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THE SACRIFICE.

Another La Grande family has been called by this war to bereavement. Another family has tasted the bitterest there is in this life—the loss of a son. That family is of the sturdy, patriotic type, capable of withstanding anything for its country's sake, but the loss is none the less keen, the sorrow is none the less intense.

To every other family in Union county the Observer wishes to ask: What sacrifice are you making for your country? Are you and yours safely housed far beyond the realm of danger, and do you do war work in a perfunctory way, or do you do it with your whole heart?

Can you not as American citizens and neighbors of those now bowed in grief appreciate finally what this big war is?

If you have not done so, awake, awake at once, and fly to your duties.

There is something for you, each of you to do. And that work is to be done with heart that is right. It is to be done to save your country. Let nothing stand in your way. There is no social function, no household duty, no business calling to compare in importance with the war work.

Don't force us to say more.

THE McADOO ORDER.

Some time ago Mr. McAdoo issued an order that no railroad man should take part in the country's politics. At the time little heed was paid to the order, for frequently men in new jobs, such as Mr. McAdoo has had thrust upon him, issue orders which later on are rescinded.

But now it is understood that the order was issued in a serious moment and that the railroad director intends to stick by it. No greater wrong could be done the boys who operate railroads. To partially disfranchise all connected with the railroad system of this country is an act that should command the most deliberate consideration, and with that deliberation no such order would stand, for it is a matter of common knowledge that men who operate railroads have intelligence and have the country's good as much at heart as any other class of citizens.

We are charitable enough to believe that Mr. McAdoo either felt he was firmly in the right or that he was indulging in a political movement which he thought would at once meet with popular accord and discredit any possible statement that the Democratic party was building a huge political machine.

If he felt he was right he has but to reconsider the matter and get the general public expression—

not from railroad operators but from the public who patronize the transportation lines. If he felt it was a good political stroke he was mistaken, for he will lose both ways if the order is based on that issue.

This is no time to talk politics and the Observer refuses to enter into the political phase of the matter. But we do contend we have a right, knowing the railroad men on the Union Pacific, and knowing many of them in a personal way, to say that the order is unjust and unfair, and if enforced will beat down a splendid class of citizens and make of them men shorn of their vested rights as American citizens.

Think it over, Mr. McAdoo and reconsider this hasty piece of work.

NEFAARIOUS INITIATIVE BILLS.

C. S. Jackson, publisher of the Portland Journal, and leading single tax advocate of Oregon, has initiated two bills to be voted upon at the general election, says the Salem Journal. One of these bills repeals the delinquent tax publication law and the other sets the price for printing legal notices in Oregon, outside of Portland, where Mr. Jackson prints a paper and claims the right to charge any rate he pleases.

It is quite generally presumed that Mr. Jackson initiated these bills because the country newspapers of the state offended him by opposing the single tax measures which have from time to time appeared on the ballot. It may be, however, that abstractors, who thrive on mixed titles, court house claim scampers and speculators in delinquent tax certificates, raised a fund to persuade the Portland Journal to espouse their cause. It must have cost a considerable sum of money to pay petition circulators and other expenses incurred in the initiation of the bills.

The taxpayers generally desire the publication of the delinquent tax list because it is a businesslike way of doing business. It gives everybody full notice, stimulates tax payments, protects the taxpayer in all his rights, and enables the county to finally close its books each year with no over-hanging delinquencies.

In Marion county, for instance, we do practically a million dollars of public business each year—collect that amount in taxes and disburse it in various ways. The delinquent publication here in two papers usually costs about \$600 or \$200 to each paper. What private corporation doing a million dollars of business annually would not be glad to close up its books and turn over a new leaf at the end of the year for an expense of \$600?

Moreover, this expense does not fall upon the taxpayers generally, but upon the delinquent taxpayers who must foot the advertising bill. It is also a protection to the delinquent, worth all it costs, because it gives the full protection of publicity under a system by which the tax lien shark cannot buy property in the dark and put him to serious trouble and expense. The Jackson method, as proposed in the nefarious bill he has initiated, is in the interest only of the speculator. It is worse, if possible, than the single tax measures he has so often attempted to saddle upon the land owners of Oregon.

THE SUPREME BENCH.

With Conrad P. Olson's announcement for election at a time when the death of Justice Moore has forced the one elected to be written in on the official ballot by the voters, comes the question of young men for the bench. For some time it has been too much the belief that a man was unfitted for the high office until gray hairs and drooping brows proclaimed the fact that he had lived for many busy years.

When Lawrence Harris was placed on the bench that idea was dispelled, for Judge Harris has proven his worth.

The same will hold true with Conrad Olson, who is a young man, but a man of experience, possessing



A. L. Scott of Boston is one of the recruits from civilian life who has been asked by the government to buck the red tape of the war department. He has been placed in charge of clothing and supplies generally for the army. His only orders so far are: "Get the stuff."

good common sense and one who knows the law.

He should be elected. Governor Withycombe appointed him to fill Justice Moore's place and did so after weighing the matter carefully. The Governor in no way would lower the standard of the supreme court and the people are safe when the governor's appointment shall have been ratified at the coming election.

PRESS COMMENT

The next time the Junkers start a war they will have the stopper within reach.—Pittsburg Dispatch. Speaking of non-essential jobs, how about that of Germany's "Colonial Secretary"?—Pittsburg Post.

