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The Pledge. I pledge my allegiance to My Flag and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

DISPELLING AN ILLUSION

If Sergeant Doe Wells did nothing else while in Ontario last week he certainly dispelled the illusion that many Americans, particularly those of German birth or German parentage, have long maintained concerning Germany and the German people of today.

As a recruiting agent for Uncle Sam Doe Wells is certainly a winner for hundreds of his hearers found themselves keyed tight and ready to fight the inhuman wretches who could do the things the speaker related.

Altho he possessed but one of the faculties of an orator, that of sincerity, he did possess that to such a degree that his audience forgot all else and concentrated mind and emotion on the story of his harrowing experiences.

No longer can one who heard him, picture Germany as it was pictured in the story books, a land of vine-covered castles perched high upon the banks of beautiful rivers. A land where under the direction of Knightly Nobles, peasants went to their daily work in the fields singing folk songs set to music by the masters their nation produced in the centuries past.

The hymn of hate has done its work. But it alone is not to blame. The philosophy that Germany has wooed the past half century was not that of love. It was a religion of conceit, a worship of self, a magnified obsession for power.

This has been so thoroly taught the Germans of all classes by the Junkers that they hate with a consuming hatred those who oppose their march to power. They seem to think that it was the duty of the "swine," as they call the allies, to lie down that they might be honored by being trampled on by German feet.

The teachings of Hegel, Neitche, Treitschke, Bernhardt and their followers supplanted the song of the peasant, and prepared him for the hymn of hate which with increasing loss of her soldiers destroyed the last vestage of Christianity and civilization from the land and left barbarism to reign supreme.

That is the kind of people we are fighting today. The horrors they have committed in the name of "necessity" pall upon the lips. The blood boils to think of them and the eye sees red.

It is no wonder that the American people can not now tolerate anyone who, with perhaps, the idea of the old Germany, the Germany of ideals, of Heine, of Goethe, of the Music Masters, in his mind, expresses the slightest sympathy for them.

The American people do not sympathize with baby murderers. They do not condone the rape of Belgium. No plea of necessity can be entertained. Germany's crimes against humanity are the nation's crimes. They are not the acts of individual soldiers who violated orders. They are the coldly calculated acts of a people determined to impress their "kultur" on the world. Surely in the face of the evidence of one who not only saw but in himself experienced examples of the atrocious acts of Germans no one can longer have in his heart anything but the most profound loathing for even the word German.

A MILITARY NECESSITY

Now that the landowners under the Warm Springs have definitely determined on seeking government aid there is but one thing to do, get that aid. There is now no chance for a private bond sale that any man in his senses would consider. And it is altogether likely that Congress will take over the authority of limiting bond issues. Eminent authorities take the advanced position that no bonds be issued save for purposes authorized by Congress and needed for the

advancement of military needs. That being the case private capital will not be available for private investment, nor will it be at liberty to seek an open market.

Even the adoption of such a law would not effect government aid for the Warm Springs. This project comes directly under the classification of those enterprises which are of a military necessity. The addition of the 18,000 acres of new land which the completion of the project would make arrigable would materially increase the supply of food for this section and thus serve a direct war purpose.

SAVING FOOD IS A NECESSITY

Announcement has been made that the United States has already sent to the allies the full surplus of wheat and meat over the ordinary consumption during times of peace.

It is therefore evident that every pound of wheat, every pound of meat that is sent from the United States from now until the next crop is harvested is a pound of wheat saved, or a pound of meat which some American has denied himself or herself that those who

With the food supply of the nation at such a point there is an insistent demand for food for the armies of the allies, as well as for American soldiers. Steps should immediately be taken to curb the food hogs in America. There are some such in Ontario who should be made to feel the effect of governmental supervision.

Such conversational patriots should be forced to take their chances with everyone else in the distribution of the necessities of life. The man with a million is no more entitled to be fed than the man with a dollar. Both are Americans, no more and no less.

