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THE PLEDGE.

I pledge my allegiance to the flag and to the country for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

A STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM

There are many young men, who, carried away with a spirit of patriotism, will follow the flag these days and enlist without giving a thought concerning the reason for their action. They believe that the cause is just because they have faith in the leaders of the nation. They have faith in President Wilson. They have faith in the judgment of Congress in so overwhelmingly sustaining the President's action. Further than this, many of the men now joining the colors, have sought no justification for their action.

While it stirs the feeling of all to witness this action on their part, and it must inspire the leaders of our government to thus be assured that the young men are willing to give their lives, if need be, to vindicate their action; yet with all of the American people these boys should, and no doubt, will have a clearly defined idea of what the war is all about.

As the war continues and the American people are growing more familiar with the intricacies of European diplomacy especially as evidenced by the activity of the emissaries of Berlin the realization is reached that the war is, fundamentally a struggle between aristocracy and democracy.

In such a struggle the United States could not, with honor to itself, nor yet without imperilling its own liberty longer maintain an attitude of neutrality. The young men who are leaving Malheur county to fight under the Stars and Stripes are turning to France in her hour of need the debt laid upon the American people by the service of Lafayette and his followers. When in the council of the nations after peace has been declared we can serve the cause of Polish freedom return will be made for the mighty efforts in behalf of American freedom by Casimir Pulaski at Brandy wine, and for his life's blood given at Savannah in 1779.

Deny as the Germans will until the end, their complicity in bringing on the bloody struggle, they can not deny their duplicity within the United States. They can not deny the multiplied evidences of their aspirations to rule the world. They can not deny the true import of the successive addresses and documents spread broadcast by the Grosse Deutsche Verband, nor the addresses made by leaders of the German American Alliance in the United States during the past twenty years, all of which supplementing each other weave an indelible thread around the band of Prussian Junkers who looked forward to the day, when as

one of their orators declared, "When a German hears his Fatherland mentioned he will think of the World."

It is to make impossible so calamitous a condition that the United States has entered the war. The sinking of our ships, the murder of our men, women and children on the high seas, are but evidences of what life would be for the people of the world should Prussianism prevail in the present conflict.

Returning Americans from Germany hear the word that the hate for England nursed by the German people thru the activity of the German Junkers is now mild compared with that they have for Americans, and this feeling has been rampant for months past. What then, does the most misguided patriot think would be the status of the United States should Germany prevail?

If, while still fighting half the world, German diplomacy can devote its time and hire its subjects to plot against the United States, intrigue in its politics, dynamite its industrial plants and seek to create within a land 2,000 miles from the fields of battle, a reign of terror, what would they do if left free to fight the United States alone? How long would our much vaunted American liberties be permitted to exist?

In the war of the revolution, the war of the rebellion and in the war with Spain every American soldier and sailor knew full well the cause for which he was fighting. It is just as essential that this should be true today. To fight blindly at the call of leaders may serve in aristocracies, but that is not the kind of fighting which best serves democracies. The man who fights because he feels the righteousness of the cause is the best soldier, and it therefore follows that those who would create doubts and questionings in the minds of the men, who either today or in the future may carry the rifle of freedom into the trenches of Europe under the Stars and Stripes is a traitor to his country.

The American army when it is sent abroad will go to fight for the freedom of mankind, and the soldier boys who left this week from Malheur county will be as deserving of honor and glory as were those who fought and bled from Bunker Hill to Yorktown or those who fought from Bull Run to Appomattox. They will have fought the fight of freedom, not only for themselves but for the oppressed of mankind throughout the world.

No finer young men could have been secured than the volunteers who left this week from Ontario and Vale to join the colors. As is always true the boys who first answer the call are the flower of the young manhood. And as is always the case there are left here still a few who without the responsibility for supporting a family could the better be spared.

Ontario and all Malheur county is proud of the boys who in such high spirits waved farewell last Tuesday night and is just as proud of the boys who before joined with the Idaho troops and are now doing their duty with the colors. As examples of physical manhood they will measure man to man with the best that will be found in the first million called to the colors.

Practically 100 young men from Malheur county have joined the colors. In ratio to its population of 10,000 people Malheur county has furnished its quota for an army of 1,000,000.

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No. 373 Mixed—Leave Ontario 1:20 p. m. Daily Except Sunday, Leave Vale 2:30 p. m., Arrive Brogan 3:30 p. m.

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The Code of Honor.

Dueling is a survival from the ancient judicial combats which were at their height in the middle ages. The first formal duel among English speaking peoples was in 1096. France seems to have been the land in which the "code" had its most flourishing times. From France the practice passed over to England, and from England it came over to America. In the early days of our country duels were quite common, but since Burr killed Hamilton the practice steadily declined. It is today a very rare thing for a duel to take place in any civilized land, and in the United States the foolish custom is really extinct—New York American.

Force of Habit.

"I suppose you form an attachment for an automobile," said the imaginative woman, "as you do for a horse."
"Yes," replied Mr. Chausson. "But an auto isn't intelligent like a horse. If it were, it would be leaving the road and trying to turn by at every station house or repair shop."—Washington Star.

Two Heroes.

Miss Martineau in her "History of the Thirty Years' Peace" tells a touching story of the wreck of the Rothsay Castle. "Two men, strangers to each other, found themselves holding on to the same plank, which, it soon appeared, would support only one. Each desired the other to hold on, the one because his companion was old, the other because his companion was young, and they quitted their grasp at the same moment. By extraordinary accidents both were saved, each without the knowledge of the other, and they met on shore to great surprise. Few greetings in the course of human life can be so sweet and moving as must have been that of those two heroes."

She Speaks.

"When I got home at 2 this morning my wife met me in the hall, and for a full minute she regarded me in silence."
"At length she spoke?"
"Yes, also she spoke at length."—Western Troubadour.

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