Archangel Revolt Was Quickly Ended—Head-line. Sounds like Milton.—New York Evening Sun.

Austria's recent appeal didn't bring peace, but it brought her a lot of good tips on how to get peace.—Arkansas Gazette.

With prohibition in California there will be fewer guides in the mountain country who look like deer.—Los Angeles Times.

Recent German luck has given the iron-cross manufacturers an opportunity to catch up with their orders.—Arkansas Gazette.

One ray of sunshine in the midst of Germany's troubles. Her states are being melted into ammunition.—New York Evening Post.

"We do not understand Foch's strategy," says a German military critic. If a Hun understood it, it wouldn't be strategy.—Pittsburg Post.

Russia needs neither another ear nor a president. She needs an analyst.—Long Island City Star.

The saloon business must be in a desperate plight when the brewers begin to go into the newspaper business.—New York Morning Telegraph.

It is gravely announced that Marshal Foch smokes two-cent cigars, but this cannot account entirely for the German retreat.—New York Sun.

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WAR-RIDDEN EUROPE NEEDS WAR SERVICE

AMERICAN WELFARE ASSOCIATIONS VITALLY CONNECTED WITH RECONSTRUCTION

(By Rheta Childs Dorr.) A big contribution which the United States had made to our fighting allies is the war service work among the troops of the nations affiliated with America. None of the war service organizations was known in France or Italy until we came into the war. Before the war ends they will be as familiar there as they are here.

When the Y.M.C.A., K. of C., Jewish Welfare and Salvation Army huts were established in France the active population was mildly interested but little curious. They thought the huts were cantons for American soldiers, a sort of offshoot of the Red Cross, with which they were already acquainted. But soon the American soldiers began to fraternize with the French poilus and the latter, after visiting the huts, spread the tale of the many and varied conveniences and necessities provided for the Americans. Moving pictures and entertainments, books, writing materials, banking facilities, athletics and games, education—a long list.

The K. of C. and the Jewish Welfare Board care for all allied soldiers in the same huts maintained for American fighters. The Y. M. C. A. has established a special service for the poilus with the approval of the French government which has military supervision over them. Foyers des Soldats they call them, literally, homes for soldiers. They need homes, these brave, tired, unconquerable French poilus. After four years of terrific fighting they are dog tired and need diversion. Between bouts with the invading Huns, they love to drop into their foyers for a cup of hot chocolate, a smoke and a comradely talk. Their slender pay, a franc twenty cents, a day, does not permit them the extravagance which marks the American soldier. But chocolate, coffee, bouillon, cakes, pencils, post cards and the like they can buy. Ten centimes, two cents, is the maximum price charged for these articles.

The most celebrated of the foyers, the Foyer du President Wilson, is an underground cavern at Fort Douaumont, northwest of the immor-

tal Verdun. Other foyers in the area over which the fighting has been most severe have been lost to the Germans, but of these, forty-seven have already been replaced and the others will be, for the French Government sees in them great possibilities for education of the soldiers.

This brings us to the other newly-established American institution, the public library. The library war service of the American Library Association has established in "Y" huts, Knights of Columbus huts, Red Cross houses, Y.M.C.A. hostess houses and other stations overseas, circulating branch libraries with a constant supply of books and magazines. These are not entirely fiction libraries, although of course, good fiction is included. The American fighting man reads to improve his status as a fighter, to help him in his special line of work and to get him a better job after the war. The Library War Service provides him with technical and text books and with every kind of trade and profession work from law to agriculture.

The French government has viewed this service with admiration. A commission recently was formed, with President Poincare as chairman, to study the American public library system and to establish it throughout France. Already the system has been established in the Foyers des Soldats. The Library War Service sends libraries of fifty to one hundred books to each foyer, and the department will soon be enlarged as the French government has requested that agricultural and other works be added. The war department has asked for moving pictures illustrating scientific farming, forestry, manual training, machinery, playgrounds and recreation centers.

American institutions, American secretaries like these are spreading from France southward into Italy. The K. of C. has ordered 100 secretaries to Italy, where 100 huts are being constructed. At almost 4400 points in Italy the Y.M.C.A.

has established its work. Soon Italy will have its homes for soldiers. Wherever the American flag goes to help in the war for liberty, there also will go the war service agencies, the helping hand. Seven of these agencies have been authorized to work abroad and at home for the soldiers, sailors and marines. These are the Y. M. C. A., the Y.W.C.A., the National Catholic War Council and the Knights of Columbus, the War Camp Community Service, the Jewish Welfare Board, the American Library Association and the Salvation Army.

Ancient Paragraph. Doctor Johnson, in writing a poem, from time to time would run his finger down the page, counting the verses to see how many more he had to write. The doctor had his resemblance to a paragrapher.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

See "Say, Young Fellow"—Arcade today. 10-11-11

Y. M. C. A. Educational Department. Short-hand and typewriting. Day classes, 10:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. Night classes 7:30 p. m. to 9:30 p. m. 10-7-1m

Doug. Fairbanks, Arcade today. 10-11-11

Sour Stomach. Eat slowly, masticate your food thoroughly, abstain from meat for a few days and in most cases the sour stomach will disappear. If it does not, take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. Red meats are most likely to cause sour stomach and you may find it best to cut them out. Adv.

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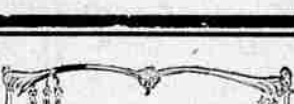


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