

LAND AND SOLDIER PROBLEM NEEDS WISE CONSIDERATION

We hear a lot about a wonderful back-to-the-land movement of soldier boys after the war is over. Some of these economists want to settle all the soldiers upon the land by a great Congressional sweep of the hand that shall "give" them 40 or 80 acres apiece, with houses, barns and tools—ready-made farms that shall cost them nothing and shall be a wonderful means of occupation and a great source of food production to bring prices down with a whoop when the Kaiser has been boiled in oil.

This back-to-the-land business sounds good.

America wants more settlers and we want more food producers.

America wants more healthy, hardy-handed husbandmen to help restore the race and to heap up our granaries.

Soldiers must get good jobs when they are done soldiering. That's what "they all say." We want them to occupy congenial positions. We don't want them to be forced out upon farms or even lured there by false promises of what they can do on free land or any other kind of land.

But after all returned soldiers will be only men with broadened visions and with exalted ideas of team work. They will understand politics.

Canada made the mistake that our land-wise economists are making. Canada tried every means in her power to settle her returning soldiers upon the land. She needed more food and there were vast stretches crying out for settlers. But read what T. B. Kidner, vocational secretary of the Canadian Soldiers' Commission, says about the attempt to make farmers out of returned soldiers:

"There is no wild desire on the part of the returned soldier to go on the land. They usually have had enough of land. As one man put it to me, 'I have lived in it; it has been in my hair and my food for 18 months; and I don't want any more land as long as I live.' The theory that because the men have lived the free and open life of the trenches and the camp, they will not want to return to sedentary occupation has not worked out in our experience."

There you are. That tells the whole story. The economical theorists are wrong. They ought to be right, of course, but desirable as it

would be to have all our soldiers go back to the land, what most of them will be seeking will not be open-air work, but indoor jobs, preferably Government jobs at good pay.

No, Oregon and the other Pacific States are not going to be settled up by returning soldiers. Let us dispel that idle dream.

Now, along comes Professor H. D. Scudder, of the Oregon Agricultural College. He has ideas of his own. "It is vital that we prepare now to expedite land settlement in Oregon during the reconstruction days following the close of the war," declared Professor H. D. Scudder, land settlement expert of Oregon Agricultural college, before the members' council of the Chamber of Commerce Monday afternoon.

Thousands of soldiers released from military duty and many others both from this and other countries will seek the land and must have intelligent guidance, added Professor Scudder.

"The problem," he continued, "is not to get people to try to locate on the soil in Oregon, but to keep them here. Thousands of dollars have been spent describing the attractions of the agricultural regions in Oregon, but the people who have come in response have in most instances been allowed to shift as best they could. I have seen in Oregon places where a third settlement of families on the same acres had failed, failed after desperate struggles, because they were not guided properly."

Professor Scudder urged that Oregon adopt the plan of land settlement originated here and already adopted by several other states, which is to prepare a property for occupancy under scientific supervision, and then make an outright sale on terms which will enable the settler to make good.

This is the plan devised and financed in one instance by the Oregon Development Bureau of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. Professor Scudder declared that the plan must provide for the settlement of the best land first. "Let the less desirable lands be taken after the first are profitably in cultivation," proposed the expert, whose final admonition was that all state agencies unite in a plan to guide and aid settlers in production and marketing and financing until they are permanently established.

BOYS TAKE HOLD IN GOOD OLD AMERICAN WAY, SOLDIER SAYS

Hardships Ignored, Wounded Man Tells Mother—Don't Let Them Hinder Your War Work

By Mrs. Hazel Pedlar Faulkner

From a hospital somewhere in France a wounded American has written to his parents:

"We are going through hardships, but the boys are taking hold in the good old American way. What a challenge to the vast army of men and women who are in the home guard, carrying on in the thousand and one ways that the exigencies of war have brought upon us.

"We are going through hardships." We can believe that, when we recall the dauntless charges which our boys have been making over there, and the daily lengthening casualty lists which are resulting from their fearless devotion to the task that is set before them.

We know they are going through hardships, when we stop to think of the hundreds upon hundreds who are wounded, and who for the time being at least need care and attention.

FIENDISH ENEMY ADDS TERRORS

Of course they are going through hardships, those boys from your home and mine. Hardships are a part of war. They are the inevitable result of a state of war. And when war is waged by an enemy so skilled in all the fiendish devices in which the Germans have indulged, they are the inescapable portion of every soldier participating.

But hardships are not the part of the war these soldiers of ours are thinking most about. They are but the incidents in the day's work.

"The boys are taking hold in the good old American way."

Could there be a better statement of their manner of meeting what comes to them? Could there be a more definite course of action prescribed for those of us at home during these days which test the mettle of our souls?

The time for our message to the boys has come again. The Fourth Liberty Loan is to be our response to this wounded soldier's challenge.

MAKE YOUR ANSWER NOW

Are we going to take hold in the "good old American way?"

We have not had to go through hardships—ours have been an easier part. We have known little of sacrifice or deprivation. Compared with the offering of our boys, we have done nothing as yet. And now, here is the challenge sounded to us.

The good old American way is all that is asked of us. What is that way?

You must frame the answer, mothers and sisters of the west. Yours is an important part in the reply which the nation will make to the boys overseas. There is not one of us who would not spare her son if she could—yes, even spare some other mother's son the pain and hardship he must bear. We are not asked to do that. We could not, though we would.

