

# The Oregon Argus

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## CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL FREEDOM

This day is no longer the anniversary merely of the birth of American Independence. It is no longer a day set apart by citizens of this great Republic to commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Our entry into the terrible struggle in Europe has given it a higher and holier significance as is attested by the action recently taken in France, in Italy and in England, and still more recently in Brazil, setting it apart for special commemoration by their citizens. July Fourth from this time forward is the day for celebrating International freedom from the rule of tyrants.

What could be more timely on this day, therefore, than a perusal of the contents of the famous document which so succinctly and in such eloquent and dignified style declared, "the causes which impelled the separation," of the colonies from the mother country?

The mere reading of the Declaration from a literary view point will repay well any citizen. But now every one should ponder well its statements and realize that great as was the burden borne by the forefathers of our country and justified as they were in appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of their intentions; the American people of today are equally justified in carrying forward the cause to which the signers of the Declaration mutually pledged to each other their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor.

The Declaration of Independence was drawn by Thomas Jefferson as an indictment of a German despot, George the Third of Great Britain. Today all over this land thinking men will, in thinking of the causes which impelled the United States to enter the world struggle, draw an even more damning indictment against another German tyrant, Wilhelm II, Emperor of Germany.

While the Declaration of Independence cites but 25 counts against George III and one each against the King and Parliament combined and one against the English people for continuing such men in office, the counts that may be specified against the Kaiser are legion, and this is true too in the case of the Reichstag and the people of Germany.

Compared with the injustices to the American Colonies the offenses of the German brutes against humanity are more savage. The worst of the charges brought by the founders of this government against King George can be duplicated in the case of the Kaiser vs. Civilization. There exists no law of God or man that the present ruler of the German people has not trampled under foot.

Since the United States, therefore had arrayed itself beside the nations which have struggled for years that a Prince whose character permits of acts of basest cruelty shall not extend his dominion over helpless nations it is entirely fitting that the nations of the world should commemorate with us the anniversary of the pronouncement to the world of a new Magna Charta of human liberty. We should, too, on such a day solemnly pledge ourselves to feel more deeply our personal obligation to the men who made possible the realization of the great ideals for which our forefathers struggled and for which our men are struggling today in France.

### BUY W. S. S.

#### "TAX, FIGHT, EMANCIPATE"

In three words, "Tax, Fight, Emancipate," Frederick A. Pike of Maine characterized the duties which alone were to be performed by the Thirty-seventh Congress which was in session in 1862. This he declared to be "The Trinity of Our Salvation." Today history is repeating itself and the American people are bearing a greater burden of taxation, fighting a more gigantic battle to achieve an infinitely wider and more significant emancipation.

There is a striking resemblance in many ways to the situations faced by the two war Congresses. As in the case of the rebellion the great and fundamental issue was that of Slavery, so it is today. Then it was but the slavery of four million blacks in the South; today it is the slavery of nearly three hundred million of the inhabitants of Europe, who unless America and her allies accomplish its overthrow will be cursed with the thralldom of Prussianism.

In the war of the rebellion the conflict raged for more than a year before President Lincoln and the administration leaders gave utterance to the principal for which the North was fighting. It was nearly two years after the fall of Fort Sumter that the Emancipation Proclamation was issued.

So it has been, too, in the present war. The United States has been engaged in the conflict a year and yet it was but recently that the distinct declaration was made that America means to fight until the Slavs of Russia, the Czechs of Bohemia, the Poles and the Finns of Russia are free from the tyranny of Prussia.

The present war too is to add another glorious chapter to American history. Like the rebellion and the Spanish war this war too is to be one of freedom. No matter how heavy may be the tax; regardless of the bitterness and calamity of the fight; the emancipation of three hundred million souls from the hell of German dominion is a reward beyond measure. With such a cause to strengthen our arms and steel our courage the American people will not falter. The end will be attained and as President Wil-

son has declared, "the world will be made safe for Democracy." No matter, then what other issues may be raised we have the Trinity before us, "Tax, Fight, Emancipate," and in the proper accomplishment of each lies the Salvation of the world.

