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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.

HIT THE TYPHOID.

Those citizens who realize that they can be of assistance in solving community problems can do no better than to get out and vote at the bond election. It is a wonderful chance to aid in solving what has been the most vexing of Ontario's difficulties.

In view of the discussions which the epidemics of typhoid have caused during the past two years it is hard to see why there were not more than 191 persons out to vote on the preliminary election two weeks ago.

It is true that there is no opposition to the proposed new system, that everyone is for it, but those who are interested and who fail to vote are almost as dangerous as real objectors, for by not voting they are making it appear to purchasers of the proposed bond issue that the people are not greatly interested in the matter.

Do not, therefore, let the fact that there is no open opposition to the proposed improvement lull you into a feeling that someone else can do your voting. If you do not want typhoid in Ontario, get out and do your own voting. The very fact that there were fifteen votes against the proposed charter amendment indicates that there are a few here who want to continue the alliance between disease and the city, or who at least are opposed to taking steps to drive the scourge from the city.

THE OPEN FORUM.

Bullets and bayonets are not the only weapons of this great World War. The newspapers are being used to advantage and historians of the future may view them as numbered among the most potent of the weapons for the battle seems to rage in the open forum of world opinion more than in the trenches of France and Flanders.

Starting with Lloyd-George's series of addresses and growing more intense since the United States joined in the struggle and President Wilson brought his matchless controversial ability to the aid of the allies, the opponents of Machiavelian diplomacy have been talking directly over the heads of the Chancellories of the Central powers to their unfortunate peoples. The spokesman of the allies are giving tangible evidence of the belief they entertain in President Wilson's proposition that unless the peoples guarantee the proposals the allies will have no dealings with the governments of Germany and Austria.

Viewed together the speeches of President

Wilson, Lloyd-George and lately those of Chancellor Hertling and Count Czernin are the preliminary pour parlors of peace. Of course the representatives of the Potsdam pirates would hardly recognize that fact since they do not do business in that manner, over in Germany, and in all probability only distorted versions of the President's addresses and those of Lloyd George have been printed in the Central Empires. If only they were printed in full and all of the peoples of Germany and Austria could read, then indeed, the battles of the trenches would soon be over.

GETTING ACTION.

While Senator Chamberlain may not have the satisfaction of seeing his plan for a war cabinet favorably acted upon, it is measurably certain that if the Overman bill does pass he can take to himself credit for centralizing responsibility for more efficiency in the conduct of the war. The Overman bill is aimed to get, from another angle, what the Chamberlain war cabinet measure was intended to secure. It remains to be seen whether it will be successful.

In sponsoring this bill President Wilson has, as in previous times of stress, taken the burden of responsibility all to himself. He shows no fear and is evidently confident of his ability to secure men capable of leadership in the various branches of service, as well as in the greater task of originating and carrying forward an adequate cooperative plan of action.

No pride of opinion should prevent Senator Chamberlain or any other critic of the President from wishing and praying for his success in this gigantic task. The very life blood of untold thousands depends upon his success. The United States has the men capable of performing the work the President has asked be assigned to him direct. If the President will but call upon the hundreds who are willing, if given authority, and not bound by time worn government red tape, to serve the nation at this time, without regard to party affiliations, past or present, the growing list of critics will be silenced, and Senator Chamberlain can be credited with having forwarded a worthy object.

MORE CAMOUFLAGE.

An organization which frankly declares that its purpose is to secure control of the political institutions of the State of Oregon for its own members has been formally launched in Portland and in face of its avowed purpose has the temerity to designate itself as "the Non-partisan League of Oregon."

If it be a non-partisan act to secure control of governmental machinery by the members of a secret society composed of dues paying members, upright and honorable tho they be in all their dealings both in public and private life; righteous and honorable tho their occupation may be, and high tho be their motive in getting that control of the government; in spite of all this we ask, if that be non-partisanism then what is partisanism?

The mere truth of the matter is that the leaders of the movement which seeks to subvert the objects of government for the benefit of their society, have taken the old method of using a catch phrase to snare the unwary.

This space is devoted to the expression of the opinions of the youths of Ontario and was edited by the pupils of the Seventh Grade

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RUIN AND DESOLATION

What We Could Expect If the Germans Invaded the U. S.

The Germans first laid waste the fields of Belgium in their triumphant but wicked march over the country. Women, men and even children lay dead in piles scattered along the roadway which flying shells or terrifying sword of "Kultur" murdered. They tore up the grain fields, laid waste the houses, and left the inhabitants half murdered to face starvation.

France was treated the same way. When Roumania entered the war, Germany at once attacked and burnt her towns. The oil wells that the Roumanians did not burn, the Kaiser's agents did.

