

ARMS

VS.

BONDS

How much is an arm worth—An eye—A leg—Two eyes—Yea, a life?

We'll agree there is no adequate pecuniary compensation. Nevertheless, does the soldier of any type or character, declare "I can't give an arm, a leg, my eyes or my life to this cause—it isn't fair to expect me to make these terrible sacrifices?" Of course not! His personal safety isn't considered for a moment. In crossing No Man's Land, individuality is a negative equation. As a matter of fact he does sacrifice priceless limbs, and life itself, to the great necessity—victory.

There are Americans who catalogue themselves as true blue and who in their misguided honesty feel it impossible to buy bonds. "I am too poor," is the skulking post they hide behind. They lack a true vision of the situation—they can't put their so-called convictions to the acid test.

Here's the crucible, here the chemicals that know no wrong analysis:

Assume, if you will, that every man in Union county—poor as a church rat, or as rich as John D.—had to face the fact of losing a limb, an eye, or even his life unless he bought a bond. Poor though he might be, don't you suppose he would find a way to sacrifice enough to buy a bond and save his own life or avoid a maimed body? Of course, he'd get the bond and get it quickly. Necessity will find a way. The picture may be far-fetched, at first reading, but is it?

The soldier abroad willingly offers himself to the losses in mind. Even as the Lowly Nazarene unobtrusively climbed to Calvary 1918 years ago this week, so the gallant soldier goes to his death or physical disability. If the soldier performs all these heroic gallantries, shouldn't civilians at home, well fed, comfortably housed, surrounded by loved ones and security—shouldn't they find a way to buy Liberty Bonds, even though poor? The answer is, Yes! A thousand times Yes. No man, able to do a day's work, dares gainsay it.

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P.S.—WON'T YOU PLEASE VOLUNTEER YOUR SUBSCRIPTION AND THUS RELIEVE THE COMMITTEE OF A TASK WHICH STILL WILL BE ENORMOUS.

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