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This paper has enlisted with the government in the cause of America for the period of the war.....

PEACE ONLY THROUGH VICTORY

The German order for mobilization was issued on August 1, 1914. Vague realization that civilization was capable of sustaining a world war for four years was in the minds of the American people at that time. The seeming impossible has happened, and in spite of tremendous loss of life and destruction of property, the end of the terrible conflict is not yet in sight. War is becoming the established status of human society and will continue so until the issue is decided. Individual undertakings and opinions must of necessity be subservient to the needs of the government. There can be no compromise, on the issue, the free nations are agreed, through the leadership of the most pacifist people in the world, the people who first fought for the righteous cause of Liberty, but the most adverse to war—the Americans.

America did not take up the sword until compelled to, which created in the minds of some of the peoples of other nations an unfavorable impression as to our fighting qualities and resources. No utterance of a statesman was ever more misunderstood than that of President Wilson, "We are too proud to fight." The full significance of the remark comes home when the despicable methods employed by the Germans become better known. What man of intelligence or breeding seeks to enter into a brawl with a bunch of bar-room ruffians, until the police are found incapable of handling the situation. But once this "too proud to fight" individual is satisfied that it is for the sake of humanity that he must enter the fight, you will never find him laying down until it is finished on terms that preclude of another one from the same source. The Germans have boastfully underestimated the peace-loving Americans, who are fighting for no selfish purposes and seek nothing but a return of conditions under which all nations, both great and small, may be permitted to live at peace with their neighbors. The great mass of the American people, and no doubt those of every nation, would be glad to have peace come tomorrow if it were the right kind of peace. But they will fight, sacrifice and give four years more if necessary to prevent the wrong kind of peace.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT WILSON

To School Teachers of the United States:

It is quite unnecessary, I am sure, for me to urge a continuance of the service you and your pupils have rendered to the Nation and to the great cause for which America is at war. Whatever the Nation's call has been, the response of the schools has been immediate and enthusiastic. The Nation and the Government agencies know and appreciate your loyalty and devotion and are grateful for your unfailing support in every war service.

The schools and colleges of America are justified by their works when the youth of our land and the homes from which they come are united in unselfish devotion and unstinted sacrifice for the cause and the country we hold dear. The spirit of American democracy is a heritage cherished and transmitted by public education. All that America has meant to us and to the world in the past it must mean with greater and more disinterested devotion in the future. The civic sense that has made each home and child part of a community, part of a state, part of a Nation, is today deepened by this war and its issues. It affects the fate of the many lands and peoples whose blood is in our veins, and whose happier future will be part of the triumph of the principles for which we fight.

The doors of the schools have opened to a new generation of children. Your responsibilities, great in the past and greatly met, are still greater today. This publication by the Committee on Public Information, established in response to the requests of the schools and the needs of the departments whose programs involve the schools, will have served its purpose if it aids you in performing and interpreting the new duties implicit in its title.

WOODROW WILSON.

OREGON NEWS IN BRIEF

Klamath county threshermen have organized an association.

The convention of the Oregon State Federation of Women's Clubs was held in Portland this week.

The opening day of the Oregon state fair, September 23, will be known as All Nations' day, and all nationalities in the state will be featured in the programme.

Idlers in Portland will be forced to work and professional men will be urged to help with short shifts in the shipyards to relieve the present acute labor shortage.

Lionel R. Webster, ex-judge of the Multnomah county court and one of Portland's prominent lawyers, was instantly killed when he fell from the fourth floor of the Columbia building to the bottom of the elevator shaft.

Kraner & Carter, who received the contract to build the 15-mile canal and diverting works for the Gold Hill irrigation district at Gold Hill, have begun active operations, but are having difficulty in obtaining laborers and teams.

At the forthcoming general election voters of the Port of Portland district will be asked to sanction an additional tax, so the commission can be assured of about \$250,000 above the amount that can be collected under the 6 per cent tax limitation law.

A number of women and girls are badly needed to help pick cranberries in Clatsop county, near the beach and Astoria. The pickers receive 25 cents for every peck of cranberries they pick and most of them are averaging between \$2.50 and \$3.50 per day.

A rich vein of manganese has been discovered in Curry county on land owned by the Oregon-California Lumber company. Assays of the mineral have decided the company to start extensive development work on the claim. It runs more than 70 per cent pure.

Out of 627 accidents reported to the industrial accident commission for the week ending September 12, inclusive, four were fatal. The fatalities were G. E. Peterson, H. O. Merrill, Portland shipbuilders; John Skwick, lumber worker, Linnton, and David Clark, logger, Astoria.

Clatsop county is said to have the champion cranberry picker of the United States. C. T. Grey has been increasing the number of boxes of cranberries he can pick each day until now he picks 22 boxes. This for a day's work has never before been equaled in that territory.

A "treasure and trinket drive" is being launched at Albany by the members of Linn chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. The plan is to gather up old and broken pieces of jewelry, now valuable as metal, and sell them to raise money for the war work of the organization.

An epidemic of cholera infantum is raging at Marshfield. Two children have died of the disease, many other children are dangerously ill, and three grown persons are in the hospital suffering with the malady. The disease appears to be spreading. Many dangerous cases are reported.

