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A JUST CAUSE WILL WIN.

The rapid and efficient manner in which this country has been getting ready for its part in the conflict in Europe should be accepted as something of a guide to those who are so insistent that the United States must be maintained on a war basis all the time. War preparation to the extent of having an adequate navy and a regular army of well-trained men is all right enough, but to go much further would be to imitate the powers of Europe which make war the prime object at all times. It is not necessary to go to this extreme in this country.

It is not the element of continuous preparation that wholly counts. The main thing is to be on the right side. That is the prime requisite for getting an army in the field and in securing the backing in money and patriotic impulse which knows no obstacles and no failure.

"Three armed is he who bats his quarrel just," is as true today as it ever was, and this is the sole foundation which has put the United States to a test of speed and efficiency that surpasses anything hitherto attempted in the world's history. A just cause for war is of greater power for ultimate triumph than a vast military machine maintained continuously for the emergency of war.

If the aims of the Prussian militarists had been other than the enforcement of their own ambitions, they would not be at war with the United States today. Their cause is wrong and has been all along. It is the baseness of their designs that has brought the preponderance of world force against them and which has aroused an opposition that will drag them in the dust.

Might within itself does not make right, but might makes wrong right. It is doing that in Europe right now and it will stay on the job until established militarism will be a thing unknown among the civilized people of the world.

OUR INDIVIDUAL PART.

Some observers think that the most characteristic thing about the American soldiers in France, something which astounds the enemy and excites the admiration of our allies, is the capacity of the American soldiers to do individual thinking and fighting. The German fights successfully only in mass formation, in organized bodies, while every American soldier has an initiative and independence of action which gives him remarkable efficiency in open fighting. They are not senseless cogs, but each is an individual working unit in a great fighting machine. Every American at home should

feel an individual responsibility and do his or her individual part in winning the war. There is not an American citizen who can not help with the war. The Fourth Liberty Loan drive offers a great opportunity for concerted action and for individual action, and the loan will be a tremendous success if each American will do his or her individual part as each American soldier in France does his part.

LIBERTY LOAN SLOGANS.

Wear your old clothes and buy Liberty Bonds.
Liberty Bonds or German bonds—age.

"Come across" or the Kaiser will.

The soldier gives; you must lend. Liberty bonds or German taxes. Buy over here to win over there.

It's billions for defense or billions for indemnity.

For Foch and freedom; buy bonds.

A bond slacker is the Kaiser's backer.

A man who won't lend is the Kaiser's friend.

The more bonds you buy the fewer boys will die.

Lets all get on the bond wagon.

Be one of the millions to lend the billions.

Dig up the coin and bury the Hun.

Buy bonds before it's verboten.

Idle dollars are pro-German.

Put the "pay" into patriotism.

Bonds speak louder than words.

If you can't fight, your money can.

Freemen buy bonds; slaves wear them.

STRICTLY AMERICAN.

The man or woman who raises a protest against President Wilson's order to the Bridgeport strikers or an objection to the President's proclamation to shipyard workers, as promulgated by Provost-General Crowder, is not only a poor citizen but an enemy to this nation.

There is no use to mine words about such an important matter, for no man has a right to strike while working on government work during the war period. The strongest and most loyal labor men agree that this is right and the American people unanimously approve it.

President Wilson, by his edict to the Bridgeport strikers, stating they should return to work at once or suffer being blacklisted on all government work and be inducted into the military service at once, threw down once and for all the old-gloved hand which has been in evidence so long and proclaimed by that statement that we are going to fight this war at home as well as in Europe. The president made himself very strong with the rank and file of American citizenship by that utterance.

And now comes the mandate to shipworkers that they must work and not be absent from duty, also

all exemptions will be removed and into the military service they must go.

That's the fine loyal manner—the American way—of handling things. Such orders as these sound like Theodore Roosevelt, and the country is pleased.

FORUM

WHISPERING PRO-GERMANISM.

September 23, 1918.

To the Editor of the Observer: Whoever wishes to discredit a person or institution in these days can do it by whispering "Pro-German." A story has come back to me which, of trifling importance in itself, ought to be stopped, before it goes any further. I do not know how far it has spread, but have already heard it from two sources, varying with the teller, like most such stories. This is it, condensed to a few words:

"The public library has a set of Books of Knowledge which are largely pro-German. The Neighborhood club ought to take up the matter and have the books removed."

The originator of this interesting tale would possibly be the last to own it in its present form. Whoever repeated the story has adopted the expression "Book of Knowledge" as a generic term for any large set of books for children. The "Book of Knowledge" is not in the library. I have never looked to see if the "Book of Knowledge" is pro-German or not, but I do not believe it is. As long as it is not in the library, the matter need not worry me.

The library does have a set of ten volumes called "Our Wonder World." I have used it in locating special fairy tales, in finding descriptions of birds and rabbit houses, or for the historical illustrations. Any German propaganda in it is so insidious that I have not yet found it yet. Anyone looking for trouble could find German propaganda in the dictionary. The books are kept in the library, because the set is too expensive to circulate. Incidentally, this is my objection to any such sets for children; that they are not worth the money paid for them.