### BUY W. S. S.

#### A MEASURE OF DEVOTION

Ontario women, and those of the communities about the city are presented with a real test of their devotion to the men in the army and to the nation. Their task is as necessary as it is that which the men who enter the trenches are called upon to perform. On the success achieved by the former depends the success which will be achieved by the latter.

That the task of knitting 850 pairs of socks and 120 sweaters especially during the summer time is one that will bring forth the spirit of the women goes without the saying.

Right now many of the women are busy. They have besides the duties of the home the imperative task of providing food for the coming winter. Many have to assist in the harvesting of the crops by preparing the meals to feed the extra help. Their tasks are many from sun to sun.

Yet perhaps it will be these busy women who will perform the major portion of the task of knitting the socks needed by the Red Cross for the boys at the front. They are the worthy successors of Betsy Ross and the women of the Revolution who in the light of tallow candles plied their needles to knit for Washington and his men. Compared with their task that of the women of today is light indeed.

The women of today have conveniences and aid beyond the wildest dreams of their sisters of the Colonial days. The electric light replaces the tallow candle; they start their work with finished yarn while their predecessors in war work started with the uncarded wool. By every standard of comparison the task given the women of 1918 is lighter than that of '76. And astonishing little of grace thought than that of '76. And the very fact that it is so calls for the fulfillment of the quota.

Our soldiers today are fighting battles that will prevent for all time the usurpation of the power by the German king over American citizens, just as the soldiers of the revolution fought that a German king occupying the English throne could not deny them the rights of free men.

The part which the women of the revolution had in that struggle can never be measured. Without their fortitude, their help, their loyalty and devotion the struggle would not have come to so glorious a conclusion. Without the aid of the women of today this present war could not be fought as it is being fought.

As the men of today are proving worthy successors of the heroes of the Revolution and the Rebellion, so to are the women. The spirit is the same, and tho the task be heavy and tho they be busy with a multitude of duties we believe that the women of Ontario and those of every nook and corner of the Chapter's jurisdiction will rally to the call for help and see that thru no fault of theirs will any soldier fighting the battle of freedom in France or on the seven seas be without warm garments to cheer him on to victory.

### BUY W. S. S.

#### WHY ONTARIO LAGS

There can be no denying that Ontario, in fact all of Malheur county is lagging in the race for the sale of the War Saving Stamps. And for this there must be some reason.

Generally speaking, that is taking the people as a whole, there is no section of the nation more patriotic than the inhabitants of this section. This is true in spite of the fact that only by the most indirect route is there coming any direct return in enhanced price or increased volume of business due to the war to this section.

Somehow or other the sale of War Saving Stamps has not taken a hold here. Compared numerically perhaps Malheur county and Ontario have a fair numerical representation, but we are lacking in the matter of large purchasers. This can not be due to a failure on the part of the well-to-do men and women in the community to realize that it is their duty to thus support the government. They do know that this is the case. The movement has been widely advertised. This is true both nationally and locally. They have been solicited. They have at their hand every means of knowing what is expected of them, but most of them have failed in this, as they have in the other drives, to take their share.

As has been repeatedly declared the cost of this gigantic war must be borne according to the measure of ability to bear it. The rich must of necessity pay the larger portion. If those in this community who may be so classified do not perform their duty now they will feel the odium of public disapproval. Their protests of loyalty and fervent patriotism, if not backed by their wealth—in proportion as they have it—will be taken with large doses of salt. The public will want to be shown that they are other than lip-servants.

So far there are only three persons, two of whom are women, who have qualified for the Limit club. Boise has 100, Lakeview qualified 13 and expected to make the number 20 before the drive ended. Other communities in Oregon and Idaho have done equally well. Why then should not Ontario have at least 10 or 12 men and women in that class? That we have the wealthy citizens here is without question.

The Argus believes too that many of those who should have taken the limit would have done so had they appreciated the responsibility they have to bear. They are too used however to adopt the "Let George do it" system and are holding back. For the good name of the city, for their own sakes, to say naught of their country's sake they

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- 1917 BUICK SIX ROADSTER
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- BUYING YOUR HOME
- YOUR FIRST BABY
- BUYING YOUR AUTOMOBILE

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should arouse themselves, loosen their purse strings and buy the limit.