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OUR PART IN THE WAR

Our Government A World Power, Cannot Be Indifferent.

The enlistments for the navy seem slow. It is because the masses of the people are not impressed with its importance. To them the war is something remote— a conflict between foreigners for conquest and the extension of trade. They take little or no personal interest in the affair and feel no urgent cause for interfering.

The necessity for active participation must be brought closer home to them. Were Mexico to make such a demonstration on our border as would require 50,000 men to secure this country from invasion, 500,000 men would enlist in three days. When our republic numbered less than one-thired of its present inhabitants there was no trouble found in raising four millions of men to defend it. Were the present danger to be made apparent, there would be no difficulty encountered in raising three times four millions to go to the front.

But there is a feeling that Europe should settle its own differences and not seek to involve the United States in the controversy. That is the chief reason why men do not rush to enlist. They do not realize that our's is at last a world power, and cannot longer afford to be indifferent to what happens abroad.

Still much that concerns the United States depends upon how the present war shall end; whether militarism shall triumph or whether the inherent rights of men shall have a new vindication in the peace that shall finally be consumated; whether, after the war, the world shall be subject to imperial edicts or whether all nations shall stand upon an equal footing.

The solution of this mementous question is being worked out now and if, in the solution, the United States must give up its treasures in uncounted sums and its best blood in rivers, the country will be equal to the sacrifice. For, looking back over its history, it is clear that the creation and advancement of this nation were duly ordered, and that its ultimate objective must be attained no matter what the cost in blood and treasure and suffering.—Goodwin's Weekly.

Stop The Speculation

Wheat will soon be $3.50 a bushel—or whatever price the speculators may care to ask for it. The present price is beyond its worth or cost of production, by any and every method of calculation that its holders may care to apply to these elements of value. A not unreasonable protest has been raised against the arbitrary price-kitting methods of the wheat speculators.

It is within the province and power of the government to regulate the price of foodstuffs. The government can do this now—today. Of course, it can appoint a commission, with chairmen, secretaries, and stenographers, to meet in all cities of the country, and call a flock of witnesses from all the wheat fields, granaries, and elevators in the land, and at the end of a couple years to issue a voluminous report that no one will read and that no one can possibly understand.

But that is not what the suffering people want. They want the government to exercise now the power it has to prevent the continued robbery in the two years that it would take the commission to make its report. The government is in possession now of more knowledge of wheat conditions than the very highest-salaried commission could glean in two years. And it is today's price of wheat that interests the people. The government can regulate the price of wheat by the simple process of regulating it. If the government does not today control the rapacity of the wheat speculators, it may tomorrow be called on to curb the ferocity of bread rioters.—Spectator.

Sawmill Resumes Work

Warrenton, Or., May 22—The Smiley sawmill, which has been shut down for the past six years, is to be reopened within the next 30 days. A longer carriage for the logs has been ordered and logs of much greater length than could formerly be sawed will be cut. The ship plant, which has begun work here, will be able to utilize the greater part of the mill's output.

Men From 18 to 40 Can Enlist In Army.

New York, May 21—The age limits of applicants for enlistment in the regular army has been raised from 17 to 35 years to 18 to 40 years, according to an order made public at the office of Major John H. Hughes, in charge of recruiting offices here.

Strawberry Preserves

Recipe No. 1.

Sirup—Add 35 ounces of sugar to one-half pint of water, bring to a boil and skim.

Preserving—To this amount of sirup add exactly 2¾ pounds of washed, capped, and stemmed strawberries. Boil the fruit until it registers 222 degrees F. on a candy or chemical thermometer. If no thermometer is available, boil until the sirup is very heavy—about as thick as molasses. Remove scum from the preserves.

Packing—Fill the sterilized jars full of hot berries. Pour in enough of the hot sirup to fill the jar, leaving as little air space as possible. Put sterilized rings and caps on at once, but do not fasten tightly.

Sterilizing packed fruit—Stand the sealed jars in tepid water up to their necks if possible. Bring this water to a boil. Let pint jars stay in the boiling water for at least 15 minutes and quart jars at least 25 minutes, then close caps tightly at once. At the conclusion of the operation, stand each jar for a moment on its cap to make sure that the seal is absolutely tight.

Recipe No. 2

The following method is preferred by some because it leaves more of the natural color in the preserves.

To 2 pounds of washed, capped, and stemmed strawberries add 26 ounces sugar, let stand overnight. In the morning pour the juice thus obtained into a preserving kettle, add berries, and cook to 222 degrees F or until the sirup is very heavy. Pack and sterilize as in recipe No. 1.

Sterilize jars—While the berries and sirup are cooking, place the empty clean jars and caps in tepid water and bring to a boil, and allow to boil for at least 15 minutes. Remove the jars from the water only as they are to be filled and the caps only when they are to be placed on the jars. Simply drain jars and caps: do not wipe them. One of the inexpensive jar lifters will be convenient in handling the hot jars.

Sterilizing rubber rings—Do not boil rubber rings for any length of time. Just before placing them on the jars dip the rings for a moment into a quart of boiling water into which 1 teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda has been added.

Hood River Orchard Sold

Hood River, Or., May 22—George Wollam, formerly a grain rancher in Alberta, Canada, has purchased from Mrs. Etta Bancroft her 10-acre orchard place in the Belmont district. The entire tract the price for which was $6000 is set to bearing apple and pear trees. The place is equipped with a residence and outbuildings.

Officers' Positions Filled In Railroad Regiments

Washington, May 22—Senator Chamberlain states that all officers' positions are filled in the railroad regiments now being organized for foreign service.

