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I pledge my allegiance to my Flag and to the Republic for which it

CARRYING IT HOME

Right now it is a question of how to conserve the man power of the nation. With Russia practically speaking out of the war America is going to be called upon to do just that much more to "Can the Kaiser."

To put that job over is going to require men. Real men. Every man who can be spared from work that could otherwise be done must be released, say the officials of the administration. They know what they are talking about, or should at least.

It is all very well to theorize on this subject but that will be of no account unless something tangible is done. One of the tangible things that everyone can do is to carry home groceries and other things that are not too heavy. By so doing the men used in delivery service can be spared for other work.

Uncle Sam's food administrators are looking after the interests of the people. For example the price of sugar has dropped nearly \$1 per sack, flour has dropped \$1.50 per barrel. The consumer has received the benefit of these regulations. The administration will not stop with the manufacturers and the jobbers but will go straight thru with the deal to the retailer. The retailer will not be permitted to profit any more than the men higher up.

Now it is a question of loyalty all round. If the public will co-operate the merchants with the cash and carry home plan can sell cheaper and give the consumer the benefit. That is evident. The merchants are not asking this of their own volition. The movement started with the United States Food Administrators. It is aimed directly at the cost of doing business with the combined object of saving men and money.

When the people understand the facts there is no doubt but that their loyalty will prompt them to a hearty co-operation. It will be difficult at first for some to do so. A nation can not change its economic system in the twinkling of an eye just because an order has been issued by the government, but when the necessity is demonstrated there is no doubt of the loyalty of the vast majority and they will help the merchants make the effort to comply with the government's request.

There are some lines of business of course which will have more difficulty in reaching the absolute cash and carry basis such as they would desire to do so. Like the consumers they will have to adjust matters. As a matter of loyalty to the Nation, to the State and to Ontario the public should co-operate in this effort to save the man power of the nation for the principal business of the people at this time, war on every thing that will detract from the energy needed to "Can the Kaiser."

THE RED CROSS CHRISTMAS

The Christian world has, in spite of the war, much to be thankful for this Christmas. While the suffering that will be present in many homes could have been avoided had the nations comprehended the true significance of the Hohenzollern lust for power and world dominion, yet there has been awakened a spirit of generosity, a desire to help care for others such as the world has never known.

In wonderful contrast to the brutality of Prussian barbarism is Christian virtues manifested by the millions who are giving of their time, their health and their wealth to the Red Cross and its mission of mercy.

For the awakening of such a spirit the world may well be thankful. It compensates, in a measure for the deeds of the Huns. It makes possible the continuance of faith in the worthiness of mankind. With out it man might well be deemed a mere brute and all of our boasted civilization mere sham and pretense.

The Red Cross is not the only agency which is keeping the world's faith in humanity. Thousands of individuals, thru organizations of various kinds, some headed by Gentiles others by Jews, representing every shade of Christian philosophy are by their deeds, rather than by their words keeping alive in face of the awful revelations of human depravity the teachings of Him for whose coming to this world the angels sang, "Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Men."

The message to the American people this year is to view, not the horrors men have committed during the past year, even the those who commit them call themselves Christians, but to consider the many deeds of kindness done to alleviate the sufferings of mankind by millions of workers everywhere, and be thankful for the Christian spirit which prompts them.

LEARNING THRU ADVERSITY

It takes adversity to teach many lessons. Many times the lessons are of great benefit to the scholar even if they were forced on him. Take the matter of learning to eat foods never tasted before. Many pampered Americans who in the soft days of ease scorned food made from oats, barley and other cereals less aristocratic than wheat have learned what they missed and now enjoy the simple foods.

West Point and Annapolis Examinations

Congressman Nick Sinnott has been called upon by the War Department and the Navy Department to designate a cadet for the military academy and a midshipman for the naval academy to take official examinations for admission during the spring of 1918.

He will make designations of principals and alternates to fill both these vacancies on the basis of a competitive examination to be held on January 9, 1918, by the U. S. Civil Service Commission simultaneously in the following eight cities in his district.

Klamath Falls, Lakeview, Ontario, Bend, Baker, LaGrande, Pendleton, and The Dalles. Candidates should report to local Civil Service secretary at the postoffice at 9 o'clock a. m. on that day.

