrs. Lester Whittle of Rupert went to La Grande last Friday evening to meet her husband who will visit in Elgin with Mrs. Whittle's mother, Mrs. Mary Smith.

Mrs. J. A. Masterson of Elgin went to Portland last week to be with Mrs. H. G. Masterson who is under medical treatment.

A. N. Amundson went to La Grande last week to take the examination for entrance in the army. He

passed a perfect examination.

Reverend Loren of Enterprise spoke in the Elgin high school at the assembly last week.

Miss Inez Yates visited in La Grande last week.

Mr. Lloyd Reinhart visited at his uncle's farm on Pumpkin Ridge last Saturday.

Mrs. D. Sommer and Miss Daphne attended the Red Cross program at Imbler last Friday evening. Miss Daphne danced for the occasion.

Miss Aileen Riggs and Nell Milne attended the Red Cross entertainment in Imbler last Friday evening.

The Red Cross quilt which the local organization disposed of was secured by A. H. Parsons. The total amount of the sales was \$10.75.

The local Red Cross has been asked to make a service flag for the

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