Then if the Germans came over here with a large army they would spoil our harbors, kill perhaps your children, burn your houses, murder your live stock, and the result would make even a pigpen ashamed of itself.

Do you want to be treated thus? Are our lives not worth more than a few dollars for the Red Cross and a Liberty bond? Physicians claim that germs are the greatest foe to man, but I believe you will agree with me that most of the Germans supporting the Kaiser are a greater menace.

CECIL THOMPSON.

EASTERN STAR PARTY.

The members of the Ontario Chapter of the Eastern Star are going to give their annual party for their children, on the night of the 16th. It is a little late this year but it promises a good time for those who are present. The parents who have charge of the affair, are planning to have larger and better amusements this time than they have given the preceding years.

FRANK VAN PETTEN.

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF THE PAYETTE-OREGON SLOPE IRRIGATION DISTRICT.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Payette-Oregon Slope Irrigation District, at a meeting held September 28th, 1917, levied an assessment on lands within the District for the expenses of the year 1917, as follows: for bond interest and bond fund \$18,361.02; for maintenance fund \$18,361.02, being at the rate of \$6.128 per irrigable acre on the lands within the District.

And notice is further given that at a meeting held on January 8th, 1918, the said Board of Directors levied a special assessment on the lands within the District, as follows: for bond interest and bond fund \$5,862.00, being at the rate of \$1.00 per irrigable acre on the lands within the District, and that said assessments are now due and payable to me, the undersigned Collector of said District, at the office of the Board of Directors, which is the one-story frame

WHAT GERMANY TELLS HER PEOPLE.

When the Allies drive the Germans back, the Germans tell their people that they merely moved back to a stronger position. They call it a strategic retreat. They keep their troops in high spirits by telling them that their troops on another front had pushed the enemy back with heavy losses. For instance, they told their troops in Flanders that their airships and Zeppelins had destroyed London and all the forts. They also told their troops that their spy system has stopped the manufacturing in the United States, and that we will have a revolutionary war started by the I. W. W. I suppose they tell their people now that we are freezing to death by thousands on account of the lack of coal.

MILO WRIGHT.

MISS BOYDELL.

All Miss Boydell's room have joined the Junior Red Cross and are planning a program for Washington and Lincoln's birthday.

MISS McNULTY.

Miss McNulty's room has a 100 per cent Junior Red Cross membership. She had a large cross on the board and each one that joined put a small cross beside the large one. One of her boys sold his dog to get the twenty-five cents.

The pupils of Miss Biggs' room have collected all their Red Cross money and are going to celebrate Washington's and Lincoln's birthday.

The pupils of Miss Purcell's room have collected all their Red Cross money.

Miss Callin reported that they had collected their money by carrying coal.

EDWIN GRIFFIN.

HOW WE GET BOOKS TO OUR BOYS "OVER THERE"

There are several styles of books called for in the cantonments. The most common are "Huckleberry Finn, books on the war, books on France, and those telling of the methods the Germans use in fighting. The U. S. were confronted by the large problem of getting books to our boys "over there." They solved it in this way: Every boy who went to France was handed a book as he went aboard the transport, to keep until he got to port and then he was to give it to the port officials. Besides this the transport carries a little over a book apiece.

Nearly 5000 books were lost when the Tuscania was sunk.

DICK ADAMS.

Last Friday the Seventh grade debated the question, "Resolved that Chamberlain was right in his accusations against Baker." The affirmative were Francis Folger, Theresa Smith and Joe Crummett. The negative were Edwin Griffin, Helen Wells and Guy Secoy. The Eighth grade pupils visited and the judges, Clara Inez Wood, Hugh Biggs and Eugene Hale, were selected from among them. The debate was very good, only the affirmative had their points lined up more thoroughly. The judges decided in favor of the negative. But the majority of the Seventh grade agreed that they thought the affirmative was the better, although we like to show our patriotism and think that we should stand behind President Wilson in this crisis.

MARGARET DRANE.

Monday evening there were two basket ball games. The Sophomores against the Juniors. The Sophomores beat the Juniors 26 to 7. The other game was the Freshies against the Seniors. The Freshies beat the Seniors 35 to 4. They were playing for the championship of the high school.

ROBERT LINZY.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executor of the last will and testament and estate of Sarah Ann Russell, deceased, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Malheur, his final account of the administration of said estate; and that Saturday, the 16th day of February, 1918, at the hour of one o'clock p. m. of said day, at the court house in Vale, Oregon, has been duly fixed by order of said Court as the time and place for hearing and passing upon said final account and settling the said estate. Any and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear at said time and place and file their objections in writing, if any there are, to said final account and contest the same. Done and dated and first published this 17th day of January, 1918.

J. D. FAIRMAN, Executor of the Estate of Sarah Ann Russell, Deceased.

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