Dallas Prohibits Card Playing

Dallas, Or., May 24—At a meeting of the Dallas city council last night an ordinance was passed forbidding the playing of cards in billiard and pool halls in the city. Violators of the ordinance will be fined a sum not exceeding $25 and 15 days in the city jail.

Increase In Potato Crop Is Predicted

Washington, May 24—A 25 per cent increase in this year's yield of early Irish potatoes is forecast by the agricultural department. On the basis of present crop conditions the department estimates the crop at 33,516,000 bushels, against 26,481,700 last year. California, with a crop of 2,347,000 bushels, will nearly treble last year's yield.

Flour Drops 40 Cents Barrel To $12.50.

Portland, May 24—Flour prices were dropped here 40 cents a barrel, effective this morning by the Portland millers. The lower price prevailing for wheat was given as the cause of the reduction. This makes the price of Patents $12.50. All flours are affected by the change. Present prices are just $1.20 under the record of $13.70 which prevailed here from May 9 to 16 inclusive.

Law Forces All Men to Work

Charleston, W. V., May 21—Every able-bodied citizen of West Virginia between the ages of 16 and 60 must work at least 36 hours a week; under a law passed by both houses of the legislature. The bill was urged as a war measure.

Canadian Shirkers Cannot Cross Border

Sherbrooke, Quebec, May 24—Men of military age will not be allowed to enter the United States from Canada. Instructions to this effect have been issued because of reports that young men who would be eligible for war service under a Canadian conscription law had tried to cross the border.

Goethals Calls for Data

San Francisco, May 22—George Sanfacon, secretary of the Maritime Bay District council, embracing more than 1000 shipwrights, caulkers, joiners and boat builder, will leave for Washington tomorrow in answer to a telegram from General G. W. Goethals, of the federal shipbuilding board. He will furnish data concerning yards, men and shipping facilities on the Pacific Coast.

Scarlet Fever Claims Two

Monmouth, Or., May 22—George and William Duchien, two children residing at Salt creek, died recently from scarlet fever. Two other children in the same family are reported ill with the same malady. Private funerals were held for the victims. In that vicinity more than half a dozen cases have been reported, although few are considered serious. Strict quarantine is being enforced.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon.

Portland—$6,000,000 ship job let in Oregon. Portland yards wilt build 10—6 will be built by Peninsula Shipbuilding Co., 4 by Coast Shipbuilding Co., 2 by C. A. Smith Lumber Co. at Coos Bay. Vessels will be wood and cost about $500,000 each.

Marshfield—Wages at sawmills increased to $2.91½ a day and 300 more men wanted.

Coos Bay—General business outlook for this section has never been so good as at present.

Grant County will vote June 4 on a $14,000 road bond issue.

Bandon—Prosper Mill Co. raise wages 10 per cent. Work to be started on aeroplane stock.

Benton county farmers keep tractor plows going day and night and Sundays.

Oregon railroads lose $500,000 to $600,000 a year by free passes.

Salem—Wholesale manufacture high-price shirtwaits succeeding here.

Pendleton will expend $2,000 on water supply intake.

Astoria—Machinery for paper mill on Young's Bay arriving.

Coos county industries suffer from I. W. W. invasion and sabotage.

Portland—Columbia Engineering Works launches 170 foot auxiliary schooner.

Eugene—Local planing mill to make 500,000 wooden pins for shipbuilding.

St. Helens Shipbuilding Co. launches third 5 masted auxiliary schooner. Contract taken for another lumber carrier 300 feet long with capacity of 2,000,000 feet.

Astoria—Port Commission buys $85,000 dredge to be used for deepening channels of lower Columbia.

Ashland—California men buy box factory and sawmill 7 miles from here, closed for a year, and will operate.

Eugene—Movement started here to repeal Sunday blue law, as unfair to working classes, and open places of amusement on Sunday.

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Weather Report.

Following is the report of U. S. Volunteer Cooperative Observer, E. Britt; Jacksonville, for month of March. Latitude 42 deg. 18. min. north; longitude 123 deg. 5 min. west.

Date	Maximum	Minimum	Precipitation
1	48	32	.08
2	55	41	23
3	54	33	
4	65	33	
5	63	44	
6	65	30	
7	57	45	.06
8	56	32	
9	54	36	
10	67	36	
11	58	41	44
12	58	30	16
13	58	24	
14	45	30	09
15	49	29	01
16	48	32	
17	60	33	
18	62	28	
19	63	36	
20	60	36	14
21	55	41	13
22	70	41	15
23	75	45	
24	76	40	
25	67	50	
26	67	41	
27	68	39	
28	64	36	
29	64	35	
30	54	40	44
31			
			1.93

Temperature—mean max. 60.16; mean min. 36.66; mean 48.41. Max 76. on 24, Minimum, 29. on 18. Greatest daily range, 36. Total precipitation 1.93 inches. Greatest in 24 hours, .44 in., on 11-30. Number of days with 01. inch or more precipitation, 11. clear, 1; partly cloudy, 14; cloudy, 15.

Total snowfall inches
Precipitation for season, 19.73
Precipitation for last season 16.69
Seasonal average 18.02

E. BRITT,
Cooperative Observer.

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Mayor Is Arrested By the Town Marshal.

Woodland, Wash., May 22—Five dollars and costs was the amount assessed against Mayor L. N. Plamondon by the town judge last Saturday when Town Marshal Jones swore to a complaint charging the chief executive with speeding on Davidson avenue, the principal thoroughfare. The mayor pleaded guilty, but stated that he was going but 12 miles an hour and was not aware that he was violating the speed limit. This is the first arrest in Woodland for this offense.