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## WHY NOT DRAFT DOLLARS?

What sanity is there about a dollar that it should not, as well as a soldier, be drafted into the war? The plan of raising an army by voluntary enlistments was discarded when the government met face to face with the necessity for a man power force. It was said that the conscription plan was the only way to get the most efficiency and in order to get the men classified to the best advantage all between the ages of 21 and 30 have been required to answer questionnaires. This plan has not met with any serious interference, in fact there can be no legal interference, and it is the most direct and prompt way to go about the business.

The government also requires money and this is secured in the way of a loan through the purchase of bonds on the voluntary basis. Many and many a young man, especially in this county, has volunteered for service without waiting for the draft. In the other branch of the government's necessities—money—many and many have bought bonds voluntarily. Why should not all come under the draft, instead of the ones who take the highest risk? Money, which is only loaned to the government, can be recovered. Life, the most priceless possession of all, is staked unreservedly in an enterprise on which there can be no guarantee.

If the necessities arise in the present war, the time is likely to come when a man's dollar will be no more sacred and no more entitled to exemption than is the risk imposed upon his son or his neighbor's son. It should be that way right now because it is just and because the exactions are immeasurably less severe than are those placed upon the young men of the country.

Property questionnaires should be answered with the same fidelity and should be treated no less rigorously than are the obligations imposed upon those subject to the draft. A mighty large percentage of the residents of Union county and of the state have responded patriotically to the call for money as well as to the call for men. But the reports as to the way the third loan is dragging over the country in general, do not sound well in comparison with the reports of what American soldiers are doing at the front. It is about time for the operation of the draft plan to have larger scope.

## FORGET IT.

The Portland papers report that Mr. Woodward and Mr. Ayer have dropped all controversy over the Portland library episode and by mutual apologies and expressions of esteem have decided that further contention shall cease and all will work for the common cause. Miss Hunt, of course, is discharged, and Miss Isom, whose loyalty has been fully established, will be retained.

The plan of letting this matter drop and turning the energies of all toward greater effort in the country's need is to be commended. These are inflammable times, and even a spark if misunderstood or ill-advised may tend toward destructiveness that should be conserved for a worthier cause. It is no mistake to say that there will be no toleration of the disloyal or passive attitude. It has been proven in our own community and is also being worked out in Portland. But having put through this edict of public will, the victors may, with all propriety, assume the magnanimous role and, after having accomplished the purpose, let the contention drop. That is the best way.

The Portland case shows that things were said and done in the angry and heated state which the participants are now glad to recall. Editor Piper, in an editorial in the Oregonian of yesterday, under the title "Let Us Be Calm," reviews the situation with a correctness of judgment that will be approved by all. He says:

The storm over the Hunt episode will subside soon, it may be hoped. Miss Hunt is out, and she will not reappear anywhere in this public service, and no one like her will be employed again at the Public Library or any other public institution. So much is certain. The people have given an outright and understandable expression of their sentiments and wishes. The Library Board will not make a similar error of judgment. It was indeed that, and that alone.

The Oregonian believes it will be agreed that the outbreak has cleared the atmosphere, in some desired directions; but it has also assumed some disagreeable and even dangerous phases. The public energies should not be consumed in local controversies when the vital need and duty of the hour is domestic unity and concord. The enemy of America is autocracy, brutality, barbarism, and bestiality, all organized in the name of the German Imperial and military power.

Let Germany be beaten and crushed. We can afford to set aside all other questions. The members of the Library board, and the librarian, Miss Isom, have been identified with vital war work. Their service is needed. Let the Hunt incident be regarded as closed. The Oregonian appeals for harmony, for a common agreement among all citizens to bury their differences in the Library matter, for concert of action in all war measures, for support of war service committed to worthy citizens who are identified with the Library, and for forgetfulness of all animosities which may have been created by the event.

## A TIME TO CHECK UP.

Most of the things you do are done merely from habit. Mainly you eat, dress, go about your business and your amusements, in a certain way. Only a comparatively small part of your actions is the result of reflection. This is a fine time to reflect. A good part of your spending is a matter of habit. You have never really considered whether four dollars could not be made to answer quite satisfactorily where you have been used to spending five. You do not stop to look at a hat marked three dollars if you have been used to paying twice that.