The members of the Library board who purchased the set before I came to La Grande are all people of standing. My own record is open to investigation here or anywhere I have lived. Since the declaration of war with Germany, I have removed from the shelves of the library several books which were allowable in times of peace, and will remove others to which my attention may be called. The various state councils of defense have sent out lists of disapproved books. I have not seen any of the lists, but have followed oral and newspaper advice in the matter. Personally, I feel that no sane person would be influenced in favor of Germany by reading a book like Bernhard's "Germany and the Next War," which shows us what the military party of that country had been planning for years. But this is no time to argue for one's private opinions as to what is wisest. If the books are objected to by any council of defense, I remove them without argument, having more important things to think of.

Finally, this is not a question for the Neighborhood Club (of which I am glad to be a member) to take up. If we are circulating pro-German literature, the Library board, City Manager, Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, City Marshal, State or County Councils of Defense or the daily newspapers are capable of making an investigation on legally preferred charges. Any citizen is free to examine the books on the shelves of the public library. But

anyone is not free to spread slanderous rumors through the town. It will not be necessary to use legal means of suppressing pro-German writings. I am not only willful, but anxious, to promote the use of patriotic literature. That is part of my business. I write this without any action by the Library board, but I know without asking them, that no member would willingly have in the library any books not conducive to good citizenship.

While I am on this subject I should like to digress long enough to relate my experiences with war literature, as an illustration of how public opinion and interest have been changed by recent events and the enlightenment we have received in the past year. One of the first books bought for the library when I came was Mildred Aldrich's "A Hilltop on the Marne," acknowledged to be a classic of its kind. We had one or two other war books, which I urged people to read. The books stood idle on the shelves, and it was with difficulty that I could induce anyone to borrow them. By the middle of the winter, our fifty or more volumes on the subject were in constant use, and quite insufficient to supply the demand. We have an order in Chicago for more of them, and when they come, I expect the supply to be still too small.

Anyone bright enough to know a German lie when he meets it ought to bring the original lie to account, but I do not propose to keep still in the face of false accusations of pro-Germanism which will grow with repetition, discrediting loyal citizens or educational institutions. I am not in the least afraid for myself, because the people of La Grande know me, and have always treated me with courtesy and kindness, but I am extremely anxious not to let the reputation of the public library be damaged.

Yours truly,
LUCIA HALEY,
Librarian.

MOOSE SMOKE.

Wednesday night, Sept. 25. All Moose requested to be present and bring a friend or prospective candidate. Good time for stags that night.

By Order of Committee.
DR. MAYVILLE,
J. G. HOLMES,
CHAS. PROVOST.
Sept. 24, 25.

NOTICE.

I will raise fifty cents on the dollar on present price, on all monthly and weekly places I am hauling trash, or ashes from, beginning the first of October, 1918. If any change, notify me October 1.

E. G. LOVELY.

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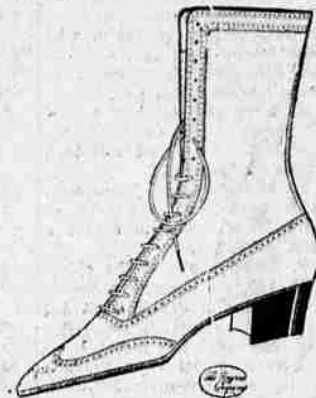
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UNCALLED-FOR LETTERS

List of letters remaining uncalled for in this office for the week ending Sept. 20, 1918:

Gentlemen: Oscar Corelson, J. G. Davis, W. G. Ellsworth, Miss Fur-
niture Co., W. G. Oliver, W. T. Poole, Joe Rimard, Frank Selig,
William Shanshan, W. J. Thomas.

Ladies: Miss Stella Anoldus, Miss Nancy Bridges, Mrs. J. D. Goin, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Howard, Miss Nettie Hall, Mrs. Lee Henderson, Mrs. J. W. Henry, Miss Cecelia Price, Miss Dolly Welken, Mrs. Effie Wade.

These letters will be sent to the Dead Letter Office on October 4th, 1918, if not delivered before. In calling for the above please say "advertised," giving date of list.

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Auspices of La Grande Army and Navy Auxiliary

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, 8:30 P. M.

Friday, September 27, 1918

ADMISSION:

ADULTS 50 CENTS

CHILDREN 35 CENTS

It's the Oregon Way

To put over the Fourth Liberty Loan even as it is opened—is the way they do things in Oregon. To think, talk and figure in advance; anticipate our quotas and volunteer our applications for subscriptions—is the plan of OUR campaign in which for the fourth time, we send our DOLLARS to back our BOYS.

In the past, proof of patriotism has not been lacking. But there are still a few—a very few, thank God, who do not realize the immensity of this War or appreciate the principles involved. A very few others would "let George do it"—while still others fool themselves into thinking the war is almost over.

EVERYBODY'S HELP IS NEEDED. WILL WE HAVE YOURS?

UNION COUNTY FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN COMMITTEE.

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