Any young man of the required age is eligible to enter this competition who is now, and has since December 1, 1917, been an actual bona-fide resident of the Second Oregon District. Candidates for admission to the military Academy at West Point must not be under 17 nor over 22 years of age on date of admission; to the Naval Academy, between the ages of 16 and 20 years on date of official examination.

The competitive examination will probably cover the following subjects: Algebra, Geography, History, English Composition and Literature, Plane Geometry and English Grammar.

Those desiring to take the examination should write to Congressman Sinnott, 242 House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. at once, for sample questions and further information. It is important that each should also state whether he prefers designation to the military or naval academy.

Sinnott Watches Small Postoffices
The postoffice department has ordered the discontinuance of many small postoffices in Oregon recently. Among those proposed to be discontinued are Barney, Crook County; Howard, Crook County; Trailfork, Gilliam County; Cottonwood, Grant County; Venator, Malheur County; Gooseberry, Morrow County; Lost Valley, Wheeler County; and Lonsomehurst and Arrow. Resignation of the postmaster and report of the inspector that a successor cannot be obtained is the cause of this threatened action in most cases. As soon as Sinnott is informed of the report of the inspector, with his usual vigilance on matter touching people of his district, requests that order be suspended until he can find out whether the patrons of the office are willing that it be discontinued. If they are not it is up to them to provide a suitable person who will take the vacant office, if such can be found.

MOTOR RURAL CARRIER EXAMINATION

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the County of Malheur, Oregon, to be held at Ontario, on Jan. 12, 1918, to fill the position of motor rural carrier at Ontario, Oregon, and vacancies that may later occur on motor rural routes from post offices in the above-mentioned county. The salary on motor routes ranges from \$1,500 to \$1,800 per annum. The examination will be open only to male citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory supplied with mail by a post office in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Forms 2131 and 1977. Form 2131 may be seen posted at any post office in the county for which the examination is held, and Form 1977 and application blanks may be obtained from the offices at which the vacancy exists and where the examination is to be held, or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. The appointee to this position will be required to furnish, maintain, and operate a modern motor vehicle with a carrying capacity of not less than 80 feet. Applicants must file with their applications a statement of the equipment they will be able to provide in the event of appointment. Applications should be forwarded to the Commission at Washington, D. C., at the earliest practicable date.

Special ANNOUNCEMENT

Wilson Bros. Change to "Cash and Carry"
JAN. 1, 1918

Complying with the request of Our Government, towards the conservation of Man power, Gasoline and etc, and toward the end of Food being distributed to the people as cheaply as possible, we will on the First of January 1918, put into effect the plan known as Cash & Carry, which if carried out by everyone concerned will greatly tend toward lowering the prices of Food stuff.

BY CASH—we mean that everything that goes out of our store will either be paid for in advance, when sale is made, or upon delivery of the goods. Knowing that it is very inconvenient to have to pay for every thing when you buy it, or when the delivery boy calls with the goods, we will submit to you a very attractive proposition in due time to overcome this, the only disagreeable feature to the plan. A plan that will appeal to you from a financial standpoint, and will lower the price of food stuff.

BY CARRY—we mean that we will make the uniform charge of 5 cents each time we make a delivery to your home. This will apply to a bill of goods amounting to \$100.00 or to an order for a package of yeast foam. The point that Our Government wishes to make, and have you see is this; that the cost of delivering the yeast is almost as much as the cost of delivering the large bill. Your observance of the above will tend to lower the price of food stuff.

Present conditions being forced upon us on account of the war, we believe that by conducting our business upon the lines as set forth above, we can serve Our Government, You, and Ourselves to a better advantage, and we respectfully ask that our customers refrain from asking us to deviate, or make any changes, from the plan as outlined above, which is the plan of Our Government.

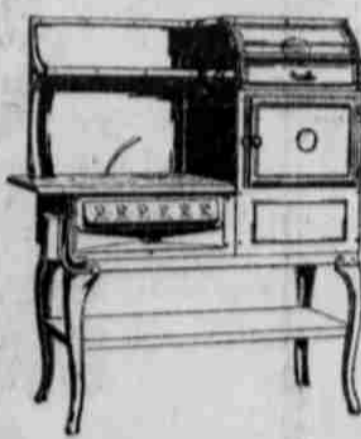
We thank our customers very kindly for the business that they have given us, and we trust that we may have merited it, and wish to extend to all, friend and foe alike, our very best wishes for, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."



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