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Exterminate Them



NO SUCH PEACE WANTED

It is very refreshing to know how quickly the American public responded without a protest to the peace offerings of the Teutonic tribes. It is more than refreshing to realize that the people of this country possess that humanity which will not make the lives lost in battle in this great war, lost in vain. To know that our national heart bleeds for poor France and Belgium to the extent that we will not agree to a peace that will not give some restitution for the ravages committed.

The Observer never has felt that President Wilson's fourteen prerequisites for peace were sufficiently strong. In none of these fourteen articles is there a word uttered about indemnities for the French and Belgium people. Be that as it may, there will be little attention paid to the peace offered which the Teutons have so carefully sent out around the world.

Until Germany and Austria bow the knee, until these two countries admit to the world they have been wrong and show repentance, until devastation has left itself as a monument before the German people to remind them of what they perpetrated upon the world, until the Kaiser, with all his diabolical kin are taken from power and placed where they will no longer have influence, then and not until then can there be peace talked that will be genuine.

For the present the war will go on. Victories against German arms will continue. Right will continue to prevail and the Hun will be chased from their hiding place and brought out face to face with the Allies where the battle of right and justice will be won; where the earth will be purged of the scummy Hun and German Kultur will be forever crushed, just as it should be crushed.

WHY NORMAL SCHOOLS?

Some good little lady of North Bend, Oregon, seeks publication for her argument that Oregon needs no normal schools. Her words are so frivolous and so without meaning to anyone who knows the true conditions of Oregon's schools that they do not deserve publication.

It is plain to any thinking person that unless there is something done to reclaim the common schools of this state, and that very soon, our whole educational plant will go to seed, and our children will be taught university courses without knowing the meaning of the three "R's".

We must either convert what colleges we have into institutions that will deal with the commoner things in life or build some new ones that will. Teachers must be

trained to teach and the use of the profession as a stepping stone to something else must be eliminated or the grade schools will find themselves without instructors and the rural schools will vanish.

A POWERFUL MESSAGE.

Many people think that of all the poems of poetry brought forth by the war there has been nothing to compare in thought and expression with "In Flanders' Fields," by Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, of the Canadian Army Medical Corps, since dead at the front:

"In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
 Between the crosses, row on row,
 That mark our place; and in the sky
 The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
 Scarce heard amid the guns below.
 We are the dead. Short days ago
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
 Loved, and were loved; and now we lie
 In Flanders' fields.

"Take up our quarrel with the foe!
 To you, from falling hands, we throw
 The torch. Be yours to lift it high!
 If ye break faith with us who die,
 We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
 In Flanders' fields."

However beautiful may be the expression in this poem, it seems subordinate to the thought, and need not detain us here, remarks the Woman's Home Companion. The dead speak in these lines, and we who live must heed.

There can be no question as to the outcome of this war. The spiritually and intellectually civilized part of the world has resolved that the portion intellectually civilized only must be subdued. If this portion had kept the peace it would have been left to breed and barter in its own materialism; but it broke the peace and came ravaging out of its jungle.

The Germans know that they are going to be beaten, as well as the Allies know it. For months, however, Germany has hoped, and she still hopes, that by some chance she may make a peace that will favor her to a greater or less degree. Germany knows that the spiritually civilized world did not want war and long ago came to hate this war forced upon it. It is here that we must heed the voice of those who lie in Flanders' fields "If ye break faith—"

The creature called, for want of a more precise term, "pacifist," have grown constantly less numerous. Noise rather than numbers distinguished them even from the first. But to millions of our people there comes sometimes the temptation to long for peace, even though it falls short of victory. Has not the torch been carried almost far enough? Even if taken up, may it not be held a little less high?

These "millions of our people" are made up of the fathers and mothers of the soldiers who have gone to the front; we are thinking particularly of the mothers.

You are the mother of the son with our forces overseas, whisper comes to you that the Germans are ready for a just peace. This whisper may come from a neighbor, or it may come in print, or in some other way. The neighbor, or the author of the lines in print,

may be only foolish, or he may be a sympathizer with Germany. Your son is beyond the Flanders' crosses, row on row, along the danger line, facing the exploding shells and poison gas of the unyielding enemy. Other men in his company have been killed. Perhaps you would be more than human if you did not at least listen to these whispers. Perhaps it is not strange if you are tempted to believe; and to say, "We must make the just peace the Germans are willing to accept." Not strange!—with peace your boy comes home, without it he stays to face the exploding shells and the poison.

But what of the son of another mother, who sleeps in Flanders' fields?—"We are the dead." If he could speak, would he say: "Let them have their peace?" The answer has been made by one now himself of their company: "If you break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow

In Flanders' fields." That your son may know immediate safety it must not be that these other women's sons died in vain. They have given the "last full measure of devotion," and they more than we who have given almost nothing, are entitled to speak. "Take up our quarrel with the foe." It must not be that their death was fruitless, nor must the son of your son be forced to go through this same ordeal a quarter-century from now.

For of course the point is here: The Germans do not want a just peace. A just peace means the wiping out of their whole military machine and most of their dangerous feudal system of government. A just peace means the hanging of a considerable number of Germans of high rank who have ordered the violation of all the rules of civilized warfare. A just peace means that the Germans must pay for all the unlawful damage they have done. The Germans do not want a just peace.

This job must be finished. We shall not break faith. These dead in Flanders did not die in vain. While the larks still bravely sing, our guns must as bravely speak below till a peace is won of which both the dead and the sons of our sons can say: "They kept the faith."

Which Kind Are Yours?

There are only two kinds of clothes, those that save and those that waste. If you buy wasteful clothes you are depriving the government of needed resources of material and labor.

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 10-4- THE TOGGERY.



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