But we can make his part easier to bear, we can go with him through the hardships, by lending completely of our money.

There is no longer need to explain what a Liberty Loan is. There is no more necessity for pointing out reasons for participation in it. This is the day when but to hear its call is to insure its heartiest support.

September 28th is the date set for our concerted reply through the Fourth Liberty Loan. Let us take hold in "the good old American way." What is the very most you can do to make that advance a smashing success like the boys over there are making?

You Can Stop These Casualties Quickly

The Brutal, Bloody Hun will be stopped when an overwhelming American Army lands in France and crushes him—not before.

The Fourth Liberty Loan is the next step in getting that army across the Atlantic. **BUY LIBERTY BONDS DON'T MAKE EXCUSES MAKE SACRIFICES**

(Editor: This is suggested as a standing feature for display in or alongside casualty lists.)

Pity the fearful soul of the German soldier and civilian as their lines continue to crumple up before the allies with only a few of the million and a half Americans over there in line. And five million more on the way. News of the over-subscription of the Fourth Liberty Loan will shake German morale again.

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OREGON'S response to Duty has set the pace for the whole Nation. In France the fame of Oregon's "DO OR DIE" spirit—whether ON the Battlefield "over there" or BEHIND the Battlefield "over here"—is honored above all things. Let's make the 4th Liberty Loan drive our supreme Offensive against the enemy. To again go over the top FIRST will convince the Central Powers that we're AGAINST them to the last man—and prove to our Boys that we're WITH them to the last dollar.

LIBERTY LOAN COMMITTEE

OPPORTUNITIES ARE ALWAYS AT HAND

As we climb the heights of life, we sometimes stop to survey the ground we have traversed, and as we look back on the hills of indifference, of despair, of success, and of failure, we trudge on, buoyed by an abiding hope that the promised land is just over the crest of the hill.

We take up our burdens and face the day. New fields of endeavor open up, and enlarging visions of opportunity spread before us. When we look back on diminishing hills, that seemed insurmountable when we scaled them, we smile, take on renewed hope, and go on—and up.

As we near the top, where the air is sweet and the breeze becomes a benediction, and the sky is brighter, we drink in the exhilaration that comes from the approach of a journey's end. We survey a vast space and we thank God we have been privileged to see the wider horizon.

As we pass on we take little heed

of the morrow. Our immediate needs filled, we live only in the glory of achievement. We feel repaid when our conscience tells us we have made progress.

Away in the West the sun bids us good-night. Robed in the glorious tints of Springtime, it goes on its way to shine on other peoples while we rest apace.

The tops of the hills in life are sometimes barren. The trees are oftentimes stunted, and in the full flare of the noonday sun the leaves do wilt and the shrubs do decay.

The limelight has its fleeting triumph, as we become retrospective and look back. We may grow weary of the fight and seek to rest, and even as we dream we may wonder whether we had better go on or go back, but a new day dawns, and in the distance we see other hills yet unclimbed.

Most of us go on. — Washington Herald.

STATE POLICE HAVE LARGE PAYROLL

Two hundred and eleven men are on the payroll of the state police, which organization was created after the state emergency board on March 30 authorized a deficiency of \$250,000 to cover the expenses. This deficiency was granted in the name of the Oregon National Guard.

The payroll of the state police for July was \$21,144.38. The payroll has increased each month since the organization was effected. The payroll for April was \$15,245.09, for May \$18,349.58, for June \$19,724.35, and for July \$21,144.38.

Major Diech, commanding officer,

receives \$250 a month. Adjutant Hibbard receives \$200 a month. Captain Gellert, who is a medical officer, receives \$166.67 a month. Second Lieutenant McGinn receives \$141.67 a month.

There are four companies. Each has a captain, who receives \$200 a month. The first lieutenants receive \$166.67 a month. The first sergeants receive \$113 a month. Each company has three sergeants who receive \$100 a month each. Each company has from three to five corporals at \$98 a month each. The mechanics receive \$98 a month, and the privates receive \$92 a month.

We have the optimism, we can stand the knocks, we maintain the rigidity of the upper lip, the bold front is our long suit, our withers are unwrinkable and a total stranger are we to the wine, remarks Houston Post, but Lord how glad we shall be when our fellows begin to smash that Hindenburg line.

The financial part of the war is not going to be nearly so difficult when all the people understand that war is no scheme to enable a body to get rich and that nobody is going to come out of the war richer than he went in.

A Swedish naturalist has discovered that ants are neither wise nor industrious, but merely muddle-headed time wasters. And after awhile another scientist will discover that the Germans are not efficient, but merely—ants.

Yankee ingenuity will win the war yet. A Massachusetts man in France is using his gas mask so he can peel onions for the mess.

But a short time ago pessimistic writers were hysterically bewailing the deterioration of American manhood. They saw evidences of it in the factories, in the public schools, in every walk of life, and prophesied that in a few years we would be a pathetic race of pygmies, says Philadelphia Telegraph. In any of our national encampments one may now see the finest specimens of manhood on the face of the earth. American manhood is far from deterioration. As a matter of fact we are growing stronger every day. Advancement in the sciences, clean living and a better understanding of hygienic essentials have placed us in the foreground of physical de-

Disloyal naturalized Germans and Austrians in the country will lose their citizenship. The aliens will be made to learn that in the doctrines of this nation a man cannot serve two flags and that his choice of allegiance must be final.

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