There is evidence sufficient extant to show that Uncle Sam is treating the food problem just that way and the rich as well as the poor will have their food cards unless by voluntary action the people accept the situation and patriotically give their co-operation in saving food now.

THE ALLIES GIFT TO CHRISTENDOM

After more than 1200 years Jerusalem is in the hands of Christians. It is the allies gift to Christianity for Christmas 1917 and millions of devoted followers, and those who barely professed belief in The Saviour's teachings will rejoice.

The capture of Jerusalem is but another of the strange outcomes of the war. When the conflict began in 1914 Great Britain endeavored in vain to localize it to the Balkin peninsula, but Germany would not listen to such a proposal for she dreamed of her empire from Antwerp to the Persian Gulf.

During the early stages of the war its horrors were far from the Holy Land, and few indeed speculated that in the course of events the Turks would be driven from it.

To the student of history the fall of the sacred city has more than passing interest. For its release from the impossible Turk thousands of lives have been shed. Some of the most inspiring acts of Knightly heroism were performed by the Crusaders who sought to win the Holy Grail.

Indeed one of the strangest things about the whole age long struggle for possession of the City of The Master is the fact that it has fallen in a war started by the German's descendants of the people who saw thousands of children march on over the Alps, to struggle and die in a fanatical attempt to win the Holy City.

MAKE IT A RED CROSS CHRISTMAS

"If I had, had, one more bandage, my arm would have been saved," said Sergeant Wells to Ontarians the other night in his admonition to them to help the Red Cross. Think of the significance of that remark. Next year, or next month the boy lying in No Man's Land may be an Ontario boy. Will you have a bandage there for him? You can help to by joining the Red Cross or asking some one else to join.

Speaking about climate have you noticed the variety that Ontario has enjoyed during the past month. This shirtsleeve weather is vastly different from the brand that is being used "back East," say in Minnesota, from which so many Ontarians come. No doubt the Gophers have noticed it. But rather than have them over look it the Argus just mentions it.

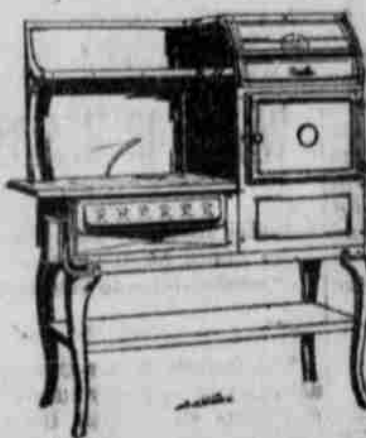
Ontario and the Snake River Valley is going to have another opportunity to demonstrate that its heart is right in the war. The Christmas drive of the Red Cross is peculiarly appropriate.

Cutting the "Eat" Out of Wheat, Meat and Sweet

Are you doing this? Are you urging others to do so? Even if done to a considerable extent it is but a small sacrifice. Better to consider the requests of Food Administration Officials than create the necessity of food card distribution. It is much easier to practice self-restraint than to have restraint placed upon us. Its up to those who are in daily contact with the consumers to promote the substitution of those commodities of which we have a liberal supply for those that we are urged to use sparingly. We suggest the following as substitutes: Canned Fishes for Meat. Syrups, in place of sugar. Graham, in place of W hite Flour.

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Overdrafts	92.05	Surplus and Profits	57,493.54
Liberty Bonds and U. S. Bonds	52,369.00	Circulation	21,900.00
Other Bonds and Warrants	39,834.26	DEPOSITS	844,233.13
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TAKEN UP

A buckskin cow, weight about 1000 pounds, about six years old, now dry, came to my place a half mile east of Ontario on December 3 and after having been driven off, returned and broke into corral with stock. Owner may have same by paying for this advertising and cost of damages and keep.

W. H. UTLEY.

Joe Daws of the Ontario Pharmacy was a Welser visitor Sunday.

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