Whether or not dogs shall be banished from Albany altogether will be determined by popular vote this fall. The city council has authorized the placing on the ballot at the next city election of a proposed amendment to the city charter making it unlawful to keep dogs within the city limits.

Organization of the Inland Empire Lumber and Box Interests' Emergency Bureau, representing a pine output of a billion and a half feet of lumber and 150,000,000 feet of box material annually, was completed at a meeting in Portland Tuesday. The purpose of the bureau is to promote maximum production with a view to meeting government demands.

One week's shipment of lambs brought a return of approximately \$85,000 to the sheepmen of the Bly country. Ten thousand lambs purchased by Miller & Lux, of San Francisco, were shipped from Klamath Falls in three installments last week. It took over 70 cars to handle the shipment. The price paid for the lambs was \$8.50 per head.

Hop picking in Oregon has not ceased but has slowed down materially. Reports are coming in from all the valley sections of yards being abandoned. Where the crop was sold on contract picking is going on as usual. In a number of cases where the hops were not previously contracted for the growers are also harvesting their crops. It appears to be their intention to store the hops on the possibility they can be disposed of after the war. It is believed that one-half of the Oregon crop will be gathered, which will mean considerably more hops than the contract sales call for. In a few instances settlements of contracts have been made between buyer and grower and the hops will be left unpicked.

The electric light and power industry in the northwest is in a serious condition, and unless the increased cost of operation is met by corresponding increases in revenue in the future, it will be almost impossible to meet the demands for necessary maintenance and enlarged service. This is the warning made clear at the eleventh annual convention of the Northwest Electric Light and Power association, held at Portland, and attended by more than 40 representatives of individual electric companies of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

Sale of a large timber tract containing 433,000,000 feet of timber and including more than 5000 acres of land has been closed. Alfred L. Thomas, of Montana, is the purchaser. The price is understood to be close to \$500,000. The tract is west of Monroe and comprises what is known as the Monroe Timber company holdings. It lies on the Alsea river and Lake creek, part being in Linn and part in Lane county.

Governor Withycombe has formally tendered to Secretary of War Baker the use of the Oregon state fair grounds at Salem for cantonment purposes or as a concentration camp during the course of the war. Supplementing his letter to Secretary Baker with a brief statement the governor declared that if necessary the state would do away with the fair entirely for a year or two, or during the course of the war.

Before the calls come for men in the new registration, the men remaining in class 1 from previous registrations will be called. A dispatch from the provost marshal general's office states that a call will be issued early in October, and that Oregon's quota will be about 652 men. The class of 1917 will be cleaned up first, according to Captain Cullison, followed by the June 5, 1918, registrants, and then those of August 24.

Farmers of the state of Oregon are called upon by George R. Hyslop, agriculturist at the Oregon Agricultural college, to increase the acreage of fall-sown wheat, in order to assure a food supply in the event of a short crop in 1919 and to create a reserve in case next year's crop is a good one. The college is in receipt of a call from the government asking that an increase of not less than 5 per cent over this year's acreage be planted.

The Baker county court is informed by the state highway commission that two units of the Baker-Cornucopia post road have been approved and that bids for construction soon will be asked. The sections approved extend from Eagle valley down Powder river and from Powder river over the mountain into Pine valley. Survey of the other portions of the 60-mile highway has been completed and the route approved with the exception of one small section.

Acknowledgment of receipt of subscriptions to treasury certificates of indebtedness, series of September 3, in anticipation of the Fourth Liberty loan, from every Oregon bank and declaration that Oregon is the first state in the union to achieve such a record was received by the Oregon bankers' committee from James K. Lynch, governor of the federal reserve bank for the twelfth district at San Francisco. There are 265 banks in Oregon, every one of which subscribed to the offering.

Several hundred citizens of Eugene assembled around a bonfire built of magazines and newspapers published by W. R. Hearst and took part in a celebration of the advance made by the American forces in their offensive launched Friday. The Hearst publications were taken from bundles which had remained unopened since the first of the month, as a result of an agreement by the newsdealers of the city not to sell Hearst publications because of the publisher's attitude toward the war and the allies.

Refusal of the capital issues committee at Washington to approve a \$500,000 issue of state highway bonds for Oregon will tie up all work of surfacing and macadam which has been contemplated by the commission. The following projects were to have been completed with money to be secured from the rejected bond issue: Hood River to Mosier, grading; Oakland to Yoncalla, macadam; Myrtle Creek to Dillard, macadam; Wolf creek-Graves creek, macadam, and six miles of macadam in the Siskiyou.

Barracks for the accommodation of 1000 or more soldiers who are expected to attend the students army training camp at the University of Oregon this fall and winter will be constructed at once as a result of a conference between President Campbell and representatives of the Eugene chamber of commerce. The new barracks will be financed through the organization of the University Barracks corporation, as the university at present has no fund that can be used to erect the necessary buildings for quarters for the soldiers.

Charges that a ring exists for the sale of prisoners' paroles from the state penitentiary at Salem have been laid before the Prisoners' Aid society, of Portland, with the result that one case of alleged bribery is now under investigation, while it is hinted that others may exist. As the first result of the investigation, Charles A. Sheridan, a guard at the penitentiary, has been dismissed.

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