But saving is the minor fraction. Producing, earning is the more important thing. And that, also, goes a good deal by mere use and wont. How long since you have checked up your spare time and considered whether some of it could not be turned to productive account? Or really sat down with yourself and overhauled the shop to see whether you could not cut off an outgo there and extend an income here?

Not long ago an able and famous Wall Street man—now giving most of his time to war work—reminded other distinguished Wall Street men of a certain war work that all of them might well do. They are directors in various big enterprises—banks, railroads, insurance companies, manufacturing concerns. He mild every one of them should give closer and more critical attention to the affairs of every concern he had a hand in, so as to make it more productive and economical.

Everybody who earns and spends at all can do that. This war may last five years—ten years. Already it has wrought vast overhauling of collective affairs. Europe is doing hardly anything collectively now merely because it used to do them that way. It is a fine time for overhauling individual affairs.—Saturday Evening Post.

## A MESSAGE TO IRELAND.

Listen, I'm writin' ye, Jimmy O'Flannigan,  
 Sendin' a message from over the seas;  
 Shame toould Ireland and all of her fighting men!  
 Faith, 'tis no time to go weak in the knees.  
 Shades of St. Patrick, but I must confess to ye,  
 Much as I love the ould Emerald sod,  
 I, Mike O'Brien, am wishin' had cess to ye  
 Shikin' your duty to freedom and God.  
 Quit your shenanigan, with the world riolin';  
 Sure 'tis an Irishman's time to fall in;  
 When the war's over thin talk a-hout quietin';  
 England's oppression, but now 'tis a sin.  
 Faith, 'tis the kaiser himself would be rulin' ye.  
 Nivv' swap horses whin crossin' the stream;  
 Turn a deaf ear to the traitor that's foolin' ye.  
 Jimmy, belave me, 'tis no idle dream.  
 Here in America, where they are feedin' us,  
 Faith, there are men that the devil can't seave;  
 Ready to wallop the brute that is bleedin' us,  
 Ready to follow, the devil knows where.  
 Shame to ye, shame to ye, Jimmy O'Flannigan,  
 Routin' conscription! Come on wid the boys;  
 Let the old kaiser know Paddy's a man agh;  
 Sure 'tis ould Ireland can blacken his eyes.  
 Florence Goff, in Kansas City Telegram.

## PARENT TEACHER MEETING.

Showing vacant land, present land owners, streams, railroads, etc. R. R. Neal, County Surveyor, office in City Hall, over Fire Department—Adv. 4-19-15 p.d.

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## SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE ROYAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

Of New York, in the state of New York, on the thirty-first day of December, 1914, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Amount of capital paid up	\$1,000,000.00
Capital	1,000,000.00
Net premiums received during the year	4,595,738.22
Interest, dividends and profits received during the year	105,301.07
Income from other sources received during the year	1,420.42
Total income	4,702,459.69
Losses paid during the year, including adjustment expenses	22,451,922.62
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	None
Commission and salaries paid during the year	1,499,961.25
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	92,581.78
Amount of all other expenditures	239,319.42
Total expenditures	24,273,784.07
Value of real estate owned (net value)	None
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	4,517,460.85
Loans on mortgages and collateral	None
Cash in banks and on hand	511,694.77
Prepaid in course of collection written since September 30, 1914	1,116,837.72
All other assets	125,741.13
Total assets	6,165,694.57
Less special deposits in any state (if any there be)	None
Total assets admitted in Oregon	6,165,694.57
Gross claims for losses unpaid	2,832,721.27
Amount of unearned premium on all outstanding risks	8,299,781.67
Due for commission and broker's charges	300,000.00
All other liabilities	2,482,000.99
Total liabilities, exclusive of certified stock of \$100,000	11,914,503.93
Total liabilities in force December 31, 1914	12,014,503.93
Business in Oregon for the Year	
Total insurance written during the year	7,008,696.00
Gross premiums received during the year	30,826.97
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